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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Our Convention motto "Good Will to Men", we feel, is a very appropriate one to be used in the celebration of our fifteenth birthday because it is taken from the hymn sung by the heavenly choir on the fields of Bethlehem after the announcement of the Savior's birth and which has since been sung and reechoed by millions of believing Christians the world over.

"Good Will to Men", the white-robed chorus sang, assuring us that our lives will be filled with that "peace which the world cannot give" and that we may face our future with joy and courage. This angelic song also may well be used to praise and thank a gracious and good God who for fifteen years has guided, directed, and blessed the Guild in her service to the University.

This convention is also significant to us because at 4:00 p. m. o'clock this day we shall join in the solemn service of the cornerstone laying of Guild Hall. Our dreams, our toils, our prayers for the "cloud with a silver lining" will reach near fulfillment this afternoon. Our complete joys will be realized at the dedication of our building and our Five-Year Plan will have received the benediction of Him of whom the angels sang.

It has been the privilege of the Guild president to intrude upon your time by giving an account of the stewardship she enjoyed in your behalf during the past year. Under the blessing of God the Guild has made noticeable strides of progress and all phases of the work have been intensified and accelerated. I shall try to present to you the pertinent incidents of the fifteenth year of the Guild's existence:

Through the courtesy of the Lutheran University Association, the president of the Guild is privileged to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of the University and of the national Advisory Board. The President of the University and the Board of Directors have full responsibility for the management of the school, and as you might assume, the problems faced during the past year were gigantic and almost insurmountable. Only with God's help and by using every ounce of integrity, courage and boldness, and the talents with which the Lord has endowed them, are these Christian gentlemen able to perform the work assigned to them. I have the greatest respect for these men and I marvel at their deep Christian faith. Your president has attended three of these Board meetings, thereby gaining a clearer understanding of the problems and of the future plans for the University.

For the first time, I believe, the Guild was privileged with an invitation to appear on the program of the annual meeting of the Lutheran University Association. Mrs. E. F. Stegman, our second vice-president, very ably presented the cause of the Guild at the meeting of August 6 with a fine and detailed report.

Five issues of the *Guild Bulletin* were published since our convention last year and mailed to each Guild member. It is the object of the Bulletin to give the membership the latest information regarding the work of the Guild, the Executive Board and the Administrative Committee. All credit for the editing of the Bulletin is due our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Schwiebert; the mechanics of printing the Bulletin were in the capable hands of Mrs. R. C. Klemz of the Home Mountain Publishing Company, and the mailing was in charge of the Department of Public Relations. To all these people we owe our grateful appreciation. A president's letter was mailed to all chapter presidents on November 26. This letter was an appeal to support the convention resolution to increase the Lutheran University Association membership in our chapters. From our treasurer's report you will find more than a 50% increase in the contributions to the Current Fund over last year.

The Guild's five-year major objective, so cautiously undertaken at the 1941 convention, to raise the sum of $75,000 toward a residence hall for women on the campus of Valparaiso University, has been brought to a close as of June, 1946. Much interest, enthusiasm and wholehearted cooperation by the members has been shown, and the participation in our Five-Year Plan has been praiseworthy, a testimony of their deep faith in Valparaiso University. The Committee, chairmanned by Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, which planned the campaign in detail, issued the publicity, and which supervised and directed it to its conclusion, is to be commended for a task well done. We shall hear the report of the Campaign Advisory Committee this morning.

Each year since its organization the national Guild at its annual convention pledges anew its devotion and assistance to Valparaiso University by adopting far-reaching and outstanding resolutions. Last fall was no exception. In fact, we believe that at that

time the Guild adopted one of the most important and necessary resolutions in its history: resolutions that would bring about the organization of state groups. Acting on these resolutions then, your officers, with the Executive Secretary, President Kretzmann, and the chairman of the Revisions Committee met at Valparaiso on several occasions to plan and work out the method and procedure for organizing state units. Much work and many prayers preceded the By-Laws that were submitted to the general membership of the Guild through the medium of the January issue of the *Guild Bulletin*. The annual spring meeting of the Executive Board was advanced to January 23 to get early action upon the By-Laws and also so that organization meetings could be scheduled and held early in the spring. These By-Laws, with a few changes, were adopted at the Board meeting and State Chairmen, together with the Executive Secretary, worked out a uniform program and suitable and agreeable meeting dates. Wisconsin was the first Unit to organize on April 6 in Milwaukee, under the direction of its State Chairman, Miss Lydia Schultz. Every member of the Administrative Committee was in attendance and Mrs. Proehl, the first vice-president of the Guild, presided. Ohio followed, having its meeting in Toledo on May 16, with the Executive Secretary and the treasurer representing the Administrative Committee. Mrs. Bartels, the State Chairman, was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. Hoppe, past president of the Guild, presided. Next followed the Michigan meeting in Detroit the following day, May 17, with the Executive Secretary and the treasurer again representing the Administrative Committee. Mrs. Rosenbusch, the State Chairman, made the necessary arrangements for the meeting, and Mrs. Bartels, past president of the Guild, presided. Mrs. Hoppe and Mrs. Bartels were appointed by the Administrative Committee to preside at these two meetings in the absence of your president. Illinois held its organization meeting in Chicago on May 23, under the direction of Mrs. Taube, the State Chairman for Northern Illinois. The Executive Secretary and the treasurer were again in attendance, as well as the newly appointed State Chairman for Missouri, Mrs. Karl Kurth. Your president presided at this meeting. Indiana's State Unit was organized in Fort Wayne on May 25 under the direction of Mrs. Erwin Kurth, chairman for that state. The Administrative Committee was represented by the Executive Secretary and your president, who presided at this meeting also. Thus, all State Units have ben organized and their duly elected officers are assuming their responsibilities in a very fine manner. Several of the Units already have completed plans for their fall meetings.

During the day you will hear and see evidences of Valparaiso's increased student enrollment and the complex problems involved therefrom. The University is not only faced with an enrollment of 1500 today, but additional thousands are looking forward, in the immediate years ahead, to enrollment in this school. Because we expect Valparaiso to play an important part in the training of Christian citizens who will exercise a powerful influence in business, in the professions, and in governmental affairs, the Guild too faces greater responsibilities. The future of the Guild is intimately bound up with the future of the University. As the University grows, so must the Guild grow. I believe very strongly that as soon as the five organized State Units are in full operation, and as new Units are brought into being, their influence upon the expansion of the Guild will be most effective.

A greater number of meetings were held during the past year involving more representation from the Guild. Your Administrative Committee held seven meetings and your Executive Board was in session twice.

The expansion of the Guild during the past year made more demands upon the time, efforts, and initiative of state chairmen. One additional State Chairman was appointed, Mrs. Karl Kurth of Missouri. State chairmen are now working in three states where as yet we have only one chapter: New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. It is hoped that in the very near future there will be flourishing unit organizations in these states. This brings our total number of state chairmen to ten. Four new chapters have been added to the Guild: Akron Area, Dundee, Gary, Mattoon, and one chapter has been reorganized: Indianapolis. We wish to pay tribute to the state chairmen for their hours of toil, their zeal, their cooperation and their loyalty in the performance of their duties.

To the members of the Revisions Committee, Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Kampe and Mrs. Tegge, in preparing and presenting in a most efficient manner, the amendments necessary at this time, we extend our deep gratitude.

Your Activities Committee, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Vogel, and Mrs. Bishop, has been busily engaged in the preparation of the new Guild Manual, which will be of valuable assistance to all officers, especially to chapter presidents. This fine piece of work has been done in a very creditable manner. You will hear from the Activities Committee also this morning.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, our advisor, for his kindly counsel, his patient and wise understanding of our many and complex problems, and for our intrusion upon his time.

Our treasurer's report will be most acceptable since it will reveal a substantial increase over last year's contributions (a total of $29,127.72), reaching the highest point in the history of the Guild. The work of the treasurer is difficult, demanding accuracy and exactness, and has multiplied from year to year until it has almost developed into a full time position. Mrs. Penson, our treasurer, merits the gratitude of all of us.

