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IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM**

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The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919.

President :- Rev. J. Lakra M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA.

Ref. No

341/49

Dated, the 14th June, 1949.

Dear Dr. Michelfelder,

I beg to submit to the World Federation Executive, a resolution of the Mahasabha (General Conference) of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi, India, which is counted among the Orphaned fields. I shall be glad if you will be pleased to place the same before the Executive which is meeting at Oxford.

"The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church with its baptised membership of 175,000 Christians spread over the whole of the North East India has no Hospital in the entire field. Therefore the Lutheran World Federation is earnestly requested to provide a qualified doctor and nurse from America with all the necessary buildings and equipments and the recurring expenses of the same."

It may be mentioned that the Church has ample ground at Ranchi for a decent size Hospital at Ranchi.

May I also remind you of the proposal I sent that the Executive Committee may be made responsible to collect the dues from different areas ~~of the members~~ to meet the travelling expenses of the members to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee. It is particularly difficult for me to move the two whole sub-continent of India and China to meet my expenses of the travelling for attending the Ex. Meetings. I hope the Executive will consider this my request..

~~I wish all success to the Oxford session.~~
I wish all success to the Oxford session.

Ever in the Lord.

Yours most sincerely,

J. Lakra
President,

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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No. 2386-90/48/F-35.

Dated, the 27th November, 1948.

Dear Dr.Hoover, Dr.Mayer, pastor Fisher, Pastor Senftz
and Mr.Horace Gushaway,

On the report of the Rev.J.J.P.Tiga, the Council
of the G.E.L.Church of Chotanagpur and Assam passed the
following resolution which I beg to communicate to you
for your information.

The Council further heartily thanks the following
gentlemen for their generous help in the gift of books
to the Gossner Lutheran Seminary :-

1. Dr.Hoover.
2. Dr.Mayer.
3. pastor Fisher.
4. Pastor Senftz.
5. Mr.Horace Gushaway.

Thinking you again,

Yours sincerely,

C. Stobben
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

C/O Dr.A.Wentz.
Gettysburg Seminary.
Gettysburg Pa. U.S.A.

No. 2385/48/F-35.

Dated, the 27th November, 1948.

Dear Dr. Wentz,

On the return of the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga from America, the Council of the G. E. L. Church at its session held from October 25-30, 1948 passed the following resolutions :-

" (1) The Council of the G. E. L. Church deeply appreciates and heartily thanks the National Lutheran Council of America, the Foreign Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church of America and the authorities of the Gettysburg Seminary for their kind and generous help in the study of Rev. J. J. P. Tiga at Gettysburg.

(2) The Council further heartily thanks the following gentlemen for their generous help in the gift of books to the Gossner Lutheran Seminary :-
(i) Dr. Hoover (ii) Dr. Mayer (iii) pastor Fisher
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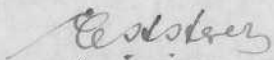
(3) The Council notes with pleasure and gratitude that Dr. Wentz is ready to welcome another student from the Gossner Church who will take full B.D. course. Dr. J. Roy Stroock be requested to correspond with Dr. Wentz on this subject."

Kindly accept the thanks of the Council for you personally for taking a deep interest in the welfare of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. A. Wentz.
Vice President.
Gettysburg Seminary.
Gettysburg Pa.
U.S.A.


Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

No. 2384/48/F-35.

Dated, the 27th November, 1948.

Dear Dr. Michelfelder,

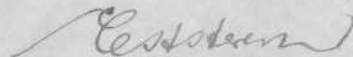
President J. Lakra reported to the Council of the Gossner Church on the L.W.F. Executive sessions at Castle Hoekelum, held in August. He also gave the greetings of the L.W.F. Executive members to the Council. After hearing the report the Council resolved :-

" That the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Federation be thanked for its keen interest in the Gossner Church and the greetings of the Council be conveyed to the Executive Committee through the Secretary Dr. S.C. Michelfelder."

It is requested that you will kindly find an opportunity to communicate the resolution to the Executive members and oblige.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

To
Dr. S.C. Michelfelder.
Executive Secretary.
17, Route de Malagnau.
Geneva. Switzerland.

No. 506/48/F-35.

21st March,

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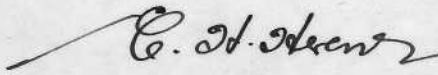
To

The Secretary,
World Council of Churches,
Geneva.

Sir,

Although among eight Lutheran Churches of India the name of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur and Assam, has already been submitted for membership on the World Council of Churches, in pursuance of a resolution of the Council of the Gossner Church dated 18-3-48 I have the honour to submit to you the name of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur and Assam for registration for membership on the World Council of Churches. Kindly do the needful and oblige. The Church also would like to know if she is entitled to send a delegate to the ensuing session of the World Council of Churches to be held at Amsterdam next August.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

To

Dr. F. Hooff Secy., W.C.C.,
Geneva.

**The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur & Assam.**

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919
Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of
1860 on July 30, 1921.

Officers and members of the Executive.

1. *President*: Rev. J. Stosch, Lic. Theol.
2. *Secretary*: Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, B. D.
3. *Treasurer*: Mr. N. Soy,
4. Mr. Th. Surin, B. A., B. L.
5. Rev. L. Jojowar,

Other members of the Church Council.

6. Rev. S. Bage,
7. Rev. W. Radsick,
8. Rev. L. Topno,
9. Rev. S. Kula,
10. Mr. C. D. Ekka.
11. Mr. P. Soy.
12. .. D. Tirkey,
13. .. P. S. Vengra B. A.

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 720/41/F- 35.

Dated the 20th Mar. 1941.

To,

The Secretary,
The American Section of the
Lutheran World Convention.

C/O The Rev. I. Cannaday, M.A., D.D.
Guntur.

Dear Sir,

With very great pleasure I have the privilege to convey to you the following resolution of the General Conference of the G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam held January 27th to 31st, 1941 expressing their deep sense of gratitude to the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention :

" Resolved that the General Conference expresses its hearty thanks to the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention for the G. E. L. Church is again as often before enjoying the sympathy and financial help of the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention through the mediation of the F. E. L. C. Without this continued support from America the Church would be in a very difficult position. The Mahasabha wishes to convey its gratitude to the Lutheran World Convention and *especially* its American Section and to the F. E. L. C. for this effective and unselfish support and hopes that when necessary these bodies will supplement their financial help through sending at least one American Missionary for serving as an additional link between the supporting friends in America and the Church. Considering the present state of affairs

P. T. O.

affairs in the world as well as in the Church the Mahasabha thinks it would be a benefit to this Church if an American Missionary could reside in Ranchi and resolves to ask the Lutheran Federation to see their way to send an American Missionary to Gossner's Church as soon as practicable."

With hearty Visusahay,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

Copy forwarded to

- (1) The Secretary
Lutheran Fed. in India.*
- (2) Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Sandegren.
Tranquebar, Trichinopoly.*

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Yours sincerely,

J. J. Gai

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in Ranchi
- (2) Rt. Rev. J. Sandegren.
Bishop of Tranquebar
Trichinopoly.

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Lutheran World Convention.

C/O The Rev. I. Cannaday, M.A., D.D.
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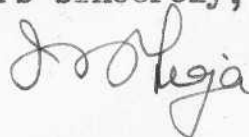
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" Resolved that the General Conference of the G. E. L. Church expresses its hearty thanks to the Lutheran World Convention for helping the Gossner Church with prayers and money at a time when the Berlin Home Board is in this unhappy situation, and for giving very good advices to the Church through the Rt. Rev. Bishop J. Sandegren."

With hearty Yisusahay,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

The Gossner Lu. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 118/39/F 35.

Dated the 13th Feb 1939.

To,

The Lutheran World Convention
American Section

&

To,

The National Lutheran Council
in
America.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to inform you that the Gossner Church in Chotanagpur and Assam had its Mahasabha or the General Conference from the 14th January, 1939 to 19th January, 1939. During the session the Mahasabha remembered your generous monetary help for the upkeep of the Church and directed me to convey its deep sense of gratitude to you for the same. The Mahasabha further begs that you will kindly continue your help for some time more.

Yours faithfully,

N. Topno

Secretary.

The Goswami Lu. Lutheran Church in Chatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary ~~P. D. KANDOLNA, D. P. K.~~

No. 923/38/F 35,

Dated the 31st. May, 1938.

N. Topno Esqr.

To,
Rev. E. W. Menzel,
American Evangelical Mission
Bisrampur, C. P.

Dear Sir,

I find that your letter dated the 8th February, 1938, is lying on the table ~~and~~ unanswered. All this is due to the change in the secretaryship. So you will kindly excuse the delay.

It is a fact that we own land; and the area of the land varies from one acre in one place to hundreds of acres in another place.

Nearly all the landed properties were bought before the War and all were purchased in the name of the Head of the Church. At present they are all under the control of the Board of Trustees of the G. E. L. Church property, Ranchi.

Before the War the Missionaries cultivated the lands with the ^{help} ~~help~~ of the servants. Now they are leased out to the highest bidders.

Landed properties are meant for the help in the Mission work to pay the pastors and other mission workers.

In the case of landed properties legal troubles are sure to arise. It is certainly helpful to own land if it is put under a sound supervision.

Yours faithfully

N. Topno
Secretary.

AMERICAN EVANGELICAL MISSION

Rev. E. W. Menzel

BISRAMPUR, C.P.
Via BHATAPARA (B.N.Ry.)
INDIA

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Feb. 8, 1938.

Secretary, Gossner Lutheran Mission
Rañchi

Dear Sir:

I have been asked by my Mission to inquire from you how the practice of land ownership by congregations works out. I understand that some of the congregations in your Mission own land which is cultivated for part support of the congregation. One of our congregations wishes to acquire land and so we are anxious to have your opinion on the desirability of such action. There are several questions we would like to have you answer, if it is not too much trouble. I am afraid we are imposing on you but we would like to profit from your experience.

