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LORD GOD, our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee and thank Thee, that when the Church had fallen into darkness and sin, Thou didst send Thy special servant, Martin Luther, to kindle afresh the light of Thy Holy Word and to restore the teachings of the Apostles and of the original Christian Church. Make us duly mindful of this great heritage and preserve in us a love for the Everlasting Gospel which is our only hope in this world and for the world to come.

Let not the gates of hell prevail against Thy Church. Preserve us from all human traditions and doctrines of men. To this end, send us at all times blameless teachers, able ministers of the New Testament, and faithful stewards of Thy mysteries. Give them wisdom and courage to proclaim Thy Gospel, especially in this modern world so torn and confused by greed, lust, and sin. Let us be as a city set upon a high hill to shine afar until the day of Christ's coming; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The President's Report

ONLY a little more than three months have elapsed since you, the Guild, adopted resolutions which would bring about the establishment of state organization. This was done because you wished to expedite the work of the Guild, to bring about closer cooperation among existing chapters, and to achieve a more direct contact between the chapters and the national organization, thus bringing the University and its needs to the attention of a greater number of people. The Administrative Committee was empowered to work out the organization of state groups and, together with the Revisions Committee, was instructed to prepare the necessary constitutional changes.

Two previous issues of the BULLETIN have kept you informed as to the progress of this big assignment given your Administrative Committee. Three meetings were held — one with the chairman of the Revisions Committee — in which prayerfully, diligently, and with all speed was set up the mechanics to bring about the organization of state units.

It was thought advisable and expedient to call a special meeting of the Executive Board where all members could voice their opinions and comments on the suggested plans of these two committees. This meeting was held on January 23 and 24 with the grand attendance of eight state chairmen, the chairmen of our two Standing Committees, four past presidents, five national officers, and representatives from twenty-six chapters. After a spirited discussion and with minor changes, the state By-Laws were adopted. Elsewhere in this issue you will find them in detail. The Revisions Committee — Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Tegge, and Mrs. Kampe — will have all necessary constitutional changes ready in sufficient time for action at the next national Guild convention.

It is planned to hold meetings to organize state units during the months of April and May and they will be held in Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Ft. Wayne. In outlying districts where as yet no state unit exists, the Administrative Committee made the following assignments: Waterloo, Iowa to the Illinois state unit; St. Paul, Minnesota to Wisconsin; St. Louis, Missouri to Illinois; and Buffalo, New York and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Ohio. Your national officers will plan and conduct the first meet-

ing of your state unit. Announcements of these meetings will reach you in ample time to circle your calendars and to make advance preparations to attend. It is our hope and prayer that these meetings will be supported wholeheartedly, as it is in this way that we shall try to bring to you VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY and its unique campus spirit.

To help you, the members of the Guild, with some of your local problems, the Activities Committee will soon have available a second booklet which will contain plans for parties and money-raising events, suggestions for book reviews, a list of University speakers and their topics, and many other helpful ideas. An announcement will be made as soon as this little booklet is off the press. The members of this committee — Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. Bishop — are all eager to serve you. Write them, won't you, the next time you are planning a special program in your chapter? And, when your chapter has been unusually successful in some particular function, they would be glad to learn about it.

Much work has been done in a very short time, as you can appreciate. State chairmen — or field secretaries, as they now shall be known — have been appointed in existing districts. And, something new has been added: we welcome Mrs. Karl Kurth as field secretary for the state of Missouri. In a meeting following the Executive Board session, the future work of the field secretaries was discussed and, together with the executive secretary, Mrs. Schwiebert, an immediate program was set up which will make for most effective results in each state unit. These secretaries are our ambassadors of good will and much of the future success of our Guild depends upon them. To them we must pledge our energetic assistance, our loyalty and our prayers.

The establishment of the office of executive secretary, the increasing appointments of field secretaries, and the organization of state units all show a definite step forward in the progress of the Guild. All this is but a natural and vitally necessary expansion of our program. When we realize that Valparaiso University's enrollment during this semester may reach the 900 mark we can appreciate the huge task which confronts the administration in housing alone. Not only its physical growth must be cautiously observed, but all other aspects directly affected must be "weighed in the balance" and found — NOT wanting. The

Guild, then, must keep step with the progress of the University.

The task before us is enormous and presents a challenge to the potentialities of our combined efforts, enthusiasm and our zeal, but with God's help and your cooperation we shall accomplish what to the world seems an impossibility. We commend the University and the Guild to the gracious benediction of the Almighty One.

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Executive Board

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Valparaiso, Indiana, January 23 and 24, 1946

The semi-annual session of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by the president, Miss Louise Nicolay, on January 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Recital Hall. The meeting was opened with a special prayer written by the president and with the singing of the hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun". Mr. Newman W. Powell served as accompanist.

Four past presidents, five national officers, eight state chairmen, fourteen chapter presidents, seven chapter representatives, the chairmen of two standing committees, and two guests were in attendance.

Miss Nicolay greeted the assembly and expressed her warm appreciation of the spirit and the zeal which had induced those present to undertake a midwinter journey to the University. She emphasized the importance of the meeting and announced that the chief business of the Board would be the consideration of the proposed plans for the State Unit organizations adopted on October 20, 1945, by the National Convention.

The minutes of the 1945 fall meeting were read. Mrs. Wm. Schmeling pointed out a slight error in the minutes. The error was corrected, and the minutes were accepted.

Mrs. G. E. Penson, National Treasurer, reported receipts of \$7,576.45 from July 1, 1945, to January 15, 1946, and disbursements totaling \$1,459.45. The treasurer's report was approved.

Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman of the Activities Committee, suggested that the data collected by the Activities Committee over a period of years be condensed and made available to all chapters in booklet form. Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch moved that the Executive Board authorize the preparation of this booklet. Mrs.