At this time I would like to publicly express my sincere appreciation to all my assisting officers for their helpfulness and cooperation: to Mrs. Proehl, first vice-president; Mrs. Stegman, second vice-president; to Mrs. Hansen, secretary; and to Mrs. Penson, treasurer.

There has always been a very intimate working arrangement between your president and our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Schwiebert. To her I would express my sincere gratitude for the commendable way in which she has performed the many duties entrusted to her, for her invaluable suggestions, for her cheerful helpfulness, and for the deep Christian convictions that influence all her work for the Guild.

Not all time spent at Guild conventions is occupied in serious deliberations at business sessions. For many years the members of the Valparaiso Chapter have been in charge of all social arrangements. Each year we look forward to this part of our program. Mere words of thanks seems so cold an expression of our gratitude to this chapter which year after year provides for our entertainment and enjoyment. We hope that at some future date arrangements may be made to reciprocate the many joys and delightful diversions planned yearly for us. Mrs. Haentzschel is the chairman of the Valparaiso Chapter and to her and her committee we extend a sincere "Thank-You".

And so, we see from the record, that the Lord has permitted our Guild to enjoy another successful year of service to the University. In the enumeration of our achievements, however, it would be unjust to omit the part played by the individual Guild member. Without the cooperation, support, enthusiasm, and zeal of every member all plans and all great undertakings would fail. To you, then, each individual member, we credit the success of the Guild year 1945-46 and offer you our sincere appreciation!

In this spirit of gratitude let us thank our God for His gracious guidance during our fifteenth anniversary year and ask His blessing upon the deliberations of this convention. We would also implore Almighty God that, in the years that lie ahead and, as we plan the future of the University and the Guild, He will make us ever mindful of His "good will to men".

LOUISE F. NICOLAY, *President.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear friends and members of the Guild:

It is a very great pleasure to come before you to report on the activities of the Guild in general and the office of Executive Secretary in particular. It is a pleasure because the Guild has just passed through one of the most successful years in its history. It is a pleasure because this year we share in the realization of our dreams, our prayers, and our efforts for the past five years. It is a pleasure because I have come to know so many of you personally and to appreciate even more deeply than before what very wonderful women compose the membership of the Guild.

During the past two years we have made some progress in getting our Guild records into shape. We are sorry to report that we never seem able to keep pace with that mailing list and its changes; but that is really good news for most of our trouble is that we simply cannot get the new members' names into the lists fast enough. The Guild now has a membership, as nearly as we can tell, of 3,712 members, a growth of over 600 members since we last counted them which was in January of this year. All of you have had a part in that new growth. Each chapter is constantly adding members. Perhaps the most phenomenal growth of all has been realized by one of the new chapters, the Akron Area,

which began with a charter membership of something like twenty and in four months has over 100.

It has been my privilege to visit many of our Guild chapters during the past two years and I wish all of you could have that same privilege. I have visited the chapters of Centennial, Chicago, Chicago West, Dundee, Fox River Valley, Kankakee, and Rockford in Illinois; Fort Wayne, Gary, Hammond, Indianapolis, Mishawaka-South Bend, and Valparaiso in Indiana, and some years ago I also visited the chapter in southeastern Indiana. In Michigan I have attended meetings at Flint, Lansing, and Saginaw. I have been to St. Paul and St. Louis. Buffalo was the very first chapter to invite me and I celebrated their tenth birthday with them. In Ohio I have visited Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, and Akron. In Wisconsin the chapters of Beloit, Clintonville, Eau Claire, Merrill, Milwaukee (afternoon and evening), Sheboygan, and Wausau have all given me royal entertainment. Meeting all of these good friends and loyal co-workers has really been the most enjoyable phase of the work.

I have not been alone in the efforts to bring the Guild to a larger number of people. The faithful Field Secretaries have performed immeasurable service in this respect and the fruits of their labors are constantly being realized. I should like to give them an opportunity to tell you themselves of their efforts and accomplishments. Mrs. Bartels of Ohio, Mrs. Birner of Illinois, Miss Doell of New York, Mrs. Kurth of Indiana, Mrs. Rosenbusch of Michigan, Miss Schultz of Wisconsin, Mrs. Taube of Illinois, Mrs. Woessner of Pennsylvania. We very much regret that Mrs. Kurth of Missouri and Mrs. Waechter of southern Illinois could not be with us today.

And now, Madame Chairman, it is my very great pleasure to present to the Convention for acceptance into membership the new chapters of Dundee, Illinois, organized on Feb. 1; Gary, Indiana, organized on Feb. 21; Akron Area, organized on March 12; Mattoon, Illinois, organized on April 25; and the Indianapolis chapter which was reorganized last November and accepted by the Executive Board in its January meeting.

During the year just past the Guild took another important step in the direction of bringing the Guild to a wider audience by the organization of State Units. Successful preliminary meetings have been held in each of the five neighboring states and I would like to present to you the presidents of these units who are now arranging for the first annual meetings of these groups: Mrs. C. Bodenstab, president of the Illinois State Unit which includes Missouri; Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew of the Indiana State Unit; Mrs. A. Hitzemann of the Michigan State Unit; Mrs. N. E. Bishop of the Ohio State Unit which includes New York and Pennsylvania; and Mrs. W. H. Pruemers, president of the first group to organize, the Wisconsin State Unit which includes Minnesota. The value of this step was clearly shown by the numbers of women in attendance at these meetings who had never found it possible to attend one of our national conventions. Today, for example, we have no representatives present from our far northern Wisconsin chapters but every chapter was represented at the meeting held in Milwaukee last spring. The same was true in Michigan where we seldom have a full representation here but where every chapter was represented in the meeting in Detroit. As the Guild expands geographically, the value of this step will become increasingly apparent.

In its session last evening, the Executive Board adopted a budget for next year of $1,702.50. We are happy to report to you that the Guild did not spend the entire budget which was allowed by the Convention last year. However, due to rising costs of printing and to the rapidly expanding travels of officers and field secretaries, the Executive Board approved the proposal of the Administrative Committee of a budget increase of approximately $180 for next year.

Although we may be very proud of our past accomplishments, they must be only our stepping stones to new achievements. As you will learn from the various financial reports, the Guild has enjoyed the most productive year in its history. Many chapters were successful beyond their most optimistic hopes in completing their room pledges to Guild Hall, others will need the extra year which was granted in order to complete their pledges. Those pledges run until June 30, 1947. In the meantime, what of those chapters who have already completed their pledges? If we know the Guild, those chapters will not be content to ship their oars and drift with the current for a whole year. What, then, shall occupy our efforts during the coming year? We shall reach our original goal of $75,000 and more for Guild Hall. But Guild Hall, like everything else has been caught in the tide of

rising prices. Since our campaign was begun the plans have been revised to accommodate a much larger number of students than was at first thought necessary or advisable. The building will cost approximately $350,000. Now we know the Guild cannot raise QUITE all of that money in the length of time given to us. But we believe the Guild COULD sponsor all of the rooms in the building. There are 58 student rooms in Guild Hall. Of these 26 have been sponsored by chapters. That leaves 32 unaccounted for. In addition to these, there are three student service rooms at $1,000 each, the china and glassware for the dining room, and the Prayer Chapel which have not been spoken for. That would make a total of something like another $25,000 for us to strive to reach. If we could realize that additional amount, we would have contributed a total of $100,000 to the building and the Guild would have sponsored every room in Guild Hall. If chapters would like to undertake additional rooms, they might do so. Many have already pledged themselves for more than one room. Or, suppose we who have already completed our pledges say that we will work just as hard as ever we can to see how nearly we can come to reaching that additional $25,000 by our combined efforts. I believe we could come very close.

I mentioned that the Guild had just had the most successful year in its history. Later you will hear further details of exactly what our financial accomplishments have been throughout our history. I feel sure those accomplishments ably demonstrate that women CAN be trusted to handle finances. Not long ago I read an article in which some man was bewailing the fact that 70% of the liquid wealth of the United States is controlled at present by women. Among other interesting facts presented in the same article was that the life expectancy of women is better than five years higher than that of men; that the death rate for men in peace time exceeds that of women by about 25%; that the infant mortality rate of male infants is 27% greater than that of girl babies, in spite of the fact that there are 105 boys born to every 100 girls. All of which means that women will be called upon to assume greater and greater responsibilities toward their community and national welfare. And we believe women are capable of and willing to assume that responsibility. The Guild is a beginning in that direction.

