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The Young People's Luther League and the Choral Union of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America

Official Call for the First National Convention

Red Wing, Minnesota, May 16, 17, and 18, 1919

THE Executive Committee has accepted the kind invitation of the Lutherans of Red Wing and vicinity and of the Commercial Club of this city to hold the first Convention of the Young People's Luther League and the Choral Union of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America in Red Wing, Minnesota. The dates assigned are May 16, 17, and 18, 1919.

Representation

Any society of young people, of whatever name, affiliated with a congregation or institution of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, and District Circuit organizations, are entitled to membership with the following representation: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to two delegates; each District League is entitled to a representation equivalent to two delegates for each Circuit League constituting the District League, of which at least one delegate shall be chosen from each Circuit League. Members of the League who are not official delegates and pastors and professors of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America are entitled to participate in the Convention as advisory members. Any choir affiliated with a congregation or institution of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America is entitled to send all or as many of its members as possible.

Credentials

Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials. Credentials should be signed by the President and the Secretary of each organization, or by the pastor of the church. Credential blanks for delegates from any society can be secured gratuitously at once from the National Secretary, Prof. O. A. Tinglestad, Decorah, Iowa. All credentials should be properly filled out and presented by the delegates

to the Credentials Committee at Red Wing, upon reaching the city.

General Information

Delegates to the Convention should be elected now and their names sent to Mr. H. L. Hjermstad, Red Wing, Minn. He will provide lodging and breakfast for all who report their names to him. Remember to make reservations early. Similar reservations will be made for all choral union members. Names should be sent to Mr. Hjermstad as early as possible, and music ordered from the Augsburg Publishing House at once.

Local committees will meet all delegates and visitors at all trains, and see that all are properly cared for.

The main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway, the Cannon Valley branch of the same road, two branches of the Chicago Great Western, and the Burlington and Northern, 2½ miles over on the Wisconsin side, afford excellent transportation facilities.

The arrangement of the program is in the hands of an Executive Committee, and in a short time announcement will be made relative to the program in the church organs. Watch for the announcement of this excellent program.

The church organs will furnish official information each week in regard to the Convention, and after the Convention will furnish a full report of the proceedings.

If you are not a subscriber yet, you will do well to subscribe at once and secure these pre-convention numbers and also the official Convention report.

By direction of the Executive Committee,

—Ida M. Vigen.

Publicity Director of the Luth. Church Herald.

J. N. Brown, President,

O. A. Tinglestad, Secretary.

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National Young People's Luther League Convention

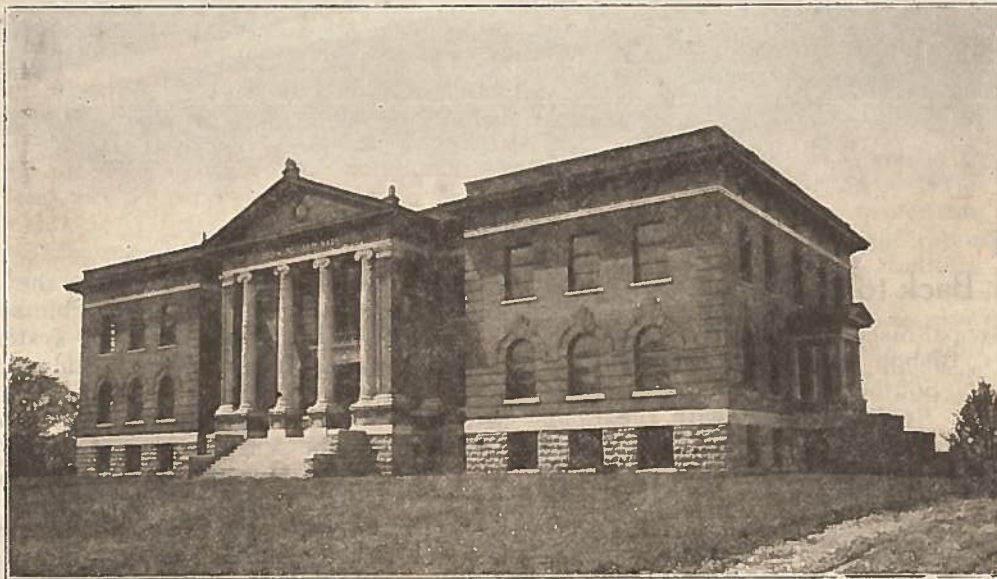
Red Wing, Minnesota, May 16, 17, and 18, 1919