Charles Farnsworth seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Mrs. Moore stressed the value of educational and inspirational programs designed to augment purely money-making projects. She asked that all chapters send to her any new and novel programs, and she stated that her committee is willing and eager to answer any questions which might come to them.

Miss Nicolay then presented the following newly appointed State Chairmen:

Illinois: Mrs. E. T. J. Birner

Mrs. A. A. Taube

Mrs. A. Waechter

Indiana: Mrs. Erwin Kurth

Michigan: Mrs. Otto Rosenbusch

New York: Miss Emily W. Doell

Ohio: Mrs. H. W. Bartels

Pennsylvania: Mrs. J. F. Woessner

Wisconsin: Miss Lydia E. Schultz

The next order of business was the nomination from the floor of a slate of seven candidates for a Nominating Committee. The following names were proposed: Mrs. Arnold Scherer (Fort Wayne), Mrs. H. W. Bartels (Cleveland), Mrs. Otto Sonderegger (Chicago), Mrs. Karl Henrichs (Valparaiso), Mrs. F. J. Wolff (Elgin), Mrs. Archibald McKay (Detroit), Mrs. J. F. Woessner (Pittsburgh), Mrs. Forrest Palmer (Beloit).

Mrs. Rosenbusch moved that the nominations be closed. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner seconded the motion. Carried.

A letter from Mrs. Harry Eberline, past president of the Guild, was read by the secretary. Mrs. Eberline expressed regret that she could not be present at the meeting. She asked God's blessings upon the deliberations.

At this point the meeting was recessed to permit the members of the Board to attend the University chapel service.

Immediately after the recess Miss Nicolay introduced President O. P. Kretzmann. Dr. Kretzmann then presented his semi-annual report to the Board. The postwar world is here, he said, with its problems and its opportunities. A re-examination of the goal and the purpose of education in the first six months of the atomic age has revealed significant educational developments in America. The materialistic philosophy in American education is finished. What will take its place? Three separate programs have been advanced to supply the unifying factor in education which, in turn, will provide a unifying philosophy for life: (1) the Humanities, (2) Meta-

physics or Philosophy, and (3) Religion--- Religion with a concept of God embodying the individual's personal responsibility to God. President Kretzmann believes that these three programs will become the center of conflict and controversy during the next ten years.

Reporting on the pressing question of adequate housing facilities for a record enrollment, Dr. Kretzmann said that the acquisition of twelve new houses or buildings, a trailer camp for married veterans, buildings from the ordnance plant at Kingsford Heights, and the wholehearted cooperation of the citizens of Valparaiso have solved the problem temporarily but that the most critical peak in enrollment will be reached in September, 1946. At that time 500,000 veterans will try to enter American colleges and universities. Valparaiso has already received approximately 100 applications. This figure, added to an enrollment of 850-900 in the semester beginning in February, 1946, forcibly points out the advisability of making available housing facilities for 1,200 students during the next five years. Dr. Kretzmann declared that the University does not desire or plan any ill-advised expansion. Property investments made by the University in the past years are sound investments and will be of value to the University over a period of ten to fifteen years.

University authorities expect the February enrollment to establish Valparaiso as the largest Lutheran university in the country. Dr. Kretzmann believes that there are two important contributing factors in Valparaiso's phenomenal growth during the past year: (1) the fine work done by the Army and Navy Commission in making the opportunity for higher education at Valparaiso known to our Lutheran servicemen; (2) the growing consciousness of the need for religion in educational programs at the university level.

President Kretzmann reported that discipline has been good and that student morale has been high in spite of the difficult war years and in spite of the inevitable postwar period of adjustment and re-adjustment. This, he declared, is a period of challenge to all of us. We must meet this challenge. It will require additional effort on our part as well as earnest, whole-hearted, and consecrated cooperation for a great and noble cause.

In response to a question from the floor Dr. Kretzmann explained the system used by the American Association of Universities in rat-

ing American universities. The A. A. U. grades American universities on three counts: library, faculty, and financial standing. Valparaiso easily meets the requirements on the first two points but cannot gain A. A. U. recognition at present because the average student indebtedness is still much too high. Just as soon as the average student indebtedness can be reduced, Valparaiso will be admitted to the A. A. U., and women graduates will become eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women.

In reply to another question Dr. Kretzmann stated that work on two new dormitories will be under way just as soon as materials are available.

Miss Nicolay then presented the Rev. Fred L. Miller, head of the Public Relations Department. The Rev. Mr. Miller spoke briefly of a plan to solve the basic problems of financing the ambitious new expansion program. He outlined the remarkable progress which has been made. He said that Valparaiso is liked and respected. It has built up an impressive amount of good will. Opportunity is still our watchword. We have reached a crossroad, and we must work with increased intensity, not only to maintain our present position but to bring our hopes and our dreams to full fruition.

The Rev. Mr. Miller asked the Guild to throw its full strength behind the current L. U. A. Membership drive, to encourage congregational representatives in their unselfish work, and to solicit and encourage individual gifts. The cause is a great one, he said, and the rewards for our efforts will inevitably be completely satisfying.

Dr. Kretzmann endorsed the Rev. Mr. Miller's requests and emphasized the fact that a successful L. U. A. drive in February will bring the University triumphantly over the hill and a long step nearer financial stability.

A brief period of general discussion brought out interesting details on the relationship existing between the University and the Synod, as well as a general report on the direct and comprehensive supervision exercised over women students at Valparaiso.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p. m.

