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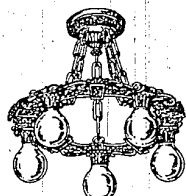
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## LUTHERANS OF ALL PARTS OF WORLD CONVE

Triennial Convention of Synod to  
Be Held at St. Louis  
June 9 to 19.

NEW THREE MILLION DOLLAR  
SEMINARY TO BE DEDICATED

Missouri Synod Organized in 1847 by  
Twelve Congregations Now Num-  
bers More Than Three Thou-  
sand Churches.

Over one thousand accredited delegates from all parts of the world and many thousands of visitors are expected to gather at St. Louis for the international triennial convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states to be held from the 9th to the 19th of June. This convention is arousing the interest of Lutherans all over the country, since it will mark the dedication of the largest Protestant theological seminary in the world. The combination of the general convention and the dedicatory exercises at Concordia Seminary will bring thousands of Lutherans from various parts of the United States, South America and Canada to St. Louis. The Lutherans



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of the Missouri metropolis are making extensive preparations to entertain the host of visitors and to provide facilities for the work of the numerous committees.

The St. Louis convention will be called to order by the President, the Rev. Dr. F. Potenhauer of Chicago, who in the management of the convention sessions will be assisted by the Vice Presidents, the Rev. J. W. Miller of Fort Wayne, Ind.; the Rev. G. A. Bernthal of San Francisco, Cal.; the Rev. F. Brand of St. Louis, Mo.; the Rev. H. P. Eckhardt of St. Paul, Pa. Aside from the regular business affairs which will occupy Synod's attention, the convention will no doubt feel called upon in view of the pronounced so-called modernistic tendencies on the field of religion, to reaffirm its unwavering position as to the inspiration of the Bible, the dependability of the Serpular account of Creation as opposed to the theories of evolution, the deity of Jesus Christ, in fact, the old Gospel position which has always characterized this body of the Lutheran church.

**Separation of Church and State**  
The convention will restate its position regarding the relationship of church and state, standing out for an absolute separation of these two distinct bodies and deploring the tendency to subvert in various circles this fundamental principle on which our government is founded. The leaders of the Synod assert that no resolutions on "Peace" will be presented, claiming that the Bible plainly outlines the duties of citizenship also in time of war and that much of the present day agitation which would forbid the Christian to serve his country in time of war is misguided and unscriptural. The convention will devote itself strictly to questions fitting into the sphere of the church and will carefully refrain from any statements on public questions designed to influence legislation. Its leaders maintain that the sphere of the distinctively religious opportunities and responsibilities of the church is so vast that there is no time left for discussions pertaining to "extraneous matters" and that the Lutheran church as a matter of principle refuses to be embroiled in affairs that lie outside of the spiritual realm of the church. In the field of religion the convention will reiterate the expression of its conviction that the crying need of the country and the solution of the various social problems that are vexing the public mind lie in the steady proclamation of the Gospel principles as laid down in Holy Writ.

The speakers at the dedication ceremonies at Concordia Seminary are ex-

pected to recall the chief events in the history of the Missouri Synod, which dates back to 1838, when a group of 750 Saxon emigrants left their homelands to find in America the freedom of conscience and worship which was being denied them in their own country. The early struggles of these immigrants in their settlement of Perry county, Mo., the disappointments and hardships they were compelled to endure, form one of the most interesting chapters in American church history. The settlers had intelligent, aggressive and far-sighted leaders, among whom Dr. C. F. W. Walther soon became an outstanding figure and for a generation or more as preacher, pastor and editor, was instrumental more than any other in moulding the scattered Lutheran forces into a cohesive organization, which adopted the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States. This body was organized by twenty-three pastors and twelve congregations at Chicago in 1847, and in a short time became a powerful force in the propagation of conservative, militant Lutheranism in this country. From the beginning the Missouri Synod has been known for its rigid doctrinal position and its firm insistence on the authority of the Bible in all matters of faith and conduct. Its growth in this country has been extremely rapid. It now numbers 2,678 pastors, 3,497 congregations, with 558,671 communicant members. In its organizational principles and polity the Synod is strictly conservative. All offices are elective, and the convention is constituted of delegates elected by various congregational groups. The supreme authority of the congregation and the rights and privileges of the individual in the congregation are strictly preserved.

The St. Louis convention plans to inaugurate an intensified campaign for the field of Home Missions. There is doctrinal unanimity among the Lutheran clergy, and the church has remained comparatively free from the modernistic tendencies which have proven disruptive in other organizations. Aggressive mission work, having in view the vast unchurched element in the United States, will be planned. The leaders of the church claim that the best way to combat the rationalistic tendencies which they say are undermining the influence of Protestantism in the United States and perverting the church into a mere social agency for moral uplift, is to proclaim aggressively the old Bible tenets.

## LAYMEN OF LUTHERAN SYNOD RAISE FUND

Finish Large Endowment Fund;  
Will Now Work for Church  
Extension Plans.

At the triennial convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States to be held from the 9th to the 19th of June at St. Louis, Mo., which will be attended



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President Lutheran Laymen's League

by over 1,000 delegates, both lay and clerical, from all parts of the world, the Lutheran Laymen's League, an organization of laymen of that synod, will present to the convention the final cash-out million dollars to complete the Three Million Dollar Endowment Fund for the pensioning of pastors of the synod.