IF you have not already done so, take your calendars and mark now a **Big Red Ring** around the dates, May 16, 17, and 18 for your attendance upon the forthcoming Convention of the Young People's Luther League and the Choral Union of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, at Red Wing, Minnesota.

By all means, do not miss this great Conven-

and an enthusiasm that cannot help but create a resolve to live better and to labor more than in the past. The value of Convention life to all who attend them is educational and inspirational—these two ideas cover a wide field; one balances the other.

Again you need to feel the grandeur of the work before you. In this Convention you will feel the nobility of your work and its great power.



Red Wing Seminary

tion. Think! Practically every one of the church schools and colleges will attend in a body. Both St. Olaf and Luther College bands and ball teams will be there.

Until you attend a convention of the Young People's Luther League you never know what numbers and talent there is in the Lutheran Church. This will be one of the greatest gatherings of Lutheran young people yet held in the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. Those fortunate enough to attend will not be disappointed. Seldom are held such assemblages as this will be. The Convention will be an inspiration from beginning to end—addresses, papers, music, and all will be characterized by sincerity, earnestness, spirituality,

Come to this Convention, get all you can, give all you can, carry home all you can, and when there, work all you can. You will then say of future Conventions that they are worth while.

Then think of hearing the Choral Union organization in one of its grand concerts on Sunday afternoon. A rare treat! And on Saturday afternoon to be able to witness the St. Olaf Luther College ball game. Also on Saturday afternoon the delegates and visitors will enjoy a delightful trip up the beautiful island-dotted Mississippi River on the Mississippi fleet.

Red Wing will receive you hospitably. They are looking for hosts in their city on those days. Come and enjoy three happy wholesome days with

the people of Red Wing. Clear everything out of the way and let us meet you there. You will return home refreshed in mind and in spirit, having attended a Convention which you will never forget—a better Leaguer and Christian for having gone.

Let the League Colors fly at Red Wing! Come young and old from near and far!

Follow the crowds to Red Wing, "The Desirable City."
—I. M. V.

cil of Trent closed with anathema sit (let him be damned) pronounced upon everyone who did not subscribe to every word. The three bishops in order to accomplish anything in this mission to the Vatican must be ready to subscribe to the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope and acknowledge him as the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. Are they prepared to do this? Are they ready to sanction the idolatrous Mary worship, the graft system built up



Lutheran Ladies' Seminary

Back to Rome

THREE Episcopal bishops, Bishop Weller of Fond du Lac, Wis., Bishop Anderson of Chicago, and Bishop Vincent of Southern Ohio, recently started on a pilgrimage to Rome to confer with the Pope about church union. There has been within the Episcopal church a tendency toward Rome. The Episcopal doctrine of "apostolic succession" is a point of contact with Roman Catholicism and a doctrine which makes union with Protestant bodies difficult. But what kind of union do they expect to bring about with the Pope? It seems remarkable that any Protestant living in this age should be so misinformed concerning the position of the Catholic Church as to believe that any reasonable union with this medieval institution can be effected. The Roman Church is the same today as it was in the days of Luther and the other reformers. The doctrines laid down by the Council of Trent 400 years ago are the doctrines of the Catholic Church today with the addition of the dogma about the papal infallibility proclaimed by the Vatican Council in 1870. The only way in which a union can be brought about between the Catholic Church and a Protestant church is by the Protestant church returning as a penitent and prodigal to the fold of the so-called "mother church" and accept in toto every doctrine fixed by this church. Every paragraph of the Coun-

