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Ranchi, Bihar, India,
January 8, 1923.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Foreign Missions Conf.,
18 Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Your letter of November 21st came a week or two ago. Many thanks. We are glad to hear that you urged at Chicago a budget of \$125,000 for distressed foreign missions. We hope to hear soon what Gossner's share of the pie will be! Meanwhile I shall go on on the basis of 1922, giving advances this month for rice purchases, etc.

Now I must tell you and Dr. Larson about Mr. Oldham. By special arrangement I got him here to give us a whole day--the 2nd of this month--before he began the other meetings. Besides Mr. Oldham and his secretary Spangler and myself, and Cashmere of the Adv. Board and Paton, Secretary of the N. M. Council, there were about a dozen Ranchi Lutherans. We had very fine meetings. Mr. Juel Lakra, B. A., Treasurer of the Church Council, had framed a number of questions which he put to Mr. Oldham after the latter had made his preliminary remarks. Practically every phase of our situation here was discussed at length. I give two or three of the chief items:-

1. Mr. Oldham strongly favours the return of some of the former Missionaries, but he also emphasized the great difficulties still in the way--the unfavourable attitude of the Local Government, low value of the Rupee, etc., etc. He is to let me know from London just when the five years are up. His last word to me--privately--was that he thought it best to concentrate on just one man at first, namely, the Rev. J. Stosch, who was one of the very best men here and who has the confidence of all parties. St. Lakra made it clear that the Lutherans did not want any former Missionaries to return unless they would willingly work under the Church Council. Mr. Oldham still has some doubt as to the possibility of this. Unfortunately the Church asked for the return of one man against whom they have black marks.

2. Finances. Mr. Oldham showed clearly--just as the German Missionaries themselves say--that it will be impossible for them to finance their return to India and try work after they get here. He does not look for any appreciable improvement in Germany's financial condition for several years. The question is--Can and will the American Lutherans finance the return of a few former Missionaries and their work here? What about Mr. Stosch to begin with? You see all this is just along the line I have been worrying about. As I see the situation it will be impossible to finance this work here for several years to come without the continued help of the American Lutherans. I am sure that you all understand this clearly.

3. Property. Mr. Oldham entirely agreed with the policy which the Trustees are pursuing now--putting as much burden as possible on the Adv. Board in the way of repairs, upkeep, etc., and selling off gradually the properties which will cause no loss or very little loss to the Church in the future. This seems to be the only way the Trustees can carry on in the future. I feel sure the N. L. Council will sympathetically consider the new demands which the Adv. Board will make upon them. After all, you know, we are not asked to do anything more than what you have already done. Already the N. L. Council have put over Rs. 50,000 into repairs here--only so far as it was given to the Trustees, through the Advisory Board. Now it is asked by the Board direct for its own use.

4. Mr. Lakra raised the question whether, if the Advisory Board should appear for any reason, the American Lutherans would continue to give money for this work. Mr. Oldham deferred to Spangler and myself for answer, but he did say this--which I think is important. He emphasized that, as a rule no body of Christians would give liberally for a cause in the management of which their own representatives were not consulted. He gave it as his opinion that it would be unwise to expect the American Lutherans to continue to contribute for this work unless the American Lutherans with American Lutheran representatives on it, should continue in connection I called attention to statements in your own letter.

which you had emphasized the fact that the American Lutherans were not merely putting money into this Gossner work, but men--personality. Since this question has been raised I think it would be well for you to give me your frank opinion in the matter. Incidentally I may say that, so far as I can see, there is no danger that the Advisory Board will disappear for some time to come!

I read in the meeting the latest letters from you and Dr. Larsen and Mr. Oldham was pleased with your attitude and that of Berlin.

Well, the big meetings here are going on, and among the many notables present are Dr. Aberly, Mr. V. Ch. John(!), Dr. Macnicoll, et al. Mr. Oldham has had about six days, first, with representative Indians, with only two or three Europeans present. My, what discussions! Your hair would have stood on its head to have heard some things! And, yet, why kick against the pricks? India is changing very rapidly and we Missionaries might as well admit and "prepare for the worst"! Undoubtedly our days out here are numbered as Missionaries of the 'old school,' although it is folly for the Indians to be talking flippantly about 'getting rid of the foreign Missionaries.' It will not be so easy as they think. Tomorrow the last session of the National Missionary Council will begin. Like as in China, it will be merged, every one expects, into the National Christian Council with a 50% representation of Indians. Mr. Oldham is wholeheartedly committed to this and he has many influential on his side.

Yesterday Dr. Aberly gave us a good sermon, which was translated into good Hindi. Next Sunday I am to take him to Hazaribagh and he will preach there also.

Since beginning this letter your letter of the 4th December has arrived, concerning my back salary, the raising of the \$300,000, etc. Thanks! As I am to have a meeting in a few minutes with some Indians from the Conference I must close now. Kind regards from us all.

Yours sincerely,

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER, 1922.

	<u>Receipts.</u>
Opening Balance	Rs. 25252--9--7
Account I(Advisory Board)	1829-12--3
Account II(Trustees)	1459--8--0
Account III(Missionaries' Expenses)	
N.L.C. Receipts--Account I	7600--0--0
Total	Rs. 36141-13-10

	<u>Expenditures.</u>
Account I	Rs. 13852--3--9
Account II	1846-15--3
Account III	828-11--9
Total	Rs. 16527-14--9

Total Credit Rs. 36141-13-10
 Total Debit 16527-14--9
 Credit Balance Carr Forw Rs. 19613-15--1

BALANCES BY ACCOUNTS.

Account I Credit	Rs. 21653-15--7
Account II "	190-11-10
Total	Rs. 21844-11--5
Account III Debit	2230-12--4
Credit Balance Carr Forw	Rs. <u>19613-15--1</u>

Remarks 1. As the Trustees' Account is not under the N. L. Council, I give the other two as follows:

Account I(Adv. Board), Credit Bal. Rs. 21653-15-7
 Account III(Missy Ex) Debit Bal. 2230-12-4
 Rs. 19423--3-3

This shows you ^{how} much of N. L. C. money I have in my hands at the end of 1922.

- As shown in the minutes of the Advisory Board(December meeting) and in my recent long letter, the Board strongly recommends that it be allowed to allocate the savings of 1922 on A. B. account for various purposes. The balance--as shown above-- is Rs. 21653-15-7. I would suggest, however, that the debit balance of Rs. 2230-12-4 on Account III(Missy's Exp)be first paid. That would still leave Rs. 19423-3-3 for the A. B. to allocate for specials.
- As already intimated, the Trustees and the A. B. members feel that the only way the Trustees can be financed in the future is for the A. B. to take responsibility for all the property which it uses, including the big pukka church buildings. This is the way the other Trusts(South India, for example)get along. So one of the chief specials would be repairs. In fact I suppose that would take about 90% of the amount the A. B. would require over and above its regular budget for 1923.
- I should have explained long ago that the chief reason why the A. B. has come out this year(1922)with such a big balance is that the item of G. C. A(Grain allowance)was not paid at all. That would have amounted--if paid in full--to Rs. 20,400; so you see how little of a balance there would have been!
- I wrote off in the 1922 budget the sums of Rs. 1920 for the Guru Training School, 1923, as per the understanding, and Rs. 1500 for the new block of the G. B. School, Ranchi, as sanctioned by the N. L. Council. You will be happy to know, as we are, that Govt have just sanctioned Rs. 4000 for this block and work will begin as soon as possible. It is completed by the end of 1923.
- What about the 1923 budget?

NOTE CONCERNING MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES, ACC'T III.

For 1922, along with the regular A. B. budget, we submitted a budget of Rs. 15,000 for Missionaries' Expenses. That was largely Mr. Rupéy's estimate, as I knew very little about it then. For 1923 I did not submit a budget or any estimate. Instead of that, however, I can now give you the actual net expenditure for the year 1922. It was Rs. 9500-1-6. That includes, as you know, Touring, Other Travel, Hill Allowance, Medical Attendance, Upkeep (the biggest item), Rent, etc., etc.

The above will be a fairly safe guide for 1923, I take it.

As you know, I drew in October, 1921, on this account Rs. 5000/-. But during 1922--the whole of it--I drew only Rs. 5000/-. The result is, as you see, there is now a debit balance of Rs. 2250-12-4. The reason I did not draw any more during 1922 on this Account and thus avoid a debit balance was that I had such a big credit balance on Adv. Board Account. As you see elsewhere I recommend that this debit balance be paid out of the credit balance of the A. Board Account for 1923. I shall not draw any more on this account until I hear from you. Later on I can draw enough to make up any debit balance that may exist then.

Our only explanation of so large an expenditure for only two men missionaries (their wives also work and travel) is, as Mr. Rupley no doubt explained to you fully, that we have to tour over an immense field of twenty stations with very great distances. The only possible way we can do it is by means of the Fords. To take away our means of transportation would be to cripple us effectively and render us almost useless.

Kindly let me know if you have any advice or suggestions for 1923.

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December 4th, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannady,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Cannady,

I have received your order now for your back salary which I have the pleasure to say I am sending to the Colonial Trust Company today amounting to \$181.75. Glad this matter has been at last run down and settled. Here at home we are looking toward Christmas.

We are about to go out in the Church for a \$300,000 appeal. I trust it will be responded to liberally and that India will get its share. It so happens that Japan is making the largest drive now for money to enlarge their plant, but certainly part of our Field in India also stands in need of enlargement.

I wish you were home to assist in raising this money. We want all the Missionaries to do what they can to help us.

Very sincerely yours in Christian
Work.



Secretary-Treasurer.

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CABLE: LUTHER, BALTIMORE

November 21st, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannady,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Cannady,

I have yours of October 18th, enclosing report for the third quarter. I am very glad indeed to see that you are getting along so well and to note that you are still in funds with a credit balance of 1648 Rs. It looks as though we have done a very fair piece of work in passing the Budget for this year and you are doing well in living within it.

We have lately had our Conference in Chicago of the Lutheran Foreign Missions and we have strongly urged the Budget for the Gossner Mission as well as for all distressed German Missions amounting to \$125,000.

We trust we will have no difficulty at all in carrying on this work another year but, of course, everything will depend upon the success of our coming drive among our various churches.

Very sincerely yours in Christian
Work,


Secretary-Treasurer.

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CABLE: LUTHER, BALTIMORE

October 31, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

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I have your official letter under date of Sept. 27th and also enclosures from the Special Committee appointed by the Advisory Board and other Bodies to consider the return of former German missionaries. I thank you very much for sending me this statement. I should have received it before, but as Dr. Larsen is in Europe I do ^{not} get papers that are not addressed to me so promptly. I think you have moved with great wisdom in the matter of the return of German missionaries and I believe that when the five years' limit is passed there will be no difficulty in returning German missionaries to foreign mission work in India. When these missionaries get back it will be time to take up the matter as to how they shall function in their old fields. I notice that the native Gossner Church is very keen on sending back the older missionaries, but you know that is not the wisest conception. The younger the men are, the more likely they are to be permitted to return by the British Authorities.

I believe, however, that it is right that the Native Church should express itself, and the stronger, the better, for after all they are British subjects and while they may be somewhat inclined to be on the side of the German missionaries, I think

Rev. I. C. #2.

the Government will respect their views in preference to the views of outsiders.

At the same time I am delighted to get word from you as to what your meeting did with the statement of the Native Lutheran Church of Gossner on the whole question of the return. It is following the line of least resistance and the line of approach which has been recommended by the late Mohonk Committee and all those interested in the matter. Nothing can be done in this matter hastily.

I read with interest the views expressed by Kipling found in the Statement. I want to say that you are a little mistaken in the high views of the Americans formed about Kipling. As far back as 1900 I was in New York and Kipling had expressed himself with his usual abruptness so that he had offended a great many of our Yankees. I do not believe that, between us Cannaday, such an editorial would help things between England and America. It is not the right way to express the matter. There are two sides, and America has just as much right to express its views as any protagonist has. I can see England's view and I also see that the American view has also much in it to think about. The downfall of Lloyd George may mean much. Lloyd George certainly was a man who was big enough to rise above narrow insular conceptions, but he has been told to pass on and the Government is now in new hands.

Not without reservation does Mr. Oldham hold his views. We have no wiser helper in regard to our German missionaries

Rev. I. C. #2.

and our German missionaries have no stauncher friend than Mr. Oldham. I spent a week with him at Lake Mohonk. He never lost his balance in regard to the situation, but ever held right views in regard to missionary relationship to the Government.

I think that the tentative budget will pass all right and we, as a church, are back of raising the whole budget for missionaary work for the year 1923.

Very sincerely yours,


Pres. Lutheran Foreign
Missions Conference.

LBW/C

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1922.

	<u>Receipts.</u>
Opening Balance	Rs. 22707-15--1
Account I(Advisory Board)	2932--6--9
Account II(Trustees)	1527-12--0
Account III(Missionaries' Expenses)	. . .
N.L.C Receipts(Account I)	7600--0--0
Total	Rs. 34768--1-10

	<u>Expenditures.</u>
Account I	Rs. 8096--1--9
Account II	836--3--3
Account III	533--3--3
Total	Rs. 9515--8--3
Total-	

Credit Total	Rs. 34768--1-10
Debit "	9515--8--3
Credit Bal.	Rs. 25252--9--7

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I--Credit Balance	Rs. 26076--7-1
Account II- " "	578--3-1
Total	Rs. 26654-10-2
Account III--Debit Bal.	1402--0-7
Credit Bal Carr. Forw.	Rs. 25252--9-7

- Remarks:
1. The credit balance of Account I--Rs. 26076-7-1 will be reduced by Rs. 4400 about, before the end of the year, by the inclusion of various items(Rs. 1500 for G.B.S. block, Rs. 1920 for Guru Training School, etc). The Advisory Board asks(see minutes)for permission to allocate the balance.
 2. Trustees has a small credit balance which will soon disappear. Please see recommendations in letter.
 3. The Missionaries' Expenses Account now has a debt of Rs. 1402-0-7, which will be increased by three or four hundred rupees by the end of the year. What shall be done? Shall I draw another draft, or will you pay the debt from unspent balance on Advisory Board Account?
 4. I shall go on drawing Rs. 7600/ per month(on basis of 1922 budget)until I hear about the 1923 budget. Of course large advances must be made for rice purchases in January. It is a great saving, later, thus to do.

J.C.

Ranchi, Bihar, India,
November 15, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
18 E. Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Enclosed please find our financial statement for October. I am a little late with it as I have been away on a nine-days' trip to the U. P. and elsewhere. The big credit balance of the Advisory Board will be reduced more than Rs. 3000/ before the end of the year.

The Board wants Mrs. Cannaday to visit Katni on school business, and request that the expenses be paid by the N. L. Council, that is, be placed on Missionaries' Expenses Account. I trust that you will not object to this.

By order of the Trustees I have just made a trip to the five Stations of the former Ganges Lutheran Mission--Ghazipur, Chapra, Darbhanga, Muzzafferpur, and Buxar--to inspect the properties and negotiate with parties concerning leases. While in those Stations I made inquiries about and met and talked with as many former Lutherans as possible. Alas! the Lutherans have all but disappeared in most of the Stations! Almost all the former Mission workers have now joined the service of the different Missions looking after the properties and in most cases the Lutheran members have gone off to other fields or have joined other Churches. I was informed that this process of disintegration began before the German Missionaries left, but I could not find the cause of it. I suppose there were various causes. One reason is that their methods were paternalistic and the people were entirely too much spoon-fed. Also, as I found out, there never were many converts. The mass movement had just begun in those parts a while before the War. One Lutheran--an old man of some importance--told me that, though he had now joined the Anglicans, he would return to the Lutheran Church if the Missionaries should come back. A young man at Buxar--working in the railway yard--said he was quite satisfied to remain in the Methodist fold. And so it goes.

The Trustees are just now going to enter on ten year leases with the parties for the use and upkeep of the properties. The Missions concerned are: The Methodists, Anglicans, Wesleyans and Regions Beyond (undominational). The City High School in Ghazipur will be leased to Government who have been running it since the Missionaries left.

With kind regards from us all, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.



STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 21853-6-1
Account I(Advisory Board)	2010-3-0
Account II(Trustees)	150-8-0
Account III(Missy Expenses)	
N. L. C. Receipts(Account I)	7600-0-0
Total Rs.	<u>31613-1-1</u>

Expenditures.

Account I	Rs. 7698-10-6
Account II	439--9-3
Account III	767-14-3
	<u>8906--2-0</u>

Credit Total Rs.	31613--1-1
Debit "	8906--2-0
Credit Balance carr. forward	<u>Rs. 22707-15-1</u>

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I - - Credit Balance	Rs. 23640--2-1
Account II- - Dr. Balance Rs. 113--5-8	
Account III - Dr. "	Rs. 818-13-4
Credit Balance carr. forward	<u>Rs. 22707-15-1</u>

Ranchi, Bihar, India,
October 18th, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
18 E. Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

This is just a word to acknowledge receipt, with many thanks, of your letter of the 14th September and to say that, once again, that the view you now take of things here and with you is very encouraging indeed--"I do not think that the Ranchi work depends entirely upon the National Lutheran Council.... I am sure our Board would consider giving help to this great work even if we did not get help from the Natl Luth. Council, etc." No copy of this to Dr. Larsen.