And now I come to the most difficult part of my report. Many of you know the reluctance with which I accepted the great trust which you placed in me in appointing me to the office of Executive Secretary. It has been a challenging task, an interesting and stimulating one. For before one task was completed another one was already peeping over its shoulder. But I find that in devoting my time to the work of the Guild, I had very little left for my home and family and particularly for my husband's work. As a consequence of my preoccupation with the Guild, the publication of his forthcoming book has been delayed by some six months. I have discussed the problem with President Kretzmann and with your officers and have explained to them that, while I alone can do the work which my husband needs, there are doubtless others who could perform equal service for the Guild. Therefore, I have asked to be released from this office and must now say goodbye to you, my loyal co-workers. It is not easy to part from you, and believe me. a part of my heart will stay with you always. I wish you every success in your noble undertaking; all of the joy which I have found in your service; and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great privilege of working with you hand in hand for a cause which is very dear to the hearts of all of us. May God be with you.

GAYLE SCHWIEBERT.

COINS OF TREASURED MEMORY

Into my heart's treasury I slipped a coin
Which time cannot take, nor a thief purloin.
O, better than the minting of a gold-crowned king
Is the safe-kept memory of a lovely thing.

Over and over again, during those two days at Valparaiso, Sara Teasdale's delightful little poem recurred to my thoughts; so that, before I left the campus, I had slipped six new groups of coins into my heart's treasury. I classified them as follows: beautiful service received, Christian fellowship, campus atmosphere, pride of participation, sentiment, and inspiration.

From the moment that I saw the University bus waiting at the railroad station to take us to the hotel, I felt welcome. The Valparaiso ladies were efficient and charming hostesses. Housing reservations were perfectly planned and promptly available. Those rainbow badges and folders made us think that we actually had found a "pot of gold". Food and service

at the banquet and breakfast could not have been surpassed.

As happens each year at Guild Convention time, activity in the Hotel Lembke lobby was suggestive of one's coming back to be among good friends. They are indeed friends, those Guilders--from South Bend and Mishawaka, from Hammond and Chicago, from Cleveland and Detroit, from everywhere. And what fun it was, and what a satisfaction to sit in our own state sections at the meetings and at the banquet and to realize anew, with deep pride, that we are part of a fine band of women dedicated to a great work.

Surprising indeed was the thrill that came from seeing, hearing, and almost breathing in again that campus atmosphere. Freshman caps, student chatter in restaurants, boxes from home unpacked in dormitory rooms--all these awakened nostalgic longings to "be a child again, just for tonight". And beautiful beyond expression was the experience of seeing those boys and girls seated in intimate little groups, taking part reverently in the worship of their, and our, Lutheran Church.

Even the business sessions were stirring. I challenge any member, no matter how practical or how cynical she may be, to have sat through those meetings and not to have felt an almost burning pride at having had even a small part in the work that the Guild has done. As I heard again and again that goals, which were but dreams fifteen years ago and which at that time frightened the most optimistic, have now been realized, I was proud to be one of the 3,700 members, to be able to serve in one of the fifty-one chapters, to have contributed my mite toward the $151,000 raised by the Guild for the University within those fifteen years. And then I have the coin of memory of the cornerstone laying. What a treasure that is! I am proud that my name is sealed within that stone, because it is in such good company there.

Three coins of my collection I shall never look upon without a reminiscent touch of the sadness which I felt when I tucked them into my treasury. One is the coin I put away when our Mrs. Schwiebert told us that she would not be able to lead us much longer. A second is the one which represents another presentation of our "Guild Special". That little ceremony made me feel, as it always does, that I am one of a great family of proxy mothers providing future comfort and happiness for many children and grandchildren. And the third coin in this group, and most precious of all, is the treasured memory of that moment when Dr. Kretzmann began the filling of the cornerstone with the words, "A copy of the Holy Bible". Somehow, seeing him and Miss Nicolay lay that Bible into the cornerstone of our Guild Hall, I knew that even the slightest worry about success in our Guild projects would be weak and ungrateful; for we base our hopes and endeavors on the soundest and safest foundation possible, our faith in our God.

The last group of coins I tucked away at the Convention are the memories of inspiration received. The sincerity and courage shown by all in the business discussions; the anniversary candle-lighting by the past presidents, to whom we owe so much; the lovely foreword by J. Pelikan which appears in the Convention program; the addresses by Pastors Henrichs, Oldsen, Miller, and Reinke; the beautiful hymns and prayers; and, as a perfect finale, Dr. Kretzmann's simple but uplifting sermon on "The Saints of the Little Things". Small wonder it is that all of us came away from that candlelight vesper service feeling just a little better, a little nearer to that which is most needful.

Thus, I have a new collection of coins of treasured memories. Nor are they, any of them, mine alone. Two hundred other women have them, too; and, if more had been there, they would also have them. I urge that we all attend the Convention next year and collect some more.

Emma E. Kiefer, Fort Wayne Chapter.

MINUTES OF THE 1946 CONVENTION

Valparaiso, Indiana
Sept. 28, 1946

The fifteenth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by the president, Miss Louise Nicolay, on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 9:45 a. m., in the University Auditorium. Mr. M. Alfred Bichsel served as accompanist for the singing of the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be". The opening devotional service was in charge of the Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Indiana. The Rev. Mr. Oldsen based his address on the theme "A Good Work". He pointed out the Scriptural yardstick by which our deeds are measured. He commended the members of the Guild for their zeal and devotion to a noble cause and admonished them to continue

to work in a manner which will be pleasing to the Lord of the Church.

After a brief greeting Miss Nicolay announced that because the business of the convention was urgent and because the time for consideration of this business was short the Executive Board, in a meeting held on Friday night, had approved a plan to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1945 convention. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1945 convention was seconded and carried.

Mrs. F. C. Proehl, first vice-president, then took the chair while the president made her annual report.

The convention motto, "Good Will to Men," Miss Nicolay said, is an appropriate one for the fifteenth birthday celebration of the Guild because these words are taken from the hymn sung by the heavenly choir on the fields of Bethlehem after the announcement of the birth of the Savior of mankind. Through the ages the angel's song has been sung by believing Christians all over the world. It conveys to the children of men God's promise of the peace which the world cannot give; it is an expression of joy, praise, gratitude, and hope.

Miss Nicolay thanked the officers of the Guild, the field secretaries, and the members who had served on boards or committees during the past year for their loyal support and cooperation. She expressed her sincere appreciation of the courtesies extended to her by the officers of the Lutheran University Association and acknowledged her indebtedness to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann for his kindly counsel and wise and patient understanding. The president then lauded the efforts of the individual members of the Guild for, she said, "without the cooperation, support, enthusiasm, and zeal of every member all plans and all great undertakings would fail." Miss Nicolay concluded her address with a plea to Almighty God for His continuing blessing in the years that lie ahead.

Miss Emily Doell, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

> WHEREAS the annual report of our National Guild President at this convention contains much valuable information for the membership at large,
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this report or excerpts therefrom be printed in the post-convention issue of the Bulletin.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Nicolay took the chair again and presented the Rev. Karl Henrichs to the assembly. The Rev. Mr. Henrichs spoke on the topic "Reminiscences of the Guild". He declared that he has frequently been called the father of the Guild and added that, if he were indeed the father of the Guild, he wished to point with pride to "a bunch of fine children". The speaker traced the development of the Guild from its modest beginnings through the early years of struggle and hardships to its present impressive stature. He commended the Guild for its unswerving and unwavering loyalty to Valparaiso University. The Guild, he said, has never permitted itself to be sidetracked; it has remained true to its original purpose, i. e., to serve as an auxiliary to the Lutheran University Association. The fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Guild, the Rev. Mr. Henrichs declared, should serve not only as a vantage point from which to look backward but also as a high point of achievement from which to look forward. The laying of the cornerstone of Guild Hall marks an important milestone in the history of the Guild and of the University. The demands of the future will exceed those of the past. Valparaiso, the Rev. Mr. Henrichs affirmed, is dedicated to the cause of strengthening and increasing in the youth of America an appreciation of the importance of religion in the church, in the home, and in the nation. The part of the Guild in this great work is (1) to propagandize for the University and to call attention to its needs, opportunities and blessings; (2) to adopt the slogan, "Each member bring in a new member"; (3) to help create more chapters in the ten Central States; (4) to establish a list of 30 to 50,000 Lutheran women to whom a report of Guild activities shall be sent several times each year. The speaker expressed his deep gratitude for the work done by the Guild in the past. He concluded his address with the assertion that the University is no longer a hope but a reality, and that as each one of us had a part in building it each of us has an obligation to do her part in the future. On the fifteenth anniversary celebration we should rededicate ourselves to this high purpose.