cil of Trent closed with anathema sit (let him be damned) pronounced upon everyone who did not subscribe to every word. The three bishops in order to accomplish anything in this mission to the Vatican must be ready to subscribe to the doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope and acknowledge him as the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. Are they prepared to do this? Are they ready to sanction the idolatrous Mary worship, the graft system built up by the doctrine of purgatory? Are they willing to join in the condemnation of the Bible societies, introduce the demoralizing monastic system, and denounce the separation of church and state? These and many other doctrines they will have to accept before there can be any union with Rome. During the late war the Vatican was evidently in league with the central powers and failed to show sympathy with oppressed and plundered Belgium. In Ireland the Catholic Hierarchy openly opposed conscription (as they did in Canada) and tried to form an alliance with the German militarists against the cause of the Allies. Now again, after the armistice was signed, they are trying to muddle affairs for the peace conference and secure the aid of President Wilson in the support of the Catholic Sinn Fein party to organize open rebellion against the English government for the suppression of Protestant Ulster, and threaten, that if this is not attained, the League of Nations will be defeated in the United States Senate.

Why should Protestants from democratic America go across the water to kiss the feet of the arch-autocrat and the most despotic ruler in the world on the supposition that any union with this medieval institution should be of any benefit to the Christian Church? Let us try to preserve the liberty which the Church attained 400 years ago, when the great reformers, with Luther as the head and chief,

lic order and morals, so stated that each individual shall be protected in his freedom to choose his own religious faith and ecclesiastical connection. This statement should include the specific permission that a person of one faith shall have a right to change his religious faith and connections.

"Second: Freedom in the exercise of all forms of divine worship, public as well as private.

"Third: Freedom for missionary and educational work, and the right to purchase land and erect buildings for religious and educational purposes.

"It is felt to be important that these provisions should also be inserted in all the Mandates to the various States becoming Mandatories responsible to the League."

While we are asking for freedom for missionary and educational work among the heathen, we should at the same time keep an eye on the man in this country who in the name of patriotism proposes to shut down all parochial schools. Such persons need some information about real Americanism.

Y. P. L. L. Convention

THERE is much to encourage Luther Leaguers and members of the Choral Union in the coming National Convention at Red Wing, Minn., May 16-18.

It is the first general convention of young people held in our Church. It is to be held at a time when reconstruction problems face both the Nation and the Church as a result of the war. It has already become evident that the younger generation will be asked to take their part in the working out of the many after-war problems, and we are anxious to learn the various duties and responsibilities resting upon us. Alive to its task, the Church is encouraging the co-operation of its younger members as never before. At all its District conventions the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America expects to give serious consideration to the Young People's work so-called. At least one session of the convention's time is being set aside for this purpose, and the League is being asked to furnish speakers to lead in the discussion of the League's program, its problems, and possibilities. The Church is going further than that. To encourage the League in its work, it expects its officers to propose at the coming District conventions that the executive secretary of the League be recognized as a church officer with the same backing and support that is being given other general secretaries—educational, pension, and mission secretaries.

We feel more and more how fortunate it was that the Young People's Luther League was organized at the same time as the Church body to which it belongs. It will now more easily grow up with the Church, become a part of its activity and be called upon to share its responsibilities. And we need an intelligent young people's organization which knows its place and is alive to its possibilities. In order the better to fill our place and solve our problems we need to get better acquainted. We need to become more conversant with our task. We need the inspiration of joint discussion and joint

action. We need the enthusiasm for our task that will come from a convention like the one to which we now are being invited. The Red Wing convention will give us the chance we have looked for of coming into our own.

It will be an inspiring convention. Delegates will be there from Leagues from the various quarters of our Church. The Choral Union is looking for a large representation. Our many educational institutions will be represented with large delegations. In fact, it is the first time that such large numbers of students from our institutions will be gathered together and take part in the discussions at a church convention. Northfield sends word through its president, Prof. L. W. Boe, that St. Olaf College expects to send its entire faculty and student body of 525 to the convention. Decorah will be represented with a great many Luther College students, Luther Leaguers, and choir members. Other institutions and centers will also be well represented. What unlimited possibilities for good this convention may have!