All well here. The Spanglers have gone to Rajahmundry.

With kind regards from us both, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Hammer", written in dark ink.

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September 14, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

Replying to yours of August 9th. Very glad indeed to hear from you and to know that everything is working out so successfully. We do hope that when Dr. Larsen comes back we will be able to set things right and that you may be relieved as to anything that may happen financially with the great work at Ranchi.

This, however, I want to assure you of, that so far as our Board is concerned I do not think that the Ranchi work depends entirely upon the National Lutheran Council. This I am not telling you for publication, but I am sure that our Board would consider giving help to this great work even if we did not get help from the National Lutheran Council. We feel that it is one of the greatest pieces of work we have.

I am glad to see that you have money on hand, even if it does belong to the Advisory Board's budget.

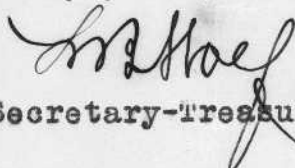
I trust that you and Spangler are enjoying your work and that all is going well with you. Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday.

Rev. I. C. #2.

Here at home everything is going along as usual. We have not been able to reduce our indebtedness very much, but I believe that our financial condition is stronger.

We are sending you several fine men this year and hope that they may be helpful.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 19023--9-1
Account I(Advisory Board)	2142--0-9
Account II(Trustees)	5783-12-6
Account III(Missy Expenses)	
N. L. C. Receipts(Account I)	7600--0-0
Total	Rs. 34549--6-4

Expenditures.

Account I	Rs. 9102--0-9
Account II	3183-14-6
Account III	410--1-0
	12696--0-3

	Credit	Total	Rs. 34549--6-4
	Debit	"	12696--0-3
Credit Balance Carr. forward		Rs.	21853--6-1

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I--Credit Balance	Rs. 21728--9-7
Account II- " "	175-11-7
Total	Rs. 21904--5-2
Account III--Debit Bal.	50-15-1
Credit Balance Carr. Forward	Rs. 21853--6-1

- Remarks.
1. It will be noticed that Account III(Missionaries' Expenses)now has a debit balance. This will be considerably increased during this quarter, as much touring will be done. Nothing new under this head will be drawn just yet.
 2. It will be noted that Account II(Trustees)has a small credit balance of Rs. 175-11-7. There are about Rs. 1500/ in the Bank, but against this there are out-standing bills amounting to the total credit. This bears out what I have already written in a special financial letter, dated October 3rd, 1922.
 3. The big credit balance under Account I(Advisory Board) will be considerably decreased before the end of the year by the payment of out-standing bills and by writing off the amount budget under Guru Training School, which was put in this year's budget for next year--namely, Rs. 1920/, and by writing off Rs. 1500/ for the new Girls' School building.

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Oct. 3, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions, Conf.,
18 E. Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I am taking this the first opportunity I have had, since the meeting of the Trustees on the 20th September, to write you about Trustees' finances. Let me quote two actions!

"Repairs on Gossner High School. The Principal of the School submitted, through the Adv. Board, a list of repairs, etc., needed for the School. It is estimated, roughly, that these repairs and additional buildings may cost eight or ten thousand rupees. The Trustees feel, in view of the unsatisfactory condition of their finances, no help can be given to the High School, and the Principal of the School is recommended, therefore, to lay the matter before the Director of Public Instruction."

"Repair of Ranchi Church Organ and Bell. With reference to this item and a number of others concerning which it was noted that there would be considerable outlay of money, it was resolved that, in view of the lack of funds, the Trust could not now undertake any of these repairs; only the most necessary repairs to buildings can be executed this year. Further, it was decided to instruct the Secretary to draw up a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Trust from the beginning, with whatever classification of the same may be deemed useful, and to present the same, together with an estimate of repairs that are still needed and a definite recommendations of a future policy, to the next meeting of the Trustees."

Recent Govt letters, I may go on to explain, have made it very clear to the Trustees that the Govt of India will not allow any permanent transfer of any of the property, except in very special circumstances." The Lord XX Bishop of Calcutta (the Metropolitan) just writes me, in answer to a communication on this subject, that he feels that Govt have acted very badly in this matter, that is, in not allowing the permanent sale of some of the property, especially of the Ganges property. Now you can see what this policy means to the Trust. It cuts off their only source of additional revenue. Govt expect the Trustees to keep up all this property, which is costing an immense sum, and thence says, "You are not permitted to sell anything, in order to recoup your losses." Although the N. L. Council paid up the deficit at the beginning of this year and although Govt took a piece of land in Purulia under the Land Acquisition Act and paid us Rs. 4700 for it, yet in spite of that our expenses are running way *above* behind receipts and at the end of this year we shall probably have a nil balance.

Now, what is to be done? I can see clearly ~~clearly~~ that the policy of the Trustees is to go to Govt and say, "Here is your property: we can not maintain it any longer, unless you give us permission to sell some of it." No suggestion at all was made in the meeting that I approach the N. L. Council; but I am doing it because I consider it my duty to do so. In my opinion it will take another forty or fifty thousand rupees to complete the repairs which Mr. Rupley began and which I have been continuing and save the property from deterioration or in some cases destruction. Of course all this money will not be needed at once. Moreover, if Govt were not tying our hands, we could adopt a policy of selling off some of the property which is not needed so badly and thus recouping the finances. What do you have to say?

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

J. F. ...

Ranchi, 3rd Oct., 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
18 E. Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

In a purely private way I want to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of your letter of the 26th August (which is itself an acknowledgement), in which you say--"The U. L. Church has its personality invested in the Gossner Mission and we regard the personality as much and as important as the money given by the N. L. Council.....If the N. L. Council does not succeed we dare not abandon our work in the Gossner field. We would not think of doing such a thing, etc." It is not all because the Rupleys, Spanglers and Cannadays ought to feel complimented by your kind references that I am writing this letter, but for the sake of the work. It warms our hearts and cheers us up very much to have you write as you do. Of course I would not write it to Dr. Larsen, because he must look at things from a non-U. L. C. standpoint or at least from the broad standpoint of all the Lutheran Churches in America; but I do not hesitate to say to you that, since the U. L. Church has put so much into the Gossner Church here, we ought to have the first claim and I believe that our own Church can easily look after this work, if the necessity should ever arise. At first our Guntur people were not very keen on this work because of distance, difference of language, etc., but now that we are here and have our hands on things there will be no desire on the part of any one to abandon it. I want to say to you frankly that there is some opposition to us here, but I am very glad to say that it is confined to a very small clique and has very little weight with any one. So far as I can see, the people who are behind the Adv. Board are unanimously behind us and look upon us as the only solution of the problem. Not long ago an old S. P. G. Missionary called here and asked me if our Church would not send out doctors to an inter-Mission T. B. Sanitarium located in the S. P. G. Station of Itke, near Ranchi!

Again, you say--"I note that you have pursued a policy of rigid economy and that your budget for 1923 is quite reasonable, in my judgement." Thanks! The budget is certainly the result of very close-trimming and I am of opinion that, if you cut any, we shall have to retrench out here in some respect. Again, "Work with all your might, however, to get all the recognition you can from the Government and all the grants you can." I can only say that that is just what we are doing. Spangler is on his job all right and the Inspector of Schools sees his face pretty often and mine, too, occasionally!

With kind regards from us all, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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August 26, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

to Brown

I have the copy of your letter written to Dr. Larsen under date of July 25th. I note what you say to Dr. Larsen, who is now in Europe as you know. I think you will have to learn to live year by year just as the National Lutheran Council does. However, I want you to remember and not talk very much about it that the United Lutheran Church has its personality invested in the Gossner Mission and we regard the personality as much and as important as the money given by the National Lutheran Council. I am writing this for your own assumption. If the National Lutheran Council does not succeed we dare not abandon our work in the Gossner field. We would not think of doing such a thing. I am sure that the Board would not think of sacrificing the fine work which you and Mr. Rupley have done in Ranchi for the Autonomous Lutheran Church in the Gossner Mission.

Your ideas of the method of corresponding is correct. The only thing is that I am the clearing house for the National Lutheran Council for the financial side of the Gossner work. This is a private arrangement between Dr. Larsen and myself as we have large interests in India, as a church.

Rev. I. C. #2.

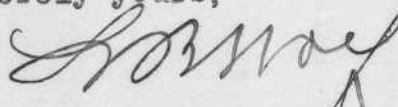
A copy of the letters you write to Dr. Larsen is always appreciated. When I write to you about money I frequently send a copy of the letter to Dr. Larsen.

It is right that you should send a copy of your financial statements to Dr. Larsen.

I note that you have pursued a policy of rigid economy and that your budget for 1923 is quite reasonable, in my judgment.

Work with all your might, however, to get all the recognition you can from the Government and all the grants you can.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

Ranchi, Bihar, India,
September 27, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
18 E. Mt Vernon Place,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I must acknowledge receipt, with many thanks, of your letter of the 24th August in which you are led to "make a few remarks in regard to the Ranchi work." I note that you think that "the Missionaries in India are more worried over the political situation than they ought to be." You are of opinion that the English people on your side are heartily in favour of the return of the German Missionaries, and you want to know whether it is the English Missionaries in India, or others, who are opposed to the return of the Germans.

In reply: I cannot remember definitely, now, all the persons I talked with in South India last summer, but I am sure that I talked with all classes--not just Americans or with the English Missionaries only. It is not a question of nationality at all, but of individual feeling and conviction. Again: I think it is true all over India, as it is doubtless true elsewhere, that Missionaries as a rule, with very few exceptions, believe, and even urge on occasions, that the former German Missionaries ought to be allowed to return to India--not necessarily to take up their former work (which, in some cases, has disappeared), but to do regular Mission work, either in their old fields or in some new fields. It would be un-Christian for Missionaries to feel or think otherwise. On the other hand many Missionaries will oppose and do oppose the return of former Missionaries to certain places or areas, because of the changed conditions that now obtain and because of various circumstances which, they hold, make the return of the Germans undesirable. Now Chota Nagpur is a case in point, as you can easily see from the resolutions of the special committee which met here in June last. It is just possible that you have not seen those resolutions nor have heard what they are. I sent a copy to Dr. Larsen, taking it for granted that he would confer with you about them. I en-

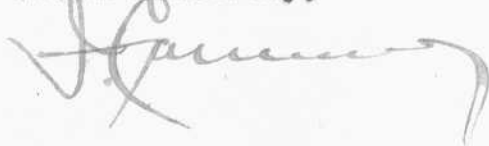
close a copy for your file. I also enclose a copy of the Chief Secretary's letter in which the reply of the Local Government is given to the resolutions.

Since your letter came two days ago I have been making some inquiries. I have asked two English Missionaries--one a member of the S. P. G. Mission here, the other (now a guest in our house) a free churchman. They both say practically what I have said above. Another thing that influences Missionary opinion out here is the attitude of Government. When Missionaries know that Government is likely to be unfavorable to the return of former German Missionaries, they are not going to press it. As the special committee put it, "the time is not yet ripe" to press it. The reply of the Chief Secretary will show you clearly just how the Local Government views the matter. Now we people out here are quite aware that Mr. Oldham takes the view that the return of former Missionaries ought to be pushed in spite of the unwillingness, at present, of Government to consider it. Most Missionaries, I take it, agree with Mr. Oldham and wish him all success in his efforts in England, but they at the same time feel that what Mr. Oldham can do with great propriety and force at home cannot be done out here. The pressure must come from the home end. However, Mr. Oldham himself realizes that after all local conditions must be taken into considerations. He said so very plainly when he was out here last year. We expect him in Ranchi this December and I shall let you know what he had to say. I think I have said, now, about all I can to make clear my views in the matter.

Once again let me say that your assurances of continued support for the work here are very ^{comforting.} ~~assuring.~~ And here let me say that the Advisory Board has just endorsed the 1923 tentative Budget and recommends it to the N. L. Council for approval.

With kind regards from us all, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Copy to Dr. L. L.

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August 24, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

I have your letter of May 16th to Dr. Larsen and in the absence of Dr. Larsen in Europe I am led to make a few remarks in regard to the Ranchi work. I do believe that the missionaries in India are more worried over the political situation than they ought to be, especially, in regard to our German brethren. I do not find among our English people whom I have moved among in the past few months any objection to the return of the German missionaries. At the meeting at Lake Mohonk they were almost unanimous in passing the resolutions that they did. You say that "Down here in South India I find a strong sentiment against the former German Missionaries coming back at this time and I expect that there will be a long hard fight ahead". I would like to know for my own information as a member of the International Committee if it is the British missionaries or some other class that has this strong sentiment against the former German missionaries, because we should know this so that we can do the right thing on this side.

I think I have written already that we will do our best not to leave the Ranchi work open and naked to a fundless condition. We will keep things going if we have to go out and

Rev. I. C. #2.

raise the money ourselves.

Give my kind regards to Mrs. Cannaday.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. M. C.", is written over the typed name.

Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 19317--0--4
Account I(Advisory Board)	2001--6--6
Account II(Trustees)	25--0--0
Account III(Missy Expenses)	
N. L. C. Receipts--Account I	7600--0--0
Total Rs.	28943--6--10

Expenditures.

Account I	7838--8--6
Account II	1758--7--3
Account III	322--14--0
Total Rs.	9919--13--9

Credit Total	28943--6--10
Debit "	9919--13--9
Credit Bal. Carr. forward	19023--9--1

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I, Credit Bal.	Rs. 21088--9--7
Account III, " "	359--1--11
Total Rs.	21447--11--6
Account II, Debit Bal	2424--2--5
Credit Bal. Carried Forward Rs.	19023--9--1

- Remarks: 1. As you know, the Trustees' Account is supposed to be self-supporting. Hitherto it has not been so, but we hope it will be hereafter. If it runs behind again, you will hear about it! This is a Government account, you know, of course, and is not under the control of the N. L. Council.
2. As you see, Account III (Missionaries' Expenses) has only a small balance, which will be spent in another month, probably. Another draft will then be drawn on this account to run it till the end of 1922.
3. As stated several times before: Do not be deceived by the big balance of Account I (Advisory Board). Several large drafts will be made on this before the end of the year; but, nevertheless, we hope to come out with a respectable "unspent balance," and then we shall put up several alluring propositions, or "specials," to you and show you how beautifully and wisely it can be disposed of!

Ranchi, Bihar, India, August 9, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I have your letter of July 7th. I note with pleasure what you have to say about the "financial matters for this year," the N. L. Council Campaign for further funds, etc. Surely if \$125,000 are realized for foreign mission work, Gossner's share of it would be ample to continue the work here on a healthy basis, as at present.

Thanks, also, for your word that "the financial matter is quite distinct from any question of getting back former German Missionaries." That, you know, is what I have been strongly contending all along.

Enclosed please find the financial statement for July. I do not think you can suspect us of "reckless expenditure" out here!

Things are moving along smoothly, although new problems arise almost every day. There are troubles^{enough} of various kinds and sizes, but it would do no good to bother you with them. Just now I am engaged in a diplomatic battle with the S. P. G. Mission over a certain matter. The Diocesan Council is meeting to-day and I am anxious to hear their decision. We have plenty of friends out here--also some^{who} are, well--not enemies, but just on the other side of the fence!

Just now Mr. and Mrs. Higgins of Waltair are with us. Mrs. Higgins is here for the third time to take the radium treatment for cancer or something like it.

With kind regards from us all, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. Annada

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR JULY, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 19867--9-1
Account I(Advisory Board)	2710-11-0
Account II(Trustees)	66-12-0
Account III(Missy Expenses)	
N. L. Council Receipts, Acct I	<u>7600--0-0</u>
Total	Rs. <u>30245--0-1</u>

Expenditures.

Account I	8187--9-9
Account II	2148-15-6
Account III	<u>591--6-6</u>
	10927-15-9

Credit Total	30245--0-1
Debit "	<u>10927-15-9</u>
Credit Bal. carr. forw. Rs.	<u>19317--0-4</u>

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I, Credit Bal	Rs. 19325-11--7
Account III, " "	<u>681-15-11</u>
Total	Rs. <u>20007-11--6</u>
Account II, Debit Bal	<u>690-11--2</u>
Credit Bal carr forw	Rs. <u>19317--0--4</u>

One remark only may be of some help. The credit balance of Account I--
Advisory Board's Budget--is Rs. 19325(omitting annas and pies). You
will remember that the 1921 credit balance of Rs. 7604 has been sanc-
tioned for various "special" expenditures. Of this amount, Rs. 4277
only have been spent, leaving an unspent balance of Rs. 3327. Deduct-
ing this from the Rs. 19325 above we get Rs. 15998. This will give you
an idea of how much unspent balance of the 1922 budget we have at the
end of the 7th month(July). I cannot tell, now, whether this balance
will increase or decrease before the end of the year. I feel sure that
it is bound to decrease some.

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July 7, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

Replying to your letter of May 29th.

Financial matters for this year I am sure are quite satisfactory. You are quite right that the financial difficulty seems to loom up for the future. I have just written to Dr. Larsen about matters. I do not know precisely what plan we will adopt, but I know my mind is made up. If the National Lutheran Council puts on a campaign for money in the fall, we should include for distressed missions not less than \$125,000. Our appeal this time will be the same as before. The needs are still before us.

The financial matter is quite distinct from any question of getting back former German missionaries. In the latter case we certainly must move very circumspectly and slowly. "A very few picked men should make the start".