Who owns the land?

Who cultivates the land?

If it is rented out, on what basis?

How many acres do some of the most typical congregations own or at least control, and about what is the annual income?

For what is the income used? (pastors salary or charity etc)

members of
Have you noticed a tendency for the congregations to excuse themselves from contributing because they rely on the income of the land?

Are there quarrels arising out of the administration of the land, or any legal troubles?

Would you encourage other congregations to try it?

I hope these questions dont cause you too much trouble. Thanking you for any information you can give us,

Yours sincerely,

Emil W. Menzel

The Gosner Ev. Lutheran Church in Shatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845. — Autonomous 1919. Secretary: D. Hurad.]

LUTHERAN COMPOUND,
RANCHI, (Behar.)

No. 882/32

Dated the 18th February 1932.

The Rev. W. H. Wilson,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Wilson,

I can not but thank you heartily for your kind letter of January, 5, 1932. It is very kind of you to remember me and our Church in the beginning of the year. Mr. J. Lakra and myself at times remember you, especially with regard to your outspokenness and frankmindedness in discussions on church problems. I had a mind to write you very often after your departure from India but was handicapped as I had not possessed your address. Now I am so glad you did write me and now I have your address.

I wonder if Mrs. Wilson and yourself could again think of coming back to India sometimes. I trust you have recovered your health as you looked a bit run down while leaving Ranchi, due probably to the heat of the summer.

The last Movement Study meeting was held in Nagpur the other day towards the end of January and our Mr. Lakra was called to attend. I believe the findings of your Commission have now come to a close and in due course pass through the experts' hands and then go to the Press. It will, however, I think take some time before it is published in book form. When published may I have a copy? I am afraid we shall not be able to afford to buy a big book like the one your Study would bring out. Any way, I believe, it will not only become an interesting record but an immensely profitable contribution to the solving of very big problems with which mission and church societies are confronted everyday.

I note what you say about our Church music and agricultural education. Your letter I am publishing in our Hindi Church monthly, the GHAR-BANDHU (Home-Friend) and the same will go to Germany and will be read by our own people here. I understand your views will carry weight and will have its desired effect. Let us at least hope so.

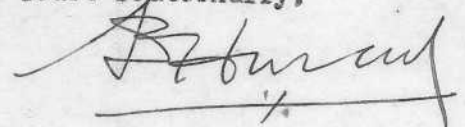
I hope it will not ^{be} out of place if I write a few lines with regard to our present day difficulties. The Gosner Autonomous Church has always the good (?) fortune of experiencing all sorts of troubles and difficulties. It seems there is no end of troubles stored in for her. Now the world depression has its havoc in the Church. Out of our total expenditure of Rs 250000, about 60 to 70 thousand we used to get from Germany every year. But since August last all contributions from that country have ceased to come and we are in great trouble for financing our institutional works. This sudden stoppage has put us in a very desperate state. Even loans could not be had from Banks with which we were dealing so long. At the same time our own local contributions have gone down owing to depression. Our workers, consequently, have to work on insignificant remunerations.

We issued an Appeal to our friends and sympathisers which met with very little response. This is a very hard time, a time of trial and prayer. We need very much now more than at any other time the intercession of our Christian brethren who have come to know us in Christ our Lord.

I do hope that Mrs. Wilson who came out with you to India to share the responsibilities of your task has carried with her the good memories of our land and our poor folks in the districts and on their behalf and on behalf of our President and the Rev. Bhengra, the pastor of Govindpur and the Head-master Mr. Toppo, I beg to accord Mrs. Wilson and yourself hearty greetings and sincere wishes.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

I remain,
Yours fraternally,



Church Council
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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

DIVISION OF
CHURCH EXTENSION AND MISSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF
TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

January 5, 1932.

Mr. P. Hurad,
Lutheran Mission,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Hurad:-

I have thought of you many times since I was in India and wondered about the work of the church under your care. I am inclined today to write and give you good wishes for the New Year and to ask you to let me hear from you when you have time and inclination.

I have on my mind also to say that my weeks in the Lutheran Mission at Ranchi and Govindpur made a very profound impression on my mind; I suppose partly because I was longer in your Mission than in any other and had more experience of India by means of which I could understand the Lutheran Work. But I think also, because your work is so mature in some ways, I have used it often as an example of the excellence of mission work in which the preaching of the gospel is the only means used.

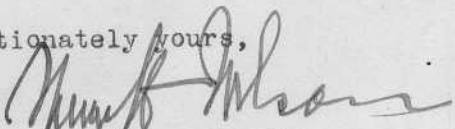
I think that you ought to have two other services rendered you by your friends in Germany, who would perhaps be willing to render them. I have often wondered how long your churches will be able to carry on in the use of the Christian and religious music that I heard in Govindpur. It seems to me it would be an excellent thing to find some German music leader to come out and train the people in singing.

I am also interested in the development of agricultural teaching, and I have wondered if some day your German Board would not send out an agricultural missionary to teach you.

The remembrances of the days in Govindpur are very clear and very happy in my mind. I wish you would give my greetings to the pastor there, and to the schoolmaster, and to the President of the church, Mr. Topeno. I have written to Mr. Prehn recently, and I would be pleased to have you extend my greetings to him and to the other German missionaries.

You were very kind to me when I was with you, and I think of you with brotherly affection and best hope. Please let me hear from you, and believe me always,

Affectionately yours,


Warren H. Wilson, Director,
Town and Country Department.

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30th. July, 31.

Rev: J. Aberly, D.D.,
Lutheran Theological Seminary,
~~Philadelphia~~, U.S.A.
Gettysburg, Pa.

My dear Doctor,

After years I take this opportunity of breaking the long silence which has existed between us. I can not forget the days when you championed the cause of the Gossner Church and stood boldly against its disintegration-a fact which should go into the history of Missions in India.

The Gossner Church as is always the case (fate ?) with her is surrounded by all kinds of troubles and difficulties. No sooner the Advisory Board dissolved, and the Autonomous Church took up responsibilities, our official connection with the N.L.C or U.L.C. of America ceased. America thinks that the founding mission should be made responsible for the care and support of the Gossner Church. But if we go deeper into this matter the responsibility chiefly lies on the Autonomous Church rather than on the Berlin Board, otherwise its Autonomy becomes a deception. The Advisory Board before dissolving (1928) expressed that the Gossner Church was in a position to run its own affair and was further strengthened by the German missionaries for whom the door to come back had now been thrown open. This being the case I am bold to think and say that the Council of the Church is entirely free to appeal to the various bodies in India and in America and other parts of Europe independent of the Berlin Board as the responsibility or burden of the support of the Church is not on Berlin but on the Church. This conviction of mine is now shared by my Indian colleagues in the Council as well as by Mr. Prehn, a German missionary, now our Treasurer. Now on this understanding I am sending out an Appeal

Appeal for help to all our Lutheran Churches and Missions working in India. I am also to-day writing to the Rev: R.M. Dunkelberger the President of the Federation of E.L. Churches in India to give his endorsement to our appeal. For other non-Lutheran Churches and Missions I am writing to the Rev. J.L. Hodge, Secretary of the N.C.C. to commend us to these missions. I might say that we are rather driven to issue such appeals as the economic condition of Germany is going from bad to worse. For the last 2 or 3 months we have got no remittance from Berlin which promised to give Rs55,000 to meet the deficit of Rs78,000 in our Budget of Rs2,00,000 and over. You know our field is no small one and unless we are helped, it is too difficult to carry on our activities without impairing the efficiency of the workers and without cutting down some of our good prosperous work.

I wish our American friends and benefactors kindly realise our position and be not afraid of having direct dealings with us.

I am enclosing a few copies of an Appeal for Rs20000/- sent out to our Lutheran Missions and Churches here. I don't know how far you will be able to assist us in explaining our view points to our American Church authorities there, but I am sure you can do much more than we can from here in dispelling their own views regarding the position of the Autonomous Church. You can also, I am sure, help us by raising funds for the Church through the right channels. This appeal is meant for India but I shall be grateful if you can make good use of these copies in America for the purpose for which it is issued in India. The contents of the Appeal are self-explanatory.

In Chotanagpur we are just now having very good rain and Ranchi is quite cool and pleasant. Mr. Lakra is on our Council and has charge of our High School.

I now close this letter with the request that you will in the bond of love remember us in your prayers and commend us to

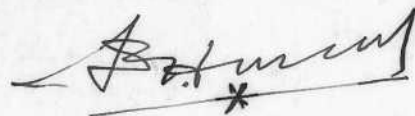
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to His grace that we be given the strength we need so much to stand the troubles and tribulations which beset us always.

With best and kindest regards to Mrs. Aberly and yourself.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "J. J. ...", is written over a horizontal line. A small asterisk is placed at the end of the signature.

URGENT CALL FOR RS. 20,000.

Shall the work of the Church
in our

Congregations,	Schools,
Hospitals,	Hostels,
Dispensaries,	Training institution,
New mission fields,	Zenanas,
Seminary, &	An Incurables Home

Be crippled for
World Economic Depression ?

Will you Please send us a contribution now ?

GOSSNER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

URGENTLY REQUIRES

Your Help and Prayers.

- Remember** our church is the one recognised by the N. C. C. of India, Burma and Ceylon as an Autonomous Indian Church, founded on the labours of the Gossner's Mission of Berlin and its work is chiefly carried on in Chota Nagpur and Assam and several States, amongst the poor aborigines who number 4000000
- Remember** the poor 12,8000 aboriginal Christians of the Church who would otherwise be without ministry, education and proper care.
- Remember** there are hundreds who as inquirers are appealing to us for Christian instructions and for baptism.
- Remember** our Christian teachers and a host of other workers without whom the whole work is bound to collapse.
- Remember** again it is an Indian Church and it wants to enlist the sympathy of each and every Christian in India—European, American and Indian.
- Remember** We urgently need Rs. 20,000 to meet our big deficit and we can not continue unless you help.