And when we look at the program, every interested church member will no doubt feel a desire to attend. The work of the convention has been so arranged that there is the proper distribution of the devotional element, of constructive study, and of entertainment, to make it a well balanced convention program. We shall have the services of some of the best talent in the Church. Leaders in the political life of the Northwest will lend the results of their experience toward making the program a success. Music will be provided by our splendid Choral Union and by the bands from Luther College and St. Olaf College, and an exciting baseball contest between these two institutions is in prospect. The convention should be worth our while indeed.

And then there is Red Wing ready to entertain us, as beautiful and hospitable a city as we have in the Northwest. We feel sure that this convention will go down in history as one of our most important, profitable, and enjoyable meetings. We hope every one who possibly can will come. May God richly bless our convention and make it a source of much blessing to our Church and its work.

—N. M. Ylvisaker,

Executive Secretary Luther League

Choirs and Singers, Attention!

YOU all know about the Choral Union Convention to be held at Red Wing, Minn., May 16, 17, 18, in conjunction with the Y. P. L. You have seen the announcements; you have received the Choral Union Bulletin giving the details of the arrangements. But you are postponing making your decision as to going to the convention, not being certain as to whether you can go. We would urge upon all choirs within reasonable distances of the convention city that they do not let this opportunity go by. It is going to be a great meeting. Excellent programs, with the enthusiasm and inspiration that go with numbers, and to sing for such an audience will be an exceptional pleasure and opportunity.

Here are a few of the "units" that have already indicated that they are coming to Red Wing: The Duluth choir, Rev. J. H. Stenberg's charge; Bethel choir of Min-

neapolis; the Luther College chorus; the Decorah choir, the Luther Seminary chorus; the Spring Grove, Minn., choir; the St. Olaf College choir, and the St. Olaf College Choral Union having a membership of almost 400. Besides these the choruses of the Ladies' Seminary and Hauge's Seminary, both of Red Wing, as well as the choirs of Red Wing are sure to be prepared to take part. We should have no less than a thousand singers according to these indications.

The program to be sung is such that every number will serve as your regular choir anthems, so by all means get it and prepare the songs even though, just now, you are not certain of going. At the last moment you may find it possible to go as a choir or some individual might be able to go. Program pamphlet for sale at Augsburg Publishing House.

Membership cards will be issued to all singers. These will be your official credentials. Upon presentation of the card to the proper committee you will be assigned lodging place. The card must also be shown at each rehearsal, and no one can sing at the concert on Sunday afternoon without presenting his membership card at the chorus entrance. Get these cards as soon as possible by writing to Rev. J. O. Dreng, 350 W. George St., St. Paul, sending him a list of the singers and the part each one sings. This must be done before April 30th. Otherwise we shall be imposing a great deal of work upon the local committee at the last moment.

Remember this is not like going to a big city such as Chicago, Minneapolis, or St. Paul with their hundreds of hotels. The Red Wing committees want to take care of every one that comes and will give each one personal attention; but we must give them the chance by sending in our names in time.

P. M. GLASOE.

A Worth While Convention

Enthusiasm + Information — Self × Activity ÷ by Each Delegate = A Good Convention

THIS will be proven beyond a doubt at the general Young People's Luther League and the Choral Union Convention of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America to be held at Red Wing, Minn., May 16, 17, 18, 1919. The entire three days, from Friday morning until Sunday evening, the young people will assemble in convention. This is the first General Convention of the League held since its organization meeting a year ago last June, when the young peoples' organizations of the three former Synods merged into one body, and preparations are going on at such a pace that it is reasonably expected it will be one of the most successful gatherings ever held by the young people of Norse extraction in America. All the church schools and institutions are permitting their students to attend in a body, large choirs from our schools and colleges have reported they will be present, and practically every local society in the Church will send representatives—this will be no small army—the Luther and St. Olaf bands as well as both ball teams will be there.

No Young People's Organization ought to let this opportunity go by of sending two delegates, and as many visitors as possible.