I am delighted to know that you are getting a good rest at Kodaikanal. I often think of the good times I had there. I want to tell you and Mrs. Cannaday that I have never had as easy a time in America or anywhere in my life as I had during the six weeks at Kodaikanal.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

India,
Ranchi, Bihar, 11th July, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I have your letter of the 6th ~~June~~ ^{the June}. Thanks.

I note that you want us to send in our 1923 budget as soon as possible and that you wish to know "how much cut" we "can take next year." All right, I shall be sending in our "tentative" budget for 1923 before very long, I hope. The Advisory Board will not meet till September, so, of course, I can only send in a tentative budget. As for the "cuts," I really cannot say anything now. So far as I can see our tentative budget is likely to be fully as large as the one for 1924. You know the tendency of missionaries to follow the scriptural injunction--"Ask and ye shall receive."! We generally leave the delightful and delicate task of 'budget-trimming' to the Boards and Secretaries! However, you will hear from us soon.

Yes, we do most heartily believe in the continuance of the "autonomous" Church here. "Autonomy" is the one thing all agree on. Besides, we know only too well that there are still lions in the way. For the American Lutherans to abandon this young autonomous Church at this stage would in all probability lead to disaster. There are things which I do not want to put on paper--ask Mr. Ruple!

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Hammar

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

*June 25th 1922
enclosed.*

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June 6, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

I have your letter of May 2nd.

I note that the clerk enclosed your letter
in Mr. Gotwald's cover. Such things do happen now and then,
but glad to say not very often. I note the delay on that
~~account~~^{occasion}.

I have just had a letter from Dr. Larsen and
he is exercised over the budget for next year and he wants
to know how much we ought to provide for it. As soon as you
can let me know how much cut you can take next year so that we
can go out for the money. Dr. Larsen is deeply sympathetic,
but we must provide ways and means to ask the Church, and he
just asked me how much I thought we ought to ask for. I know
you can give us a pretty good idea.

I am glad that you are in favor of the "Autonomous"
Church continuing. Wherever it has been my privilege to speak
of it, it has always been shown that so simple a folk as these
could undertake so much with so little help and direction. I
cannot but rejoice with you and Mrs. Cannaday and the Spanglers
that you can watch such a movement as this from its earliest stages.
I am certainly glad to hear that the resources of the people are

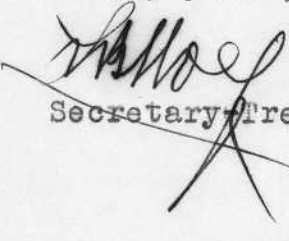
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greater than those in our Telugu country.

I hope that both you and Mrs. Cannaday will be all the better and stronger for your five weeks' rest.

I am just back from Clifton Springs where I had a very enjoyable time.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 15116-14-7
Account I (Adv. Board)	1962--3-0
Account II (Trustees)	5759-10-2
Account III (Missy Expenses)	
N. L. C. Receipts--Account I	7600--0-0
N. L. C. Receipts--Account III	<u>5000-00-0</u>
	35438-11-9

Expenditures.

Account I	8530--2-3
Account II	6501--1-8
Account III	<u>539-14-9</u>
	15571--2-8
Credit Total	35438-11-9
Debit "	<u>15571--2-8</u>
Credit Balance carr. forw.	<u>19867--9-1</u>

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I, Credit	Rs. 17202-10-4
Account II, "	1391--8-4
Account III, "	<u>1273--6-5</u>
Credit Balance carr. forw.	<u>19867--9-1</u>

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- N. B. 1. As will be seen, Rs. 5000/- have been drawn under Account III (Missionaries' Expenses) in addition to the regular allowance for June of Rs. 7600 on the budget of Account I (Advisory Board).
2. The credit balance on Advisory Board account is still quite large, as will be noticed; but during the next ^{few} months this will be greatly reduced by certain expenditures which, so far, have been held up.
3. Because of the sale of a piece of land (taken by Government under the Act), the Trustees' account is considerably in funds just now (there being a good bank balance also), so that it is likely that no special contribution on that head will be asked of the NLC for a long time.

Ranchi, Bihar, India, June 12th, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Your letter of May 5th has recently arrived. Many thanks! We returned from Kodai to Ranchi on the 3rd. Of course we have been a little busy since arrival, catching up with the work. The Spanglers will return from Darjeeling this week. Misses Welty and Miller of Guntur are here just now, spending two days, on their return from Landour to Guntur.

The Advisory Board and Trustees are to meet on the 21st and 22nd respectively, preceded by a meeting of a special committee on the 20th, at which the matter of the return of former Missionaries will be considered. Until that time I really cannot say anything, as nothing new has developed, so far as I know.

Enclosed please find copy of my financial report for the months of April and May, with explanations. As you see the Missionaries Expenses budget is already much overdrawn. The Canton Treasurer is drawing Rs. 5000/ for us under that head.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Harmon

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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May 6, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

Replying to yours of April 5th.

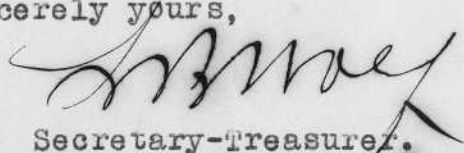
Your very satisfactory financial statement was received by me on May 5th, one month, which was very fair time indeed. The world is slowly going back to normal. Your account is quite satisfactory in every way and you are authorized to draw something on the non-budget account. We have never taken that matter up very seriously, but have always allowed the predecessor to draw according to the needs required.

I note that you and Mrs. Cannaday will be away at the end of this month attending Conference and having a short vacation at Kodai. I would not make the visit too short. You should take a little longer at Kodai so as to be in shape for the work next year.

I shall await with interest the report of the Advisory Board. I hope that conclusions will soon be arrived at in regard to the German Mission force. I am hoping that the U. L. C. will continue to function.

With kind regards to Mrs. Cannaday, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

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STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL & MAY, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance	Rs. 14444--7-1
Account I (Advisory Board)	2917--4-6
Account II (Trustees)	7170-14-5
Account III (Misay Expenses)	
N. L. C. Receipts (under Account I)	15200--0-0
	<u>39732-10-0</u>
	(39732-10-0)

Expenditures.

Account I	19434-10-11
Account II	1865--7-33
Account III	3315--9--3
	<u>24615-14--3</u>
	(24615-11--5)
Credit Total Rs.	39732-10--0
Debit Total	<u>24615-14--5</u>
Credit Bal Carri. forw.	15116-14--7

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I Credit Rs.	16170--9--7
Account II "	2132-15-10
Total	<u>18303--9--5</u>
Account III Debit	3186-10-10
Credit Bal Car. for	<u>15116-14--7</u>

N. B. 1--The credit item of Rs. 7170-14-5 under Account II (Trustees) includes the sum of Rs. 4081-4-8, which amount was transferred from Account I (Advisory Board) to Trustees' Account, in accordance with instructions from Home. Rs. 4081-4-8 was the debit balance of the Trustees at the end of 1921 and this sum was taken from the 1921 credit balance of Acct I. There are still other special reasons why the Trustees had such large receipts during these two months.

2--The expenditures under Account III (Missionaries' Expenses) are large (Rs. 3315-9-3) during these two months for the following reasons: heavy touring and upkeep expenses (including overhauling of a motor), hill allowance, etc., for the Cannadays, and the payment of our rent (two bungalows) nearly one year in advance.

Kodaikanal, May 29th, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Your letter of April 18th has just reached here--
many thanks!

Yes, the matter of the 1922 budget has been fully explained; in fact all matters of doubt have now been cleared up by your letters and those of Dr. Larsen's. The two big outstanding matters are the following:-

1. Financial support of the Gossner work after 1922. As I have already written, we have no especial financial difficulties now, that is, for this year. Of course the Trustees are rather hard up, but the Advisory Board can pull through without difficulty. However, the financial support of the work after this year is causing anxiety. I trust that you will find some way--either through the Luth. FMC or otherwise--of financing the work here after 1922.

2. Return of former German Missionaries. This matter will be considered, as you have already learnt, at a special meeting in Ranchi on June 20th. I cannot say at all what the outcome will be, for I know there will be many conflicting views and plans. As I wrote to Dr. Larsen, perhaps, I have had a long interview with Rev. J. H. Maclean Chairman of the German Missions Committee. He is favorable to the return of some former Missionaries, providing a strong case can be made out for their return. Otherwise, he says to go before Govt with a weak case is worse than saying nothing. As you intimate the problem is two-fold: first to get a few former Missys back and second to relate them rightly to the work after they get back. I think, in view of the great uncertainty that exists, about the only advice I can give is that only a very few picked men should be selected for return and that all the strong arguments possible in favour of them be gathered and presented. One thing I fear will stand against the former Missionaries and that is, that they have not been reconstructed psychologically and otherwise. To come back with the old ideas will, I fear, make it go awfully hard with them.

Oh, I see that I

--- for Dr. Larsen. If you think it

are making only one copy of this... necessary, please let him see this or a copy.

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April 18, 1922.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

My dear Mr. Cannaday:

I have your letter of March 9th, covering your financial statement, also copy of your letter to Dr. Larsen of March 8th. All matters in which you were in doubt have been cleared up by the receipt of Dr. Larsen's letter in which he sets forth our agreements in regard to all matters involved. I trust that everything is satisfactory now in regard to the finances of the current year, and that you will especially be able to clear up the back debit balance under the trustees' account. It is good you had a large balance at the close of last year so that you could close out (without any sale of property) that matter.

I am afraid I am not a very prompt correspondent, but we have had very heavy work since Dr. Brown's death. At the same time, too, it requires a little longer time to come to conclusions in regard to matters which must be taken up strictly through the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference and the National Lutheran Council, which is our clearing house.

I do not suppose you have faced the question as yet of what will be done after the return of some of the former German missionaries. The question has been up on this side ever since the Lake Mohonk Conference. That I may be understood by you very fully

Rev. Isaac Cannaday - #2.

I will give you my opinion for your own consumption, however, only. First - it will be very important to make a very careful choice of the missionaries who should be permitted to come back because of changed conditions as well as because of Governmental ideas. Second - other things being equal, missionaries over fifty years of age will find it hard to readjust themselves to the new conditions. It might be, hence, better not to have old missionaries back, but to make a choice of a limited number of the younger men who, at the beginning, should work in close association with you and the Advisory Board.

This is about as far as I want to go at present. I expect word from Mr. Oldham, not only in regard to Gossner, but also in regard to Breklum. Mr. Oldham is quite right that it will be impossible for the German Societies to do much in the way of finances. Up to the present time, we have done all we could to keep the missions in funds. So far as I am individually concerned, whether the National Lutheran Council should continue to function or not in regard to these foreign missions, I should not feel the least bit of hesitancy in going out among the general Lutheran constituency in this country to raise the money. So you would in no way be crippled financially.

The financial matter to me does not seem to be, however, so serious as the question of the return of a limited number of the former missionaries. There are so many matters involved in this second part of the whole problem. You men who are representing our American Lutherans will of necessity be the proper ones to help to work out this very delicate situation - the whole, of course, will eventually depend upon the attitude of the Government authorities. If you have anything to write that will help me see more clearly what course ought to be pursued, I wish you would do so, so that I would have the letter

Rev. Isaac Cannaday - #3.

for the next Lutheran Foreign Mission Conference in November.

With kindest regards to your colleagues the Spanglers
and especially to Mrs. Cannaday, I am,

Very sincerely yours in Christian work,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. B. W. E.", written in dark ink.

Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW:E

q B "Woodstock," Kodaikanal, May 2, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
President Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I have just received yours of March 22nd, which was enclosed by error in a cover addressed to Gotwald. (A letter to him was put in a cover addressed to me, and of course went first to Ranchi and was forwarded to me here).

Of course it is quite all right, now, about the 1922 budget. In the meantime you will have seen a copy of one of my letters to Dr. Larsen and will have read the minutes of the last meeting of the A. Board, and thus will have understood how the 1922 budget is being used, etc. As you can infer, we are not worrying at all about the finances for this year--it is only about next year and after that we are worrying. I feel sure that, should the NLG go out of business, the Foreign Missions Conference will make some arrangements for financing the Gossner work for a few more years. Kindly let me hear from you on this point.

We feel that, if you would grant us some specials, over and above the regular budget, for the erections of buildings, etc., we could get along with a somewhat smaller and a gradually decreasing budget. I think you will agree with us that, if the Gossner Church is going to continue as an "autonomous" Church (and that is the firm intention of all parties concerned), then it is necessary for them to ^{far} assume more and more self-support. This Church has ^{far} more resources (land, etc) than our Telugu Church. Of course there are some among them who cannot see either the wisdom or necessity of this policy, but the more thoughtful see both.

We are comfortably located here in this house for a five weeks' stay. We expect to be back in Ranchi immediately after June 1st.

With kind regards from us both, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India

Dear Mr. Cannaday:

Yours of February 8th to hand. Inasmuch as I had looked matters up and note that I had told you to draw at the rate of Rupees 8,333 per month, I did not think you would be in any difficulty and you could adjust whatever difference remained after you got my letter. I am sorry if not getting a cablegram put you on the anxious seat. Sorry you curtailed your payment to the workers by not paying them the high cost of living allowance.

I am sure by this time everything is properly settled. Of course, I cannot do more than tell you that the National Lutheran Council, I am sure, will see that there is enough money for touring and transportation since Mr. Spangler came into the Mission. There would be little use of having him there, unless he would be made effective. I notice your plan is to see that in that particular you are not hampered. Now, if you do get in financial difficulties, write promptly and we will try to get you a little more, if we can, although the last Campaign for the National Lutheran Council has not been as successful as we thought.

In regard to the deficit balance to which you make reference in paragraph 4, you are authorized to utilize the credit balance in hand to clear up that debit balance.

In regard to paragraph 5 of your letter, there is no need to explain. I quite understand why you had the credit balance on hand. I am only sorry you held the high cost of living allowance on the fear that you would not get a budget for 1922 the same as 1921. Now, I hope you are O. K. and all will go on well.

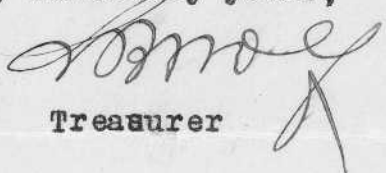
I hope that you will have plenty to run the Mission, now, without being hampered and troubled, but as I said before, if you get in trouble, write to both Dr. Larsen and me and we will do our best to pull you out.

Under the new system, you are paying yourselves according to the Rules under which you work and all you need to do is simply to inform the India Treasurer how much is due you according to the Rules and send your statement to him. He will draw the money and pay you whatever is due you.

Your fellow worker, Dr. Eleanor, is most happy in the roll of a matron with a bouncing boy, George, Jr.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Treasurer

W:G

Ranchi, Bihar, India, April 5, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Enclosed please find my financial statement for the month of March. Little or no explanation is needed here, because of the N. B's at the bottom of the statement. I have given the amounts drawn from the N. L. C. Treasury, through Guntur, for the months of January, February and March, including the amount drawn for rice purchase, in order to give you these figures, as I seem to have omitted the item--"N. L. C. Receipts"--from my two previous reports.

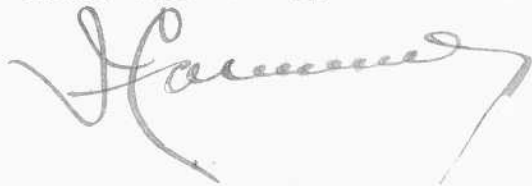
As you see, we have only Rs. 128 left on Non-Budget Account (Missionaries' Expenditures). I shall therefore ask Mr. Goedeke to draw something on this head soon. You will notice that so far I have drawn nothing on 1922 budget for this account--have been using only the 1921 credit balance on this account.

As Mrs. Cannaday and I expect to be away at the end of this months (attending Conference, etc., in Guntur, and having a short vacation at Kodai), I shall omit the April financial statement and send you the statements for both April and May after our return.

The Advisory Board meets this week. I expect important decisions to be made.

With kind regards from us all, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Copy to Dr. Larsen.

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH, 1922.

Receipts.

Opening Balance, Credit	Rs. 8582--1--7
Account I(Adv Board), Receipts	5606-15--6
N. L. G. "	7600--0--0
Account II(Trustees) "	5971-10--0
Account III(Miss. Exp) "	
Total	Rs. 27760-11--4

Expenditures.

Account I	8113-12-00
Account II	4468--6--6
Account III	734--1--6
Total	Rs. <u>13316--4--0</u>

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Credit Total	27760-11-1
Debit Total	<u>13316--4-0</u>
Credit Bal. Carr. Forw.	14444--7-1

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I, Credit	Rs.	17,488--0--0
Account III, "		128-14--5
	Total	<u>17,616-14--5</u>
Account II Debit		<u>3,172--7--4</u>
Credit Bal. Carr For		14,444--7--1

N. B. 1.	The amount drawn for January	was Rs. 8000	on Budget Acct.
"	" " " " February	" " 8000	" " "
"	" " " in January	" " 8000	" Rice Account.
	Total	<u>24000</u>	drawn against Budget.
"	" " " for March	was Rs. <u>7600</u>	on Budget Acct.
	Total	<u>31600</u>	drawn on Budget Acct.