RANCHI,
July 1931. }

GOSSNER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH.
ADDRESS : SECRETARY—P. HURAD,
Ranchi, B. & O. India.

No. 1069/29.
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Dated the 7th Nov. 1929.

To,

The Manager, "News Bulletin"
Publicity Bureau of the
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I have not been receiving your "News Bulletin" since 2 or 3 months. I think there has been some mistake somewhere. The Bulletin has been of great help to me in the past, being the store house of World Lutheran News. I have quoted freely from it and reproduced its contents by translating them for our well known and popular monthly Magazine the "Gharbandhu" which is the only Religious monthly in the Hindi language.

I hope you will kindly arrange to send me one copy in future as usual and greatly oblige.

Thanking you in advance,

I remain,

Yours sincerely
[Signature]
Editor "Gharbandhu"

Lutheran Compound,

G.E.L. Church,

Ranchi, (Behar)

British India.

Rev. J. SANDEGREN,

PRESIDENT.

Church of Sweden Mission.

Kilpauk, Madras.

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Rev. Joel Lakra,
Gosher Church, Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Rev. R.D. Philip ~~W~~ Augustus of Tarlupad, Pastor in the A.E.L.C. has been set free during July, August and September 1929 for a visit to other Lutheran fields to speak about young people's work, Sunday Schools, N.M.S and Lutheran Union etc. He is to travel in the Tamil area during August and September. And thus ^{he} is available during July ~~to~~ any who will take responsibility for his travelling expenses. He is a very good speaker. And it is of great importance that there are some Lutherans who know more than their own particular field.

I mention this to ascertain whether you could use him during July and release him so that he can be in Madras about August the 1st. ~~Yes~~ If you could send me a post card in reply to my address, Gurukul, Kilpauk, Madras, I shall inform Rev. Augustus, or if you prefer to correspond with Rev. Augustus you can do so also.

You are, I believe, the convener of the Committee to settle the place for the next Lutheran convention. Perhaps you were not quite wise to give so late a date as September within which you should inform us of your findings. If it is possible for you to find out earlier the suitable place of the next convention, I shall be much obliged.

We hope to see you some time again in the South. But now we look forward to the convention in the North. Several here are quite interested and desire to come.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Sandegren

*Replied
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*Mr. L.
Have you
replied on
this? I
believe you
have.
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No. 688/29.
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4th June, 1929. x

To,

The Rev. Dr. J. Morehead,
Chairman World Lutheran Convention,
Denmark - Copenhagen.

Dear Doctor,

It gives me much pleasure to hand you the message of the Gossner Church in India to the Second Great OEcumenical Lutheran World Convention with whom this Church will be united by prayers to the Almighty on these days that have been appointed for deliberations and worship.

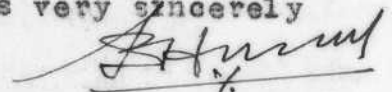
We hope you will have very good time being privileged to experience the richest blessings of such a gathering of all the saintly men of international repute.

We also hope that Director J. Stosch of the Gossner Mission who is authorised to represent us will also be able to attend the Convention and will deliver our message. In case he is not there in time please be so good as to deliver the same on our behalf and greatly oblige.

With due regards and sincere hearty Christian
Greetings.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely



Secretary.

India.

3rd. JUNE 1929.

From the GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN AUTONOMOUS CHURCH in Chota Nagpur & Assam, India, hearty greetings in the fellowship of Faith and good-will, unto the August Assembly of Lutherans convened from every country in the World !

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Autonomous Church regrets that she has been unable to send an Indian delegate to the great Convention at Copenhagen, though with great pleasure we announce that the Rev. Lic. J. Stosch, Director of the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin, is authorized to represent us, who will personally intimate you of our interests. And yet we would mention few things for information with a view to enter into mutual sympathy and encouragement with our fellow Lutherans in overcoming the trials and tribulations which beset us in our earthly existence.

The G.E.L. Autonomous Church in Chota Nagpur & Assam is the result of the labours of the devoted missionaries sent out by the late Father Gossner and the Society named after him in Berlin, from 1845 - 1915. After the repatriation of the Missionaries from the field in 1915, because of the Great War, the Lutheran Christians were thrown into helpless and pathetic plight which threatened the extermination of Lutheranism in this part of the country. At this juncture the local Anglican Bishop suggested UNION with his Church and this meant the absorption of the Lutheran congregations by the Anglican Mission. The Lutheran Christians stoutly refused the offer in spite of the hope that their sufferings would be alleviated by the Anglican help.

On the 19th. of July, 1919, the Lutheran Christians publicly declared AUTONOMY before a Commission appointed by the National Christian Council of India, a body representing the Christian Missionary Societies and Churches at work in India, and thus

gave

gave birth to this large Lutheran Church in North India. We can not forget the Christian charity of the National Lutheran Council of America at this time. But for ~~xxxx~~ the generous gift of this great body, the young Church might have died in the cradle. Our sincere thanks are therefore due to that body. It may interest the Convention to know that the Church is going to celebrate the 10th. anniversary of the Declaration of Autonomy on the 10th. of July next. The Church has now taken up the entire responsibility of administration and support. We have now a few Gossner missionaries from Berlin, who have become members of the Church and are working from within. At present there are 1,18,000 baptised Christians, 64 pastors, 500 evangelists and One High School and over 300 Lower grade Schools. New converts are coming in daily. The future is in the hand of God.

We are glad to mention that we have still been receiving financial aids both from Germany and from America and need their helping hand for some years to come or else the Church will be exposed to grave danger because of the rival activities of the Roman Catholics and the Anglicans. We thus solicit the good-will of our brethren in faith all over the World.

Finally we wish this great oecumenical Lutheran Convention a complete success which will, we believe, be a source of inspiration and a cause of blessing unto the Lutherans in all lands for the upbuilding of the Church of - Christ all the world over.

Ever in the Lord

Brothers in Christ .

SECRETARY.

For the Council of the G.E.L.Church
in Chota Nagpur & Assam.

Church Council

Received.. 28/4/29

John A. Morehead, Chairman,
New York, U.S.A.

Date... 26. 3. 29

Rt. Rev. Ludwig Ihmels, D.D.,
Vice-Chairman,
Dresden, Germany.

Date...

Rev. Alfred Th. Jorgensen, D.D., Treasurer,
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LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION

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Gothenburg, Sweden.

March 26th, 1929.

Mr. P. Hurad, Secretary,
The Council of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church,
Lutheran Compound, Ranchi (Behar), India.

My dear Mr. Hurad:-

Your letter of February 6th, acknowledging the reception of our communication of November last to the Rev. J. Topono inviting the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India to nominate two delegates, one an Indian Christian and one a missionary, to represent it at the Second Lutheran World Convention to be held in Copenhagen, June 26th to July 4th of the current year, has been duly received.

I assure you that we of the Executive Committee for Continuation Work of the Lutheran World Convention rejoice in the unity in the faith of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church with the Lutheran World Convention movement, of which we have known for years and to which you refer in your letter. We sincerely wish that it were possible for the Council of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church with the approval of the Gossner Missionary Society in Germany to arrange to send delegates as invited to the coming Second Lutheran World Convention. So much the more do we wish that it might be so because we have been informed that both the Tamil Ev. Luth. Church of the Madras Presidency and the Andhra Ev. Luth. Church of India will nominate delegates with the approval of the Foreign Mission Boards cooperating with them. However, of course the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention is only in a position to invite true Evangelical Lutheran Churches to participate and must leave it to them under the guidance of God to decide what it is possible for them to do in view of the circumstances and obligations which surround them.

The News Exchange Bulletin, which is really the international Lutheran news service fostered by the Executive Committee for Continuation Work, is being sent to President J. Topono. Hence full information concerning the program and arrangements for the Second Lutheran World Convention will be in his hands in case the Council of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church with the approval of its home board in Germany should after all decide to name delegates.

We bespeak the interest and prayers of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church in the Second Lutheran World Convention whether or not it may be possible for it to be present by personal representatives. We hope some information and inspiration from this great international Lutheran Church event may reach the Lutheran Churches everywhere to the glory of God and to the upbuilding of His Church.

I note with interest that the General Conference of the Gossner Autonomous Church will meet this year at Ranchi, April 9th to 11th. On behalf of the National Lutheran Council, I shall be pleased to send a brief cable of greeting.

Assuring you of our abiding interest in the welfare of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church

Mr. P. Hurad,-----2.

March 26th, 1929.

of India and with greetings to both the Indian Christians and the missionaries of your Church, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

John A. Morehead

John A. Morehead, Chairman,
Executive Committee.

JAM:SW

No. 604/29
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25 April 1929.

400th. "WE PROTEST" DAY ANNIVERSARY.

The Rev. I. Cannaday.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Your favour of the 23rd. January for which I must thank you heartily. I was very ill with very little hope of recovery but God our Father in His love has spared me and has been using my humble self in His service for which glory and praise be to His Holy name !

Your letters are always refreshing to me and sometimes give me some food for thought and reflection. It is so nice that you keep us informed of so many things.

It is very kind of you that you have spoken so often on Ranchi and Chota Nagpur . Now although the N.L.C. have so kindly assumed responsibility of appealing on behalf of the Gossner Church, your long connection with and experience in the affairs of this Church are such as to put you on a different basis. This way you are a help to the N.L.C.

Now we are in direct touch with the Berlin Board and not with the N.L.C. During the Annual Conference Director Stosch informed us that for 1929 Germany will give us Rs 33000 while N.L.C. will contribute about Rs 36,800, so we can now fix our income from foreign sources at Rs 70,000. I am glad we can now do our work in a more business-like way on this assurance. You will be glad to note that the Church is not unmindful of its burden of self-help. The Conference has sanctioned an increase in hostel fees and a new tax of seat-rent @ -/4/- per capita per month. This will relieve us from finding money for the repairs of hostels.