The next meeting was called to order by the president at 2:15 p. m. Miss Nicolay introduced Dr. Marshall J. Jox, instructor in the University School of Law and director of the University Personnel Program. Dr. Jox's excellent address, "The College Person-

nel Program," presented the salient facts pertaining to this new and important phase of educational guidance. A comprehensive program, formulated by Dr. Jox and instituted at Valparaiso in the fall of 1943, includes the following advantages and provisions: (1) pre-college counselling, (2) a Freshman Days Program, and (3) an attempt to assign students to quarters suited to their individual needs and personalities. Twenty-two faculty members serve as student counsellors. In their work with and for the students the counsellors are guided by the following precepts: (a) the determination to assist the student to make his own decisions, (b) the proposal to maintain discipline by self-government with a minimum of supervision, (c) the co-ordination of all services, including the University Health Service, and (d) a plan to build up a cordial relationship with fifty of the largest corporations in the United States to insure desirable openings for Valparaiso graduates.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, then presented the by-laws drawn up for the proposed state organizations.

A short musical program, presented by students in the Music School, followed the first reading of the proposed by-laws. Miss Dorothy Hoffman, accompanied by Miss Ruth Ross, played three delightful marimba solos, and Mr. Van Kussrow, ably supported by Miss Anna Boda at the piano, sang a group of tenor solos. This pleasant interlude elicited prolonged applause from the audience.

A lengthy discussion followed the second reading of the proposed by-laws. Dr. Kretzmann took part in the question period and expressed his whole-hearted approval of the plan to create state organizations. Mrs. Rosenbusch moved that Article VIII, Section 1, be amended to read "Chapters within this state unit shall, by registration or other means, assume the responsibilities of all operating expenses of this state unit, including stationery, postage, and travel expenses of the state officers, and all expenses incurred by the annual meeting of this unit." Mrs. Wm. Schmeling seconded the motion. Carried. Mrs. Charles Farnsworth moved that the corrected and amended state by-laws be accepted by the Executive Board. Mrs. Schmeling seconded the motion. Carried. Mrs. Hoppe presented a subsidiary motion to postpone voting on Mrs. Farnsworth's motion until the corrected and amended by-laws could be

read in full in the Thursday morning session. Mrs. Holtz seconded the motion. Carried.

Adjournment followed at 5:55 p. m. The meeting was closed with prayer and with the singing of the hymn, "Now the Day is Over."

The final session was opened at 9:30 a. m. Thursday morning, January 24, with the singing of a hymn and the responsive reading of the sixty-seventh Psalm led by Mrs. E. F. Stegman. Mr. Newman W. Powell again served as accompanist.

Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert read the corrected and amended by-laws. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner moved that Article IV, Section 4, be deleted since it had become superfluous. Mrs. John Strietelmeier seconded the motion. Carried.

Miss Nicolay then called for a vote, and the state organization by-laws were adopted.

Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, Executive Secretary of the Guild, presented a resume of her work during the past year. She pointed out the importance of continuing a constant search for new members and new chapters. There can be no relaxation of effort if we are to achieve our exalted goal.

Miss Lois Sohn, Publicity Secretary, was introduced by Mrs. Schwiebert. Miss Sohn outlined a four-point program designed to keep the University before the public and to bring about a closer working basis between Guild chapters and the Public Relations Department. She suggested (1) that we inform her department of the achievements of Valparaiso alumni and alumnae, (2) that we send to her or to Mrs. Schwiebert clippings pertaining to the University, (3) that the story of this and other Board meetings be given wide publicity, and (4) that we strive to obtain an outlet for special articles about the University in newspapers and church papers.

At this time Mrs. Schwiebert's report was interrupted to permit a vote for a nominating committee. The chair appointed Mrs. William Holtz and Mrs. John Strietelmeier to act as tellers.

While the ballots were being counted, Miss Nicolay announced that the Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Buffalo, N. Y., chapters had been assigned to the Ohio State Unit; that the Waterloo, Iowa, and the St. Louis, Mo., chapters had been assigned to the Illinois State Unit, and that the St. Paul, Minn., chapter had been assigned to the Wisconsin State Unit.

Mrs. Holtz reported that Mrs. Arnold F. Scherer, Mrs. Karl Henrichs, Mrs. H. W. Bartels, Mrs. Forrest Palmer, and Mrs. Archibald McKay had been elected to serve on the nominating committee.

At 10:30 o'clock the meeting recessed for chapel.

After the recess Mrs. Schwiebert called for the report of chapter chairmen. Many interesting and novel programs and ideas were presented. One note ran through all these programs—a note of the zeal and the enthusiasm which motivate the chapters and the chapter chairmen in their work for the Guild.

After the report of the chapter chairmen Mrs. Schwiebert brought her own report to a close with a challenging discussion of the subject, "What is a Guild Member Worth?" She called our attention to the true worth of a Guild member as it is measured and evaluated in our individual efforts for the Guild; she reminded us of the goal we have set for ourselves; to grow in number, to grow in value, and to grow in spiritual dedication.

Miss Nicolay announced the appointment of Mrs. Karl Kurth as State Chairman for Missouri.

Mrs. Arthur A. Taube moved that the Executive Board authorize the Treasurer, Mrs. Penson, to transfer Guild funds to the L. U. A. at the close of the present fiscal year. Mrs. Farnsworth seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Taube moved that Professor Willard Anderson be asked to audit the books of the Guild treasurer. Mrs. Birner seconded the motion. Carried.

Miss Nicolay thanked the officers of the Guild, the members of the committees, the students, Mrs. Schwiebert, and all who had been of service during the meetings for their loyal support and cooperation.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried at 12:25 p. m. The meeting was closed with a short devotion conducted by Dr. Kretzmann. Miss Mary Wachholz served as accompanist.

Respectfully submitted.