- N. B. 1. The large credit balance on Budget Account (Advisory Board's Budget) will be greatly reduced after the meeting of the Board on the 7th of April, in accordance with your sanction.
2. The debit balance on Trustees Account as of December 31st, 1921, will be written off from 1921 credit balance on Budget Account, after meeting of Board, in accordance with your instructions.

Ranchi, Bihar, India, March 22, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
President Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
501 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I have yours of the 15th February, for which many thanks.

Regarding the 1921 credit balance I note that you are recommending to Dr. Larsen to permit me to use the balance as I recommended in my letter of January 11th. I shall be glad to have your definite word concerning this. Dr. Larsen writes under date of February 14th--"I am taking up with Dr. Wolf your financial statement and various requests and recommendations, so that you will hear definitely from him."

I also note that the budget for 1922 is definitely fixed at the same figure as for 1921, that is, Rs. 100,000/-. As I have already written, I am now drawing at that rate. Next month perhaps I shall make another draft under NON-BUDGET account (Missionaries' Expenses). Mr. Goedske, I am sure, is keeping all these accounts straight and is reporting regularly to you.

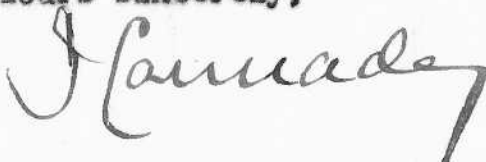
Concerning property: Once again the Trustees, on my word, deferred the matter of selling property in order to liquidate the debit balance. Mr. Rupley can easily tell you how the debit balance came about. I take it that you have already ascertained this from him.

Mr. Spangler's car. I am sorry I forgot to report in my last financial letter (for February) that I have already paid the amount to Mr. Spangler. I intended to mention it in my next financial letter, but shall do so now. I paid him Rs. 483-13/-, under Non-Budget account. This is the balance due him after Guntur had paid its quota. Now, if you and Dr. Larsen do not sanction this, I shall collect from Spangler and refund it, but I assumed that you would sanction it, as that was the understanding on which the Guntur Conference voted that the Spangers should come to Ranchi.

Nothing specially new to report this week. The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be held on April 7th. After that no doubt I shall have something new to report. The annual meeting of the Gossner Church begins here in Ranchi this week.

With kind regards from us all, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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February 15, 1922

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Cannaday:

I have yours of the 11th of January.

Very glad to hear from you. The accounts are in order and I have noted your remarks in regard to your credit balance on budget account. I have recommended to Dr. Larsen that we permit you to utilize it as you suggest.

I also note that you were in a hole because you did not know how much to draw and were uncertain as to what the budget would be for this year, but you will note now that no change has taken place and the same budget has been granted you for 1922 as in 1921. Hence, you are authorized to draw one-twelfth of Rs. 100,000 each month. Of course, you understand that you draw your salaries and all other expenses connected with missionaries, separate from the Guntur Mission Treasurer.

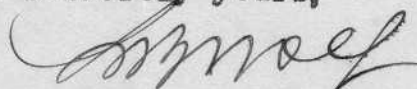
I note that for 1922 you have been drawing Rs. 8,000 on the budget account. You will kindly adjust and draw full amount on receipt of this letter. You are quite right in jumping in with all your might and preventing the sale of any of the property to carry on the work of the Mission. We will not do that as long as we are in charge. The National Lutheran Council will endeavor to

give you enough money to hold all the property. I wish you would have written, however, how that deficit occurred, but you need not bother as I am going to write to Mr. Rupley about it.

Dr. Larsen and I will take up the matter of Mr. Spangler's car and you will hear in due time.

I am, with kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday,

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary-Treasurer

W:G

Ranchi, Bihar, India, March 9, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Enclosed please find my financial statement for the month of February, 1922. The large credit balance to Account I (Advisory Board) is partly due to the fact that, because of the uncertain situation, I have held up payment of the Grain Compensation Allowances (HCL) for January and February, amounting to about Rs. 3250. I shall hold it up for March also and submit the matter to the meeting of the Advisory Board on April 7th. My own idea is that this G. C. Allowance should be abolished as such and a part of it converted into regular increments in salary which are long over-due.

As you see the Debit balance of the Trustees Account is getting bigger, and this month and next there will be very heavy expenditures. Once again the Trustees (at their meeting on the 1st March) trusted me that I would get this balance paid. Otherwise property will have to be sold off to liquidate the debt.

I hope soon to hear from you concerning the disposition of the 1921 credit balance on Advisory Board account. I have heard nothing from you for over a month. Only Dr. Larsen has written me instructing me not to exceed Rs. 8333 in the monthly ~~XXXXXX~~ drafts. This I shall do. Please see copy of letter to Dr. Larsen enclosed.

All goes well here; nothing special to report. We have been touring a great deal of late--the Spanglers and we two. I have now visited (once, twice or three times) every one of the 20 out-stations except one, which Spangler and I hope to visit next week.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Copys to Dr Larsen

Hammarby

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1922.

Opening Balance, Credit,	Rs. 6694--1--4
Account I (Adv Board), Receipts,	12818-14--9
" II (Trustees)	Nil
III (Missy's Ex)	Nil
Total	Rs. 19513--0--1

Account I, Expenditures	9237--8--3
" II	674-13--0
" III	1018--9--3
Total	Rs. 10930 14--6

Credit Total	Rs. 19513--0--1
Debit	10930-14--6
Credit Bal. carr forw	<u>8582--1--7</u>

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I, Credit, Rs.	12394-12--6
" III	862-15-11
II Debit	<u>13257-12--5</u>
" II Debit	4675-10-10
Credit bal car f	<u>8582 1--7</u>
	(8582--1--7)

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Feb'y 8th, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I am in receipt of your letters of December 13th and 22nd. I note the form in which you wish ^{me} to send you the accounts hereafter, and that you give me my choice of sending monthly statements or quarterly statements. Since trying the monthly statement system I have come to prefer it to the quarterly system, and so shall continue to make my financial statements monthly. It enables me to see, more frequently, just where we stand financially, and that is an important matter now-a-days.

In accordance with directions received I drew Rs. 8000/ for purchase of rice, and also Rs. 8000/ for January salaries, etc. Until I hear definitely what the 1922 budget will be, I shall confine ~~myself~~ drafts to the limits of the 1921 budget, as you direct. For this reason, unless I hear to the contrary meanwhile, I shall draw less for February than I did for January.

I note that you want a detailed budget for Account III (Missionaries' Expenses), and I accordingly have made out a budget to the best of my ability. Please regard it somewhat as an estimate, especially the headings--UPKEEP OF OUTFIT, TOURING, OTHER TRANSPORTATION. Now, that there are two regular missionaries here, and Mr. Spangler will be touring a great deal, it is quite difficult to forecast ^t what the expenses will be. For this reason I have reserved a good deal under--^E MIS~~C~~. & UNFOR^ESEEN, which I shall use just as sparingly as possible.

Enclosed please find copy of financial statement for January, according to the new form in which you wish to receive it. For the sake of keeping you informed on vital points I have also given the balance of each of the three accounts. Once again I call attention to the big debit balance of Account II (Trustees). Against the Rs. 4000 debit I may say that there is a balance in the bank of nearly Rs. 1500. As you see, the balance of Account III (Missy's Exp) is getting low. I shall have to draw more on that head soon, I fear. I do not quite understand your references to this. Those are Mr. Rupley's figures, not mine.

Another word concerning the big Credit balance of Account I (Advisory Board's Budget)--Rs. 8813-19-0⁶. The balance at the end of December was Rs. 7604-13-6. Why this increase of Rs. 1209 in one month? Chiefly because for January, in view of the uncertain financial outlook, I did not pay the usual Grain Compensation Allowance (H.C.L), which for December amounted to Rs. 1626. Had that been paid for January, the credit balance would have been reduced over Rs. 400, that is, there would have been a credit balance on Advisory Board Account of about Rs. 7200. If in February the G. C. A. is paid for January and February, you see what the balance will be.

Now a closing word: What about the 1922 Budget? You say in your letter of December 22--"I hope to give you a clear ~~clear~~ cable before long, authorizing your monthly drafts." So far no cable has come and no letter has come! I have no word except that in the same letter-saying, "I do not feel authorized to have you draw more than the same budget which you drew in 1921 per month." Until further orders I shall do accordingly, but you can imagine the suspense in which we are! Judging from the tone of your letters and Dr. Larsen's and from the LUTHERAN articles (especially Dr. Melhorn's), I fear that the N. L. C. campaign did not pan out so well. However, I am not discouraged; for I know that the great Lutheran Church in America only needs to be really informed in order to do its duty.

Anxiously awaiting word from you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Copy sent to Dr. Larsen.

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY, 1922.

Opening Balance, Credit, Rs.	5792-14-0	
Account I (Adv. B'd), Receipts	18174--5-6	(18174-1-6)
" II (Trustees), "	603--7-1	
" III (Miss. Ex), "		
Total,	<u>24570-16-7</u>	(24570-6-7)

Account I, Expenditures, Rs.	16965--9-0
" II, "	523--0-3
" III, "	387-12-0
Total,	<u>17876--5-3</u>

Credit Total Rs	24570-16-7	(24570-6-7)
Debit "	<u>17876--5-3</u>	
Credit Balance	<u>6694--1-4</u>	(6694-1-4)

BALANCES ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS.

Account I Credit Bal. Rs.	8813-10-0	(8813-6-0)
" III " "	<u>1881--9-2</u>	
Total	<u>10694-15-2</u>	(10694-15-2)
" II Debit Bal	<u>4000-13-10</u>	
Net Credit Bal Rs.	<u>6694--1-4</u>	carr. forw.

6694-1-4

PROPOSED BUDGET OF NON-MISSION ACCOUNT (Missionaries' Exp)--1922.

1. BUNGALOW & FURNITURE.....	Rs. 100
2. RENT	1800
3. PURCHASE OF OUTFIT	200
4. UPKEEP OF OUTFIT	5500
5. TOURING	400
6. OTHER TRANSPORTATION	1000
7. STATIONERY	150
8. POSTAGE AND TELEGRAMS	150
9. WRITER	120
10. MUNSHI	150
11. HILL ALLOWANCE	400
12. MEDICINE	25
13. MEDICAL ATTENDANCE	250
14. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFORESEEN	4755
Total	Rs. 15000

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December 22, 1921.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Cannaday:-

I have your letter of the 16th.

We waited until we heard directly from Mr. Rupley before answering. Mr. Rupley desired us to make a special grant of Rs. 6000. This, after careful consideration we did not feel like doing as Dr. Larsen was of the opinion that we ought to wait to see how funds come in. Now I note that you have put down a grand total of Rs. 145,000 as the budget for 1922, and that you have added specials to that for the Girls' Middle School Building, Ranchi, Rs. 15,000. Until I have a further conference with Dr. Larsen I do not feel authorized to have you draw more than the same budget which you drew in 1921 per month. If Dr. Larsen and I come to conclusions I may cable the total amount to you, so that you will know the budget for 1922. I will not be able to see him in conference before about the 15th of January. Of course you will draw your salary in full according to the rule of the Mission and also Rev. Spangler's from the date he joins you. May I request that you give us a detailed estimate of the salaries and expenses found under the heading of Non-Budget Account, Missionary Expenses in 1922 Rs. 15,000. Dr. Larsen will naturally like for

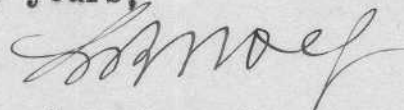
Rev. I. C. #2.

me to explain what is included. I know but it is just as well for you to put down in detail these Rs. 15,000. I note that your average monthly expenditures from January to July was nearly Rs. 6500. I think you drew from Guntur Rs. 7,200 besides your travelling expenses and salary, of Rs. 1,250, making a monthly draft on the National Lutheran Council of Rs. 8,450.

I hope to give you a clear cable before long, authorizing your monthly drafts.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary-Treasurer.

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December 13, 1921

Rev. I. Cannaday,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Cannaday:

I have your letter of the 7th of November, and I was in Dr. Larson's office when he received a copy. I see you keep 3 separate accounts. I quite understand your system, but it is not necessary for you to report in the form in which you have been reporting. The following form would be sufficient:

"Opening Balance		
Account	1. Receipts	
"	2. "	
"	3. "	
Account	1. Expenses	
"	2. "	
"	3. "	

Cash balance in hand-----

Please observe that I quite understand your accounts only the system you have, gives you more work than is really necessary.

Dr. Larson and I had a conference with Mr. Rupley. He is very sanguine and hopeful. He reached America on the morning of December 6th. He hasn't been to the Board Rooms yet, but will come in the next few weeks.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Cannaday will have a most

joyous Christmas and a very merry time all through the festivals,
I am, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. G. Moore
Treasurer

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It will suffice if you send me
quarterly accounts. But if you
prefer to send them monthly
it will be satisfactory to me

W. G.

2 copies

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER, 1921.

I--BUDGET ACCOUNT(Advisory Board).

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balance Rs.	6756-10-6	
Receipts & Expendi.	2423--4-8	9908--1-9
N. L. C. Receipts	8333--9-0	
Totals	17512-15-3	9908--1-9
Cr. Balance		7604-13-6
Balanced Total	17512-15-3	17512-15-3

II--TRUSTEES ACCOUNT(Property).

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balance		Rs. 5125-6-2
Rec. & Expenditures	Rs. 1719-5-1	675-3-7
Totals	1719-5-1	5800-9-9
Dr. Balance	4081-4-8	
Balanced Totals	5800-9-9	5800-9-9

III--NON-BUDGET ACCOUNT(Missionaries' Expenses).

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balance	Rs. 3959-13-5	
Rec. & Expenditures	25--8-0	1716-0-3
Totals	3985--5-5	1716-0-3
Cr. Balance		2269-5-2
Balanced Totals	3985--5-5	3985-5-5

SUMMARY No. I.

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Bal's(3 accts)	Rs. 10716--7-11	5125--6-2
Rec. & Expenditures	4168--1-10	12299--5-7
N. L. C. Receipts	8333	
Totals	23217--9--9	17424-11-9
Cr. Bal(3 accts)		5792-14-0
	23217--9--9	23217--9-9

SUMMARY No. II.

	Cr.	Dr.
Net Opening Balance	Rs. 5591-1-9	
Net Bal. of Rec & Exp		8131--3-9
Net Dr. Balance	2540-2-0	
Bal. Totals	8131-3-9	8131--3-9
N. L. C. Receipts	8333	
Net Dr. Balance		2540--2-0
Cr. Balance carr. forw		5792-14-0
	8333	8333

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Jan. 11, 1922.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

Enclosed please find my Financial Statement for December, 1921, which also shows, of course, how we stand at the end of the Budget Year. I shall take up the three separate accounts in order:-

I--Budget Account. There is a credit balance of Rs. 7604-13-6. This is a big unexpended balance with which to close the year and it requires some explanation. The explanation in general is that we have been practising rigid economy and this rigid economy has been practised in two chief ways:-

(1) A small amount (pitifully small amount) was given out of the full Budget--from August on--for increments in the teachers' salaries. The small sum of Rs. 150/, for example, was allocated for this purpose and this amount had to be divided up among about 200 workers--think of it!! A very much larger sum should have been allocated for this purpose, but we limited it to Rs. 150/, in order to "play safe," to use Rupley's favorite phrase. And really we need not have been so parsimonious, if we had only known!

(2) Likewise a very small sum has been expended in buying school apparatus, supplies, etc. In fact, practically nothing for the village schools was bought out of the 1921 Budget funds. A consignment of goods has just arrived from Calcutta, having come too late to pay for it out of the old Budget. In addition to these supplies we ought to buy another large lot by all means this year.

Now, of course, there are various other causes why we have come out with this good credit balance, but I need not mention them, I think.

II--Trustees Account. That is another story, for there is a debit balance at the end of the year of Rs. 4081-4-8, with about Rs. 600/ in the bank to the credit of the account. I need not say much about this, I think, for I take it that Rupley has fully explained the situation. However, one thing I must say: At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, when the matter of the big deficit came up for consideration, the Chairman (Mr. Lyall, the Commissioner) asked me what should be done about it and whether or not the time had not come to sell a bungalow or two in order to liquidate this debt! I requested the Board not to do anything like that just yet, as I had good hopes that the debt would be paid from America. Mr. Lyall accepted that, but instructed me to record my statement in the minutes, which I did. But the fact remains that, if this debt is not liquidated in any other way, the Trustees will be compelled, sooner or later, to sell off a bungalow or two.

III--Non-Budget Account. As you see there is a credit balance here of Rs. 2269-5-2. I began the quarter with a credit balance of a little over Rs. 5000/. During December there was a charge of about Rs. 750/ on this account for the moving expenses of the Spanglers. I shall have to draw another remittance, through the Guntur Treasurer, on this account in a month or so, and, now that there are two of us here, it will naturally cost more.

In this connection I would like to say that, when Mr. Spangler was appointed to come to Ranchi, he owned a Ford car privately. The understanding in the Guntur Conference was that he should sell his car and that, if he sustained any loss, the loss should be borne equally by the Guntur Conference and the N. L. Council. Mr. Spangler has not yet found out the exact amount, and so I shall report this matter later.