The Conference met after the Easter holidays i.e. from 6 -11th. April and passed off nicely. Matters of magnitude affecting the whole church were given serious thought. The Council obtained the sanction of the Conference to pay the salaries of the pastors and the candidates direct from the Council's Treasury. This will give the Council a better hold on the workings of the pastors. But this is only an experimental scheme.

Dr. Morehead was very kind to send the Conference a message and the Greetings which were very much appreciated by the whole audience. I had informed him of the dates of the Conference. This was, so far as I could remember, the first of its kind ever sent to our Gossner Church Conference.

I explained to Driver Joseph the description you sent me about the wonderful work of the Great Ford Motor Works at Detroit. It sounds really wonderful. What marvellous things human brain could make ! I wish to give your description also for GB. our readers I am sure will be delighted to read it.

July 10th.-the Autonomy Day will be the 10th. anniversary of that memorable ~~axaxi~~ event. It will be the Day of general rejoicing and thanksgiving throughout the Church. I have obtained the consent of both the Council and the Conference to issue a Special Number of the GHAR-BANDHU. I wish to illustrate it profusely if funds permit. Am inviting special articles from notable persons including the Rev. J.Z. Hodge who by the way has now become the Secretary to the N.C.C.

I wish you could write an article for us in Hindi but I am afraid it wont reach me in time to publish it in the paper as it will be issued at the end of June and put up for sale on special price at all of our stations.

Dr. Sisingi is now working in place of the late Dr. Hero. Dr. Hero was of a class by himself and his services are now much more appreciated than before.

We are inviting some more missionaries to Chota Nagpur. The Conference wanted at least 5 this year by the next winter. But I have written to Director Stosch that it is desirable to limit the number for the whole field or else there will be the danger of killing Autonomy.

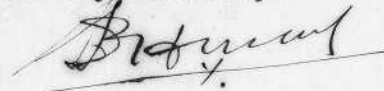
I am sorry I have to close this letter as the time to close the foreign mail is up.

Please remember me to Mrs. Cannaday and accept from Mrs. Hurad and myself our hearty Yishusahays !

The veteran the Rev. H.D. Lakra was here this morning and requested me to ~~write~~ write to you his Yishusahay. He is very weak this time and can walk very little distance.

With due regards,

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,



542 W 112 St, 2 A,
New York City,
January 23, 1929.

Mr. P. Hurad,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr Hurad,

Many thanks for your kind letter of November 21st. It was full of interesting news which we are always glad to hear. Thanks also for the copy of the statement on the dissolution of the Adv. Board. I trust that that matter is now entirely settled up.

You refer to the two new German missionaries. I trust that they they have arrived in safety, are duly installed and are now fitting into the scheme of things.

It is too bad that there are still defections in the Church as at Kondra. The Bishop ought to deal severely with Rev. Patras Lakra when he has proof that he is making so much trouble for the Lutherans.

As I have written you before, I have often spoken about the work in Ranchi and Chotanagpur; in fact we rarely ever tell about the work in our Telugu Mission, as we are now more familiar with the Gossner work. I have asked many congregations and other bodies to support the appeals of the N. L. C. for the Gossner Church. Last week I attended the annual meeting of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference at Columbus, Ohio, and made the strongest plea I could for Gossner. A most encouraging resolution was passed requesting the N. L. C. to give generous help to the Gossner Church in 1929. I was invited to attend the meeting of the N. L. C. itself, but as that was not convenient, I went on to Detroit and attended the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of N. America (all denominations). I am sure that Dr. Morehead will inform the proper party at once of the action of the Council on the resolution sent up to it. Now that the Council has had a clear and satisfactory understanding with the Berlin Board, I feel sure that the Council will give you good help this year. But I cannot say anything about next year. The Berlin Board itself no doubt will be able to do much more in 1930. Indications point that way. If you think it will do good and not harm, you might give my greetings to the Church Council and tell them the substance of this paragraph. I send my hearty greetings to each member of the Council.

While at Detroit I went to see the great Ford motor works. There was not time to see it all of course. But I saw a great many marvelous things--humanlike machines, etc., etc. One thing I saw was the final fitting up of a long line of new cars. Beginning with just the under-frame, all the parts were put on right in front of us as we moved along with the carrier until each car was complete and a driver stepped into it and drove it off! On that line (only one out of about 15) 450 new cars are turned out each day--6700 cars daily in the whole factory! Each one of the 80,000 employees his ~~his~~ work do--to put in a bolt or put on a nut, or fit on a wheel--and this while the carrier moves along; each man walks along with the conveyer (carrier) until he fits his screw on or does his part on each car. If you get a chance,

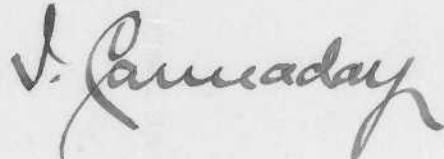
you might call Joseph driver and give him my regards and tell him about my visit to the Ford works. He would be interested, I think.

You ask me to write something for the GHARBANDHU. Perhaps I may some day--if I can find time. But I think you can get all the news about the ULC you want, out of the LUTHERAN. I am sending you that paper instead of articles. It is best for me, I think, not to appear in print. There might be some feeling about it. I have been working hard lately for our Board, trying to help stir up our churches to pay off the big debt resting on our Board. In a few weeks I shall begin my studies at Columbia University, and then I shall have even less free time than ever.

We are very sorry to learn of the deaths of Dr Horo, Rev. N. Tiru and others. These were very useful men. Our sympathy goes out to their families. I wonder what will become of the medical work.

This brings to you our kindest regards as always; also our regards and yishusahays to all our friends there. I enclose a clipping about President-elect Hoover.

Yours very sincerely,



P. S. Later: This morning (24th) I attended a conference between Mr. C. F. Andrews and Mission B'd officials and missionaries. It was very illuminating.

The Council of the Gossner Lu. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845. — Autonomous 1919.]

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Those marked * constitute the Executive.

LUTHERAN COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar.)

India .

No. / 29 :
F.-35.

Dated the 6th. February 1929.....

The Rev. John A. Morehead, D.D.
Chairman, Executive Committee of
The Lutheran World Convention.
39 East 35th. Street. N.Y.

My dear Doctor,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of your very kind letter of the 5th. November last with an enclosure, addressed to our President the Rev. J. Topono, who placed the letter before the Church Council.

The first resolution referred to in your letter is fully and wholly subscribed by the Gossner Church and the same is embodied in the Constitution of the Church as ~~the~~ the fundamental principle of our accepted doctrines.

The Church Council met during the end of the last month and the question of sending an Indian from the Gossner Church as a delegate to the Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen was also considered. The invitation from the Executive was very highly appreciated and a desire to participate in this great Ecumenical gathering was very strongly felt. It was also stated by some of the members of the Church Council that they were eagerly looking forward to the day when one of us could be sent to enjoy and realise the true living power of the great Church of the Reformation.

But when we have to take into account the ever increasing financial responsibilities of the Church we find it still a matter of dream for this Church to enjoy the personal fellowship of the great leaders of the Church of the Augsburg Confession in such auspicious occasions. We wish very much we could go to Copenhagen, but at present in the straitened circumstances perhaps it is the wish of God that we remain on the background and obtain inspirations of such big gatherings from those who are elder than us in the faith of the Gospel.

I understand our brother the General Treasurer Rev. M. Prehn must have informed you of the handing over of 96 of our Primary Schools to the Government with a view to cut down our expenses on Educational-Budget, and thereby enable the Council to pay a better sum to the already neglected pastoral and evangelistic workers. Now there is also the danger of losing a good many of our Lutherans whom we are unable to shepherd in the industrial centres where they emigrate and where other missions and churches are organising themselves into strong congregations. The Methodists, Anglicans and other denominations are ever ready to take into their folds the Lutherans from Chota Nagpur. We are sorry but we cant do more. We are helpless, we should cut our coat according to its length.

P.T.O.

The Council of the General Church in India

[Mission Fund 1842 - 1912]

The General Conference of the Church will meet this year at Ranchi during April, 9-11 and a pastoral letter either from the N.L.C. or the U.L.C., if sent will be very much appreciated.

With most sincere hearty Christian greetings to yourself and to all our dear brethren in Lord Jesus, I remain, for ever in the Master's service.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten Signature]

P. Hurad., Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur & Assam. Ranchi, India.

Dated the 12th February 1912

No. 120/12

India

LUTHERAN COMPOUND, RANCHI, (Bazar)

My dear brother,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of your very kind letter of the 28th November last with an enclosure addressed to our President the Rev. J. Topone, who placed the letter before the Church Council.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

39 East 35th Street,
New York

November 5th, 1928.

Rev. Per Pehrsson, D.D.,
Gothenburg, Sweden.

The Rev. J. Topono, President,
Gossner Ev. Luth. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear President Topono:-

In a letter to you under date of November 2nd, I inadvertently omitted one item presupposed as the basis of the invitation of the Executive Committee for Continuation Work to the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church of India to send two delegates, one indigenous Christian and one missionary to the Second Lutheran World Convention next year. Permit me to correct the matter at once.

The First Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach adopted three resolutions which have been the controlling principles in all the continuation work since 1923, including preparations for the Second Lutheran World Convention. Your special attention is called to the first resolution embodying a simple but clear doctrinal statement of the faith common to all true Lutherans and the presupposed confession of faith upon which participation in the coming Lutheran World Conference at Copenhagen is invited. We assume of course that this is satisfactory to the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church but forward this material to you so that the terms of the invitation may be just the same in the cases of all Young Lutheran Churches on the mission fields.