The Lutheran Laymen's League was organized in 1917 to aid the synod in coping with its expanding financial needs, and shortly after its organization it presented the synod with \$100,000 to wipe out all deficits in its treasury. After achieving this the Lutheran Laymen's League set out to establish the Three Million Dollar Endowment Fund. At this convention they will present a memorial to raise another \$1,500,000 for the Church Extension Fund of the synod to build chapels, schools and parsonages, and to help new missions all over the North American Continent to become self-sustaining, helping them in the payment of rent for premises, since the high rentals are a great handicap to mission work.

## Just a Lover's Quarrel

By CYNTHIA DEAR

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"BUT Ned's wrong," protested Helena Deland, dropping down on the top step of the porch, and tossing her big sun hat from her so hard that it fell into the garden as she ran nearby. "He just simply won't listen to reason. We've argued for three days over this thing, and I'm just about ready to tell him that I'm through. He's a stubborn fellow, when we love each other so much, that we could quarrel so over a little bit of a thing. But when I realize how stubborn he is—"

"Yes, I know, but—well, just listen to a little story that I'm going to tell you." Granny leaned back in her low chair, rocking gently back and forth for a moment, looking off over the gay little garden as if she didn't see it at all, but far far into the past instead. "This happened when your grandfather and I were on our honeymoon," she began at last; the faint creaking of a board beneath her feet made a soft accompaniment to her voice. "We went abroad, though everybody told us that it was just tempting fate for a newly married couple to take such a long trip. Traveling is so hard on people's dispositions! We got along beautifully, though, all through England and France.

"Then we went to Italy. It was pretty warm, and pretty dirty. 'Well, we left Venice one very hot evening to go to Florence. We'd expected to have a sleeping compartment, but somehow when we got on the train there wasn't one.'"

"How about it, Em? your grandfather said, 'Are you game to go on, anyhow?'"

"I said I was. We were going to stop in Florence just a few days, and then start home, and I was getting anxious to go. I wanted to come back to my new little house here, you see, and really settle down. So we went right on. It meant sitting up all night, as there were two other persons in the compartment that we had to take, which was big enough for six; we could just sort of lie down, but that was all."

"Well, at first it wasn't so bad, though the train was pretty dirty. After awhile, just as we were leaving a town, Tom leaned forward—he was sitting across from me—and he said, 'Em, did you notice the name of that town we just left? I'd like to know where we are on the map.'"

"It happened I'd noticed the sign over one of the doors. 'Yes, it was 'Entrate,' I said, or 'Irrate.'"

"When we got to the next town he looked out, as we went right through. 'That was 'Uscita,' he said, 'but I can't find it on the map.'"

"We didn't stop at the next town either, but I saw the sign over one of the doors there. Tom didn't. 'Why, Tom, you were wrong about that last town. I told him. This one we've just gone through was 'Uscita.'"

"It couldn't be; that was the name of the last one," he answered, sort of short with me.

"Well, we argued about it. I told him I could believe my own eyes, I guessed, never remembering that he was sensitive about being near-sighted, and he said he'd learned to read when he was five—he was always awfully proud of that—and he couldn't be mistaken."

"Well, finally, I just stopped talking. 'Maybe I'm crazy,' I said to him, but I know what I saw over that door. I'm not going to talk about it any longer."

The leaned back in his corner, with the mostasperated look on his face that I ever saw. 'I don't have to talk any more,' he said. 'I know that I was right.'"

"When we came to the next town we were both pretty eager to see what the name of it was. We leaned way out of the window. And over the first door of the station it said 'Entrate' or 'Entrate.' I never did get that word quite straight in my mind, and over the next one it said 'Uscita.'"

"We just looked at each other as if we'd lost our minds. And then Tom went into the next compartment, where there was a man who'd stayed at the hotel where we were in Venice, who spoke Italian. He came back laughing fit to kill."

"We were both right, Em," he said. "And we were both wrong. One of those words means 'Entrance' and the other means 'Exit.'"

She laughed softly at the little picture memory had brought up, and Helena Deland, with her.

## THE AWAKENING

Capacity attendance as early as the third night of the twelve night engagement of the fifth annual presentation of the Awakening by Shadukiam Grotto at the Michigan State Fair grounds June 13 through to the 30th, is predicted by Dr. Gordon W. Hill, monarch, and Earl Newberry, general director. This is due to the fact that The Awakening engagement is for twelve nights only, with absolutely no chance of an extension. Both Dr. Hill and Director Newberry believe it only fair to the large number of out-of-town patrons of The Awakening to give notice of this condition so that they may plan accordingly and attend as early a performance of The Awakening as possible and arrive as early as early as possible at whatever performance they plan to attend. It has been the history of past engagements that the attendance increases with each performance. In a double sense the old saying applies to this year's Awakening—"Come early to avoid the crowd."

The 1926 Awakening retains all the features which in previous years have established the annual Grotto show as one of the big amusement enterprises of the world. Many new features have been added. With its fireworks its historical pageantry, its ballet and other terrioricane numbers its auto polo, its circus acts and its band concerts by Cervone the "three ring circus" by 100 per cent in entertainment value alone, while it has the still further additional merit of being a patriotic, civic and fraternal exposition and enterprise.

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