Now, concerning the unexpended balance of Rs. 7604-13-6 on Budget Account (Advisory Board), I wish to make a recommendation or two:

(1) That the Board be allowed to use a good part of this in mak-

ing further increments to the teachers. Really, the salaries of some of these men are miserably small. Please refer to Mr. Rupley in regard to this in coming to your decision. The adjustments we made in salaries from last August were only a beginning in the right direction. Another two hundred or three hundred per month ought to be given for this purpose, in order to remove, as far as possible, the inequalities which still exist and which are a constant source of trouble to us.

(2) That we be allowed to use some of it--several hundred rupees--in the purchase of further badly needed supplies for the schools.

(3) That I be allowed to write off the balance--if there be a balance after the above two requests are granted--on Trustees Account.

Kindly give me instructions concerning this balance and grant my requests, if at all possible.

One or two other matters:

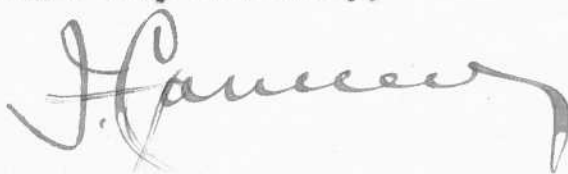
1. We have not yet heard what our 1922 Budget amount will be. As you know this is keeping us on the 'anxious bench' awhile! In the absence of any word from you, therefore, I am requesting our Guntur Treasurer to advance me for January payments the sum of Rs. 8000/-. This can be adjusted after we find out what the 1922 Budget will be.

2. The Guntur Treasurer is advancing me Rs. 8000/ for the purchase of rice, now while it is cheap. This is in accordance with the permission given by Dr. Larsen in a letter dated November 2nd. This, too, will be adjusted later, and the amount deducted in 14th monthly sums from the 1922 Budget.

This, I think covers all the important points.

With kind regards from us all to you and all there, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Copy to Dr. Larsen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GOSSNER "MISSION" ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1921.

I. - BUDGET ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	Dr.	<u>II - TRUSTEES ACCOUNT</u>	
			Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balances Rs.	6088--3-6			4225-10-8
Receipts & Expend.	2268-13-6	9933--6-6	2--0--0	901-11-6
N. L. C. Receipts	8333--0-0			
Totals	Rs. 16690-1-0	9933--6-6	2--0--0	5127--6-2
Balances		6756-10-6	5125--6--2	
Bal. totals	16690--1-0	16690--1-0	5127--6--2	5127--6-2

III - NON-BUDGET ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balance Rs.	4377-3-5	
Receipts & Expen.	43-2-0	460--8--0
N. L. C. Receipts		
Totals	4420-5-5	460--8--0
Balances		3959-13--5
Balanced Totals	4420-5-5	4420--5--5

SUMMARY NO. I.

	Cr.	Dr.	
Opening Balances (3 accounts) Rs.	10465--6-11	4225-10-8	
Receipts & Expenditures	2313-15--6	11295-10-0	
N. L. C. Receipts	8333--0--0		
Totals	21112--6--5	15521-10-8	(15521-4-8)
Credit Balance (3 accounts)		5591--1-9	
Balanced Totals	21112--6--5	21112--6-8	

SUMMARY NO. II.

	Cr.	Dr.
Net Opening Balance	Rs. 6239-12-3	
Net Bal. of Rec. & Exp.		8981-10-6
Totals	6239-12-3	8981-10-6
Net Debit Balance	2741-14-3	
Balanced Totals	8981-10-6	8981-10-6
N. L. C. Receipts	8333--0-0	
Net Debit Balance		2741-14-3
Credit Balance Carried Forw.		5591--1-9
Balanced Totals	8333--0-0	8333--0-0

- Note 1. Budget Accounts means the regular Gossner work, and Non-Budget Account means Missionaries' Expenses.
2. You see how badly the Trustees' Account is in debt. However, I must report that there is an undrawn Bank balance to the credit of the Trustees' Account of Rs. 1463/-. Deducting this the net deficit is about Rs. 3662/-.
3. The large balance on ~~Budget~~ BUDGET ACCOUNT will be needed, at least a good deal of it, to meet certain extra expenses coming at the end of the year.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, Dec. 6, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer Luth. For. Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Wolf,

I am in receipt of your letter of October 24th. Thanks.
You refer to the Ganges Mission matter. I am writing on that matter to
Dr. Larsen and a copy will be furnished you. I note, with satisfaction,
all you say about not changing the policy towards the Gossner work, etc.
Two or three other letters from you have come, but they were only replies
to my letters to you.

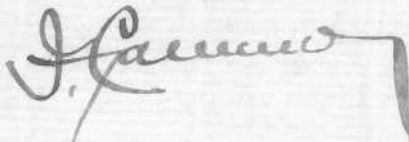
Enclosed find my Financial Statement for the month of November. In
the absence ^{of} ~~from~~ any instructions to the contrary, I have made out the
statement on the model of October. Hope it is entirely intelligible.

The work here is going on normally. We are touring whenever possi-
ble. We look for the Spanglers about the 17th of this month. Very
sorry to hear of Mrs. Drach's critical illness.

With best Christmas wishes and regards from us two, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Congratulations on arrival of
another grand son!



Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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October 24, 1921.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Cannaday:

The copy of your letter to Mr. Mees is before me of September 21st, in which you refer to the matter of the Ganges Mission, part of the Gossner field, under the old regime.

I think likely that Mr. Mees and I talked over this matter at considerable length last summer, and we had in our minds the difficulties we had in the case of the Winkler case before us. Now, all the difficulties in regard to the Winkler case have passed and he has received money from the National Lutheran Council.

You may be sure we will discuss all questions with Mr. Rupley when he returns. Already Dr. Larsen and I have arranged to have a meeting with him as soon as he reaches America. However, we do not see any reason to change our mind in regard to the work of the Gossner field under the present circumstances. Arrangements entered into thus far, both for the holding of the property as well as for the management of the autonomous church, seems from this side extremely satisfactory. Of course, I do not know how matters will strike you. You have much larger experience with the peoples of ^{India} ~~Japan~~ than has Mr. Rupley, and you know a great deal of the doings of our ~~original~~ native Christian converts. We will be very slow indeed, you may be sure, to introduce any changes

on this side in any particular. We always depend upon you for your recommendations.

Dr. Larsen is now back in the office, and while he is extremely busy at present in the campaign for funds, I am sure he will appreciate very much anything you may send him in regard to first impressions. I, too, shall be glad to receive your impressions.

I am, with kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday,

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

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RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA,
November 7, 1921

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Secy-Treasurer Luth. For. Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Wolf,

Enclosed please find my financial statement for October--the first month I have been in charge of the finances. Mr. Rupley's last statement brought matters up to September 30.

As you will see from this statement, there are really three separate accounts here, and they must be handled separately by having three cash books and three summaries in the Ledger. I am not sure just how Mr. Rupley reported to you. As per Summary No. ~~III~~ II, the three important sets of figures are:

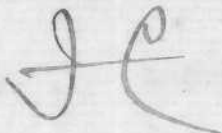
Net credit balance on all three accounts handed over by Rupley to me	Rs. 2590-8-7
Net debit balance for October of all receipts and expenditure	9683-12-4
Leaving a net debit balance, deducting the opening credit balance, of	7093-3-9

This is fully covered, as you see, by the receipts from the National Lutheran Council of Rs. 13333, and leaves me a credit balance of Rs. 6239-12-3. The chief reason I have so large a credit balance on hand is that I drew Rs. 5000/ from the Guntur Treasurer on Non-Budget (Missionaries' Personal Expenses Account, so-called). This will be eaten up, most likely, in the next two months. If you wish me to make my statements in a different form, please advise me.

The Rupleys left on October 18th and now we are looking forward to the coming of the Spanglers about December 1st. The Chief Secretary to the B. & O. Government has given verbal permission for this and we hope formal permission will come soon. Everything is going on, now, in a normal way. The Advisory Board meets on the 9th and the Trustees on the 23rd of this month.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,



Copy sent to Dr. Larsen

STATEMENT OF GOSSNER ACCOUNTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1921.

<u>I-BUDGET ACCOUNT.</u>			<u>II-TRUSTEES ACCOUNT</u>		
	Cr	Dr		Cr	Dr
Opening Balaces	Rs. 5595--4-9		Rs.	2452--5-8	3279-12-10
Receipts & Exp.	3416-14-3	11256-55-6			3398--3--6
N.L.C. Receipts	8333--0-0				
Totals	17345--3-0	11256-15-6		2452--5-8	6678--0--4
Balances		6088--3-6		4225-10-8	
Balanced Totals	17345--3-0	17345--3-0		6678--0-4	6678--0--4

III-NON-BUDGET ACCOUNT.

	Cr	Dr
Opening Balance	Rs. 275-0-8	
Receipts & Exp.	156-7-0	1054-4-3
N.L.C. Receipts	5000-0-0	
Totals	5431-7-8	1054-4-3
Balance		4377-3-5
Balanced Totals	5431-7-8	5431-7-8

SUMMARY No. I.

	Cr.	Dr.
Opening Balances (3 accts)	Rs. 5870--5-5	3279-12-10
Receipts & Exp. "	6025-10-11	15709--7--3
N.L.C. Receipts	13333--0--0	
Totals	25229--0--4	18989--4--1
Credit Balance		6239-12--3
	25229--0--4	25229--0--4

SUMMARY No. II.

	Cr.	Dr.
Net Opening Balance	Rs. 2590--8--3	
Net Bal. Receipts & Exp		9683-12--4
Totals	2590--8--7	9683-12--4
N. L. C. Receipts	7093--3--9	
Balanced Totals	9683-12-04	9683-12--4
N. L. C. Receipts	13333--0--0	
Debit Balance		7093--3--9
Credit Bal. Car. Forw		6239-12--3
	13333--0--0	13333--0--0

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Net Dr - Balance.

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CABLE: LUTHER, BALTIMORE

August 10, 1921.

Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Cannaday:

I have to-day sent you the following cablegram:
"Draw Rupees 8,335 from August first." This is in answer to
your cablegram of late date. I have taken the matter up with
Dr. Larsen. He agrees that we shall allow you to draw from
August 1st, per month, Rs. 8,335. I think this will be considerable help to you. We are not yet aware of what results we shall have when we ask for money this year for the National Lutheran Council. Upon the results which we have depend the amounts which we can give to the various missions which we have been supporting in the world.

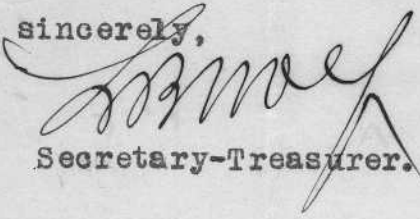
I hope that you and Mrs. Cannaday are settled in your new home and that you will like it. I have your letter written from Madura July 1st. Of course your cablegram of safe arrival reached us long ago.

I must thank you for having assisted the ladies in keeping their accounts and I am sure they will be able to render accounts according to your instructions without any difficulty. I trust your meeting with the Advisory Board will be most harmonious and that you will be able to take up the direction of the work at Ranchi where Mr. Rupley lays it down.

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Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Cannaday and believe
me, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/B

RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA,
August 16, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
President Luth. For. Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wolf,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your cablegram, dated
Baltimore the 10th and received in Ranchi the 13th, reading--

"Cannaday, Ranchi, India.

"Draw Rupees 8355 from August first.

"Wolf."

Of course this gives us great gratification and ease of mind. The
enclosed letter from Mr. Rupley shows you how he feels! I am still too
new to the situation here to understand the full meaning of the joy that
will come to the Gossner workers and others as a result of this increase
in our budget, but I have already seen enough to know that the need is
great. We are to have a meeting soon to study the situation and draw up
a scheme for the allocation of the extra funds in the best possible way.
You will hear of that in due season.

Things are going on ⁱⁿ a normal way here. Mrs. Cannaday and I are
studying Hindi and learning the work. We feel greatly pleased that we
could arrive here so long before the departure of the Rupleys.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

Isaac Cannaday

P. S.

I should have noted above that we take your figure 8355 to ^{mean} be
8333 which is what it should be according to the budget. We suppose there
is an error in transmission.

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"RECOMMEND FULL ORIGINAL BUDGET SECOND HALF THIS YEAR."

"CANNADAT."

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Fifth Ave. & 28th Street New York

GEO. H. NEWTON, MANAGER

May 7/21

My dear Mr. Canaday

Just a word in regard
to a few matters etc.
you may find helpful

1. You will kindly send me
an account of your travel
expenses after you reach
India. ~~What~~ ^{have} handed
over to you certain money
to be used in paying expenses
from the U.S. A to India.

Please send me this also.

Should you not have
enough to cover all

2

Transl. Expenses. Then report
it to Mr Parson, when
you draw your salary
and ask him to pay it
you. Should you have a
credit balance in your
favor, also report it, when
you draw your salary
and simply deduct
it from salary acc. showing
the amount, for my in-
formation for him to show in acc.

May I ask that you
explain this to Messrs
Heijermab & Meissner
& show them what is
implied in it & also explain
to them about their salaries
in accordance with the
letter I lately sent you.

Mr. Ruple will show
 you how to draw your
 money for the Gossner
 Lutheran Church. I wish
 that you would continue
 to draw it monthly thro
 Mr. Larsen both for yr.
 personal salary & for
 the Gossner Church. I
 shall be glad to get a
 quarterly statement
 of all expenses just as
 we have arranged
 with the India Mission. ^{When you send in}
 financial reports, kindly date the same as to amounts draw on
 3. I shall be greatly
 pleased to hear from
 you from time to time

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GEO. H. NEWTON, MANAGER

and trust you may
be richly blessed in
this new field of
responsibility. I am
sure that Mrs. Cunningham
will be a tower of
strength in all your
work & that she will
also feel most free
to point out & ask
for such help as
in her opinion the
Gospel Church needs.

We feel it a great
 sacrifice to give you
 two to this work. And
 while we realize that
 you are making a
 considerable sacrifice
 in undertaking this
 piece of work. I for
 one am sure you
 can do it ^{and} do it
 in such a manner
 as will bring both a
 blessing to you & the church
 wh. you serve. I am in X con
 Work Yours Sincerely L. B. Noel

RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA,
July 27, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Pres. Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Wolf,

In continuation of my letter of last week, dated the 20th ultimo, I submit herewith a statement of the expenses involved in our coming from Guntur to Ranchi and in the removal of our furniture, etc. Our goods have arrived with only a few breakages--for which we are very thankful.

Statement

Railway fare and excess luggage	Rs. 139-12
Food and hotel	31-
Freight on furniture	458--4
Packing, cartage, coolie, etc.	62-11
Incidentals	8--7
Total	Rs. 700--2
Amt previously reported (N. Y.--Guntur)	1343--3
Grand total	2043--5
Total amount spent	Rs. 2043--5
Amt advanced in America, \$400=	Rs. 1600--0
Amount still due me	Rs. 443--5

As I explained in my previous letter the average rate of exchange (dollars into pounds, pounds into rupees, dollars into rupees, etc) was about Rs. 4/ to the dollar, though the rate in India now is considerably higher. For the sake of simplifying it out here, according to your instructions, I have translated all expenses into rupees. I shall draw the amount still due me--Rs. 443/5--from the India Mission Treasurer, Mr. Goedeke, in accordance with your instructions. At the same time I shall draw my July salary, namely, the equivalent of \$125.00 in rupees. I do not know what rate of translation you are allowing out here now. In the Board Office you said something to me about giving the missionaries some of the benefit of the high rate of exchange, that is, giving them more than Rs. 3/ per dollar, but the missionaries here do not seem to know anything about it. I do not care about it especially one way or the other, but I merely mention it because you spoke of it to me. If there is already a definite understanding, all right.

Well, we have been here a week now and we like it. Our goods have just arrived from Guntur and you can imagine the state of affairs here!

With kind regards from us both, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Isaac Cannaday

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA, July 20, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Pres. Luth. Foreign Missions Conf.,
601 Cathedral Street,
Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Wolf,

I find that I can get this statement right in this same cover. As you know from other sources we arrived in Ranchi yesterday and were given a truly typical reception, including the washing of our hands, guns (fireworks), etc. Ranchi is certainly a great place, and we feel sure that we shall like it very much. The copy of my letter to Dr. Larsen will give you additional information. Please push the 'second American Lutheran Missionary' proposition hard!!

Now, to carry out your instructions: Here is a brief statement of our travelling expenses from America to India (to Guntur only). Later on I shall submit a statement of our travelling and moving expenses from Guntur to Ranchi.

Railway fare, etc.	Rs. 606-11
Hotel, food, etc.	310--3
Luggage (forwarding) etc)	143-13
Tips, remunerations, etc.	101--4
Passport, Consular fees, etc.	73-12
Incidentals	107--8
Total	Rs. 1343--3

As you know, you advanced me the sum of \$400. At the current of exchange (average) at which I got money changed, namely Rs. 4/ to the dollar, that would be in rupees 1600. This leaves about Rs. ~~400~~ 250 in my hands, out of which to pay our expenses from Guntur to Ranchi. The balance, whether debit or credit, will not be great. In due season I shall report to you and have a settlement with the India Mission Treasurer.

With kind regards from us both, I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

JE

Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Sept. 12, 1921.

Rev. L.B. Wolf, D.D., Secy-Treas.,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:-

Thanks for your letter of July 30. I greatly value the kind things you say in it.