With cordial greeting and good wishes for you and all the missionaries, pastors and people of the Gossner E.L. Church, I remain, in the faith of Christ's Gospel and of His Church,

Most sincerely and cordially yours,

John A. Morehead, Chairman,
Executive Committee.

JAM:SW

President,

I think we should at least
acknowledge this letter. As it is addressed
to you I think you had better acknowledge it
I regret I have not written any letter of
acknowledgment, please write one and send John A. Morehead
it to me for signature. Two letters were sent to me 15/1/29
please acknowledge both J. Topono. 16-1-29

The Committee on Resolution proposed three resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

I. The Lutheran World Convention acknowledges the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only source and the infallible norm of church doctrine and practice, and sees in the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, especially in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, a pure exposition of the Word of God.

II. In view of present movements against the Christian education and confessional instruction of our baptized young people, the Lutheran World Convention calls upon all Lutheran Christians to strive with all earnestness in behalf of the Christian instruction and education of our young people, and especially to labor that Luther's Small Catechism may be preserved to them.

III. Thankfully acknowledging the rich evidences of brotherly love which the Lutheran churches that are in need have received from their brethren in the faith, the Lutheran World Convention calls upon Lutheran Christians not to grow weary in brotherly love until the Lord shall put an end to distress.

Church Council

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542 W 112 Str, 2 A,
New York City, USA.

Dear Mr Hurad,

Many thanks for your letter No /28 of the 22nd August and for the minutes mentioned.

I note with interest what you write about the property situation, the dissolution of the Bd of Trustees, etc. Mr P. O. Philip also has written me along the same lines and sent me copies of his letters to Dr Morehead. Since then I have replied to Mr. Philip and have also consulted Dr Morehead. The latter had already written his opinion out to Mr Philip and I take it that he will let you know about it. Dr Morehead and I are inclined to the CC view, that the NMS has no great claim to become a member of the new holding body. The Trustees' view was and is, I suppose, that the NMS is merely a "renter" and not a holder of the Jharsuguda property. Dr Morehead also does not like that the NCC should have a member on the new body to succeed the Trustees but I have advised that that is necessary. I do hope that the NCC Office can persuade the Govt of India to close up the new arrangements soon. There is a chance, Mr Philip wrote, that the Ganges property will revert to the Berlin Board.

You speak of your difficult financial condition. Of course I know only too well about it. At Erie I consulted Dr Morehead and learned from that the BB had borrowed Rs 10,000 and sent it out. Dr M was much pleased with that. He also had sent out a fresh remittance. I hope that before this time your situation has been greatly eased, although I know that you have not received enough and will not receive enough to pay all bills.

Dissolution of the AB: I have already written about this.

Plan of Work of the CC: You promised to send me a copy of this, but I have not received it so. Perhaps it went astray. Also I would like to get a copy of the revised consti. and by-laws of the GEL Church. I suppose the last Genl Conf approved of the committees' work. Has the consti. not yet been reprinted?

Constitution of the ULC: I have written to our Pub. House for this and hope to send you a copy soon.

CC Budget for 1928: You ask me about it. I do not recollect that I had this. It was made out by the CC Secy, my recollection is. I had only to do with the AB budget. After returning from Calcutta to see Drs Knubel and Miller we made out a budget but the CC Secy kept the original of that. I cannot remember whether the CC Secy's salary was shown in detail in that or not.

At the Erie Convention the letter of the CC was read by the President of the Foreign Board but under instructions from the Board he stated that the letter was read "merely for information" and that neither the Bd nor the ULC had anything to do with financing the Gossner work. You must understand that our Church has to be strictly neutral in this matter because of the other Luth. bodies in the NLC. The various bodies can make their contributions for the Gossner work only thru the NLC--any other course would be unneutral and disastrous, things being what they are over here. I expect to be present at the next annual mtg of the NLC and also of the Luth. Foreign Missions Conf--composed of all Luth. bodies, and at these meetings I can explain the situation in Ranchi and make a strong plea for continued support. I have already made this plea over and over in many places and did so again at Erie. But I must always carefully state that all help for Gossner must be given thru the NLC; otherwise I should get into trouble myself.

About blocks and cuts for the Gharbandu: I have taken this

matter up with our Pub House in Philadelphia and have the promise that some blocks will be given for our presses at Rjm and Gnt and also for the Gossner press. I hope to be able to report soon that the blocks have been sent.

We are both well and getting on well. We are now settling in New York for the winter and spring. Above is our address. We send our kindest regards and yishusahays to you and all the brethren there and pray God's richest blessings on you all.

Yours very sincerely,

PS--The Luth Pub House writes that it has no cuts on hand now suitable for India, but my letter will be kept on file and the cuts sent later when available. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the ULC constitution.

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September 11, 1928.

Mr. P. Hurad,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Hurad:-

Upon my return to the office today from a vacation, I find that my colleague, Dr. L. B. Wolf, has answered your letter to me dated July 12th.

I have sent forward a copy of your letter and of the resolution of the General Conference to the President of our Church, Dr. F. H. Knubel, and requested that it be presented to the Convention at Erie on October 9-16 and entered upon the minutes of the convention.

May the Gossner Church continue to prosper. We did for you all we did, because we recognized in you fellow believers and were anxious that the work in Chota Nagpur should be preserved and developed.

Please express my personal greetings to the General Conference and my sincere wishes for continued growth and prosperity under the blessing of God, through Jesus Christ.

Yours very sincerely,

George Drach
General Secretary.

GD/R

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THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH HOUSE
39 EAST THIRTY-FIFTH STREET
NEW YORK

September 14th, 1928.

Secretary P. Hurad,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, (Behar),
India.

Church Council
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Dear Secretary Hurad:

This is written to acknowledge to you, as Secretary of the Gossner Council, the receipt of your letter dated the 12th of July in which greeting is sent to us and with which a resolution is included. I am grateful to possess this and ask you to assure the brethren of the Council that the resolution will have attention.

Naturally my memory runs back very often to the opportunity I had to meet some of you in Calcutta. My remembrance of that day will come back again and again. It always brings blessing to my heart.

With highest regard and truest wishes, I am

Faithfully



F. H. KNUBEL.

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Ranchi.
Br. India.
21st. November 1928

Messrs. Ward, Wells & Dreshman.
475 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs,

Since long your advertisements in the LUTHERAN attracted my attention. Your successful financial campaigns for philanthropies are now so well known. Thus when you have rendered such signal service for Church institutions & activities not only of U.S.A. but of Canada and Europe, I hope you will be gladly ready to help the Churches in India by similar endeavors on your part.

Ours is also a Lutheran Church founded by the German missionaries as late as 1845. Before the war the Gossner's Mission had no large endowments or special funds to support the Mission and its activities. The Church has a membership of over 1,15,000 all chiefly drawn from the poorer classes. During the War the Church workers viz 60 pastors, 400 catechists, 1 High English School, 1 Seminary, 5 Middle English Schools, 1 Teachers' Training School and 400 Primary Schools were totally cut off from German support and were entrusted to the care of the Anglicans. Throughout these critical years we were helped by the United Lutheran Church and the National Lutheran Church of America.

In 1919 the Gossner Mission Christians declared AUTONOMY with a view to free themselves from Anglican hands. Up to the present we are regularly being helped to a large extent by the Lutheran Churches of America. But now we wish to relieve them of the great and heavy burden which we have placed on their shoulders. Just now our Church is faced with serious financial problems and unless something is done to relieve and improve the present situation there is grave danger ahead.

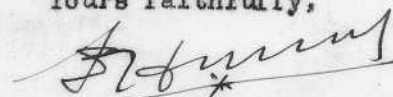
I should be glad and thankful if your Firm will kindly counsel with me & our Council concerning our problems and help us to extricate ourselves out of grave difficulties.

On hearing from you I shall let you have further informations in greater detail, if necessary. Please treat this as URGENT and advise by letter and literature.

Hoping to hear soon from you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY,

Lutheran Church, Ranchi, India.

N/o 377/28
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21st. November

28.

The Rev. I. Cannaday.
The Board of Foreign Missions.
18 East Mt. Vernon Place.
Baltimore. MD. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

Your very kind letter of the 21st. and a subsequent P.C. of 22nd. August both duly to hand. Also your Chautauquan Daily with the Picture P. Cards of the Niagara Falls etc. which reached me all right and delighted us all. I am also getting the N.L.C. Bulletin and the LUTHERAN regularly for which you have kindly paid the subscription. Now for all of this kindness I can not but thank you most heartily.

I am sending you in a separate cover a Report on the dissolution of the A.B., as submitted to the Government. This contains extracts from your reports to the B&O

C.C. I hope this will interest you. If you do not require it will you kindly pass it on to Dr. Morehead for whom it will also make an interesting reading.

Director Stosch in a recent letter informs me that two new missionaries Messrs. Shiebe and Schulze have left Germany and are now on their way to India. They are expected in Ranchi early next month. They both had been to England for 10 weeks to study English. We hope these new missionaries will make good impressions in the Autonomous Church.

In the beginning of this month we the office-bearers visited Kondra as some of the people petitioned the S.P.G. to take them and notified our pastor about it. We found out that for mere trifling matters and for their apparent misunderstanding with the pastor a few people threatened separation. This is all due to the activity of the S.P.G. pastor Patras Lakra of Kinkel who is always on the look out for dissatisfied Lutherans. Now again there is that usual danger that whenever we ask people to support the Autonomous Church and its various activities they are naturally led astray by such missions which afford to make inducements by monetary helps. This has become a great problem and an ~~xxx~~ hinderance to our work.

In your letter you wrote of difficulties for soliciting funds for the Gossner Church independent of the U.L.C. or N.L.C. I do not wish that you should take that risk. What I said was that you will kindly create an interest amongst the friends of foreign mission works so that when time comes they will contribute gladly and generously towards our needs.