The excellent program, replete with sound Lutheran doctrine, the fellowship with numerous Christian young people presents a great opportunity. It affords the privilege of becoming acquainted with some of the ablest men of our Church and of hearing vital subjects of the day discussed. The Convention motto is to be "Creed and

Flag," and this is very appropriate, for the Young People's Luther League is whole-heartedly patriotic, and their aim is to prove adherence to their faith and loyalty to their land. The addresses will all be by prominent Lutherans and full of inspiring utterances.

And not only the program will be well worth the hearing. Who has not heard of Red Wing's fame as one of the beauty spots of America? Red Wing was selected as the convention city in competition with several larger cities not only because of its being a Lutheran educational center, but also because of the delightful outing it will afford one. Red Wing is most beautifully located in the heart of the most picturesque section of the upper Mississippi valley. On Saturday afternoon the delegates and visitors will enjoy an outing up the river.

Another prominent feature of the Convention will be the Grand Concert by the Choral Union—a patriotic body of 1500 singers, on Sunday afternoon.

Lutherans, young and old, far and near, ought to plan their vacation so they can take in this big event. The date is not far off. Follow the crowds to Red Wing—the hospitable people of this city are looking for hosts and are making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of all, irrespective of creed or racial descent.

—I. M. V.

Lines on the Occasion of the Death of Mother and Daughter of Dr.

O. M. NORLIE, 1918

Mother that tenderly loved you and lifted,
Olaf, in infancy growing and gifted—
Held you in hope till the harvesting years—
Mother departed this valley of tears.

Daughter, the darling you daily attended
Into the vistas of promise unended,
Guiding her spirit to oceans of love—
Daughter is gone to her Father above.

Mother and daughter together in glory
Visit your dreams in perennial story,
Wreathing the leaves of celestial May
Over your home and your heaven-bound way.

So we are told in the wisdom of Jesus:
Have we but faith, then His fellowship forces us
Now and at last from the land of our tears
Into our heaven of childhood years.

—Th. M. Bakke,

Chauvin, Alta., Can., January 5, 1919.

SIMEON'S SONG OF PRAISE

(Luke 20: 29-32)

(Mel.: "This is the Day the Lord hath made")

Now lettest Thou Thy servant, Lord,
This life in peace depart.
According to Thy gracious Word,
Hast Thou made glad my heart.

Because my eyes at last have seen
Salvation from our Lord,
Prepared and preached to sinful men,
That all may be restored.

A light divine has come to tell
The Gentiles of the way,
To bring benighted Israel
Her promised glory-day.

—C. K. SOLBERG.

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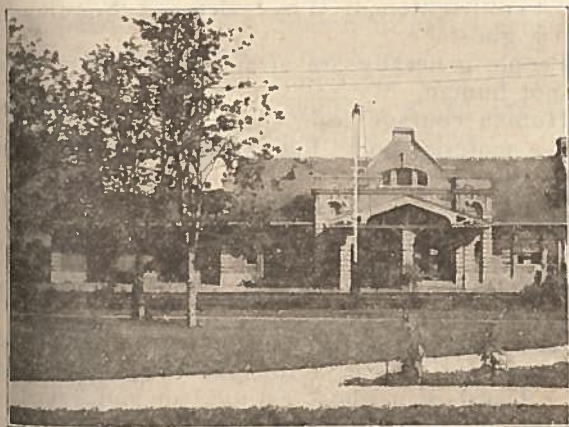
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ON TO RED WING COMING OF A GREAT LUTHERAN EVENT



Views from Barns Bluff



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Municipal Auditorium and Public Library

THE picturesque city of Red Wing will entertain the great Convention of the Young People's Luther League and the Choral Union of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America on May 16, 17, and 18, and this will be an event that no Lutheran can afford to miss. Spiritually, intellectually, and socially it will be a most worth-while gathering.

No more fitting Convention theme than "Creed and Flag" could be selected in this year of grace and adjustment of national affairs. The Committee has wisely selected men especially capable

of presenting the theme in addresses and papers, and the music and recreation of the Convention will make the Convention in every respect an inspiration and revelation. This Convention will prove that the League is an organization of exceptional strength in the quality of its membership and in the devotion to its cause. It will impress upon the public mind the fact that the Lutheran Church is a large and increasingly important factor among the religious denominations of the State.