Mr. Cannaday this week will take over the Secretary work in connection with the Trustees and the Advisory Board. He is in addition a full member of the latter. His name has also been sent up to Government as Head Supervisor of Schools, and no doubt he will be duly appointed. This is an ad interim appointment until "the second man" arrives and is appointed. The latter process may take some months to complete, and the position could not be left vacant. Mr. Cannaday will attend the October meeting of the Guntur Conference, when the decision as to the person to come will be made. Mr. Cannaday will be able to do little if any teaching in the Seminary classes until this second man is carrying his own work in the School system, notwithstanding the pressing importance of the Seminary teaching.

Now I address you as the Secretary of the missionaries on furlough. We are booked for the P. and O. "Kashgar", leaving Calcutta about October 15th, and due in London about November 15. We will cross the Atlantic as soon as possible, so that I expect to report our arrival the last week in November or the first week in December. In the rather unlikely contingency that you would wish to reach me in London, please address me care Thos. Cook and Son, Luggage Circus, London, E.C. 4. My home address in America will be Mercersburg, Penna.

Now about furlough plans. My strong wish is to study further in Elementary Education at Teachers College, Columbia. The year before I entered the Seminary at Gettysburg, I studied in Teachers College, taking about two-thirds of a full course for the academic year 1908-9, and earning my expenses with the other third time. I passed the fundamental courses in Education, just enough to make me see the need for a good deal more study along a specialized line.

The experience of six years in India has made me desire to specialize in Elementary School work. Whether my later work will prove to be in Industrial Education (not the technical expert, but as seeing to the adjustment to the present studies) in supervision of village schools, or in a Teacher Training school, makes little difference in the course of study I want to take. The studies planned will lead to all three, for the three are closely connected these days in India.

When we return to India in 1923, the Council will decide under which Conference we are to work and what form our work will take. It is understood that I will take up Telugu like any new missionary, immediately after our return. You will find an additional inter-im resolution in the Guntur October Minutes, covering this matter of study on furlough and our later assignment. I may incidentally call attention to the fact that I am a first furlough man, and so greatly need these studies.

As to deputation work, that of course is entirely in the hands of Dr. Larsen and you. If I may express an opinion, it is that it would probably be best, both for the deputation work and for the studying that they be done in separate groups of months. For instance I could give all my time to the former until September, 1922, while my information is fresh and first hand. Then I could give pretty nearly all my time to study for the academic year 1922-23, and make some real progress. I doubt if the two kinds of work would mix successfully.

This letter is just to get these matters before you in a connected form. We can talk it over when I see you in America, and you can let me know your decisions then.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Copy to Dr. Larsen, Dr. McCauley and Rev. C.L. Larsson.

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July 30, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

Replying to your favor of June 23rd in which you have over all correspondence to Mr. Cannaday, I think your plan is a very good one, so there will be just one head to the work. Mr. Cannaday will be able to lay hold of the situation in this manner more effectively.

In regard to your accounts, I hardly think it necessary for you to bring your books home. If your accounts are audited by Mr. Cannaday, and you have him send that audit to me, it is really all that is required. In addition to this, it is never good policy to move accounts from the place in which they were made. Your successor might want to have them for reference, and you ought to hand the books over to him; so, if I were in your place I would not bring them along. I note you say you will bring a duplicate. This is not necessary either. The National Lutheran Council is, I am quite sure, quite content with your financial administration of your trust.

I can conceive that in the nature of the case you would have to make very many decisions about which you subsequently might like to change your mind. In the same way, I have no doubt that your successor might, in his experience with the plans that

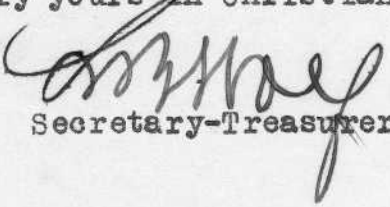
you formed, also desire to make changes. I have no doubt that you will find Mr. Cannaday a very sympathetic successor.

I am sure that the National Lutheran Council, whose representative I am, in this matter of financing the Gossner work, has been greatly pleased with your administration of the Gossner work.

In conclusion, I can only reciprocate your kind words in regard to our past official correspondence.

Hoping to see you in the early fall in America. I am

Very sincerely yours in Christian Work,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/B

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Ranchi, Bihar, India. Aug. 27, 1921

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letters of July 7 and 15 have come. This is just to acknowledge them and to say that I will turn over them and this note to Mr. Cannaday.

That "peculiar willingness to the powers of mastery" which you knew so well in the Indian Church is rapidly vanishing among the educated men. The rank and file still swear by the Dora and the Sahib, but there is collecting a considerable lot of thorns in the flesh. Patience and holding the tongue are becoming more than ever valuable traits in a missionary. These leaders are suffering from growing pains, not only in the Christian Church, but much more so in the wider political life. They remind one with considerable exactness of certain adolescent individuals who trouble every teacher and some parents. But as Miss Fahs delights to say "This too will pass away."

The general situation in India is humming these days. The Moplahs in the Malabar country are in another outbreak, and a big one, I'm afraid. White troops are now engaged in smashing it, a thankless and nasty job. The casualties are reported to be up to 600 already. Calcutta and Madras City are causing some worry by their lawless tendencies. Lahore Mun. Council voted not to welcome the Prince of Wales, which is pretty direct disloyalty. An extensive boycott of foreign cloth is on by order of Mr. Gandhi and his clique, which however may harm his own cause the most. A lot of people are objecting to it, when many poor are in rags or naked. Worst of all perhaps in unsettling effect is the Munitions Scandal, which seems likely to pull a man right out of the Viceroy's inner Council, and disgrace him. The Viceroy has already in self-defence denied knowledge of the events preceding.

So it may be that the looked-for trial of physical strength between Govt. and the Extremists is about to begin. Of course there is no doubt that Govt. resources are ample to put it down promptly, but the effects will be disturbing for a while, especially in places like Guntur. I know you folks will back them up most heartily in any emergency needs which may arise.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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July 7, 1921

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

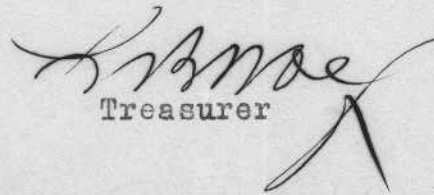
Dear Mr. Rupley:

Dr. Larsen and I have frequently discussed the financial situation in the Gossner Field. We have determined not to do more toward increasing the budget for 1921, until after you and Cannaday have been in conference. The amount sanctioned, you know, was per month, including famine batta, Rs. 5,750. We also sanctioned the Lohardaga Salama by cable, which we presume you have received.

It may not be out of place to tell you we are rather hard up for money so that I trust you will try to get along with what you have. Dr. Larsen is away on a vacation now and I only write to confirm our present financial course.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Treasurer

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July 15, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:-

I have your letter of June 14th. By this time of course Mr. Cannaday is on the ground and you have had your conferences. I wish things were more assured on this side in regard to our fall campaign, but I am sure that we will get money if we go after ^{it} for our Gossner work and if it does not come through in a general way, we, of the U. L. C. should make an effort to get it. However, I am with the National Lutheran Council in the matter.

I am following up the papers these days. However, all the contentions over there are not different from what they were when I left India fourteen years ago. You can't educate men of our Indian Christian people unless they begin to corporate by claiming autonomy on matters of direction. Nothing but the poverty of our church in India and a peculiar willingness to the powers of mastery make the Indian church as ^{amenable} amenable as it is to outside help and direction.

The political aspects of India have changed vastly in the last thirty-five years, but after all, they are along the lines of what have been the plannings of those who have had India's Government affairs under their control. The native

Rev. G. A. R. #2.

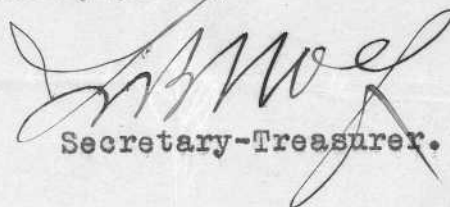
gets all the comfort he desires. The thing for us outsiders to do is to work out our own problems and go about our own Christian work.

I am glad that you are so hopeful that our missionaries are so minded. I thank you very much for sending me the splendid statement of the South India Christians of the Leipzig India Mission re the Lord's Supper and Episcopacy, and for sending me a copy of "Young Men in India".

Give my regards to the Cannadays. I am glad that you are making the way easy for him in stepping into the new way that awaits him.

With kind regards to all of you, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/C

Ranchi, July 27, 1921.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Yours of the 17th June arrived yesterday. About Mr. Winkler, I am afraid that I do not have sufficient information to give you an opinion of any value. One would need to know two things - whether he really is down and out financially, and whether the policy of the National Lutheran Council covers his case. But instead of sitting in India, why doesn't he get out and hustle for a living somewhere else? I should think that a request for steamer fare would look better than a maintenance allowance.

I am inclined to be cautious about such matters. For instance a former lady missionary put in a pitiful appeal via London for her goods here in Ranchi Dt. and said she had no money to pay for shipping them to Germany. A kind-hearted Englishman wrote to me to ask if anything could be done to help her out. But about the same time a desire for her address developed in Simla, and by various official routes got downstairs to Ranchi. The reason was that she had over Rs. 600 in a Bank up there and they wondered how to get it to her. So maybe the Winkler request is justified, but I have no information that you do not have. I think you received the copy of my letter of June 28 to Dr. Aberly, in this connection.

The other points in your letter will be taken up presently. I am not sending Dr. Larsen a copy of this letter, as I take it as a personal inquiry on your part.

We sure are glad that the Cannadays are here.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruple

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June 17, 1921

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I sent you yesterday, the following cablegram:

"Draw money needed for Lohardaga Salama". This means that you are to draw on me as many Rupees as may be needed for the purchase of the Lohardaga Salama. I trust this will be helpful to you.

Dr. Larsen and the rest, concluded that we will wait for further funds to be sanctioned to the Ranchi work until you and Mr. Cannaday have looked over the whole situation. Of course, our willingness to sanction funds additional for the Ranchi work during the current year will depend largely upon the success of the drive which we will have for the National Lutheran Council this fall. If we get a good bit of money we will be more flushed and give you more funds for the Ranchi work.

I wish you would let me know what you think of the Winkeler case. He has received Rs. 750 from the National Lutheran Council, but is asking for a second amount. I do not think it necessary, however to continue helping him personally, but I would like to have your opinion.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

L. B. Wolf
Secretary-Treasurer

Ranohi, June 23th, 1921.

Rev. J. Aberly, D.D.

President - The Council of the India Mission
of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Aberly:-

I have today received the following cable:- "Baltimore
June 23 - Draw Winkler rupees seven hundred fifty - Wolf/"

I have heard nothing from America of late months
concerning Mr. Winkler. The most recent reference to him which I have
from any source was in Mr. Roterberg's letter to the National Lutheran
Council, dated April 2nd, which said nothing at all about payments
to Mr. Winkler.

So it seems probable that no new factor is involved,
but that this is a continuation of former efforts to assist Mr.
Winkler personally, as a Lutheran missionary left more or less
stranded by the War.

However, as Mr. Winkler is at present not in good favor
with the local Government, and as I am so directly responsible to it,
it would seem out of place for me to be the intermediary in this
transaction. I therefore refer it to you for whatever action the
officers of the Joint Council think best to take.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Wolf
" " Dr. Lauritz Larsen.

(On Dr. Wolf's copy -)

" Lohardaga cable received! "

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Dear Drs. Larsen and Wolf:-

This is to close the series of letters which I have been writing to you as your "correspondent" in Ranchi. Mr. Cannaday will be here soon, and to prevent any confusion of two writing I will ask him to take up that part of the work at once.

If there is anything in your letters received after today which requires an answer from me, I will give it in the form of a memorandum, for Mr. Cannaday to include in his letters to you. I may of course have some occasion to write direct on more or less personal matters, not connected with Gossner affairs.

As to accounts, I think you must feel as I do, - that typing off extracts and summaries and writing notes, leaves much to be desired. A good deal of money has passed through my hands here, and I want to render an account of it in better form. So I am making a duplicate of my ledger, including every item of receipt and expenditure, with the summaries. I will get Mr. Cannaday to audit it, along with the original to be left with him. Then I will bring the duplicate ledger home with me, and file it permanently with you. I will then be prepared to answer any question on the accounts that you care to ask.

As to plans and policies here, from the nature of the case I was often obliged to make quick decisions, and no doubt some of them will prove unwise, and others to be of ~~temporary~~ ^{temporary} usefulness only. The two Boards advised, and decided larger questions, to be sure, but they met only once in a few months, and then they generously accepted my recommendations in most instances.

Consequently, the various arrangements reflect to an undue extent the opinions of one person. So I am sure you will allow a good deal of latitude to Mr. Cannaday and his later co-workers in changing whatever seems to them to need changing. I mean that the present arrangements should by no means be considered to be fixed, but that added experience, differing points of view, and the natural development of the Church should all have due weight in forming the plans for the future.

In closing formally this part of my connection here, I want to thank you both for the unvarying courtesy and consideration you have shown me. I cannot recall a single unpleasant line in any of your letters. Your cordial support has meant a great deal, under these novel circumstances at Ranchi.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruxley

Dear Dr. Wolf -

Yours of May 16th came yesterday.

I'll refer the Code matter to Cannaday.

I sent Dr. L. Larsen a copy direct of
the letter above — Ruxley

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May 16, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have yours of the 6th of April before me. I thank you very much for the report which you sent. It is certainly a great work which you have in charge. I cannot understand reference to Budget, but I understand what you say about codes, and I shall not use codes in the future to you unless you get a code book. I should think it would pay for you to use the code book, however, and perhaps the Guntur or Rajahmundry conference may furnish you with one, as I think they have several copies, and the President of the Council does all of the foreign cabling and needs but one book. I am glad that you are at last in the clear about the Budget. The first cable re Budget was sent to Miss Brewer the 24th of December, 1920. In it you were distinctly told that the Ranchi Budget was monthly Rs. 3,750. In addition to this, Dr. Larson and I agreed that you should have the Famine Batta - namely, Rs. 1,750, giving you a total of 5,500.

I am glad you had such a pleasant time with the Metropolitan. Met him at ~~Crows~~, and found him extremely pleasant and deeply interested in all missionary endeavors.

You will see Cannaday about the same time this letter reaches you. I hope you will be able to set everything before Cannaday in such clear light that ~~he~~ will seize hold of the new situation created by the antonomous Church and be able to be a mighty help in the working out of its problems.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Miss
Wolf
Secretary-Treasurer.

Crows
LBW/B

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Ranchi, Bihar, India.

June 14th, 1921.

Dear Dr. Wolf:-

Your letter of May 2nd on Gossner affairs is here. No doubt Mr. Cannaday will be able to clear up any remaining points. I want to turn over to him all this correspondence as soon as he will consent to receive it.

Your circular letter of the 3rd May re payment of missionary salaries is also here. I am pretty sure that my account with you needs looking into, but as it is ~~BE~~ rather complicated, extending over three treasurers out here, I suggest that we settle it up when I come Home. Your books will have the needed data.

I have heard distant echoes of the Ibert Bill. The rulers here have really learned a lot in the last few years, and are more adaptable, less distant and "infallible". There is a sort of lull in affairs for a few weeks back, with some disturbing factors. I hope it means the turn to a better frame of mind. But one cannot escape the fact that many conditions point to a state of preparedness for a big uproar if some unfortunate break set things going. It looks sometimes as if Afghanistan would be immediate means of the flareup. There is no doubt that the Bolsheviks are getting it more and more in their control, to the corresponding exclusion of the British. And there is a huge amount of plain anti-British propaganda being carried on most openly in India. There is an inspired sort of diabolical and far-seeing cleverness about the whole thing, binding it all together and directing it along one main line - the overthrow of law, of the existing order of things. They weave into this any local causes, any parochial grievances in the most astounding way. Its all grist that comes to their mill, whether racial feeling against the whites, or some obscure "tana" movement in the centre of Chota Nagpur.

It is a sort of hidden battle, with occasional bubbles coming to the surface. In the long run the forces of orderly development are sure to win. In the meantime we must continue our work just as if nothing is happening. I am very glad that the Mission forces are agreed on that.

Yours sincerely, S. A. R. R. R.

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May 3, 1921.

Rev. J. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

It has come to the attention of the Board's Treasurer that there exists some misunderstanding as to the present method of the payment of missionaries' salaries in our various fields. This letter is sent to all our missionaries to clear up any such misunderstanding, and help in making satisfactory this plan of financial operation.

Under the new system of Mission finance adopted by the Board, the Mission Treasurers on the various fields draw on the Board all budgets and salaries. Each missionary, hence, is expected to settle his own salary each month with his Mission Treasurer. He should draw his salary and allowances according to the rules governing his Mission, and give such instructions as he may desire concerning the disposal of his salary and allowances. It is suggested that the following form be sent to the Mission Treasurer, and for convenience each Mission may have suitable forms printed for use:

Missionary _____ Month _____ 192

Salary due _____ \$ _____

Childrens' Allowance, if any, due-----\$ _____

(Here follow name and age of each child)

Other Allowances-----\$ _____

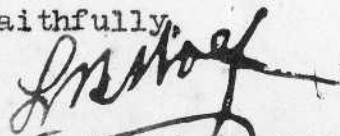
Total salary and allowance-----\$
Money to be paid in America-----\$
(Here follow names of parties, addresses
and amounts, of each)-----\$
Total amount to be held-----\$
Amount paid by Mission Treasurer-----\$

Each Missionary will kindly furnish the above statement in duplicate to his Mission Treasurer, who will send this duplicate statement to the Board Treasurer for his file, when he sends a full statement of all salaries each month to the board Treasurer.