We the Indian members of the CC do not as yet know what understanding has been reached between the Berlin Home Board and the N.L.C. for supply of funds. I mean whether American money will reach us through Berlin or there will be direct transaction with the Church. There is one very interesting fact bearing on this question. During the War time before the Germans left us, Dr. Aberly had asked Director Stosch to hand over the Church to the Guntur Mission, but Mr. Stosch preferred to let the arrangement with the Bishop stand. So during the war Americans helped us through the N.C.C. Rather you searched for us, found us and helped us out, though we were unconscious of this fact for sometime. At last we too approached you personally and sought your help and Berlin was all these years silently watching the situation

You will be very sorry to hear that on the 13th. Pastor Nottrott Tiru was drowned in a tank some 2 miles off while shooting wild ducks. The tank was full of weeds and creepers and it appears he was entangled while swimming to get the ducks out of water and was drowned.

You will be glad to hear that our organ is being repaired and will be ready within this week. The cost of repairs has been Rs 300 which we have been raising by voluntary subscriptions. I hope the Church music will be improved now with the organ. Mr. B. Minz will be our organist.

May I again remind you not to forget our GHARBANDHU ? Your articles were very much appreciated by the reading public. If you can give us something of your Eirie Convention, chiefly your own impressions of the Merger, I believe, the same will interest the Lutheran brethren here. In your P.C. you complained that the Bulletin had published so many errors of your interview. I am sorry that the Bulletin matters were already published in the GB before your P.C. reached me. I don't think anything serious will result out of it. However if you wish to make certain corrections, I shall be much pleased to have them and insert the corrections in the GB.

Mr. Lakra has framed the panoramic picture of the Niagaras and the same is now in the High School Hall. It is a very pleasing and picturesque view of the Falls.

Now we are in the middle of November and the cold has set in. This reminds us always of the approach of the Xmas. By the time this letter reaches you I think you will be in the Xmas week. May Peace and Happiness be yours throughout the Christmastide.

With hearty Yishusahays and kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday and yourself from Mrs. Hurad and myself and my children,

I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

Edward

Church Council

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Mr. P. Hurad,

Lutheran Compound,

RANCHI, B & O,

INDIA.



Lutheran House,
Chautauqua, N. Y.,
August 22nd, 1928.

Dear Mr Hurad,

After posting my letter to you
yesterday and the Chautauguan Daily, I read
for the first time the interview with me pub-
lished in the NLC News-Bulletin. I was cha-
grined to see so many errors in it! The Bulle-
tin makes me say things I never said. I am
sorry that the interview was not submitted to
me for correction before publication. If there
is any criticism of my satements, kindly tell
people privately that I have written thus.

Yours sincerely,

J. Casaday

Church Council

Received 16.9.28

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Reply No.....

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Lutheran House,
Chautauqua, N. Y.,
August 21st, 1928.

Mr P. Hurad,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr Hurad,

Very many thanks for your letter No. 175/28, dated 18th July, 1928, enclosing a copy of the resolution of the General Conference concerning the Advisory Board. I appreciate this very much, and I am sure that the other members of the Board also appreciate it.

Speaking of the Board: You say that Mr Brett says that the local Government had never been notified of the dissolution of the Board. I am sorry for this, but cannot admit that it is my fault. The Secy of the B&O CC, by which body the Board was created and again dissolved, was the one who should have notified Govt of the passing of the Board. No one else could have done it. The Board could not have notified the local Govt of its own death!! Last November (as you will find in the files) I notified the local Govt of the intended dissolution of the Board.

The Gharbandhu. I note with interest all you say about it, and I shall do what I can to help. I have already written to the LUTHERAN to send you that paper for one year at my own expense. I trust that you will regularly receive it and find it helpful. I shall also try to send you some of my religious papers when I have finished with them. I wrote at once to the NLC and requested them to send you the BULLETIN. Dr Morehead has just replied saying that your name has been put on the mailing list. Dr Morehead is ill and must go to hospital, he writes. I hope to see him sometime in October and talk over matters again.

Thanks for promising to send me the CC minutes. The GB is being received regularly. Thanks also for instructing Thos Cook's, Bagdad, to repay the money advanced to them directly to me in Baltimore. I have been trying for months unsuccessfully, to get back that money. It was Rs. 150/. I do not know why they say that the sum is Rs. 134/4. I have already spent 8 rupees trying to get the money back!

When I go to Philadelphia sometime I shall try to see about getting some plates and blocks for the GB. I cannot say at this distance what can be done.

I note that you still do not hear anything definite from Berlin. Well, I feel very sorry for the Church, but I am not surprised that Berlin keeps quiet. That is their manner. It is most unsatisfactory, but I do not know how to remedy the situation. Mr Stosch doesn't believe in much speaking! I hope that Dr Morehead is keeping you informed of the intentions of the NLC. I do not know anything new. I wrote out to Mr Prehn about our visits to Berlin and Dr Morehead, and you have seen the notes on the interview with the NLC people in the BULLETIN. Since then I have had no contact with them.

I have had a letter from Mr Holter and I hope to be able to see him in October. Until then I cannot say what he can do for Gossner. We have not been near New York for a long time. At the Erie Convention of the ULC early in October I hope to see many pastors and others and find out many things.

As you know, we are now entirely under our ULC Board and have no authority to solicit funds for Gossner except in a very private way. Our Board has an enormous debt and its rules about solic-

iting funds are rather strict.

We arrived in America on May 20th and after visiting friends and relatives and others in different places we came on here to spend July and August. You may not have heard of CHAUTAUQUA, but it is one of the great places in America--for two months all kinds of lectures, addresses, classes, etc., are given here, and also wonderful music. I'll send you a copy of our daily paper about it. We also have been going to Lutheran Summer Schools, Assemblies, etc. We recently spent 11 days in Gettysburg and were guests of Dr and Mrs Aberly while attending the Assembly there. The Aberlys told us that they had heard that Mr Lakra had been ill with "nervous breakdown." Is that true? We have not heard a word from him! And you do not mention the matter. How is the HS getting on?

Two days ago we made a wonderful visit to Niagara Falls(not far from here). It was an entrancing scene we saw from the Canadian side at 9 o'clock P. M. when all the falls were being illuminated with about 100 powerful searchlights of various colours! I enclose a card or two. Also I am sending to the HS a panorama-photo of the Falls. Perhaps Mr Lakra can have it framed.

We are both well and send our regards and Yishusahays to you and all the brethren there. We pray for all of you every day. I shall be glad to hear from you whenever you can write me the news. Always address me at Baltimore as usual.

Yours sincerely,

J. Cannaday

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Mr. P. Hurad
Ranchi, India


My dear Mr. Hurad:

Church Council
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I have your letter addressed to Dr. Drach conveying the resolution passed by the General Conference of the Gossner Church held in Ranchi March last. Dr. Drach is on his vacation now. When he comes back I know that he will handle the matter in a proper manner and if he deems it necessary to the conference of the United Lutheran Church at Erie. I congratulate you upon being elected Secretary. I hope the Gossner Church will go forward grandly in its work and reach its goal.

I am very sincerely yours in Christian work.

Yours sincerely,


General Secretary.

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No $\frac{217}{F-35}$ /28

22nd August 1928.

Dear Mr. Cannaday,

I am sending you one copy each of the minutes of the 1928 Mahasabha and also of the C. C. Meeting of June last & hope they will interest you in most matters. I am only sorry that these Hindi minutes will be of no use to the American Mission Boards, or ~~also~~ ^{else} I would have sent them some copies. If you think there is anything in these Minutes of any importance to the ~~EXXX~~ U.L.C. or N.L.C. will you please on our behalf give out our matters to them?

2. I have just received a communication from N.C.C. intimating that the Government of India have now consented to the dissolution of the present Bd. of Trustees and to the constitution of the new Board as proposed by us. The N.M.S. have applied to the Govt. through the N.C.C. for a seat in the new Board, and we are being ansulted on the same. The C.C. has already Expressed its views on this (please see C.C.Minutes P. 6.) and does not wish to go back on it.

3. We are very much troubled with finances. We have not yet got an official assurance from either the Berlin Home Board or America of a regular contribution towards our works. The School teachers have not been paid since May last. The situation is serious and Mr. Prehn has cabled to Berlin thinking that America will send us help through Germany. But this process I think is a costly one and we shall be losing much money in Exchanges and discounts.

4. Your correspondence with the Local Government on the

dissolution of the A. B. are not forthcoming in the files left with Mr. Prehn. I have drawn up a Note, at the instance of Mr. Brett, the D.C., on the constitution and dissolution and of the A. B. and the present functions of the Church Council with the Plan of Work included in it. A copy of this I will send you next week.

5. Will you kindly take the trouble of sending us the Constitution of the U.L.C. 1918-19 on which was based our original Constitution. This is needed for reference.

6. You will remember that while we were preparing our Budget, the C.C. Secretary's salary was fixed at Rs. 100/- a month. The same has now been disputed Mr. Prehn says you did not hand him the details of the Budget. In any case, I hope you remember it clearly that Rs. 100/ was fixed and you even remarked then that no one would now work for that salary.

Kindly keep us informed of what is being done in America for the Churches in India and please do all you can to help us in the matters you think we can make real progress.

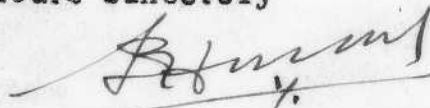
This year there is no good rain, Crops are dying. We have had no rain for the last 3 weeks. Famine is threatening Ranchi district.

We are doing well and hope this will find you and Mrs. Cannaday bright and cheerful.

With best and kindest regards and
heartly Yishusahays,

I remain

Yours sincerely



J. H. Cannon

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM held in March, 28, 1928 at

Ranchi, Bihar, E British-India.

