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Conference Superintendent.

Immediately after Conference, Rev. T. G. Breaw of Waukesha, Wis., a long-time United Brethren, who formerly served our Church as pastor in Illinois, Iowa and elsewhere and as Field Agent for Leander Clark College and for the Seminary, was called to supply the Gillingham work. After a few weeks of service he was engaged by the Charge, has served through the year and will report the Field. By mutual agreement the Superintendent has looked after the West Lima Church during the entire year. Handicapped by twenty miles distance from his residence, and hindered by multiplicity of duties and limitation of time, pastoral service could be but partial and fragmentary. With the exception of five suspended services and nine Sundays by supply, I have conducted one service there each Sunday. On special Sundays such as Easter, two services were held. In the early part of the year, particularly, many days were given to visitation and survey, and many evenings to mid-week services and to special appointments. The Charge will be regularly reported. While the figures will not show any great results from the year's work, our experience confirms our belief that there is in the community a group of very devoted and appreciative people, a larger group of very deserving and susceptible folks, and that there continues to be an opportunity there for our Church to serve the community and to increase in numbers and power.

Rev. A. D. Twist of the Clear Lake charge terminated his services at Reeve church early in May. He has continued regularly at the East Lincoln church and in addition has held services for a group of people in the Village of Clear Lake. Rev. G. C. Waite has been supplying the pulpit for the Reeve congregation.

For the first time in the present Superintendency, our rank of active pastors has been broken by death. The Conference and the denomination as well as the New Auburn Church and community suffered a distinct and crushing loss in the death of Rev. L. E. Warren which occurred on April 15, 1932. Needless to say, the loss is felt most of all by the bereft family. Approaching the sixtieth milestone of life, Rev. Warren had given nearly forty years to the gospel ministry. Thirty-three of these years were spent in the United Brethren Church.

The pastorate made vacant by the passing of Rev. Warren, was upon request of members of the Church, immediately filled by the appointment of Mrs. Warren. Her Quarterly Conference License was revived on May 26. As always, Mrs. Warren's service in the Church has been faithful and efficient.

It is deserving of note here that one of the six stalwart sons of Rev. and Mrs. Warren, stepped immediately forward upon the death of the father and offered himself to the gospel ministry. He has set his face to the preparation for that high calling. He covets your prayers in his behalf.

Once more a faithful servant of the Master has been called to his heavenly crowning. Once more we have been brought to the task of holding Memorial service for a fallen comrade. God bless our memory of him; God strengthen us who survive that we worthily 'Carry on.'

Administrative Policies and Promotional Agencies.

The program as outlined by last year's Future Work Committee has been quite fully carried out. At the beginning of the year each Pastor was furnished with a supply of our System of Credits sheets, Efficiency Charts, Monthly Report Blanks, letters of explanation, etc.

To a greater or less degree the Credit sheets and Efficiency Charts have been utilized by the local Churches. In many instances they have been faithfully used and have been of specific value in establishing goals and in providing incentive. In other instances they have not been considered of sufficient worth to merit their use. My feeling is that they could be made of value to any Church and that their use should again be recommended. Seven issues of the Conference Bulletin have been published and distributed. Two circular letters have gone to each of our pastors and one to each member of the Council of Administration.

Two regular rounds of Quarterly Conferences have been held. Additional Conferences and councils have been held as needs have arisen. In the year's duties five trips have been made to the northern area and three to the southern area of the Conference. Engagements in the central area have been filled as calls have come. Sufficient to say the calls have been of frequent occurrence and of diverse and imperative kind.