Miss Doell moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Rev. Karl H. Henrichs, in his inimitable way, in his "Reminiscences of the Guild," has brought to our minds not only the obstacles and disappointments, but also the many joys it has experienced in its labor of love during the past fifteen years, and

WHEREAS we are grateful to Almighty God for the benefits He has showered upon us, without any merit or worthiness on our part.

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that we thank Rev. Henrichs sincerely for his message, and

BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we invoke the Lord's abundant blessing on our work also in the future as we reconsecrate ourselves to the cause of our University.

The resolution was seconded. Carried.

Miss Nicolay presented Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel, president of the Valparaiso Chapter and chairman of the Convention Social Committee. Mrs. Haentzschel welcomed the convention guests on behalf of the Valparaiso Chapter and announced the time and place of the social events arranged by her committees.

A report reviewing the meetings of the Executive Board since the 1945 Convention was read by the secretary. A motion to accept the report was seconded and carried.

The president announced that the following committees had served during 1945-1946: Activities: Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman; Mrs. N. E. Bishop, Mrs. H. C. Vogel; Campaign Advisory: Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman, Mrs. M. Hemmeter, Mrs. H. Knust, Miss L. Nicolay, Mrs. F. C. Proehl, Mrs. A. F. Scherer, Mrs. E. F. Stegman, Mrs. A. A. Taube; Revisions: Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman, Mrs. Paul Tegge, Mrs. A. O. Kampe; Nominations: Mrs. A. F. Scherer, chairman, Mrs. Karl Henrichs, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. Forrest Palmer, Mrs. Archibald McKay; Resolutions: Miss Emily W. Doell, chairman, Mrs. A. C. Oldsen, Mrs. H. A. Eberline; Reporters: Miss Emma Kiefer, Miss Lois Sohn.

Miss Nicolay advised the convention of the appointment of ten field secretaries for 1945-1946: Mrs. A. A. Taube, northern Illinois; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, central Illinois; Mrs. A. Waechter, southern Illinois; Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Indiana; Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, Michigan; Mrs. Karl Kurth, Missouri; Miss Emily Doell, New York; Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Ohio; Mrs. J. F. Woessner, Pennsylvania; Miss Lydia Schultz, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Arnold Scherer, chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the following slate of candidates for national offices: President, Miss Louise Nicolay, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. F. C. Proehl, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. First Vice-President: Mrs. E. F. Stegman, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Herbert Borchert,

Detroit, Michigan. Second Vice-President: Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Illinois; Miss Emma Kiefer, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Secretary: Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. A. C. Schwan, Cleveland, Ohio. Treasurer: Mrs. G. E. Penson, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Frank Maag, Lakewood, Ohio.

Mrs. Scherer's report was accepted and, since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion to close the nominations was seconded and carried.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Campaign Advisory Committee, reported that "June 30, 1946, marked the close of a five-year period replete with planning, working, giving, and sacrificing for the Guild's greatest objective, Guild Hall". During this five-year period the sum of $70,617.47 was transferred to the Lutheran University for the Guild Hall project. In addition to the monies already collected, another $9,000 is still owing on partially completed pledges. When these unpaid balances have been collected, the total receipts for the Guild Hall Fund should go beyond $90,000. Mrs. Hoppe informed the convention that the grand total collected for all purposes from 1941 to 1946 amounted to $96,326.13. The greater part of the difference between this sum and the $70,617.47 mentioned above was the receipt of the membership dues allocated to the Lutheran University Association for the current fund treasury. On behalf of the members of the Campaign Advisory Committee Mrs. Hoppe extended congratulations to all the chapters of the Guild for their splendid achievement and urged them to continue their loyal and generous support of the Guild Hall project.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the raising of the necessary funds for Guild Hall under the Five-Year Plan has been in the very capable hands of Mrs. W. N. Hoppe and her committee, and

WHEREAS, this committee has very efficiently handled all the intricate details connected with such a campaign,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly extend to them a hearty vote of appreciation and thanks.

The resolution was moved, seconded, and adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman of the Activities Committee, Mrs. N. E. Bishop read a brief report written by Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Moore reported the completion of the new Guild Manual. She asked Guild members and chapter presidents to send to her any new and novel ideas for Guild programs and special projects. Mrs. Moore said that her committee is eager to be of service to the chapters and is always willing to answer any questions which may come to them.

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, a member of the Revisions Committee read a redraft of articles and sections of the original by-laws as they will appear with the proposed amendments. The changed and amended by-laws were discussed. A motion to add the phrase "over and above an estimated working capital" to Section 5 of Article XIV was made, seconded, and carried. The Revisions Committee then moved the adoption of the by-laws with this correction. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The revised and amended by-laws adopted by the convention will read as follows:

ARTICLE IV—Dues and Funds.

Section 1. The annual dues for regular, individual, and associate membership in the Guild shall be not less than one dollar ($1).

Section 2. CURRENT FUND: All membership dues shall be for the Current Fund of the Lutheran University Association.

Section 3. PROJECT FUND: All gifts and funds raised by the chapters through activities shall be used for Special Projects as designated by the Guild. Incidental expenses for operating the Guild may be taken from this fund.

ARTICLE VI—Officers and Duties.

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be a president, first vice-president and second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The appointive office of the Guild shall be an Executive Secretary.

Section 5. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the finances of the Guild. She shall receive all monies from chapters and individual donors; deposit same in a bank or banks designated by the Administrative Committee; and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements.

She shall pay all bills for incidental expenses, approved by the president, remit bimonthly all membership dues to the Department of Public Relations of Valparaiso University. Payment or transfer of any other funds shall be made annually, or at such times as may be determined by the Guild. All checks shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president.

ARTICLE VII—Executive Secretary.

Section 1. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the officers of the Valparaiso University Guild, the President of the University and the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association. In carrying out her duties she

shall be directly accountable to the officers of the Valparaiso University Guild. She shall continue in this capacity subject to the control of these appointing officers.

Section 2. In general, she shall be responsible for the expansion of the Guild, the promotion of its activities and with the advice of the officers of the Guild make the arrangements for the annual Guild convention. Other duties may be assigned to her by these officers.

Section 3. She shall be editor of the *Guild Bulletin,* in which work she shall be assisted by the officers of the Guild.

Section 4. She shall represent the Valparaiso University Guild at all State Unit meetings; if unable to do so, another member of the Administrative Committee shall represent the Guild.

Section 5. She shall meet with the officers of the Guild and the President of the University at least once every quarter. At these meetings she shall present reports concerning her activities as well as her program for the immediate future.

ARTICLE IX—Administrative Committee.

Section 1. The Administrative Committee shall consist of the officers of the Guild and the Executive Secretary. The duties of this committee shall be:

a. To appoint Field Secretaries as deemed necessary.

b. To examine and to ratify the constitution and by-laws of chapters making applications for membership, and to approve proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the State Units.

c. To plan and supervise the program of the annual Guild convention.

d. To assist the Executive Secretary in editing the official publication known as the *Guild Bulletin.*

e. To determine the boundaries or areas of State Units and to plan and arrange for the organization of additional units. At least one member of the Administrative Committee shall be in attendance at all State Unit meetings.

f. To appoint a certified auditor to examine the books of the treasurer and submit a report to the annual convention.