The Board Treasurer is quite willing to pay any amounts of money thus requested. If it be not asking too much, he would request that each missionary write him from time to time, say once a quarter, as to these personal accounts. The Board Treasurer is anxious to make the present financial system of our Board a success and hopes to secure the co-operation of every missionary to make it so. If any missionary's salary is not settled to April 1st, 1921, kindly write all particulars about it, and I will take up the matter at once and settle it.

I am, in Christian Work,

Yours faithfully,


Board Treasurer.

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May 2, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi,
Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your letter of March 29th. I am sure that by this time all Budget matters and all financial interests have been fully met. I can hardly understand how there could have been such a mix-up, in view of the very clear cablegram I sent Miss Brewer, but this is all past and you know what you can depend upon for the present year.

I will be in conference with the Cannadays before they leave, and with Dr. Larsen on the 6th, in New York. I really rejoice in all that has happened since you have been in Ranchi, and think it is providential the way things have turned out.

In regard to the Church built at Khutitoli, I hope there will be something left toward it from the 40,000 Rs. sanctioned, but, of course, if that is not possible we must look around and see whether we can send you further needs. I am glad that the Lohardaga affair is so safely settled.

I am following with interest the condition of affairs in India and am reading up along all lines. I regard the situation as only one that may have in it great or little promise, as you take it, for the future of India. I never forgot, and can never

Rev. G. A. Rupley.

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forget the effect of the Ibert Bill. Surely it is a far cry since that bill was dealt to us summarily.

Hoping to see you when you get home, I am, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. M. Wolf".

Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/B

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Ranchi, Bihar, India.
June, 4th, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Sec'y-Treas.
Board of Foreign Missions,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 25th. Now we are up financially to where we had gotten last year. Our hopes for further replacement of the old work depend upon the answer to the letters more recently sent home, with regard to the proposed Budget of Rs. 8335.

The arrival of the Cannadays ^{only} is eagerly awaited, for the sake of the work they will do here, and to a lesser extent, on account of the information they will bring as to that meeting of May 6th, and other instructions.

I am ordering for Dr. Larsen and you copies of the June Young Men of India. Please read the article "The Situation of the German Missions", pages 293 to 295, together with the comment of the Editor, Dr. S.K. Datta, on page 258. His attitude is a good deal like that of the India National Missionary Council. He has stood up for the German Missionaries when it required more courage than it does today. But even he puts great stress on their adaptation to modern and permanently changed conditions in the Church in India, in the event of their return. The old paternalistic days are gone for good in many India Missions, and they are going in others.

To illustrate this further, I enclose two interesting documents from the Famil Lutherans, their open letter to the Church of Sweden Home Board, and a Statement of the formation of a "Lutheran Church Association". Our High Church Swedish brethren seem to have bitten off more than they can chew. But the former document especially shows very clearly the spirit of independent thinking that is abroad in the land. (I told their Mr. Gnanadikam that I would like to send these copies to American Secretaries, and he supplied them very willingly for that purpose. Of course I am very careful not to make any comment to these Indian brethren)

Now I have a pleasant task to suggest to you, which I feel sure you will enjoy doing. Dr. Datta has sailed to England with his English wife and baby. He alone will go later to America, as one of India's few representatives at that big Missions Meeting you will have in the Autumn. You will recall that he is a member of the Advisory Board, that he served as a while as Secretary to the Trustees, that he was a member of the Commission that toured this field and recommended Autonomy, and that he has been one of the best friends the Gossner Lutherans, in helping them to remain Lutherans.

(have)

Will you please make a special point of getting acquainted with him, and introducing him to Dr. Larsen? He may wait for you to take the initiative, but he will be able to tell you many things about this field and the India situation in general. He sometimes seems a bit "rash" in what he says, but his point of view is most valuable in understanding the rapid changes in India. He is highly educated in medicine at Edinburgh, but now has charge of the educational work of the Y.M.C.A. in India, with a lot of other important jobs.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Rubley

Copy to Dr. Lauritz Larsen.
" " Rev. E. Neudoerffer.

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April 25, 1921

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

Yesterday I sent you a cablegram as follows:
in addition to the one I sent you sometime ago:

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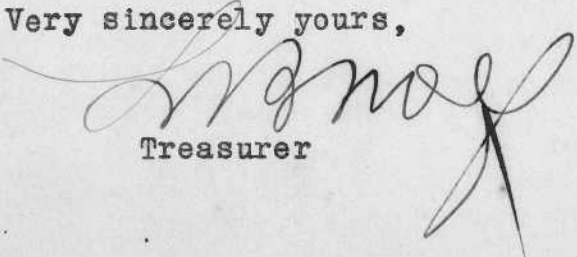
Properly interpreted, this means that you are author-
ized to draw month by month, ^{according to these two cablegrams} from January 1st, 1921, Rupees 5,500
per month from the National Lutheran Council, thru the Treasurer
of the India Mission, Rev. O. L. Larson. I hope this will get you
out of all your difficulties.

Do not forget to tell Mr. Larson to report each
month's drawings month by month, as he draws on the Board.

You will be happy to learn that Mr. Cannaday will
have a meeting with the National Lutheran Council on the 6th of
May and sails for India on the 12th of May.

With kindest regards, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,


Treasurer

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, May 2nd, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,

Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church
in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your cablegram of the 23rd April arrived on the 26th:

"Rupley, Ranchi, India. Draw additional rupees
seventeen hundred fifty monthly. Wolf."

I had left for Guntur two days before its arrival, in order to consult the Executive of the Council of the India Mission with regard to financing the Gossner work until July 1st. Please see the enclosed copy of today's letter to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, for details on this and other matters. It was a trip which an old Indian missionary like you would appreciate - six nights on the way, broken by one night in Guntur, at the end of April. But we have ice and electric fans in the trains these days, so travel is a luxury compared to your earlier years, at least.

Since writing the above, your letter of March 29th has come. I am glad to get your hearty assurances. It means a lot.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Rupley

Copy to Dr. Larsen
Copy to Rev. Neudoerffer.

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March 29, 1921.

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Mr. Rupley:

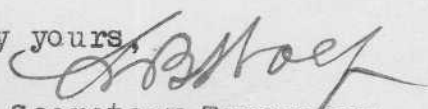
I have your letter of February 22nd. I note what you say regarding Miss Brenniman.. I have had certain side views of Miss Brenniman before I received your letter, through my own daughter. I am sure that I will be very loath to come to a hasty conclusion in regard to anything they or any body else may say in regard to the work.

We have just had a splendid report of our conference from Schetsley, and are not apt to be carried off our feet by any critical word that anybody might drop. We are too devoutly thankful for all that has taken place in what looked like an almost impossible situation.

I am glad, however, that you wrote me in confidence, and I shall certainly keep it in confidence. I would not think of troubling Dr. Larsen with such matters. He is not well acquainted with the missionary movement and might be mislead very readily.

You will be quite rejoiced to know that the Canadays will be with you in due time. I am glad that Miss Erickson was such a great success.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, April 18, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I enclose sorrowful letters. The Annual Conference of the Gossner Church is now being held in Ranchi. The news provides a dark background for their meeting, poor souls.

Let me have final word from you by cable just as soon as you can get authorization. Send it direct and uncoded, please. The waiting and suspense are bad for the morale of the whole organization.

Try every means in your power to get that Rs. 8,333 per month. Remember that you send Guntur alone (not Rajahmundry) Rs. 12,400 a month just on the two items of Schools and Hostels for Boys and Girls with their teachers. And Gossner's Budget covers every item spent, over what is raised locally, except of course our own personal expenses. This is for a body of Christians one-third larger than Guntur.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.
" " Rev. Neudoerffer.
" " Rev. McCauley.

G. A. Putley

Details of the statement contained in the last para above, - taken from October, 1920, Guntur Conference Minutes.

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High School	Rs. 7,000
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Higher Elem. School	1,500
Elementary Schools	7,425
Hostels	18,500

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Rev. George A. Rupley,

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, April 6, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Another mail came but no Budget news. So this morning I sent you the following cablegram:

"Luther, Baltimore.
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I asked that the answer be sent direct to Ranchi, to save time. The Advisory Board meets in two weeks, for the first time since October, and I don't want to face them with the Budget still unknown.

"Uncoded" - because I have no code book, and anyway code messages seem to have a hard life.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruppel

Copy to Dr. Larsen

" " Rev. Neudoerffer

P. S. The Metropolitan was in Ranchi last week for the first time since 1919. He called for a little while. The talk was very general and pleasant. This is the first time I have seen him. No wonder his people like him so well.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, March 29th, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Mission,
United Lutheran Church in America,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letters of February 8th and 17th, with their usual cheerful spirit, are here. I enclose a copy of today's letter to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, which answers some of your points. A mail has gone wrong somewhere, but I hope to get the Budget news very soon. I've been putting off the Advisory Board meeting for nearly three months, awaiting it. Your letter of February 8th probably means Budget in full, but I can't be sure enough to ask Treasurer Larsen to draw upon you on that basis.

We will be mighty glad to see the Cannadays here by July 1st. Now that the period is drawing to a close, I don't mind confessing what a strain and anxiety the job has been. I haven't bothered you with local questions, but there are plenty of them, and not all settled yet by a good deal. Nothing has gone seriously wrong, so far as I know, because nearly all concerned worked for the one end.

About the Church at Khutitoli, I'm afraid there will be nothing in the Rs. 40,000 for a new building, especially if the Lohardaga matter draws on that fund. But even with the money for it, a new building could not be commenced this year, for lack of enough supervision. So a temporary meeting-place will be arranged in the bungalow, and the larger problem I'll pass on to my successors. The Lohardaga matter is now safely closed for another quarter century.

Dr. Kugler spent Easter with us, arriving Saturday and leaving today, Tuesday. It was a great pleasure to have her here, and to see her customary interest in every kind of mission and church work.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruppberg

Copy to Dr. Lauritz Larsen
" " Rev. Neudoerffer

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February 17, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi,
Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your private note of the 8th of January and I congratulate you and Mrs. Rupley upon your prospects. I hope and pray your highest hopes will be fulfilled in due course. You are certainly proceeding in the right way. It would be hazardous for anyone to undertake an ocean voyage under the circumstances which you name.

We are taking up the matter with Cannaday and I believe it would be all right for Cannaday to carry out his original plans, at least this is our present determination, unless something unexpected turns up here at home. At the most we would only detain him a month or two. We are planning to have him leave about the 1st of May and arrangements are being made to have him leave Marseilles so he ought to be in India about the 15th or 20th of June. You will be duly informed if we make any change in these plans.

I am certainly rejoiced that everything goes on so finely in Ranchi and in the Autonomous Church. Certainly the matter is of God the way all things have turned. We may not know as much as we would like to know about our apostolic succession but certainly we do believe in that apostolic succession which is found in every part of the Protestant Church and which is also found in the Greek and Roman

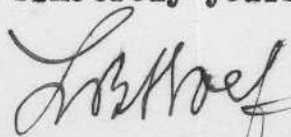
Church ----- The apostolic succession by which the Church has a valid Ministry and valid sacraments because of the Church continuity and the continuity of faith, from the time of the apostles. The verility of the faith of the Gossner Mission in a new proof of the power of apostolic succession,-- the faith of the fathers, the faith of Christ, the faith in Christ.

I will be very glad to see you when you come home to have a talk over these matters with Dr. Larsen. We are both very anxious to see you.

In confidence to you I want to say that we must not magnify our United Lutheran Church too much from our standpoint, else we will cause offense to our brothers of the other Synods. This is one reason why I am anxious that we should do nothing as a Board which will look like our attempting to dominate the autonomous Church. At the same time as I wrote you before that I do not believe it will be best in the interest of the Foreign Missions for the National Lutheran Council to become a sending body. If any of the other bodies working in the National Lutheran Council has a good strong missionary that they would like to put to work for a limited number of years, with the consent of the British authorities in the autonomous Church, let them lend his services as we have been lending yours and as we will willing lend the services of others to the good of the Autonomous Church but I would rather talk these matters over with you when you come.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Rupley and yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Chairman of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference.

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February 8, 1921.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi,
Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your letter of the 28th of December, including one also that you had written to Dr. Larsen. We have had a very enthusiastic meeting in Chicago of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference and every item passed on, by it for Gossner by our Joint Committee was fully and heartily approved. Dr. Larsen is quite satisfied with the turn of affairs. I have in my own mind considerable doubt as to the entire wisdom of the National Lutheran Council becoming a sending body. If the Joint Committee would be content I think it would be better perhaps to have them indicate in the case of each recommendation under what Board the missionary should be sent out to assist in the work of the Gossner field, but I think when you come home the first thing you will want to do is to meet Dr. Larsen and me and talk the whole situation over. The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference is rather sympathetic with the idea of the Board securing missionaries from any source from which we can secure them, providing of course that they are acceptable always to the Advisory Board in India and its fully hoped that we will be able to get more men to go out and assist in the Gossner field in the near future. Everything is in good

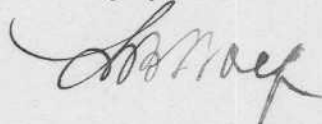
shape for Cannadays leaving America about the 12th of May. They ought to be in Ranchi by the middle of June or the 1st of July without fail. I am not dead sure that it would be best for the N. L. C. under the circumstances to be registered in India. It might be really better to have the work done as heretofore but you, Dr. Larsen and I can have a talk over this situation when you come hom.

I am sorry that there was a misinterpretation of the telegram sent in December, authorizing you to draw the additional ~~Rs.~~ 30,000 for the repairs in Ranchi. I cannot imagine what happened. But I suppose long before you get this letter you will be spending the amount sanctioned by the Joint Committee which received the hearty approval of the N. L. C. I do hope that the Rs. 30,000 will put that Church *abundantly* and other buildings in a fair state.

You will see what likelihood there is that you will get the property from the Maharajah, Certainly the Lohardaga property must be saved. I am pretty sure you can depend upon the N. L. C. to help to save it for the autonomous Church. At the present rate of exchange I am sure you will agree with me it would be cheap to get it. I think the rental of Rs. 369 per year is dirt cheap. I trust you will drive this matter to conclusion before you leave and I am sure the National Lutheran Council will back it.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours in Christian Work,



Secretary.

LBW/CF

Rancho, March 14, 1924

Dear Dr. Wolf -

Re the enclosed, I ordered it for the Hunter College Library a good while ago, and it came. I meant to ask you to pay it direct, but perhaps I didn't.

Anyway, please pay it now. I have no right to charge things now to college, so if you ~~feel~~ that you can't, ^{just} charge it to my personal account.

No Budget now yet!

Yours sincerely

G. A. Ruffley

Ranchi, March 14, 1920
Bihar, India.

Dear President. Hoover -

Answering yours of the
30 January, re the \$1.33 for
vol one of the Conference Proceedings,
I am asking Dr. Wolf to pay
you. It has somehow been
overlooked, which I regret.

Yours sincerely

S. A. Ruffley

Rancho 124
Feb 22, 1921

Dear Dr. Wolf -

I think I had better put you on your guard against Miss Brenneman's reports of Socorro needs, and conditions in general. She was a misfit here, to be perfectly plain about it, and judging by her reported remarks at Santa and Ragon Monday last month, she is trying to justify herself, perhaps unconsciously, by versions of the situation here, which do not precisely harmonize with what others think.

So please compare the reports of such people as Sheatsley, Dr. Cherry, Miss Sanford in Umanis work, or write if necessary to Miss Fiske and Miss Thomas - all of whom have seen with their own eyes - before you accept too literally what Miss Brenneman may say. If I may venture it, I would advise against having her do any deputation work in the interests of Socorro.

I had decided not to write this to you

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but recently I've heard of the sort of thing she was saying in the South, so to prevent damage to Loeven's interests, I do this unpleasant thing.

Of course you will keep this entirely to yourself, so long as Miss Dreuneman keeps within reasonable bounds. But if necessary, you may show it to her, or to anyone else. I am not troubling Dr. Larsen with it - you can use your own judgment with regard to informing him.

Perhaps I should add that there was no open break here, and we all parted pleasantly enough. But no one asked her to come back, so far as I know, and no one of the Lutherans took the trouble to get up any sort of goodbye for her - a vivid contrast to the genuine regret shown over Miss Erickson's departure tomorrow.

Yours sincerely
S. A. Ripley

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January 4, 1920.

Rev. John A. Aberly, D. D.,
Guntur, India.

My dear Dr. Aberly:

I have your letter of November the 22nd, written after your visit to Chota Nagpur. I want to thank you very much for giving us your estimate of the work. We are, of course, kept constantly kept informed by Rupley who writes very enthusiastically in regard to the work of the autonomous Church but I know that members of the Joint Committee will be especially pleased to get your first impressions as you have been so long in the Foreign Field. We are more than pleased with the doctrinal basis of the Church and I am sure that every member of the National Lutheran Council will be only too glad to support our Foreign Missions Conference Committee on Distressed Missions. We are quite sure that we have done a fine piece of work during 1920. We believe that we will do yet larger during 1921. We are just striking our pace. The largest piece of work we have undertaken is in China where we are spending more money even than in the Gossner field. We are also rejoiced at the progress made in various other fields. We have practically saved the life of the Finnish Foreign Mission Board.