Anne L. Hansen  
(Mrs. Walter A. Hansen)

## Report of Executive Secretary

(January 24, 1946)

Again it is my privilege to come before you to give an account of my stewardship. Again I want to express my appreciation for the very fine cooperation you have given to this office. Your response to our letters and inquiries has been wonderful. We are constantly striving to improve the efficiency and the usefulness of our facilities; and you can help us by offering your suggestions and by telling us when we are in error.

All of you have been receiving letters regarding names on our mailing list. We are most grateful for your helpfulness. Many names have been added to our list through the course of the years upon the suggestion of this or that university representative who hoped that that individual might become interested in the work of the University. Just yesterday I had a letter from a Guild member who asked me to put a certain pastor on the list. It seems that while a guest in her home, he had seen a copy of the Guild Bulletin and requested that he might receive it regularly. (Now shall we allow a mere man to enter the sacred files of Guild membership? Or shall we find out discreetly whether or not he has a wife and enter it in her name?) However, I do know that this particular pastor is interested in having a chapter in his community so we will certainly see that a copy reaches him. But we have been trying to bring our mailing list up-to-date. We have checked with our chapters the names we have from their communities which didn't appear on chapter lists. We have tried to determine just which names should be dropped and which retained so that our bulletin might do the most possible good. We have now reached the point where we have several hundred names from localities where there are no chapters. We shall now send letters to each of these persons asking them if they care to become individual members of the Guild.

We have had some difficulty with checking our lists because some chapters send us only what they term "Active" members, meaning those members who pay dues and take an active part in the projects of the organization. Many chapters have "inactive" members, those who because of ill health or other infirmity pay dues but do not take part in chapter activities. We would ask you to in-

\*\* Someone has said the saddest words of all history are "There was no room for them in the inn". Surely the next saddest may be "There was no room for them at Valparaiso".

clude all such members on your list for mailing, for anyone who pays the \$1.00 dues is a member of the Guild and should receive the various publications.

In order to simplify the work of the chapter secretaries, we plan to send you a questionnaire to be returned at the close of the Guild year in June with all the information listed which this office would like to have.

We would like to call your attention to the display board. The floor plans shown there of Guild Hall are not the final plans but are displayed merely to give you an idea of the immense amount of care and effort which has been expended to bring these plans to fruition. You will notice that Guild stickers are still available and have proven themselves very useful for programs, stationery, menus, etc. Also available are three sizes of cuts of the Guild emblem suitable for printers' use. Please order all of these items through this office. The literature, also, can be supplied by us if we know exactly what your problem is, whether to interest students, to acquaint more people with the university generally, or to further Guild work. The Publicity Secretary, Miss Lois Sohn, will be very happy to supply you with information which can be used as program notes or newspaper articles in your communities. When you are announcing a local party or event, a bit of general Valpo information can often be inserted and Miss Sohn's office will be happy to send information tailor-made to fit your needs. Incidentally, the Publicity office would be very glad to receive news notes about outstanding alumni in your congregation or community. Our alumni are our product and we are anxious to know when it proves superior. But we find our people very reluctant to talk about themselves so if you know of a Valpo student who is making a success in church and community life, please tell Miss Sohn about it. It makes interesting reading for other students and provides good ammunition for the publicity office.

The Torch office very generously contacted me to inquire if the Guild would be interested in extra copies of THE TORCH. I assured them we would be. The Administrative Committee has often talked of the possibility of sending THE TORCH to this entire group. But so far, we have not felt justified in adding that expense to our budget. Now, however, THE TORCH has offered to send any extra copies each week to our board members. So if you receive a copy of THE TORCH one

week, only to miss the next two or three, you will understand why. It's because the printer can't count.

We hope you have liked the Guild Bulletin and we want to thank all of you who sent copies of your Christmas Musicales programs to this office. We would love to have reports of all your major projects so that our Chapter Chatter column could continue to grow.

You will note that we have added a copy of the basketball schedule to your equipment. We like to give things to people just out of the goodness of our hearts but very often we have a very definite motive for our generosity. This time it is university publicity. For a long time many of us have wondered what we could do as individuals to make the world more conscious of our university. We believe that if each one of us would call up his home town paper or radio station about ten o'clock each night of a basketball game and ask for the score of the Valparaiso-Whateveritis basketball game, we would soon convince that sports editor or radio announcer that he has a large public just gasping for that information and he would begin to supply it without being asked. Will you do that? Next Saturday night, for instance, will you, and all your chapter members, call up your paper about ten o'clock and ask for the score of the Valparaiso-Butler game? Next fall we will try to supply the whole membership with schedules at the convention and really go "all out."

Now there is another thing you can do to help. The university as mentioned, maintains a publicity office. This office continually sends out information about the academic, social, athletic, and other aspects of the school. But they have no way of measuring their results. They could subscribe to a Clipping Bureau which for a certain sum of \$\$\$\$\$ would be glad to send us any and all clippings pertaining to the school. But we have figured out a way to secure the same result and save those \$\$\$\$ for a better cause. Each of us could make it a point to clip any article we see which mentions the University in any way and send it to Miss Sohn or to me. If we have three thousand readers all over the country acting as a clipping bureau we can do a far better job than any agency. Keep your scissors handy, clip every mention of the university, good or bad, and send it to us here.

Many of you have asked about the Choir and the possibility of it making a tour. I am told that it is considering a short one-week



tour this year and a longer one next year. Now, if you would like to sponsor an appearance by the Choir, will you let me know? I'll pass this information along to the right parties. Then I am sure you will realize that it cannot visit all of you in any given year; that one year it will go east, another west, and so on. If it does decide to appear in your community, we may call upon you for housing the approximately 75 members of the party and possibly to provide a meal or two for them. If that should happen, we know you will understand, too, that what singers eat just before a concert is equally as important as what athletes eat before an athletic contest. Probably the manager will send you a suggested menu (for it isn't always wise to trust to luck. Maybe they would get baked beans or macaroni and cheese five nights in a row.)