ARTICLE X—Executive Board.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Guild officers and past presidents of the Guild, Field Secretaries, presidents of State Units, presidents of chapters and chairmen of standing committees. In the event that a Chapter President or Unit President is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Vice-President or other qualified member may represent her.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet in the spring of the year and on the day previous to the annual convention of the Guild. Special meetings of this Board may be called by the Administrative Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have power to transact the general business of the Guild between conventions, direct its activities, act upon all applications for chapter membership, and fill all vacancies in office, except in the presidency. The vice-presidents in their order shall automatically become president in case of a vacancy in the presidency.

Section 4. This Board shall submit to the Guild at the annual convention a detailed report of the work done during the preceding year.

Section 5. Ten members, three of whom shall be officers, shall constitute a quorum at any duly called meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI—Field Secretaries.

Field Secretaries shall promote the growth of the Guild by organizing new chapters in their respective State wherever possible. The organizing of chapters shall be done uniformly and shall proceed under the direction of the Executive Secretary. Field Secretaries shall report their activities regularly to the Executive Board. They shall be members of the State Board of their respective Unit. The term of office shall be for one year. No Field Secretary shall hold office for more than four consecutive years.

ARTICLE XII—Standing Committees.

PROJECT COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of three members, appointed by the president. The duty of this committee shall be to propose for consideration to the Executive Board one or more projects to be undertaken by the Guild during the ensuing year. Final decision shall be made by the Guild. Such projects shall be in conformity with the Guild's objective and the disbursement relating thereto shall be made from the Project Fund. This committee shall meet previous to the convention, together with the president of the University and the president of the Guild, *ex officio.*

ARTICLE XIII—Chapters and Chapter Duties.

Section 1. The Valparaiso University Guild is an organization consisting of chapters located in various sections throughout the states. New chapters of the Guild shall be formed by the regularly appointed Field Secretaries. In localities where there are no Field Secretaries, the Guild president or someone designated by her, shall assume this responsibility.

Section 2. The names and addresses of all members of the chapters shall be transmitted annually during the month of July to the Executive Secretary. The names and addresses of new members shall be transmitted by the chapters immediately after their acceptance.

Section 3. Chapters shall elect officials as needed. The names and addresses of

these officers shall be sent to the Executive Secretary immediately after their election.

Section 4. Each chapter shall be expected to send at least one representative to the Guild convention at the expense of the chapter.

ARTICLE XIV—State Units.

Section 1. The chapters of the Valparaiso University Guild within a given State or area shall become organized as a State Unit. The boundaries or areas of such State Units shall be determined by the Administrative Committee. As new chapters are formed, the Administrative Committee shall plan and arrange for the organization of additional Units. An Individual Member may become affiliated with the State Unit in her area.

Section 2. All State Units are an integral part of the Valparaiso University Guild and shall function in accordance with the present By-Laws of that body and subsequent amendments thereof.

Section 3. It shall be the purpose of State Units to further the objects and the projects of the National Guild.

Section 4. The State Units shall meet annually in the sixty-day period immediately following the National Guild Convention.

Section 5. The chapters within a State Unit shall assume the responsibilities of all operating expenses of the Unit (including stationery, postage and travel expenses of the Unit officers) and all expenses incurred by the annual meeting of the Unit. Any residue from such sums as may be collected, over and above an estimated working capital of the State Unit, shall be sent direct to the National Treasurer at the close of each fiscal year for the Project Fund of the Guild.

ARTICLE XV—Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the annual convention, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Administrative Committee at least two months previous to the annual convention, and that notice of such proposed amendments has been officially published at least two weeks previous to the convention.

ARTICLE XVI—Rules of Order, no change.

STANDING RULES: Strike out paragraph pertaining to "CONTESTS".

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. G. E. Penson. Mrs. Penson announced that her report was one in which she took great pride, a pride which could justifiably be shared by every member of the Guild. Receipts for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1946, reached an alltime high of $29,146.38. Disbursements totaled $29,125.53, leaving a balance of $21.06 on June 30, 1946.

A letter from Prof. Willard N. Anderson, accountant and auditor, was read by the secretary. Prof. Anderson stated that the treasurer's books were in order and that all funds had been disbursed and allocated as shown in her report.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The convention was adjourned at 12 o'clock.

The second session of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by the president at 1:30 p. m.

Roll Call by chapters revealed an attendance of 250 members and guests. Thirty-three chapters were represented, and five past presidents, six national officers, eight field secretaries, and five state unit presidents were in attendance.

Miss Nicolay then introduced Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Executive Secretary of the Guild. Mrs. Schwiebert declared that it gave her special pleasure to report on one of the most successful years in the history of the Guild. After five years of hard work the Guild Hall campaign has been brought to a successful conclusion. The Guild membership has reached a new high of 3,712 members, an increase of almost 600 over the figures for January, 1946. Mrs. Schwiebert reported that five *Guild Bulletins* were issued in the interim between conventions. At this point the Resolutions Committee interrupted Mrs. Schwiebert's report to move the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the publication of the *Guild Bulletin* is an important agency for the dissemination of news and also provides information and inspiration to the membership at large, and

WHEREAS the editing of the Bulletin entails considerable time and effort, and

WHEREAS our Executive Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, the editorial staff, as well as Mrs. R. C. Klemz of the Home Mountain Publishing Co., have assumed this responsibility with outstanding success,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to all.

The motion was seconded. Carried.

Continuing her address Mrs. Schwiebert said that she has visited many chapters and has made many good friends. She commended the loyal workers in the Guild and praised the splendid spirit of service she found wherever she visited. She paid special tribute to the field secretaries and then introduced the field secretaries to the convention and called for their reports. The reports of the field secretaries revealed that much spade work has been done in eight states. During

the past year new chapters were formed in Gary, Indiana, Dundee, Illinois, Mattoon, Illinois, and Akron, Ohio, and the Indianapolis chapter has been completely reorganized. Mrs. Schwiebert presented the new chapters to the convention. A motion to accept the new chapters into membership was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Schwiebert briefly reviewed the steps taken to establish the State Unit organizations authorized by the 1945 National Convention. Five successful organizational meetings were held in the Spring of 1946. The state presidents elected in these meetings were introduced.

Next Mrs. Schwiebert read the budget which had been drawn up by the Administrative Committee and which had been referred to the Resolutions Committee by the Executive Board. Mrs. H. A. Eberline, a member of the committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

> WHEREAS a budget, based upon past expenditures and allowing for needed expansion, has been prepared,
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt the proposed budget for 1946-47 in the amount of $1,702.50 as presented by the Executive Secretary.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Schwiebert continued her report with a brief summary of the Guild Hall Campaign. Twenty-six chapters have completed the special projects undertaken in 1946. This, Mrs. Schwiebert said, brings us face to face with the question, What now? After careful consideration the Executive Board decided to recommend to the convention the adoption of the following resolution:

> WHEREAS the Guild has approximately completed the raising of the promised amount of $75,000 for Guild Hall, and twenty-six chapters have paid their entire pledge, and
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> WHEREAS, there still remain additional rooms, furnishings for which have not yet been provided,
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all of us continue striving to finish the job and sponsor the remaining rooms in Guild Hall.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Schwiebert expressed complete confidence in the ability of the Guild to assume this new responsibility. The record of the past five years, she said, eloquently reveals the courage, strength, and determination of the Guild.

The concluding portion of the Executive Secretary's report brought expressions of regret and sorrow from every section of the convention. Mrs. Schwiebert announced that she had reluctantly been forced to realize that the pressure of duties within her home made it necessary for her to tender her resignation to the Guild. She believes that her work for and with her husband on the new Luther biography being written by Dr. Schwiebert should have first claim on her time. This, then, was her farewell to the Guild, Mrs. Schwiebert expressed her sincere gratitude to the Guild for the support, encouragement, and friendly cooperation so generously extended to her.