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The General Conference of the G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur & Assam records with gratitude its sincere and deep appreciation of the most brotherly and cordial relationship between this Church and the Foreign Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America who very kindly lent their missionaries for this Church and helped building up and strengthening the Church. Now that the Baltimore Board had to withdraw their missionaries, the Conference still hopes that the active interest of the Foreign Mission Board will continue in the future. The Conference desires to continue its help in the form of lending missionaries, but in order to conserve and develop the Gossner work, the financial help of the U.L.C. is considered imperative.

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
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No 168/28

11th. July 19 28.

Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.Ltd.

P. O. Box. 12.

BAGHDAD.

REF: Your No. B.G.D. 64.

Dear Sirs,

Reverend. I. Cannaday.

Your letter of the 28th. June, 1928. The amount of Rs 134/4 deposit made by the Rev. I. Cannaday and now lying to his credit in your office may be refunded to him direct.

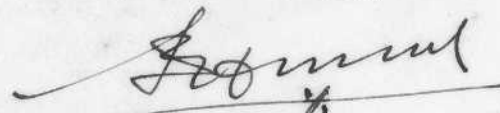
We have received words that he has already reached the U.S.A. His present address is -- C/O The Secretary, Foreign Mission Board,

United Lutheran Church,

18, East Mt. Vernon Place.

BALTIMORE. MD.-U.S.A.

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY.

G.E.L.C. Chota Nagpur & Assam. Ranchi.

Bihar, INDIA.

No. 171/28.

India.
12th. July 19 28.

The Rev. F. H. Knubel.
The United Lutheran Church,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Doctor,

Jesus Christ our common Lord for ever and ever, Amen !

From the News Bulletin and other sources we have learnt with a feeling of thankfulness to the Almighty Father that He has enabled you and the party to get back to America safely after a long and busy tour and journey by land and sea. Praise the Lord! Praise to His holy Name !!

The Conference of the Gossner Church met towards the end of March last and I have much pleasure in communicating to you the Resolution of the Conference for the N.L.C. which please present before that body when they meet next.

The detailed account of Mr. Cannaday's talk which appeared in a recent issue of the News-Bulletin has been of great interest to the Church Council here and I am circularising the same to the English knowing members of the Council. For the first time we have learnt from that account that the Berlin Home Board is endeavoring to give us Rs 25,000 this year, but thus far we have not as yet heard anything definitely from Director Stosch. We regret that so far we have not received any definite assurance either from Germany or from the N.L.C. to enable us to shape our plans in a businesslike way. We, however, hope that in due course of time, by God's grace, all will move in the right direction and our prayers will be heard.

We should be much grateful if we could know something of the help we could expect so that we might know where we stand financially. We are eagerly looking forward to such news reaching us in the near future and I feel confident that you will use your good office to impress on the N.L.C. the urgent need of funds and the usefulness of their good gifts, without which the flourishing work of the Church is bound to cripple.

Our Gracious Lord by whose inspiration this Church always had received its support in days of trouble and affliction will surely now in these days of struggle and transition inspire our brothers and sisters to help us out by their good gifts.

With hearty sincere Christian greetings,

I remain,
Dear Doctor,
Yours in the Master's cause,


SECRETARY.

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTA NAGPUR AND ASSAM, Ranchi, Bihar, India, March, 1928.

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The General Conference of the G.E.L.Church in Chota Nagpur & Assam records with gratitude its sincere and deep appreciation of the most brotherly cordial relationship between this Church and the National Lutheran Council of America with whose generous support it became possible to conserve this unique Church of India. In all trials and temptations of this Church the National Lutheran Council has been the closest ally. Now that the Advisory Board has been abolished and the indigenous Church has taken the full responsibility, the Church needs the special attention and encouragement of the N.L.C. Without the help of the N& L. C. ,the great and flourishing work of the Gossner Church is bound to suffer. The Conference, therefore, hopes that while the Church struggles hard, as it is doing ,to increase its local income, the N.L.C. will stretch forth its helping hand conserving consolidating and developing the work of this great centre of Lutheranism in India.

No. 169/20

12th. July 1928.

Rev. George Drach, D.D.
18 East Mt. Vernon Place,
Baltimore, MD., U.S.A.

Dear Doctor,

I beg to communicate to you the Resolution (Vote of Thanks) recently passed by the General Conference of the Gossner Church held in Ranchi towards the end of March last, which please present before the United Lutheran Church when it meets.

It would not be out of place to mention that the last General Conference of the Church has been pleased to re-elect me to the office of Secretary-an office which I was privileged to hold during the War and after for several years. Though unworthy of such an honour, I have accepted it as a clear call to service by the Master Himself. The responsibilities now are greater than ever before owing to the dissolution of the Advisory Board which for years shouldered the burden and also shared most of the Church's responsibilities.

May I in the interest of the Gossner Church again solicit your kind sympathies and good-will which were so conspicuous in the days by gone. I know it for certain that you will continue to take a deeper and greater interest and thus help us towards our goal -AUTONOMY, for the edification of the Church of God in this land of India !

With kindest regards and Christian greetings,

I remain,

Dear Doctor,
Yours in the Master's service,
Robert

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
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The General Conference of the G.E.L.Church in Chota Nagpur & Assam records with gratitude its sincere and deep appreciation of the most brotherly and cordial relationship between this Church and the Foreign Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America who very kindly lent their missionaries for this Church and helped us in building up and strengthening the Church. Now that the Baltimore Board had to withdraw its missionaries, the Conference still hopes that the active interest of the U.L.C. and its Foreign Mission Board will continue in the future. The Conference may not expect help in the form of lending missionaries, but in order to conserve, consolidate and develop the Gossner work, the financial help of the U.L.C. is considered to be imperative.

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The Gossner ~~Evangelical~~ Lutheran Church
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India.

Dear Sirs,

Reverend I. Cannaday.

The above ~~name~~^{named} gentleman made arrangements to travel via Baghdad and forwarded us a deposit in connection with his journey. Events occurred to prevent him travelling this way, and we have now a sum of Rs. 134/4 lying to his credit at this office.

We shall be pleased, therefore, if you will inform us whether we are in order in refunding this amount. Please advise us as early as possible as we understand from our London Office that he will shortly be leaving for America.

Yours faithfully,
Per Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd.

J. H. Robinson

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General news comes to us through the Berlin papers we do get from Berlin while Mission and Church work and the interest the public take in such works. While some shall be much pleased if you will kindly give us your impressions of Berlin to where we are and stand financially. Some definite assurance to purchase our duties in a business like way and to know year as was given last year - "this brings us some relief amidst anxieties. We need You write to me - the same amount of money will be given by the two Boards this definite situation in the absence of an assurance either from Berlin or from America. as we have no news from Berlin to this effect. We are still in an uncertain and in-

No. 17/28.

18th. July 26.

Please keep us posted of what is being done on INDIA CHURCH matters as we are expecting many things from you.

Dear Mr. Cannaday.

I must thank you for your very kind letter of the 15th. June last and specially for your matter for the Gharbandhu which I had been looking for since a long time. Please do not forget the GB. Thanks very much also for your kind congratulation on my election as the Secy of the Church. The present duties I know are very heavy and I feel I did not deserve such an honour, but I accepted the same as a clear call of the Master to serve the Church.

I note with great pleasure that you wish to continue to interest yourself in our affairs for which thanks. I shall see that you get copies of the CC Minutes regularly. The CC clerk has been instructed accordingly.

I beg to send from the Minutes of the of the General Conference the Votes of thanks Resolution to the A.B. of which you were the life and soul for 7 years. The Resolutions were drawn up by Mr. Lakra who was in office till the end of the Maha - Sabha.

Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons, Bagdad, inquired of me re Rs 134/4 or like sum your deposit towards your journey home. I have asked them to refund the money direct to you c/o The Foreign Mission Board, U.L.C., 18, East Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore - MD. U.S.A. Hope the same will reach you in order.

The other day I had a talk with Mr. Brett, the Dy. Commr. He told me that the Local Govt. had no official information as to the dissolution of the AB. I made a search for AB correspondence in your files left with Mr. Prehn, but could not find any. I told Mr. Brett that you must have made such correspondence through the B.&O. and NGC Councils, as the channel of communication with the Govt. In any case, I have now to draw up a Statement on the subject as our School Grants are being held up for the same objectionable reason.

Now I am finding a little difficulty in issuing the GB in due time because of pressure of work, besides, I don't find any body willing enough to take up the job. For GB materials now I have the LUTHERAN and the News-BULLETIN of the U.L.C. I shall be much grateful if you will kindly arrange to have the NEWS-BULLETIN sent to me direct. I sometimes find that some issues are missing from Mr. Lakra's place who gets these. I understand the Bulletin is specially meant for the Lutheran Press. I know the U.L. C. is doing real service to the World Lutheranism by the issues of the Bulletin. Will it be possible to get the Lutheran and other religious periodicals, also such which are not required after being read by the owners or subscribers? These will form a material to me for the GB. I wish I could make the GB a fortnightly as it was some years back. I think I can do it, only if I can have the service of an efficient clerk or assistant. But you know our finances. Another request will it be possible to get some picture blocks or plates of religious subjects to enable me to make the GB an illustrated journal, of course such as are no longer required by any Press, as I know we shall not be able to pay for these.

Your lecture notes in the Bulletin interested me very much and I am circularising the same to the English knowing members of the CC and the same appears in the GB. I was a bit surprised to hear that Berlin is endeavoring to give us Rs 25000 this year

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Shall be much pleased if you will kindly give us your impressions of Berlin re Mission and Church work and the interest the public take in such works. While some general news comes to us through the Bulletin, nothing we do get from Berlin while they want us to give every bit of news to them.

Please keep us posted of what is being done on INDIA CHURCH matters as we are expecting many things from you.