The Monthly Reports from each local Church have been received with measurable regularity and promptness. Of the three hundred and eighty-four Reports that ought to be received from our thirty-two Churches, there are three hundred sixty-eight now on file. Twenty-four of that number have arrived late, all of which are checked against four or five individual pastors. Most of our pastors have never had a missing or a tardy report in the five years during which the blanks have been in use. With a few it has seemed to be a matter of light concern as to when the reports are sent or whether they are sent. The benefits

dition upon which it was placed, the improvements made within it, the erection of a garage, the installation of lights in the Church and other items represent an outlay in cash and in donated labor of some \$400.00 additional. Toward the cost of these improvements, together with payments on the Church basement provided last year there has been contributed during the year some \$700.00.

At Sandusky the task of placing a full basement under the Church building is nearing completion. Including the worth of donated labor the cost will be approximately \$400.00. This addition will be completed in the near future and when dedicated will be free of debt.

The Class at Fennimore has erected a garage on the parsonage lot, installed wiring in the house, built a new chimney, repaired the roof and made alterations in the Church choir platform at a total cost of \$160.00. Some \$31.00 of this is at present unpaid.

Cement pavement in front of the Cascade Church, together with repairs on the belfry accounts for improvements of some \$120.00.

At Boaz the painting of the Church and parsonage buildings and the purchase of a clock for the Church cost \$115.00.

The addition of a kitchen to the New Auburn parsonage and the interior decoration of other rooms is reported at cost of \$105.00.

Interior decoration of the Monroe Church adds a value of \$75.00.

At Janesville a new stove in the Church basement and Song books cost \$65.00.

At Reedsburg, parsonage repair and paint cost some \$50.00.

Turtle Lake made a payment of \$43.00 on their Church piano.

At Dell a cement porch at the parsonage costs \$16.00.

Interior decorations of the Valley parsonage cost \$10.00.

Repair on West Lima Church belfry, new door for basement is listed at \$10.00.

Bloomer Charge purchased a lawn mower at cost of \$7.50.

Sunday School room equipment at Mound Park called for \$4.00.

The total outlay represented by the above is well above the \$2000.

It might be mentioned here that a good proportion of our Charges are now making use of Lettergraph or other mimeographing machines. Among the Charges thus equipped are: New Auburn, Bloomer, Ontario, Boaz, Richland Center, Fennimore, Ithaca, Lime Ridge, Cascade and Janesville. Some of these came into the list this year. Needless to say that such equipment is a valuable addition to any Church. In most instances these machines were procured by the effort of pastors or others without any cost to the Church. In like manner some of them are being

maintained and operated. This same opportunity is open to other Churches.

Quarterly Conference Licenses Granted.

Permanent Quarterly Conference License is now held by Mrs. F. E. Warren of Bloomer and by Loyd L. McCormick of Monroe.

During the year the license of Kenneth Brice of Lime Ridge and of Edward Howard of Janesville were renewed.

New License was authorized by their respective Quarterly Conferences to Arlo D. Twist of Clear Lake and Mrs. L. E. Warren of New Auburn. The equivalent of the required units of the Standard Leadership Training Course having been covered by these individuals and with the approval of the denominational Leadership Training Director these Licenses have been issued. Both of them are now working on the Quarterly Conference Reading Course. The Janesville Quarterly Conference authorized the issuance of a License to Ayton Warren. He is now working on the required units of study, upon completion of which his License will be issued. Similar preparatory work is being done by Verlyn Bennett of LaCrosse and by Junior Talledge of Richland Center.

Personal Labors.

As in the preceding year, while but two full rounds of Quarterly Conferences have been planned, there have been no districts and but few Charges upon which I have not been three or more times.

On thirty-eight Sundays of the year, at least one service was conducted at West Lima. I also gave measurable attention to visitation and other pastoral duties through the year. With but few exceptions an additional service or services were held elsewhere each Sunday. Many visits were also made to Charges for week-day engagements and for special Sundays.

In the round of duties I assisted in scheduling and holding seventeen Charge Rallies, presided over forty-one business sessions, delivered one hundred and fifty sermons and addresses, shared in the fellowship of six Anniversaries and Home Comings, conducted twenty-nine Communion services, administered the rite of Baptism to fifteen candidates, officiated or assisted in conducting ten funerals, kept above three hundred and twenty-five public appointments, alone or in company with pastors made nearly five hundred calls and held private interviews without number. My journeyings in the above round of duties carried me well above twenty thousand miles.