Acting upon instruction the Resolutions Committee drew up the following resolution:

> WHEREAS Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert has advised us of her resignation as Executive Secretary of the Guild,
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members, in convention assembled, express to her our deep regret at her leaving and wish her Godspeed in all her future undertakings, and
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> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we acknowledge with gratitude to God the splendid progress of the Guild during the time of Mrs. Schwiebert's service,
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> AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Committee be instructed to convey our gratitude to Mrs. Schwiebert by means of a suitable gift of remembrance.

The resolution was moved, seconded, and adopted.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Schwiebert's report the president presented beautiful corsages to the following field secretaries present: Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. J. F. Woessner, Miss Emily Doell, Miss Lydia Schultz, Mrs. A. A. Taube, Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch, and Mrs. E. T. J. Birner. Miss Nicolay said that these corsages should serve as a token of appreciation for their services to the Guild during 1945-1946. The Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

> WHEREAS the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made under the able leadership of its officers and Field Secretaries,
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild extend to them a hearty vote of thanks.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso University, was introduced by Miss Nicolay. Dr. Kretzmann began his address on the topic "The State of the Nation" by welcoming the guests to the campus. The annual convention of the Guild, he said, is impor-

tant and helpful to the Guild and to the University. It enables the individual Guild member to see for herself the changes and improvements constantly in progress on the University Campus. Dr. Kretzmann commended the Guild for the splendid record of achievements, a record which, he said, is unusual for an organization of this size. He declared that the laying of the cornerstone of Guild Hall is an event of great significance. It marks a beginning. The events of the next ten years will tell the story. They will determine whether Valparaiso will move into the ranks of the great universities of the nation or remain a small liberal arts college. The future depends on the foundations we lay now. The tremendous problems of the present and the future must be considered in terms of the total program and of overall vision. We must not lose our sense of values and proportions, nor the friendly spirit, Christian atmosphere, and Christian approach which have been characteristic of the University in the past.

Dr. Kretzmann reported on the added problems and obligations brought about by the school's spectacular growth. Satisfactory provisions for adequate supervision of students have been arranged. New students are carefully chosen from the flood of applications. Scholarship, special circumstances, and the requests and recommendations of old friends and patrons are determining factors in accepting applicants. At the present time an enrollment of more than 1,400 makes Valparaiso the largest institution within the Missouri Synod. Thirty new instructors added to the faculty in recent months brings the number close to the one-hundred mark. Recognizing the fact that the chapel is the heart of the corporate approach to religion, the University has evolved a plan which will enable all students to attend the chapel services regularly in spite of inadequate seating capacity. In conclusion, Dr. Kretzmann forcefully reiterated his implicit faith in our ability—as a Guild, as a University, and as a Church—to meet the challenge of the present and the future. He believes that a sense of adventure, confidence, and courage assures us that, with God's help, we can accomplish what we have set out to do.

In response to an announcement that the Lutheran University Association has agreed to extend the offer to subsidize the office of the Executive Secretary for another two years the Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Valparaiso University Guild is deeply indebted to the Lutheran University Association for subsidizing the office of the Executive Secretary for the past two years, and

WHEREAS the L. U. A. has extended this offer for the subsequent two years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild accept this offer with grateful appreciation.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The next order of business was the election of officers. The chair appointed Mrs. Fred Firchau, Mrs. E. R. Jordan, and Mrs. Karl Bliese to act as tellers.

Miss Nicolay then introduced the Rev. Fred L. Miller. In his able and comprehensive report the Rev. Mr. Miller stressed the fact that, like St. Augustine, we must "take and read". The case for Valparaiso, the speaker said, has been put on paper. We must read it, and we must make others read it. The case for Valparaiso, he continued, is a strong one. We must serve as emissaries for the school. We must plead its cause and endeavor to make men and women understand what Valparaiso means to us as parents, church members, and citizens. World-wide unrest has awakened in the hearts of thoughtful men and women a feeling for the need of Christianity. Valparaiso can help in the building of a strong church and a strong nation. In spite of present day financial difficulties we must not permit ourselves to be depressed. We must take an optimistic view, the Rev. Mr. Miller declared. "We must view the city and see the ivory towers. Then, under God's guidance, we shall make great strides forward."

The Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the University has been called upon to serve, in ever-increasing numbers, the youth of our church, and

WHEREAS in response to this need, the Board of Directors has adopted a program of expansion, and

WHEREAS to complete such a program, the cooperation of the Guild is desired,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we endorse the action of the Board and pledge the members of the Board our whole-hearted cooperation and support.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, second vice-president of the Guild, presented the Guild Special for 1945-1946 to the University. The Sheffield tea-and-coffee service, Mrs. Stegman said, is a gift of love and loyalty to the school. She

expressed the hope that its gleaming beauty might bring joy to all those who use it and that the personal nature of the gift might convey to student body and faculty something of the feeling of sincere friendship Guild members have for them. In accepting the silver service for the University, Dr. Kretzmann said that the annual Guild Special is especially cherished and appreciated because of its personal and sentimental nature.

After a brief discussion of suggestions for the 1947 Guild Special the Resolutions Committee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the need for items of table silver to match the tea-and-coffee service for use at University functions, has been established,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild Special for the year 1946-47 be the purchase of the necessary pieces of flat silver.

The resolution was moved, seconded and adopted.

Miss Nicolay called on the secretary to read an overture addressed to the convention by the Saginaw Chapter. A motion to refer the overture to the Revisions Committee for further study was made, seconded, and carried.

A motion authorizing the treasurer to remit all special project funds quarterly to the University was seconded and carried.

In keeping with the spirit of the 1946 convention the Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS a year has passed since peace has been declared, but, in spite of all human effort, vexing problems of unrest, jealousies and dissensions are still rife on all sides.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild, continue to remember our Government and all in authority in daily ardent prayer, asking our Heavenly Father to endow our leaders with the spirit of wisdom, and humility so that "Good Will to Men" may be established upon the earth.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Nicolay announced that the convention guests would be taken to the site of the cornerstone laying immediately after adjournment. The following resolution of gratitude to a gracious God was presented by the Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS by the grace of God we are today privileged to celebrate not only our Fifteenth Birthday but also to witness the Cornerstone Laying of Guild Hall, which we have worked and prayed for during the past five years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we humbly acknowledge God's goodness in permitting us to be present on this momentous occasion.

NATIONAL OFFICERS 1946-1947

Reading left to right: Miss Louise F. Nicolay, president; Mrs. W. A. Hansen, secretary; Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. E. F. Stegman, 1st vice-president; Mrs. G. E. Penson, treasurer.

The resolution was moved, seconded and adopted.

Mrs. Firchau, chairman of tellers, asked for a motion authorizing her committee to destroy the ballots. The motion was made, seconded, and carried. Mrs. Firchau then announced the election results:

President: Miss Louise Nicolay.
First Vice-President: Mrs. E. F. Stegman.
Second Vice-Pres.: Mrs. E. T. J. Birner.
Secretary: Mrs. Walter A. Hansen.
Treasurer: Mrs. G. E. Penson.

During a general discussion period Mrs. Erwin Kurth suggested that some action be taken on the ideas advanced by the Rev. Mr. Henrichs in his address. A motion to refer the question of methods of expansion to the Administrative Committee was seconded and carried. The Administrative Committee was instructed to communicate any plans which might be evolved to the presidents of the State Units.