Before we hear reports from state chairmen I want to remind you again of how you can help to spread the work of the Guild by trying to interest those communities which may be near you. For instance, the Hammond chapter held a Guest Night in November and entertained ladies from East Chicago and Gary, Indiana, and Lansing, Illinois. Many of these ladies became acquainted for the first time with the work of the Guild and will be a real help to us in establishing new chapters in their communities. You can also help by sending us the new address of the members who move from your community, if you have it. For instance, over in Columbus, Ohio, one of their very good members suddenly found herself, along with her husband's job, transferred to Denver. This office immediately sent her a list of former and present students living in Denver and we hope to eventually see a Guild chapter blossoming there. So if you have a member moving to Los Angeles, or Tacoma, or Miami, or Boston, try to interest her in continuing her membership as an individual member and to help us, perhaps, spread the work of the Guild into her new community.

And now it is my pleasure to present to you those women who have consented to undertake the responsible task of furthering the work of the Guild as State Chairmen in their various states. Some of them will be familiar faces, some new to you. But we know you wish all of them God's blessing on their noble work and that you will give them every possible aid and assistance. Many of them have just received their appointment and could not possibly have a report but we want you to

meet them and to hear any remarks they may care to make.

We are very happy to note some new faces among our chapter representatives at this meeting from chapters which have been unable to attend recent meetings. We also greatly appreciate the reports sent in by those delegates who were unable to attend. We will now hear the reports of chapter presidents.

This is the time of year when we hear a great deal about taking inventory, of determining assets and liabilities, of income and taxes, of taking stock generally. In line with this trend in the air it occurred to me to wonder "What is a Guild member Worth?"

Not long ago Miss Sohn's office released a statement which stuck with me somehow: that the university income for last year contributed by its friends and supporters reached the sum of some \$263,000. Let us suppose, for the sake of round figures (and some of us lean a little toward round figures) that the net income after bills for printing and what-not were paid amounted to \$240,000. Some time ago I recall hearing President Kretzmann relating an experience he had had at a meeting of college presidents. It seems the talk got around to endowments. An endowment, you know, is something left to a university which produces income for the university. Usually it is in the form of funds which must be invested under very strict regulations. It seems that President Kretzmann told the group that Valparaiso University was unique in that it possessed a "living endowment." And he explained that the university is operated from year to year on the gifts it receives from its friends and supporters. Some of his listeners were startled to think that a university could operate on anything so uncertain as annual gifts. All of which merely shows that his hearers did not know the depth of loyalty or the strength of determination of those friends of the university.

I did a little research into endowments. I learned that if your endowment was not at least \$2,000,000 you were not even listed in the World Almanac. I did some more thinking about endowments. I asked Professor Goehring what the average rate of income was from funds invested as endowments. As I said, there are a lot of restrictions surrounding such funds. They cannot be invested in just any manner, you can't take a "flyer" in the stock exchange. Professor Goehring tells me that a rate of 2½% is considered good for endowment investments. Now, how much

money would the university have to invest at 2½% to realize an income of \$240,000? (Having just passed a course in high school algebra with my son I felt qualified to tackle this.) The answer is \$9,600,000. Is it any wonder that President Kretzmann can "point with pride" to his living endowment?

But I told you I set out to answer the question "What is a Guild member worth?" You have all heard the story of the chemist who measured the worth of a human being by analyzing the various elements found in our makeup, so much iron, so much magnesium, so much phosphorus, so much iodine, and so on. Figured at prevailing prices he concluded the human being was worth about 97c. But I knew a Guild member was worth more than that. We might approach the problem two ways. The Guild last year added to the University funds \$17,908.97. Let's call it \$18,000. Now we can divide that by the 3,000 members of the Guild and say each one is worth just \$6.00. (Try comparing that with the figures for your local chapter sometime and satisfy your curiosity as to what a Guild member is worth.) But that is purely income. Let's approach it again from the endowment viewpoint. What amount of money invested at 2½% would yield \$18,000? The answer to that one is \$720,000, which is a respectable figure in anyone's language. Now, what is a Guild member worth? Again we divide by our 3,000 members and discover that each of us is worth \$240 invested by the university at 2½%. Not bad. But as a woman and a Guild member I believe we can prove to the University that, along with other commodities, the value of Guild members is also rising; and that another year will show that as we grow in numbers we will also grow in value.

Madame President, this completes my report.

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### Report of the Activities Committee

Madam Chairman and Fellow-workers:

I feel highly honored in being allowed to address you in this way. But I do so with fear and trembling; because I know that I will never be able to meet the ideals and standards set for this committee by Mrs. Vogel, the former chairman.

As most of you know, I have been a member of this committee for a long time; but I have never felt that I quite understood its

aims and purposes. Now, as chairman, I will have to know.

So I am coming to you for information.

This can hardly be called a "report"; it is rather a questionnaire. I want to find out what you as chairmen of Chapters would like to have in the way of help in planning your various activities.

Mrs. Vogel has at times given you detailed descriptions of the pageants and other material which the committee has on file. She has also asked that Chapters send to the committee a report on some of their outstanding activities. So far very few reports have been received. Won't you please keep the committee informed?

These are my suggestions:

Have the committee prepare and make up a booklet listing all of the material on file, doing so under separate headings, such as: Promotional, Educational, Money Making.

Under Promotional list a number of speakers from the University who could and would tell of the studies and advantages which Valparaiso has to offer.

Under Educational list Motion Pictures, Travel Lectures, etc. and information as to where these might be secured.