At my desk I have carried on a volume of correspondence, sup-

trying times. We pledge them our most hearty support in carrying forward this part of our work.

Your committee would recommend the following:

1. That the Home Mission month selected by our denomination be observed as directed by the Home Mission Society. And each church endeavor to put on the full program.

2. That our goal for the year be for at least one Home Mission study class in each church using the books recommended by the Home Mission Department.

3. That we urge each church to have a full benevolence, thereby giving this department its full share to carry on its work.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Mouer.

INDIANA CENTRAL COLLEGE—

Indiana Central College located at Indianapolis, Indiana, was founded by the United Brethren Church in 1905. This institution of learning is owned and operated by the United Brethren Church and is a standard college, well equipped to care for the youth of the more than one-hundred thousand United Brethren people who live in its co-operating territory.

Its campus consists of sixty acres with six college buildings. The largest of these is the administration building where offices, class rooms, laboratories, library, and an auditorium now being used for a chapel are found. Four dormitories, two for men and two for women are modern and will accommodate some four hundred students. They also house the college literary halls. A gymnasium built in 1921 and remodeled and enlarged in 1929 is standard size and provides space for basket ball, volley ball, and physical education generally. An observatory, the gift of I. G. Noblitt, is the most recent addition to the group of college buildings.

As a church this college is ours—ours to use, to enjoy, to support. We can use it by sending our young people to it to receive a training that will be a blessing to them, and that will make them a greater blessing to their homes, the church, and the world in which they live. It exists for the purpose of rendering that type of service to us. It is ours to enjoy in the fact that we have such an institution in which our young people can be fitted for life's service. This should be a source of pride and joy to every loyal hearted United Brethren. To have our young people returned to us trained for efficient service, with their faith in God and His Church not only existing but strengthened and broadened, and to see them take leading influential places in all walks

of life is indeed a real joy. It is ours to support in that it is our child and our servant. As our child it rightly claims our support in every way—our prayers, our money, our youth, and our helpful influence in every possible way. She is our servant. Servants are useful and profitable only as they have something useful and profitable to do.

Our college competes with our tax supported institutions. Unless we give the needed support, she cannot serve at her best. Be it resolved therefore, that Wisconsin Conference pledge to Indiana Central College her loyal support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Bechtolt.

MEMOIRS—

We, your committee on Memoirs report the passing of Rev. L. E. Warren, who went to his reward while in the active ministry at our church in New Auburn. A memorial service is arranged and Rev. G. W. Bechtolt will speak.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayte Richardson, Sara Mouer.

OTTERBEIN HOME—

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." How it pulls at our heart strings when we think of our childhood home, and how we hope to make our homes such, that our children will think of it as a "sacred place", rather than just "a filling station."

There is no one of our church projects that makes the heart of the whole denomination throb with love like our benevolent homes. In this Northwest area, our "Haven of Rest" for the homeless and helpless is the Otterbein Home.

The Otterbein Home is our own, let us make it "Home Sweet Home" and in the words of the poet, "Our name shall not lose it's reward." Wisconsin Conference has done commendably, but she has not yet done her whole duty. It is with chagrin that we think of the shrinkage in our Christmas offering last year.

The bright side of the situation is the splendid achievement made the past year. The indebtedness was reduced by \$10,000.00, the net worth was increased \$18,000.00, and in face of the adverse conditions of the past year, the Otterbein Home Farm netted a profit of \$3,000.00. At the present time the Otterbein Home has some of the most able management in the history of the institution. We cannot commend too highly the work done by Mr. Jay M. Cogan: to him goes much of the credit for the splendid achievement of this year. How loyally we should