Miss Nicolay concluded the business of the convention by presenting a corsage to Mrs. F. C. Proehl, retiring first vice-president of the Guild.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following general resolutions of thanks to everyone who had assisted in planning the details of the 1946 convention:

WHEREAS the many details for this Fifteenth Annual Convention were so ably handled by the following and their respective committees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to:

President O. P. Kretzmann, for his guidance, encouragement, and inspirational addresses;

The Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, for his uplifting devotional address;

Mr. M. Alfred Bichsel, the organist;

The Rev. F. L. Miller, for his eloquent plea for financial support;

Miss Ann Boda, who accompanied the singing at the Executive Board meeting on Friday evening;

Judge and Mrs. Theo. Richter, of Detroit, Michigan, who made it possible for us to view the Passion film "Golgotha";

Mrs. F. C. Proehl, retiring First Vice-President;

The Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter for the beautiful cover on our convention program;

Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert and Mrs. H. H. Kumnick, the housing committee;

Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, in charge of registration;

The students at Lembke Hall, who so willingly gave up their rooms to accommodate Guild members;

The management of Hotel Lembke, who exerted every means to make Guild members quartered there comfortable;

Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel, president of the local chapter of the Guild, for her splendid work in arranging the minute details;

Mrs. W. G. Friedrich and her staff of ushers;

Mrs. Luther Koepke, who designed the attractive dinner programs, and her committee who made them;

Mrs. E. E. Goehring and Mrs. M. E. Zimmerman who provided the attractive decorations;

Mrs. M. J. Jox for the clever favors;

Mrs. V. E. Berry and her able assistants at the Sunday breakfast;

Our waitresses at the banquet, the Gamma Phi Sorority, assisted by Sigma Delta Chi Fraternity;

The Rev. Manfred E. Reinke, the speaker at the Cornerstone Laying of Guild Hall;

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, the officiant at this service, and

The Valparaiso University Choir, under the direction of Prof. Theo. Hoelty-Nickel, for their part in the Dedication ceremonies;

Immanuel Lutheran Church which again offered its facilities;

And to all members of the Valparaiso Chapter of the University Guild and many others, for their assistance in the many details of organization and execution of the convention plans.

The resolution was moved, seconded, and carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Adjournment followed at 3:55 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER A. HANSEN, *Sec.*

ANNOUNCEMENT

After November 1 all correspondence usually directed to the Executive Secretary of the Guild should be addressed

Valparaiso University Guild
c/o Office of the President
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, Indiana.

REPORT ON CAMPAIGN FOR GUILD HALL

June 30, 1946 marked the close of a five-year period replete with planning, working, giving and sacrificing for the Guild's greatest objective—"Guild Hall".

Throughout the Guild everywhere, our members eagerly rallied to the realization of their opportunity to work and to share in this great new development for our beloved University. It has been a period of intense activity and the response has been magnifi-

cent. Approximately fifty chapters have participated in this grand effort of collecting funds for the so-called five-year Guild Hall program. According to figures compiled by our treasurer, the actual amount transferred to the Lutheran University Association for the erection of Guild Hall is $70,617.47.

Twenty-six chapters have exceeded all obligations assumed by them for the five-year period, including their yearly goals, their original pledge in the campaign for Guild Hall and their additional pledge for a room or equipment.

Five years ago, it may be recalled, when the sum of $75,000 was mentioned, it seemed to us a staggering and momentous task. But, do you realize that during the five years the actual receipts for all purposes amounted to $96,326.13? The greater share of the difference between $96,326.13 and $70,617.47 was the receipts for membership dues and was allocated to the Lutheran University Association for current support. It is interesting to observe that in addition to the monies already collected there is a potential sum of $9,000 still owing upon partially completed balances made by the remaining twenty-three chapters. These unpaid balances upon pledges will, of course, be received in due time, and when finally paid should bring the total receipt of funds intended for the Guild Hall Fund beyond the sum of $80,000.

On behalf of the members of the Five-Year Campaign Advisory Committee, whose term expired at the close of the past fiscal year, congratulations are extended to all chapters for this splendid performance and we urge your continued loyalty and generous support of the Guild Hall project.

EMMA D. HOPPE, *Chairman.*

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

In the evening of Sept. 28, after the work for the day had been finished and the last resolution had been passed, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild gathered in the Rainbow Room of the Immanuel Parish Hall for the fifteenth annual convention banquet. A smile was the Open Sesame and a cheery atmosphere pervaded the room as the hungry Guilders slowly made their way by the ample Smorgasbord. Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel, Mistress of Ceremonies, added to the gayety with her spontaneous wit and ready quips. A new order was observed, those at the speaker's table being served last.

And then—the program. Oh, yes, the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Haentzschel, gave us such a warm welcome, methinks she would like to have us return! The community singing with Mrs. John Bopp at the piano proved that it was a grand night for singing; Indiana doing even more and above the expected. From the "History of the Guild" presented by Mrs. F. C. Proehl, speaker of the evening, we learned that the fifteen years of the Guild's existence have been fifteen years packed with activity. May this history be a promise of things to come.

In the impressive candle lighting ceremony the past presidents, Mrs. E. W. Schultz, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. H. A. Eberline, Mrs. W. N. Hoppe and Mrs. A. A. Taube, expressed their sincere wishes for the future of the Valparaiso University Guild, and each wish seemed a prayer—a prayer that found a second in the hearts of every one present.

VIOLA BIRNER, *Second Vice-President.*

PLEDGES TO GUILD HALL

As of October 15, 1946

The first floor reception room Saginaw, Michigan	$3,500
Office and Lobby, Indiana Chapters	2,500
Dining Room Chairs and Tables Cleveland, Ohio	2,500
Silver, glassware, and china	2,500
Second floor living room Detroit, Michigan	2,000
Third floor living room Chicago, Illinois	2,000
Matron's Suite, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,500
Three student service rooms	1,000
	1,000
	1,000
One guest room, Columbus, Ohio	750
Prayer Chapel	500
Fifty-eight student rooms	500

(In the order received)

1. Chicago West, Illinois.
2. Flint, Michigan.
3. Merrill, Wisconsin (Memorial: Mrs. P. Amos Gruett).
4. Merrill, Wisconsin (Memorial: Mrs. A. F. Lueck).
5. Detroit, Michigan (Memorial: Helen Branch Higgins)
6. Bay City, Michigan.
7. Bay City, Michigan.
8. Lansing, Michigan.
9. Chicago, Illinois (Thankoffering: Mrs. Herman G. Amling).
10. Fort Wayne, Indiana.
11. Mishawaka-South Bend, Indiana.
12. Buffalo, New York.
13. Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

14. Lapeer-Hadley, Michigan.
15. Miss Olga Staatz, individual gift.
16. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
17. St. Louis, Missouri.
18. Monroe, Michigan.
19. Plymouth, Wisconsin.
20. Mt. Clemens, Michigan.
21. Dundee-Fox River Valley, Illinois.
22. Valparaiso, Indiana.
23. Sebewaing, Michigan.
24. Hammond, Indiana (Memorial: Mr. Chas. L. and Mrs. Caroline Gieseler).
25. Lorain County, Ohio.

(Please send additions or corrections to the Executive Secretary.)

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

After sending in the copy of the material compiled for the new Guild Manual, the Activities Committee decided to await results and re-actions to this Manual before doing any further research.

In submitting material for the projects your committee tried to keep in mind that interests of chapters varied, also that some chapters had a large membership, others again have only a few members. Then too the possibilities of presenting some projects in some communities was considered.

We trust that all chapters will find some material of interest in the Manual.

Will the chapters kindly let us hear from them? This is the only check we have of knowing whether or not we have succeeded in compiling the sort of a manual the Guild desires.

Your committee would like information as to whether or not members would be interested in a series of stories about Pioneer women—not the ones who obtained some prominence, but just everyday kind of people. Your chairman believes that a series of three or four of these told by some member of the Guild could very well take the place of a Book Review.

Will you please express your opinion on this?

Also, should this committee continue working and occasionally submit additional material?

We have answered several requests for copies of the Installation Ritual. This we were happy to do.

Selecting and assembling this material has been a most interesting experience.

Thank you for the opportunity of being of service to the Guild.

META MOORE, *Chairman.*

DEDICATION OF VALPARAISO U. DORMITORIES, SEPT. 28, 1946

THE REV. M. E. REINKE

We have come together this afternoon to lay the cornerstones of two new dormitories, the first of a complex of buildings to be erected on the site which shall be the future campus of Valparaiso University. I do not know how better to fulfill the object of this day than by asking you to glance with me first at the past history of Valparaiso University; and secondly at another consideration which seems naturally to flow from an organization, such as the University Guild, whose love and loyalty to our institution have helped to make her glory more pre-eminent.