Under Money-making Activities list Pageants, Musicales, Teas, Hobby exhibits, etc., again giving enough information about each for you to be able to judge whether that particular activity might be of interest to your chapter; viz., give the name of the pageant, a short description of it, the number of characters required, the length of time needed for presentation, etc. Christmas Musical: record several complete programs, and the same for all other activities.

You will recall that we list Quilt exhibits as one of the money-making activities. The information here would tell how to appeal for exhibits, give a bibliography of Quilt information (this happens to be one of my hobbies so I know that there is a great deal of interesting information connected with it. For instance, the first American flag to be carried into battle against an enemy fleet was made of scraps; white from a wedding dress, red from a flannel petticoat, and blue from a soldier's coat). Then, too, we could take from the many pamphlets available from magazines any ideas which might be suitable for Valparaiso Guild -- list them with the publisher, etc. keeping the original on file.

I feel that the Guild has a very special mission in the field of Education. Better educa-

tion for adults is being urged all the time. So I would certainly endeavor to secure a good listing under this particular heading.

Take for example the field of Social Service. Not many of our girls are entering this field and yet I am informed that it is wide open; and it certainly is a place where one could serve the community, the country, and the church. Wouldn't it be fine if we could become better informed about it so that we could encourage girls to follow this course of study?

I'll not go into any further detail, I am sure you understand my point, and if this suggestion of a booklet of information about activities, promotional, educational, and money-making, meets with your approval, the committee will endeavor to prepare such a booklet and have it ready for distribution at the Fall convention. We would also plan to send out supplementary information at various times. Madam Chairman, the Activities committee is waiting your decision, and is ready and anxious to go to work.

Mrs. E. N. Moore, Chairman

**BY-LAWS**

The following By-Laws governing the State Units were adopted by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE I — Name**

This organization shall be known as the .....State Unit of the Valparaiso University Guild.

**ARTICLE II — Affiliation**

The.....State Unit is 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.

**ARTICLE III — Purpose**

The Purpose of this organization shall be

1. To further the objects and the projects of the national Guild, especially
  - a) to create and develop a greater interest in Valparaiso University as an institution of Christian higher learning.
  - b) to assist in increasing student enrollment.
2. To unite all members of chapters within this district for mutual strengthening and for furthering the interest and participation in the activities of the Guild.
3. To bring to the attention of a greater number of women the value and needs of Valparaiso University by presenting an inspirational and educational program.

4. To encourage the formation of additional chapters within the boundaries of this state unit.

**ARTICLE IV — Membership**

Membership in this organization shall consist of

1. All members of regularly constituted chapters of the Valparaiso University Guild within the boundaries of the state of.....
2. All members of chapters and Individual members in nearby states not organized as a state unit as have been assigned to this state by the Administrative Committee of the national Guild.
3. All Individual Members of the national Guild residing within the boundaries of this state unit.

**ARTICLE V — Officers and Duties**

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. The president shall promote the work of the .....State Unit. She shall preside at all meetings of the .....State Unit and of the State Board. She shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for with the approval of the State Board.

Section 3. The vice-president shall assist the president in promoting the work of the unit and she shall perform all duties of the president in her absence or at her request.

Section 4. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the State Unit and of the State Board. She shall conduct all correspondence of the organization under the direction of the president.

Section 5. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the receipts and disbursements of this state unit. She shall pay all bills authorized by the president. All payment shall be by check signed by the president and the treasurer.

**ARTICLE VI — The State Board**

Section 1. The State Board shall consist of all duly elected officers and the Field Secretary or Field Secretaries for this State Unit.

Section 2. The State Board shall conduct the business of the state unit in the interim between meetings.

Section 3. The State Board shall arrange for the annual meeting of the state unit.

Section 4. The State Board shall meet at the call of the president or upon the request of any two members of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII — Nominations and Elections

Section 1. All voting shall be by secret ballot. Each member of the unit has the privilege of voting.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the State Board and shall present a slate of at least two candidates for each office at the annual meeting of the state unit.

Section 3. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years and shall be eligible for one re-election.

## ARTICLE VIII — Funds

Section 1. Chapters within this State Unit shall, by registration or other means, assume the responsibilities of all operating expenses of this State Unit including stationery, postage, and travel expenses of the State officers, and all expenses incurred by the annual meeting of this unit.

Section 2. Any residue from such sums as may be collected shall be sent direct to the National Treasurer at the close of each fiscal year for the Special Fund of the Guild.

Section 3. The books of the state unit shall be examined annually by an auditing committee appointed by the president with the approval of the State Board.

## ARTICLE IX — Meetings

This state unit shall meet annually in the sixty-day period immediately following the National Guild Convention at a place designated by the State Board. Each meeting shall be attended by a member of the National Administrative Committee. A Quorum shall consist of not less than three officers and representatives of one-third the total chapters within the State Unit.

## ARTICLE X — Amendments

Section 1. Amendments must be in complete harmony and accord with the National Guild By-Laws and may be added to this constitution by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Section 2. This constitution shall be amended upon the request of the national Guild for the purpose of uniformity and to comply with any subsequent decisions of the Guild.

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\*\* Registration for the winter semester which opened on February 5 has reached 958; 441 men, 517 women. Approximately 250 are veterans.



## DEAR MEMBERS:

When I attended our National Convention last October, I spent a week at Valpo because the tragic accident was part of my concern. I left Valparaiso filled with gratitude and thankfulness for the prompt medical attention each of the innocently injured students received and the personal interest given them by all members of the Faculty and the student body. It is only at Valparaiso University that such Unity could prevail.

Only after I arrived home did I first realize that I had been elected to the office of National Treasurer. I am proud to fill this position and it is my aim, with Divine direction and aid, to carry out these duties to the best of my ability. It is a privilege to associate and to work with such an excellent group of women. I appreciate the confidence displayed by electing me to this office.