It will be a great Convention: great in the number it will bring together; great in its theme; great

in the quality of the addresses; great in the spirit of fellowship aroused; great in the enthusiasm awakened for church and country; great in the spiritual uplift which it will give those who attend; great in the impression it will make on the city and surrounding territory; great in view of the patriotic, devotional music which the Choral Union—a body of 1500 excellent voices, assisted by noted soloists, will render, and also that of the St. Olaf and Luther College bands; and great in the nature of the entertainment planned for the delegates and visitors.



Home of the Red Wing Daily Republican, where the New National Anthem, "America, My Country," was written, and where it is being published.

On to Red Wing, Minnesota!

Every local young people's society within a congregation or institution belonging to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America is entitled to send two delegates and as many visitors as desired to the Convention. Excellent railroad facilities afford opportunity for reaching the Convention city. The main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, the Canon Valley branch of the same road, two branches of the Chicago Great Western, and the Burlington and Northern, 2½ miles over the Wisconsin side will convey Red Wing visitors to and fro. The distance from Red Wing to the Twin Cities is respectively 42 and 52 miles.

Trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul for Red Wing from the Twin Cities leave as follows:

Minneapolis, 8:00 A. M., St. Paul, 8:50 A. M., Arrive at Red Wing 9:57 A. M.

Minneapolis, 6:00 A. M., St. Paul, 6:35 A. M., Arrive at Red Wing 7:55 A. M.

Minneapolis, 5:45 P. M., St. Paul, 6:30 P. M., Arrive at Red Wing 7:45 P. M.

Minneapolis 12:00 Noon., St. Paul, 12:40 Noon., Arrive at Red Wing 1:53 P. M.

Minneapolis, 7:15 P. M., St. Paul 8:00 P. M., Arrive at Red Wing 9:15 P. M.

Minneapolis, 10:35 P. M., St. Paul, 11:30 P. M., Arrive at Red Wing 12:32 Midnight.

On to Red Wing, Minnesota!

Red Wing is most beautifully located in the heart of the most picturesque section of the upper Mississippi Valley. An artist exclaimed of it, "Just like Luxemburg." The beauty is unsurpassed. The city clings to the banks of the Mississippi and is gracefully hung among the majestic hills, overlooking valley, river, wooded islands with lakes, inlets and channels, which combine in a most harmonious and enchanting spectacle. Plan to meet old friends and make new ones in "The Desirable City."

Decide now, clear everything out of the way and let us hear from you, "I will be there." Let the vicinity far and near about this city now know that there is a Young People's Luther League and a Choral Union Organization in the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. Then let us see what you can do towards getting others to attend, the more you work for the Convention, the more you will enjoy it.

Delegates from the Societies. Choral Union members, choirs of our congregations and institutions, and all visitors are urged to announce their coming at once to Mr. H. L. Hjermstad, Red Wing, that he may provide for proper accommodations.

On to Red Wing, Minnesota!

—I. M. V.

Meditation

Luke 24:36-43

Jesus is our truest and best friend whether we recognize Him as such or not.

He met his disciples with peace greetings, and they were frightened. Why? Because they thought Him a ghost.

People generally are afraid of ghosts. Ghosts are not human.

Human courage feels equal to tackle anything with a material body, but is loth to grapple with spirits and shadows.

Jesus had to prove Himself human in order to win the confidence of His disciples.

He showed them His hands and His feet. On a later occasion He invited Thomas to put his hand into His riven side.

As a last resort on this occasion He asked for something to eat. I imagine the disciples had never heard of a ghost eating fish and cake. It was the acid test of His humanity, and it worked.

Then the disciples' ears and hearts were opened. Then the peace greeting became fraught with meaning.

Have you ever had a similar experience?

Most of us are afraid to meet Jesus face to face. Why? Because—well, because we don't consider Him human. He died, arose, to be sure, ascended to heaven. We imagine Him distant. Intimate relations seem impossible.