I need not do more than remind you of the beginning of the history of Valparaiso as a Lutheran University. More than twenty years ago, a little group of men walked with considering footsteps about her campus, stirred to the depths by the possibility of acquiring Valparaiso as a Lutheran university. It was a golden hope which blossomed into fruition! Some of you who stand before us today are sons and daughters of those who had foresight enough to recognize the urgency of a great need of our Church—a Lutheran University. Of the motives brought to bear upon those men, and of the manner in which they yielded to their motives, all of us are the heirs. Some have already passed away from the life of this earth; but the effect of their deeds still lives. They had succeeded in establishing a Lutheran university and the labor of those who established it was not lost. God's blessing sought in prayer is an element of strength, a mightier buttress than the labors of nations which toiled for centuries at some house of pride or haunt of pleasure, such as the Palace of Nineveh and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

The Lutheran university then was founded; but how did it prosper? At first not well. Let us bear in mind that in those days it was a great and wholly new experiment. Without unity of purpose, without traditions, the venture at first was discredited by many. It must have been a bitter thing for those who then worked for our university to bear; but they who sow faithfully, though it be in tears, shall reap in joy. God did not withhold His blessing, and, little by little, year by year, our school began to grow and flourish. In numbers as well as in intellectual successes and in improved finances, Valpa-

raiso University began to prosper. The day was when many felt that it was a struggle, first, whether this school should live at all; next, whether it should live in honor or in obscurity. Today these fears have been dispelled. God gave this our university some able men, and not a few of them, even to the surrender of better prospects, deemed it a privilege to serve Valparaiso and to work for her. And, verily, they have their reward; they have their reward, that is, if the highest prize which life can offer is clearly to see what is best, and resolutely to do it. Than this, there is nothing better! Life is not mere living. It is the majesty and dignity of love and service—service to God and to man; it is to feel that when we die, whether praised or blamed, whether appreciated or misinterpreted, whether honored or ignored, whether wealthy or destitute, we have done something to make the world we came to better and happier; it is the attempt to cast upon the waters

some seeds which, long after we are dead, may still bring forth their fragrant flowers. The seed dies, but the harvest lives. Sacrifice is always fruitful, and there is nothing fruitful else.

To sum up, then, it was the duty of others to found, it is ours to build upon their foundation; it was the duty of others to save Valparaiso from adversity, it is ours to preserve and to enoble her prosperity; it was the duty of others to mold our institution, it is ours to see that that institution, year by year, continues to train every grace and virtue of our youth into the strength of Christian man and womanhood, and to send them forth, in the high service of our God, Christian scholars and Christian gentlemen and women, to be the hope and glory of our church and of our country. As we now hold a retrospect we humbly acknowledge the great results which have sprung from God's blessing on a small beginning. An institution like this cannot quietly die out and be forgotten. When it has once taken deep root, it is a permanent—almost an indestructible thing. Since the days of its founders, it has risen from point to point till it has become one of the very best of the educational institutions of our country! So generally has this been recognized that almost 1,500 students from 48 states and nine foreign countries have been enrolled, making it imperative for the administration of the university to take immediate and vigorous steps for the erection of two dormitories which shall provide facilities adequate to house the bestowed gift of heaven in an unprecedented enrollment.

Now the name of these dormitories, which shall be known as Guild Hall, is not without deep significance. Almost from the first there was a wide spread desire among the women of our Lutheran church to help the university in providing our students after their graduation from high school, with facilities to continue their education in Christian environments. This led to the organization of the University Guild—a society that has played no unimportant part in the history of Valparaiso; and I know that the hearts of the Guild members rejoice that their labors and their time and their contributions will receive a glorious permanence in the name which shall be traced over the portals of one of the dormitories: Guild Hall. Once again women have appreciably used their influence to endow a good cause with a precious memorial of their glorious ideals. If Valparaiso has been honored and successful, I believe that, under God, the secret of her preeminence is to be found also in the steady unswerving interest of the women of our church to safeguard their sons and daughters in a Christian school of higher learning. Some of these women might have thought that their influence would be small; no influence, however, is small; but, even if it were, the aggregate of small influences is far more irresistable than the most vigorous and heroic of isolated efforts.

Though it was not always thus, as history shows, yet, ever since Christianity encircled the position of women with all that is pure and tender, their influence has verily been great. For many years all wise legislators have felt the importance of using the influence of women to shape great national ends. When Napoleon was asked which were the best training places for recruits he said, "The nurseries," and it was to the women of France that he looked for help in inspiring those traditions of glory which enabled his raw and half fed soldiers to sweep away from battlefield after battlefield the chivalry of Europe. Deeply have those nations rued their folly which kept womanhood in a condition of servitude and depression. Woe to that people in which the women pray, as they are once said to have done in Hindustan, "O, Vishnu, let not my child be a girl; for very sad is the life of a woman." We know, too, why the glory of Greece in the zenith of her greatness was very short-lived. An undoubted cause of her speedy deterioration was the poverty of her conception of the true dignity of woman's nature.

If she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall man live?

Due to the benign influence of Christianity, such is now the power of woman that she may mold the entire future of mankind.

It has long been the glory of the Lutheran Church that her women have recognized the need of an early inculcation of religion in its essential and eternal verities upon the plastic minds of their childern. I am sure that all of you will remember how your mothers turned your very bedside into an altar, and attempted to mold and sway your moral character. With the acquisition, therefore, of Valparaiso as a Lutheran university it was not difficult to enlist women in the cause of higher education for our youth at a Christian institution. The University Guild, from the time of its inception, has been a warm friend of our

institution, and again and again contributed no small amounts of money towards the expansion program of the university. By sharing the financial burden incurred by the erection of these dormitories, they will help many men and women to go forth, year by year, not only with well-earned laurels, but, what is better still, carrying with them into the world's life high lessons which they will have learned in this place—lessons of earnest purpose, of unresting diligence, of lofty Christian principles. The University Guild has a share in that immense and important work—a work which, please God, shall continue to widen its concentric circles of influence for good. It was with that thought in mind that its members so generously helped to make possible the erection of these buildings. May they ever stand as permanent memorials of the love and loyalty of our Lutheran women; eloquent, if silent, witnesses of their desire to dedicate themselves more and more wholly to the glory of God and the good of His Church.

"Behold," said the Lord to Israel through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, "behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and I will lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agate, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

God grant that this may be for us also the language of prophecy, and that the prophecy of today may be the history of tomorrow.

THE GUILD SPECIAL GIFT

The special gift presented by the Guild to the university for 1945-1946 is a very beautiful six piece tea-and-coffee service made by Cheltenham & Co., of Sheffield, England.

The sugar bowl and creamer are exquisitely engraved and the tea pot and coffee pot are gracefully shaped in the fluted Queen Anne design. These lovely pieces placed on the magnificent tray of the same pattern symbolize true hospitality and friendliness to all who partake of its refreshment.

The Guild special gift is made possible each year by the $5 donations of each Guild chapter. In presenting the special gift this year Mrs. Stegman, second vice-president said, "It is a privilege and pleasure to present to you the Guild Special for this year. As in previous years, we have chosen a gift that is permanent and beautiful for we believe that 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever'. I feel sure that every member of every chapter is proud and happy to have had a part in making this special gift to the University, showing our genuine love and loyalty to our dear Valparaiso University."

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(Correction: The memorial to Mrs. Ella Wolter in the amount of $3.00 should have been credited to Beloit Chapter in the last issue of the Bulletin.)

Our cover picture was taken during the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of Guild Hall. In the background may be seen the walls of Dormitory II which forms the other part of the quadrangle. Beyond the first floor level of Dormitory II the government barracks for veterans may be seen.

The articles placed in the cornerstone included a copy of the Holy Bible; the Guild By-Laws; the University catalog; the history of the Guild compiled by Mrs. F. C. Proehl; copies of the *Guild Bulletin* and of the *University Bulletin*; copies of the *Vidette-Messenger* and of *The Torch* issued Sept. 27, 1946; the names of the Architect, the Contractor, the Board of Directors, the National Advisory Board, the Executive Board of the Guild, and of each Guild member; and a copy of the program used for the ceremony.

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From Broadlands, Illinois, comes the joyful news of the organization of a new Guild Chapter.

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The delicious banquet at our Fifteenth annual convention was served by the American & Swedish Catering Co., 30 E. Adams, Chicago.

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