However, I will need your assistance and cooperation to carry on this work efficiently; hence, a few simple suggestions:

1. Please send all names and *addresses* of \$5.00 memberships, as the L.U.A. requires this information for their records.

2. To enable us to acknowledge Memorial Wreaths, please include the name and *address* of the donor.

3. Just a reminder—Do not forget to send

the \$5.00 "Guild Special" for our silver service before June 15th.

4. All monies for the fiscal year must be forwarded to me before June 15th so that chapters receive proper credit. (The University closes its books on June 30th).

May your chapter be successful in all its endeavors and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. G. E. Penson,  
7839 S. Paxton Ave.,  
Chicago 49, Illinois.

Frieda J. Penson,  
Treasurer.



MEMORIAL WREATHS



Memorial Wreath gifts were received through the following chapters:

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Chicago Chapter                 |         |
| Jack Meilahn .....              | \$ 1.00 |
| Detroit Chapter                 |         |
| Mrs. F. A. Stendel )            |         |
| Mrs. George Kurz ) .....        | 19.00   |
| Mrs. Harriet Woodruff )         |         |
| Flint Chapter                   |         |
| Mrs. Hattie Mossner .....       | 5.00    |
| Fort Wayne Chapter              |         |
| Clara Gerke .....               | 4.00    |
| Mr. Otto Sauerteig .....        | 5.00    |
| Mrs. Lena Rippe .....           | 5.00    |
| Mrs. Emil Luecke .....          | 3.00    |
| Lapeer-Hadley Chapter           |         |
| Mrs. Hattie Kowalske .....      | 3.00    |
| Mr. Carl Jens .....             | 7.00    |
| Lorain County Chapter           |         |
| Herman W. Leppien, U.S.M.C..... | 5.00    |
| Milwaukee Chapter               |         |
| Mrs. A. Liedtke .....           | 5.00    |
| Mrs. E. Mintzloff .....         | 5.00    |
| Mrs. A. S. Wolter .....         | 3.00    |
| Mrs. Alma Liedtke .....         | 10.00   |
| Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter    |         |
| Mr. Wm. Steinfeldt .....        | 10.00   |
| Mr. Robert Nave .....           | 5.00    |
| Pittsburgh Chapter              |         |
| The Rev. G. A. Mueller .....    | 23.00   |
| Saginaw Chapter                 |         |
| Mr. George Bernthal .....       | 3.00    |
| Mr. Oscar D. Hill .....         | 10.00   |
| Mrs. J. Klein, Sr. ....         | 6.00    |
| Miss Margaret Rummel .....      | 2.00    |
| The Rev. Carl Schoenow .....    | 5.00    |
| Mr. Walter Voorhees .....       | 2.00    |
| Mr. George Weber .....          | 5.00    |

Chapter Chatter

MONROE, MICHIGAN -- This lively group has been occupied with a rummage sale, the continuous sale of paper products and Sunflower dishcloths, a Christmas Musicale and Tea, Christmas Cookie sale, and a Christmas Covered Dish Dinner which was enjoyed by fifty members and guests. Future events include a Valentine Box Social and a White Elephant Sale. The Rainy and Sunny Day project continues throughout the year and realizes an appreciable sum. This chapter has completed its present project, a \$500 student room in Guild Hall, and is inquiring into the possibility of an additional undertaking.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA -- This newly reorganized group added six new members at their second meeting. The university film "Building for Tomorrow" was shown and brought forth the following comment, "The Valparaiso film was very interesting to all of us, but especially so to the girls who were in the pictures." The Rev. H. L. Krueckeberg was elected spiritual advisor of the group.

FOX RIVER VALLEY, ILLINOIS -- On February 1 the chapter entertained members and guests at a delicious luncheon in the lovely and hospitable home of Mrs. William Gerber. Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert spoke on the work of the University and the Guild. Community singing was enjoyed. Five new members were added to the chapter at this meeting.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, Group II -- Has already increased its membership by fifty per cent.

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN -- is busy producing the pageant "Women of the Bible". It is planned for two performances on February 24 at Holy Cross Parish Hall under the direc-

\*\* Pledges to Guild Hall now total \$24,000.

tion of Mrs. Robert George, chairman. Birthdays of several members were recently celebrated, among them those of Mrs. Josephine Schmidt, 79 years young, and Mrs. Julius Braun, charter member who never misses a meeting despite her 80 years.

The October Rummage Sale under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry Martini was the usual success. Over one thousand dollars have been realized in three years from this project.

In November a card party and sale proved most profitable. Evidence of the activity of these ladies was the 150 aprons, as well as pajamas, pillow cases, purses, baby garments, mitts, etc., which they fashioned in their "spare" time. Mrs. Walter Duclos was chairman of the event.

Major activity for December was the traditional Christmas Musicales and Tea which included a presentation of a Christmas pageant, "The Nativity" with Miss Esther Neuman as narrator. Organist was Mr. Lothar Stolper who also accompanied violin selections by Mr. C. W. Dietrich and vocal solos by Miss Lois Greening, soprano. The Saginaw Lutheran Chorus under the direction of Mr. Erhardt Hitzeman, The Trinity Girls Choir directed by Mr. Walter Moeller, and Miss Charlotte Bernthal, soprano, all contributed to the beauty of the program.

In the January meeting Mrs. Willare Ducharme reviewed "Cherokee Strip" to the delight and edification of the group. Mrs. Ducharme and Mrs. Wm. Sowatsky were accepted into Guild membership at this meeting.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI -- The Christmas Musicales was presented three times on December 9 to a total audience of approximately 6,000 people. The Seminary Chorus and the St. Louis A cappella Society provided the beautiful and inspiring program. The processional of the choirs, each member carrying a lighted electric candle which provided the only illumination, was beautifully impressive. Friends and guests were invited to supper in the parish hall following the concert which also contributed substantially to our treasury.