We are in the middle of the monsoon and we are enjoying the weather heartily. There has been regularly good rain and we find the condition of the crops not bad.

Please convey our hearty Christian Greetings to Mr. Holter and to all those brethren specially those of the U.L.C. and the N.L.C. without whose sympathy and generous support the valuable work of the Church is bound to cripple.

We are all doing well and every body seems to know something of your whereabouts in America. Please therefore write us occasionally.

With kindest regards and hearty YISHUSAHAYS to Mrs. Cannaday and yourself,

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June 15, 1928.

The Editor,
The Gharbandhu,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr Hurad,

Enclosed please find an article for the GHAR-
BANDHU. If you think the readers will be interested in it,
will you be good enough to translate it and publish it in whole
or in part. I have received 2 copies of the GB since we arrived
here and to see it is like meeting an old friend! I trust that
you will be able to carry on the paper with great success and that
the paper will be a great blessing to the Church.

Accept my congratulations on being elected Secretary
of the CC. May God bless you in that very important work. If you
can find the time to send me copies of the minutes of CC mtgs and
of other things that would be of interest, *I shall be grateful.*

I hope that all goes on well. I know that there are
financial difficulties, but as I understand the situation, the
same amount of money will be given by the two Boards this year
as was given last year.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs Hurad and to all
friends there, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

V. Lundberg

TRIP OF MR & MRS CANNADAY FROM INDIA TO AMERICA.

As promised before I left India, I shall give an account of our trip from Ranchi to New York. Many details must be omitted, of course. We left Ranchi on Feb'y 20th and went direct to Guntur via Howrah and Calcutta, in which places we had much business to transact. We were in Guntur 9 days as guests of Dr & Mrs Stroock. Dr & Mrs Knubel also ^{were} in the same house. We attended the sessions of the All-India Lutheran Conference and I acted as the representative of the Gossner Church. It was a pity that no Indian representative could be present. The proceedings of this Conference meeting have already been published, so I shall not comment ~~on~~ on it, except to say that I hope that all the missions and churches ~~and~~ will vote to dissolve the Conference so that there will be only one All-India Lutheran body--the Federation of Lutheran Churches.

We also attended the special mission meetings arranged for Drs Knubel ~~Mrs Knubel~~ and Miller, ~~and their wives~~. These meetings were very fine and everything possible was done to show to the distinguished officials of the United Lutheran Church of America just what the Mission was doing and what it needed. Many interesting graphs were shown and papers read. Mrs Cannaday and I too learned many new things about the Mission. Self-support is as far along in the Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission as it is in the Gossner Church, although the people in Chotanagpur are much better off economically than are the Christians of the Telugu country.

We left Guntur on March 1st for Bombay and spent 3 days in Poona, which is a wonderful city. There I consulted the Secretaries of the NCC about the problems of the Gossner property. They promised to do all they could to bring all matters to a successful issue. I hope it will not be long until all the property is in the hands of the new Board of Trustees.

Then we went on to Bombay and sailed on March 10th for Pales-

tine vis Suez. For 3 years we had planned to go via Basra, Bagdad and the desert to Damascus, but because of the Wahabi war then threatening, we had to change our route. This was a great disappointment to us. On the same boat with us were almost all the delegates from India to the great Jerusalem Missions Conference. We arrived at Suez on March 18th and the next day went into Palestine by train from El Kantara on the Suez canal. We went directly by rail to Haifa about 200 miles north and from there by motor to Nazareth, where we spent 4 ~~nights~~ ^{days}. We had with us Miss Tilak of Bombay, daughter of the great Christian poet of the Mahratta country.

From Nazareth we visited by motor several other places, namely, Tiberius, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Bethsaida, Mt Tabor and other places. Also ^{we} saw Cana of Galilee and many other places of importance in the Bible. From Nazareth we went by motor to Jerusalem where we spent 5 days and visited the Dead Sea, Jericho and Bethlehem. We also saw much of Jerusalem. We attended an open-air meeting of the Jerusalem Conference and heard a fine ^{lecture} lecture on Jerusalem by the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. This was on the Mt of Olives and we all could see the whole Holy City in front of us. This was a most inspiring meeting and a wonderful privilege for us. We were not at all disappointed in our visit to Palestine. It is truly the land of the Bible, the land of our Lord. Indian Christians should try to visit it. A visit to the Holy Land makes the Bible a new book!

We left Jerusalem on March 28th and went by train to Cairo, Egypt. Cairo is about the size of Calcutta. It is built near where the ancient city of Memphis stood. We spent only two days there and visited the pyramids, the sphinx, the museum and other places of great interest. Then we went on to Alexandria and spent two days.

From Alexandria we sailed to Naples Italy, arriving on April 5th. We spent 10 days in Italy visiting in turn Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice and Verona. In every place we saw many things of

great historical interest. In Naples we saw the great volcano, Vesuvius and the buried city of Pompeii. It is now uncovered. In Rome we attended the Easter service in St Peter's Cathedral and saw the Pope himself. This ^{Cathedral} is the largest church in the world. (In Rome pickpockets stole my pocket-book containing about 21 English pounds) There are hundreds and hundreds of magnificent churches in Rome. We saw only a few of them. We saw also many of the Roman ruins.

In Florence and Venice we saw many beautiful paintings in the picture galleries, also the wonderful old churches. Venice is a big city the streets of which are canals. There are no motors and carts—only small boats. In Palestine it was very cold, but in Italy it was warmer and many fruit trees were in bloom. Italy seems to be an entirely new country since Mussolini took control of it. He is a wonderful man. X

From Verona we went up and across the Alps into Austria and Germany. In a few hours we went from a sunshiny country full of blossoming fruit trees into a cold country covered with snow. It was truly wonderful! On the way up the Alps the snow began to fall thick and all the pine trees (big jiwan gaches) were covered with a beautiful ^{mantle} ~~mantle~~ of white. We were glad that we had with us our thick woolen clothes. We spent only one day and night in Innsbruck, Austria, right near the top of the Alps, and then went on Munich, Germany. There we spent two days and visited the great Planetarium. This is a new thing in the world. In it is a huge machine by means of which one can see the stars and planets and understand just how they go on their courses in the sky. A man explains every thing. Other cities in Germany and America are now building Planetariums. We wished very much that the Ranchi school boys and girls could see this or another planetarium. It is so easy to learn astronomy in a planetarium. In Munich we also visited and took tea with Mrs Mueller, the widow of Dr Mueller. Dr ^{and} Mrs Mueller were in the

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Guntur Mission many years before the great war.

In one day on a fast train we rode from Munich to Berlin, arriving at night. It was cold and there was snow on the ground. Mr Stosch met us at the Berlin railway station and took us to his new home at Wannsee, a suburb of Berlin. We spent 5 days with Mr and Mrs Stosch and enjoyed it more than we can tell. They showed us much kindness. We also visited Friedenau and ~~we~~ saw Mrs Kausch, and also had a meeting with the Berlin Board and some of the former Gossner missionaries--Mr & Mrs Mehl, Mr and Mrs Roterberg, Mr Pape, Mr & Mrs Lokies, Mr Zernick, and some others, whose names I have forgotten. We both made short addresses in English giving an account of our work in Ranchi and pleading for more help. I have already written to Ranchi about this matter. We think that young Mr Lokies is a fine man and will be a great help to the Gossner work.

From Berlin we went to Blankenburg and visited Dr and Mrs Albrecht, formerly of the Guntur Mission. Blankenburg is a fine place in the beautiful Harz mountains. Then we visited Frankfurt and went from there down the famous Rhine valley to Cologne, in which is one of the largest cathedrals in the world. From Cologne we went to Liege in Belgium, at which much fighting took place in the world war. ~~The~~ Germany looked beautiful and prosperous, but we were told by all that the people are poor. In Liege we saw many evidences of poverty. It will take many more years for those countries to recover entirely from the effects of the war. May they never suffer from another one!

From Belgium we went direct to London, arriving there on April 28th. It was still quite cold. After 3 days in London attending to business, we went to Nottingham, England, and spent a few days with Mr & Mrs Philpott formerly of Daltongangj. They showed us all round their beautiful country. The grass is greener ~~in~~ in England than I have ever seen it in any other country. After that we

visited York and Durham and saw the famous and ancient cathedrals. Then we went on to Edinburgh, Scotland, and were the guests for nearly a week of Mr & Mrs Macnair, who were formerly missionaries in the Telugu country. Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and full of historic interest. There we saw ~~the~~ ^{a beautiful} finest war memorial. For many centuries great things have happened in Edinburgh. Then we went to Glasgow and spent a day and night with friends who took us in their motor to visit the famous Scottish lakes. It was a wonderful ride--one that we can never forget.

We sailed from Glasgow on May 12th for New York and arrived on May 20th, three months to the day after we left Ranchi! We are grateful to our Heavenly Father that he preserved us and blest us on all the long journey. We have now been in America three weeks and have been visiting friends and relatives. We have also visited our Board in Baltimore and the National Lutheran Council in New York. We were with Dr Morehead and others in the Council office for 5 hours talking over the Ranchi problems. Dr Morehead has already written just what the Council will do this year. As I was informed, the National Lutheran Council intends to help the Berlin Board again this year enough to enable it (the Berlin Board) to carry on the Gossner work in 1928 without further retrenchment. I hope that long before this letter reaches you, the needed help will have arrived.

In closing, now, I want to thank, on behalf of both of us, all the dear friends in Ranchi and in all the stations for the great kindness they showed us during our stay in their midst and especially when we were leaving Ranchi. We can never, never forget their love and kindness. We always pray for God's blessing on the Gossner Church and the people there. We hope that God will cause you to prosper in every way in all spiritual matters. It may be that there will be hardships for the Gossner Church, but may God help the Church and the brethren to endure these hardships and come off more than

conquerors through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us.

Your friend in Christ,

I. Cannaday.

(see the back cover)