I cannot help feeling that there is a striking resemblance between these disciples and the orthodox branch of the Lutheran Church. They needed no argument to prove Christ's divinity. Do we? Such faith is grafted into our system from early childhood. Lutherans sometimes try hard to argue

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The Red Wing Convention

AS seen by an Easterner, Rev. G. Kiefer, Financial Secretary of the National Lutheran Commission and the National Lutheran Council:

"Yes, I came late, but not too late to catch the spirit of the convention. The West does things in a big way. As I arrived in Red Wing Saturday evening and saw the decorations, the many automobiles, and the crowds, I was reminded of those community organizations called by Theodore Roosevelt the most American institution in America—the Chautauqua, which I have known from Maine to the Carolinas, and the Mississippi, as organizer, manager, and lecturer. I never before saw any other organization bring about similar life and spirit excepting the Red Wing Convention of the Young People's Luther League and Choral Union. Yes, the West does things in a big way—even its church conventions.

"But the crowds, the numbers were not alone the striking feature of the Convention. There was the location of the convention tent on the grounds of Lutheran institutions overlooking the beautiful Mississippi river valley. A most charming place. Then there was the magnificent music by the various Lutheran college bands; the grand concert by the Choral Union, which gave one the impression of a mighty organ; the wonderful congregational singing so telling of the virility and life of the various Lutheran churches represented in this Lutheran convention; the speakers—some in a tongue I could not understand—yet all forceful and ringing true—one a governor of a state, and a Lutheran Synod Board of Trustees member, all Lutheran and American; and then the preacher, Dr. H. G. Stub, president of the Norwegian Synod and president of the National Lutheran Council—a man of vigor and power—revered not only by the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, but by all American Lutherans. I could not understand the language of his sermon. Nevertheless I understood him, for he is a real orator—not alone in his words, but his gestures, his voice, and his facial expression told the Gospel story of love of Christ and His redeeming power—the message the Lutheran Church alone seems to have today for America and the world.

"Proud to be a Lutheran—some day may we all wear as proudly the Luther band as the Luther College wearers wore it at the baseball game Saturday. Yes, God grant the day when we all may have the privilege of attending a Young People's Luther League and Choral Union Convention of the young people—not alone of one Lutheran synod but of

all Lutheran Synods in America—when East shall meet West, and South shall meet North, and speak and sing as one for Christ, Luther, and America. What a power—power for Christ against Rome. What a message! Positive message in an age of doubt and lost faith among the sects. Lutherans, forward with your message and song—America and the world for Christ."

"I have been a Fool Not to Go to Church"

WE were walking up the avenue together. I was still in uniform; he had put on his citizen's clothes about three days before. It was Sunday afternoon, and a touch of spring was in the air. As the door of the church we were passing sprang open to admit a man with his two children, the strains of the great organ reached us. It was an old hymn. My friend said: 'My, that sounds good! Let's go in.' Before we knew it, we were both in the back of that great church; from that minute we were in the spirit of worship.

"The preacher appealed to us more as a man than as a minister, more as a friend than as an ecclesiastic, and he was certainly more of an optimist than a pathfinder. As we went out, my friend said: 'Why don't we get more of this sort of thing? I believe I have been a fool not to go to church; I intend to go. It gives a man a different idea of life; somehow I feel that life is more worth while.'"

Thus writes John T. Stone in *Association Men*. There are many fooling themselves and robbing themselves of the real joys and good things of life by neglecting to go to church. But neglect of church has become a habit, and this habit is hard to break like any other. Many of these men are too self-conscious and believe that, if they go to church, everybody will be looking at them and wondering what has happened now, thinking possibly they have some ulterior motives, to advertise their business, or establish a lost reputation, etc. They do not feel just right about it, and so they choose the way of least resistance, stay in bed Sunday morning to rest after the week's work, get up about 11 o'clock and read the papers. But they have a tired feeling all Sunday, and do not know what to do, and so they commence to worry about their business, or something else. They begin another week, tired and worn out, continuing to live without hope and without God in the world. What a rest is not the Sabbath morning to the man who goes to the house of God and worships in spirit and in truth. His mind is taken away from the cares and worries of his every-day life, and he hears about the great and wonderful works of God, his soul is elevated above

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The Red Wing Convention

THE first national Y. P. L. L. and Choral Union convention is now a chapter in the history of our Church written by our young people, and they have every reason to feel eminently satisfied with things accomplished. Every thing seemed to conspire to make the convention a success—the place, the time, the weather, the attendance, and the carefully planned program. The large convention tent was pitched on Seminary Hill, from which the visitors had a chance to view one of the most wonderful and inspiring scenes of the Mississippi valley. The bright and beautiful weather during the three days of the convention—something unusual this time of the year—gave all a chance to view this scenery under the most favorable conditions.