MAUMEE VALLEY, OHIO ---- President Mrs. Arthur Galler reports enthusiastic approval of the proposed State Unit By-Laws and believes we will accomplish much more by having state organizations. Highlight of the Guild year thus far was the Christmas Tea which included a cookie sale and bazaar of Christmas articles. In spite of "unusual

weather" (which seems to have prevailed over all the Middle West judging from reports of the Christmas Musicales) there was a fine attendance from surrounding communities. Other plans include the possibility of sponsoring a play or book review and a Lenten Tea. The chapter is pleased to report that attendance at meetings has doubled.

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Chapters who might be interested in sponsoring concerts by The University Choir next year should contact the Executive Secretary. A two-week spring tour is being planned for 1947, although the direction which the choir will take is as yet undetermined. This spring a short tour of five concerts is tentatively planned for eastern Indiana and western Ohio. It is necessary, of course, for the Choir to be assured of its expenses which include travel at 90c per mile and meals enroute. These expenses are determined for the entire trip by the Business Manager and allocated to the various concerts as equitably as possible.

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All members of the Guild will rejoice to welcome our new chapter in Dundee, Illinois, which was organized on February 1 with thirteen charter members. Miss Hilda Bollman is president of the new group and she will be assisted by Mrs. O. J. Bollman, vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Mueller, secretary, and Miss Olive Wendt, treasurer. We wish this new group all the joy and satisfaction we have found in our worthy cause and we know God will grant His richest blessings to their undertaking.

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One of the recent chapters to sponsor a room in Guild Hall is Plymouth, Wisconsin. This group joined too late to be included in the Guild Hall Campaign and takes this means of sharing in our task.

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Just a reminder that the Executive Secretary would like to receive your Guild history. We are particularly interested in the date your chapter was organized and its growth in numbers. Please send them before the close of the Guild year in June.

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The Spanish department is interested in obtaining any sort of record player, a portable phonograph preferred. If you have and would care to donate such an instrument, send it to the Executive Secretary.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The Administrative Committee is very happy to announce the following additional appointments which have been accepted since the publication of our January issue.

Activities Committee: Mrs. N. E. Bishop.  
State Chairmen:

Wisconsin: Miss Lydia E. Schultz,  
2328 N. 21st Street,  
Milwaukee 6, Wisconsin.

Missouri: Mrs. Karl Kurth,  
2943 University Street,  
St. Louis 7, Missouri.

Illinois: (northern) Mrs. A. A. Taube,  
1018 N. Grove Ave.,  
Oak Park, Illinois.  
(central) Mrs. E. T. J. Birner,  
1412 Charleston Ave.,  
Mattoon, Illinois.

**OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU**

The officers of the Guild take this opportunity to thank their friends for the many congratulatory messages received upon the election to their national offices. Your officers pledge their loyalty to the Guild and to the University and ask your prayers for God's guidance and help in the performance of their duties.

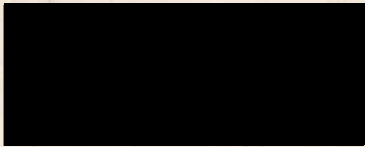
FRIEDA PENSON, Treas.  
ANNE HANSEN, Sec'y  
RUTH STEGMAN, 2nd V.P.  
ELLA PROEHL, 1st V.P.  
LOUISE NICOLAY, Pres.

\*\* "When you see a good man, think of emulating him; when you see a bad man, examine your own heart."

— Confucius, *Analects* (Giles, Tr.)

**PLEDGES TO GUILD HALL**

|                                                                          |         |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| The first floor reception room.....                                      | \$3,500 | — Saginaw, Michigan    |
| Office and lobby .....                                                   | \$2,500 | — Indiana Chapters     |
| Dining room chairs and tables.....                                       | \$2,500 | — Cleveland, Ohio      |
| Silver, glassware, and china.....                                        | \$2,500 |                        |
| Second floor living room.....                                            | \$2,000 | — Detroit, Michigan    |
| Third floor living room.....                                             | \$2,000 | — Chicago, Illinois    |
| Matron's suite, includes bedroom,<br>living room, bath, kitchenette..... | \$1,500 | — Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| Three student service rooms.....                                         | \$1,000 |                        |
|                                                                          | \$1,000 |                        |
|                                                                          | \$1,000 |                        |
| One guest room .....                                                     | \$ 750  |                        |
| 125 student rooms — \$500 each                                           |         |                        |
| Chicago West, Illinois                                                   |         |                        |
| Flint, Michigan                                                          |         |                        |
| Columbus, Ohio                                                           |         |                        |
| Merrill, Wisconsin) — (Memorial: Mrs. P. Amos Gruett)                    |         |                        |
| Detroit, Michigan — (Memorial: Helen Branch Higgins)                     |         |                        |
| Bay City, Michigan                                                       |         |                        |
| Bay City, Michigan                                                       |         |                        |
| Lansing, Michigan                                                        |         |                        |
| Chicago, Illinois — (Mrs. Henry Amling)                                  |         |                        |
| Fort Wayne, Indiana                                                      |         |                        |
| Mishawaka-South Bend, Indiana                                            |         |                        |
| Buffalo, New York                                                        |         |                        |
| Sheboygan, Wisconsin                                                     |         |                        |
| LaPeer-Hadley, Michigan                                                  |         |                        |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin — (Miss Olga Staatz, individual gift)               |         |                        |
| Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania                                                 |         |                        |
| St. Louis, Missouri                                                      |         |                        |
| Monroe, Michigan                                                         |         |                        |
| Plymouth, Wisconsin                                                      |         |                        |
| Mt. Clemens, Michigan                                                    |         |                        |



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