

July 29, 1921

Lutherans Meet at Warda

The Texas District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, convened in Warda last Wednesday and adjourned Tuesday. In an opening service Dr. Pfotenhauer of Chicago impressed the convention that the religion of the Scriptures can never change, because it is based on Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. In his report to the convention Pres. Studtmann of the Texas District showed that the growth of the Texas District has been in the thousands, that progress is registered in all branches of church activity. He nevertheless called the attention of the convention to some of the pressing problems of the time, among which he mentioned especially the proper religious training of the youth.

A doctrinal essay, based on the third article on the Formula of Concord was read by the Rev. Rische of Page. This article treated of the great doctrine of the Scriptures, "Righteousness of faith before God." The subject was treated in an interesting and efficient manner.

The delegates enjoyed the royal hospitality of the Lutheran Church in Warda. At noon sumptuous meals were served on the grounds, and at the various homes they were also entertained in a pleasant manner. When they return home they will remember the cordial treatment extended to them at Warda.

Three services were held during the convention. Friday morning, Rev. H. W. Sieblitz of Port Arthur preached a pastoral sermon. Sunday morning, Rev. P. Birkmann of Mercedes delivered a confessional address, while Rev. P. Kaiser of Iowa Park, Texas delivered the sermon. Sunday afternoon Rev. Manz of Austin preached a school sermon, and Rev. Behnken of Houston addressed an overflow audience in the open air. It is estimated that two thousand people were assembled on the church grounds Sunday, which is a record crowd for Warda.

Much business was transacted during the convention. Older pastors remarked that never before has so much business been transacted at a synodical meeting in Texas. This shows that a progressive spirit prevails in Texas, and that the church is adjusting herself to conditions.

Tuesday, the delegates departed for their various homes, cognizant of the fact that they have spent not only an enjoyable but also a profitable week at Warda.