We have no accurate figures of the attendance, but the Red Wing Republican estimated the Saturday attendance to be 3,000. There were 1,600 singers, quite a number more than expected, and on Sunday it was estimated that about 15,000 came to Red Wing; it seemed as if all the automobiles within a radius of 100 miles had made this place the rendezvous for this festive occasion. Without fear of successful contradiction we may in this case make use of superlatives and say that it is by far the largest young people's convention of our Church and the largest convention ever entertained by the city of Red Wing. Usually when a city undertakes to entertain a convention the entertainment committees discount the claims of the convention boosters and figure that about one-half of the promised number will actually put in an appearance; but in this case the number estimated had to be multiplied by two or three, and then some more came. The members of the lodging committee were frightened and worried when the mail bags brought announcements of delegates and guests from all over the U. S. in such large numbers that there seemed to be no possible way of taking care of them. But the Red Wing people have the right community

spirit, they are all Red Wing boosters and determined that the city of Red Wing should make good.

The various committees in charge of the convention conscripted everybody for service and confiscated the homes of the citizens as lodging places for the city's guests. A prominent citizen of Red Wing, it was reported, slept for three nights in his hayloft, the Catholic priest generously opened his house to entertain his Lutheran friends, and when the guests arrived the entertainment machinery was set in motion and was kept running at high gear for three days. Somehow there seemed to be room for everybody. Automobiles were at work night and day to bring guests to their rooms, and on Saturday the visitors were given free rides to the Training School grounds, having a choice between a boat ride and automobile, where the L. C. Band gave a concert and where the annual Luther-St. Olaf ball game was played. The cordial reception given, and the generous way in which the citizens of Red Wing tried to do everything possible for the visitors, made everybody feel assured that he was welcome and will have a good word to say about Red Wing.

We shall not undertake to give a review of the many inspiring, instructing, and edifying papers and speeches given at the convention; some of them we hope to secure for publication in the Herald. The program was carried out "as advertised" with very slight changes. Governor Norbeck of South Dakota was there and gave a patriotic speech on Saturday evening, remained over Sunday enjoying the concert, and mingling with the young people. Judge Torrison, another busy man, came up from Chicago to keep his appointment with the League. Red Wing is the home of Jens K. Grondahl, the author of the now famous song: "America, my country, I come at thy call." Saturday evening the visitors had a chance to see and hear the author, and hear the song sung with band and chorus accompaniment; Rev. O. J. H. Preus was the soloist.

The old officers were reelected: Rev. J. N. Brown, president; Dr. G. M. Bruce, vice-president; Prof. O. A. Tingelstad, secretary; Hon. J. M. Jacobson, treasurer. The Choral Union elected the following officers: Dr. P. M. Glasoe, president; Rev. J. W. Preus, vice-president; Prof. Carlo A. Sperati, director; Prof. O. O. Stageberg, secretary; Mr. O. S. Boyd, treasurer; Rev. J. O. Dreng, executive secretary.

It is impossible to measure spiritual results, but we feel assured that a convention of this kind makes a lasting impression. Instructed, inspired, and edified, the young people will go home with more knowledge about their own church, with a larger vision of its problems and possibilities, with a determination to do their part in this large field with its thousands of opportunities.

"By personality we mean self-knowledge and self-control. Where these are present we have personal being; where they are absent the being is impersonal."—Borden P. Bowne.

"The value set on the personal in human life comes largely from conceiving in personal terms the God who is set before us as the Father in heaven by the personal revelation in Jesus."—Bishop McConnell.