I do wish that we could do something in the medical line in the Gossner field but we have laid down as a guiding principle

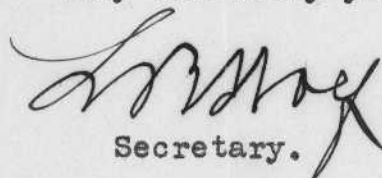
that we will only do emergent work at present. We cannot, hence, start out to undertake any new work. Without doubt I think, however, that the Joint Committee will do its best to assist in the Theological School and if it is possible to put a missionary with the best native assistants in charge of that work. I believe that the National Lutheran Council would be glad to get a recommendation from the Joint Committee for a Theological Department that would be worthwhile and meet the needs of the work. I agree with you. It is a very small amount now that they are asking and we can most readily grant it and rejoice that we can grant it. I want to assure you that the Church will stand by the Gossner Church. I have not written them a letter not because I did not feel like doing so but because others have been doing so and I did not think it necessary.

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My meeting with Bishop Westcott at Crans in Switzerland was very pleasant. He only spoke kind words of you though I do think he felt somewhat aggrieved that he did not get the control of the Mission for which he had worked so faithfully during the years of the War.

Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous year in India and with kindest regards to Mrs. Aberly, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary.

LBW/CF

File

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Feb. 1, 1921.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letter of Dec. 14 reached me last week.

No reply has yet arrived from Berlin with regard to the personal property of the former Gossner missionaries. Doubtless they are collecting information in the Berlin office from the scattered men and women, and a general letter of directions will presently be sent to us here. I occasionally get letters from individuals, written in a good spirit, even if they do not always understand the necessities of Governments, nor the present state of India. They correspond as freely as they like with their old charges. Government does not censor, or put other restrictions upon their communications. The only existing rule is that the official communications from the Church be forwarded through the Advisory Board for the present. This is solely for the protection of the Church, until they gain some experience in corporate, larger matters.

I was very glad indeed to learn from your letter that Dr. Larsen was elected President of the National Lutheran Council. Since then, the Lutheran has arrived, giving further details.

As to the Biblical slides, I will pay for them out of Gossner money to Treasurer Larson at Rajahmundry, and he will deduct it from his monthly draft on you. I expect to show these pictures to at least ten thousand people before I leave, costing a cent per person. Then they will be used by others for years to come. The first cost is somewhat high, but the ultimate value will be very good. Pictures make a strong impression upon the simple-minded aboriginal villagers, and indeed upon the educated people too.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Ruple

Copy to Dr. Larsen.
" " Rev. Neudoerffer.

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December 14, 1920

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

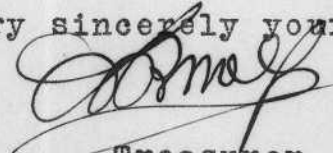
Replying to yours of October 28th, 1920. I am quite in sympathy with you in regard to all money passing thru the Advisory Board, it matters not what it may be intended for, and I agree too, that as far as possible we should get the pastors to send the money properly marked, thru the National Lutheran Council. This would certainly be found best and avoid any misunderstandings.

I am very glad to hear that the personal property of the former Gossner Missionaries will be returned to them. I am quite sure that you will be rejoiced to do this piece of work for the former missionaries.

You will be pleased to know that Dr. Larsen has been elected President of the National Lutheran Council. I have not heard all the particulars, but I presume that he will continue to act as Secretary of the National Lutheran Council.

I am, in Christian Work,

Very sincerely yours,


Treasurer

W:G

Rev. G. A. Rupley #2

P.S.:

Dr. Brown handed me the account for the Biblical slides which he purchased in New York, amounting to \$101.50. I believe that the proper way to handle this is for you to pay it out of your Gossner money to Miss Brewer and she can then deduct it from the month's budget which she draws on us. We will charge it against the Budget, as paid. Or, if you do not think you will be able to pay it out of the amount sanctioned for the Gossner work, I will have to get it sanctioned extra, by the National Lutheran Council at the next meeting.

L. B. W.

Rancho 7/11/21

Private

Dear Dr. Wolf-

This note is to say, that on account of Mrs. Rutley, we will not leave here until October. If our hopes are fulfilled, a child will be born in Summer, and we make these arrangements on medical advice. Col. Murray, I. H. S. advises having the birth here in Rancho, rather than take any risks by travelling.

I give you this early notice, as it means that we will over-look Cannadays a bit. I am writing also to Dr. Larsen and to Cannaday by this mail.

Yours sincerely
S. A. Rutley

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Dec. 28, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your encouraging letters of November 24 and 26 arrived last evening, together with Dr. Larsen's letter. I enclose the usual copy of the reply to his letter, which covers various points in yours.

It certainly does cheer us all up to learn of the great interest which the Joint Committee takes in Gossner affairs, and we are looking forward eagerly to receiving the action of the National Lutheran Council on those recommendations.

I note what you say with regard to traveling expenses to and from Guntur, and while it will appear in the complete accounts, I will also dig out the items and let you know the total under this head separately.

In the matter of sending letters direct, your instructions had been anticipated, since December 8. I think you will approve of what I have written today to Dr. Larsen on this whole matter.

Replying to your paragraph about the missionary force here, what I meant was a total, inclusive number of two married men and three single ladies; that is, a force of seven missionaries, including the wives. Of course if we cannot get three single ladies, we will be glad to get two. But the way the Government and the missionary consent stands, we may have the full seven - if we can get them. What do you say?

Please try to have the Cannadays in Ranchi just as soon after July 1st as possible, if not earlier. The Seminary work will be flourishing and much else will be waiting for them both to do. Schools re-open here the middle of June, due to the milder climate.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen
" " Rev. Neudoerffer

G. A. Ruppel

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November 26, 1920.

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your letter of October 22nd which came by way of J. Roy Strock, Guntur. May I say in beginning this letter that I hardly believe it is necessary for you to send these letters by way of Guntur. I am afraid we will complicate matters in our National Lutheran Council. I am writing now from an American standpoint in view of the Constitution of the N. L. C. Some of the members of this Council are just half-hearted in their relations to the N. L. C. and we do not want to do anything that would make them the least bit less interested. If they got the notion that we were trying to manage the autonomous Church in Ranchi, through our Guntur field, I am afraid of the influence it would have on some of them. I agreed with you previously that the N. L. C. ought not attempt to take out papers authorizing them to carry on any Mission work in India. Our missionaries from Guntur are the proper channel for us to work through and they are in closest relationship to our India Mission in South India. This will I think maintain a proper relation for us under Government To this I think all members of the N. L. C. give hearty consent but if we go a step further and send all official correspondence thru

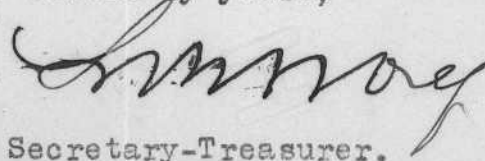
our Corresponding Secretary of our India Mission I fear we may get into some difficulties over here with certain members of the N. L. C.; so just continue as you did in the beginning, sending two copies, one to me and one to Dr. Larsen.

X
As I understand the matter now you will choose another man to come up from Guntur or Rajahmundry Mission to be with you sometime and take charge of the work until Rev. Cannaday returns to India. I believe he plans to come back in 1921 in June or July. We will then have two of our missionaries at work and besides that, two ladies. On page two you speak of two married missionaries and three single ladies. I do not take it that you mean two additional married or two additional lady missionaries. You simply refer to a force of six missionaries including the wives. Am I right in this? This I say because I ought to know as Chairman of the Joint Committee. What your future plans are. Of course when you come home everything can be made very plain but at the same time it can be made equally plain by writing. Rev. and Mrs. Cannaday are very anxious to go to Ranchi when they return to India. In fact he was given a promise at the India Conference at the last meeting that the matter was a foregoing conclusion that he was to go back to Ranchi. Further than this we cannot go now until we see what the fate of the N. L. C. is to be. We trust and we pray that it may continue for many a long year.

Trusting that all may go well and that we will see you home in the Spring when we can talk over these matters more fully.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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November 24, 1920

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I have attended to quite a number of items and you will get full report of our meeting yesterday in New York re the Gossner work. I know you will be delighted to know that the Joint Committee has recommended all your requests to be granted in full. Dr. Larsen will, of course, write you all about this, in due course.

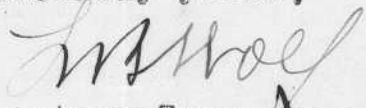
I think it will be well for you in your next statement to include all your travelling expenses back and forth from Guntur, as that ought to be sanctioned as an extra. However, included in what was sanctioned yesterday for Gossner, is about \$1,000 for travelling expenses ^{for you}. If this budget is sent to you in full, you can, in your financial statements to me, put all your travelling expenses in on a/c.

I know that you will be rejoiced that the Joint Committee has been so tremendously interested and has recommended so fully all that you requested. I trust you will have very efficient help in Misses Brenneman and Eriksson and that you will soon have the second man from our India Mission. Can-

naday is keen on taking up the work on his return and it
is pretty well understood that he will do it.

Let me hear from time to time concerning the work.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer

W:G

Cohy. (orig sent to McCauley 20/12/20)
Nov 9, 1920.

Dear Mr. Strook -

Replying to your letter of 5th Oct,
concerning Mr. Rubley's letter of Sept 28. We have
taken up the matter of help on the repair in the
Raudie field and I sent you a cablegram to draw
Rs. 10,000. I believe that it is very helpful to get these
full statements concerning the field. You may
be sure that the N. L. C. will do all in its power
to keep you fully posted. We shall have a meeting
in New York as soon as Dr. Larsen returns
from Europe. He has promised to get back about
the 10th or 12th of this month. I have asked
him to notify the members of the Joint Committee
so that we may hold a meeting either on the
19th of Nov. or the 23rd. You may be sure that
we will do all in ~~our~~ power on this side to
place missionaries in our India Mission,
so that you can meet any matters that may
arise in the Raudie field.

With kindest regards (etc)
(Signed) L. B. Wolf
Sec - Treas

File

Ranchi, Nov. 12th, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D. Treas.
Board of Foreign Missions
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letters of September 29 and October 8 are here.

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Recruiting new missionaries.

It seems to be settling down to this simple plan, that the National Lutheran Council supply the funds for work here, and the United Lutheran Church supply the men and women on the field. But I do not think it essential that all new recruits be members of the U. L. C. As I understand it, our Board can commission members of other bodies. In fact, Guntur is asking you to do this in the case of Bombower. The essential thing, I take it, is that the recruits bear the full endorsement of our Board, and that the Board through its India Mission, accepts full responsibility for them. That is, in every sense, they are to be regular commissioned missionaries of the United Lutheran Church. And of course before they are sent to India, full information regarding them should be sent to the Advisory Board at Ranchi, who will then consult all concerned, and inform you of the result through the channel of the India Mission.

Budget for 1921.

Please see the enclosed letter to Dr. Larsen. I hope that the Gossner field will be fully supported by our American Lutherans. We were willing a year or so ago to shoulder the whole task, complete missionary staff and all their needed budgets, and it would look badly from every point of view if we declined to do a less thing, now that we have the opportunity. We are getting accomplished our chief purpose - that these people remain safely Lutheran.

I do not mean to beg the question as to the wisdom of the proposed budget. It may be that it should be reduced, from the point of view of giving too much help to a Church which looks toward ultimate self-support. Please consider it fully from this angle. And please take into consideration the fact that the Advisory Board, exceedingly watchful of this very factor, have passed it as it stands. I have not yet received the Minutes of the India Mission meeting at Rajahmundry, but I learn unofficially that they too have passed it.

So, provided you in America are also convinced of its wisdom and unmixed helpfulness, I hope and pray that it will not be reduced for other reasons. I truly believe that the Lutherans at home will support the National Lutheran Council when they understand the situation.

Money for repairs.

The help was exceedingly welcome. It will be a great piece of news to spread among the rank and file next week on the big days of the celebrations. People judge so much by the outer appearance, and neatly repaired buildings automatically add strength to the invisible Church, however much our theologians of a mystical turn may deprecate the dependence of the one on the other. But a more tangible argument is the plain fact that unrepaired buildings perversely fall into ruins, as per enclosed photos from Khutitoli. Sheatsley and I visited this place last week - you can see him here and there in the pictures. I will send a separate note on this particular Station.

Mr. Sheatsley expects to reach New York in the first two weeks of January. I would suggest that you have a letter in Dr. Larson's office, inviting him to call on you at Baltimore on his way to his home in Columbus. Then you too can get first-hand news about it all. I feel sure that he will go down to Baltimore for a day if you ask him to. He will of course report to Dr. Larson immediately after landing.

Yours sincerely

G. A. Rubley

Copies to Dr. Larson and to India Mission

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October 8, 1920

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

Thank you very much for your letter and enclosures of August 31st. I see you are having a lively time setting up a new Church. I am glad everything goes along so well and that you are really meeting the situation so successfully. I got your budget which you sent to Mr. Larsen who now is in Europe. We will have a meeting of the Sub-Committee as soon as we can and tell you what we can do in the matter of a Budget. I am afraid it is pretty high as I have heard from Secretary Mees. He says the needs are rather pressing now in all directions and he feels we will not have money to meet so high a Budget, but as soon as we can meet, you may be sure we will let you know how much of the budget was passed.

Today I received a letter from Secretary Mees and he gives me the good news that you should go ahead with the repairs to the extent of Rs. 10,000. He did not say whether I should cable you permission to draw, but I think I will do so, after consulting him. I know this will help you very much.

We are getting ready for the meeting at Washington and we expect big things down there. It would look as though we ought to institute a new drive next year for Foreign Missions if we are to under-

#2 G. A. Rupley)

take all the work that is crowding upon us from the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference.

Trusting that you are getting on well, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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September 29, 1920.

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your letter of August 24th before me. Long before this you have the Executive Committee's action which was approved by the Board on the 23rd.

I shall take up the matter of new missionaries for the Gossner field at our next Joint Committee meeting. I believe that something ought to be done along the lines of what you suggest but I am not sure who should take the initiative whether the Board or the National Lutheran Council through our Board. The National Lutheran Council is not carrying on Foreign work. They are simply working together with the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference and their interests are rather confined to the financial end. You of course understand that.

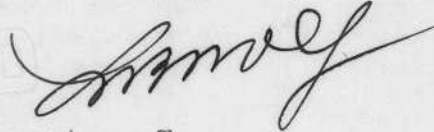
So far as our Board is concerned it is quite willing to send men and women from the Guntur and Rajahmundry fields for a limited term of service.

But now you raise the real important question and I am disposed to think that the Joint Committee must face it at its next meeting. Dr. Larson you know is in Europe but we have given author-

ity for Rev. Sheatasley, Commissioner from the Joint Synod, Ohio
to make an official visit to Ranchi.

You may be sure we will take up the matter of repairs for
the buildings as soon as we possible can.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel".

Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/CF

Ranchi, Bihar, India, October 28, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Answering yours of September 21st, re. the \$300, I quite agree with you that any Pastor in America should be permitted to contribute to the work of the Gossner Autonomous Church. The fact is, the contribution of any Pastor or anyone else in America will be received with a glad welcome, the only condition being that at present it pass through the hands of the Advisory Board, and be applied to a particular purpose with their approval.

With your long India experience, I do not need to stop to explain to you how hurtful it is to both the Indian appealing direct for money, and to the Church or individual who gives it, when the transaction is on a personal basis. I am sure you have had as much to do with forming the sound rule of our Board covering the matter in our own Mission, as anyone.

I have heard at this end, but cannot verify it, that the appeal was made for the purpose of buying in the personal property of former missionaries when Government put it up for sale. However, recently orders have been passed by the Government of India that all personal property is to be returned to the owners (except fire-arms) if the owners pay the expense of transporting it.

Now as Secretary to the Trustees, it falls to me to convey this information to the Gossner Head in Berlin, and to arrange the matter with him, a duty I am particularly glad to perform.

But steer all the American money you can into the funds of the Advisory Board, from whatever source, up to the amounts now asked. I should judge the most natural course, however, would be for donors to make their gifts to the National Lutheran Council, earmarked for this work. In any case I will continue to report all receipts, Indian and American, to Dr. Larsen and to you.

Yours sincerely,

Copy for Dr. Lauritz Larsen
Copy to the India Mission

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September 21, 1920.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India.

Dear Mr. Rupley:

Miss Brewer, Guntur Mission Treasurer, has sent me your letter of August 2nd, re the \$300 contributed by Rev. F. Holter of Brooklyn, N. Y. for Patras Hurad. Pastor Holter told me nothing about the fact of in what way this money was received for the Gossner Autonomous Church but it was evidently done out of full love for the cause and it does seem to me that there ought to be any reason why any Pastor in America should not be permitted to support that work in addition to the limited support which the National Lutheran Council gives. However, I simply give you my opinion. I shall lay it before the Joint Committee that conducts this business, at its next meeting and ask its opinion.

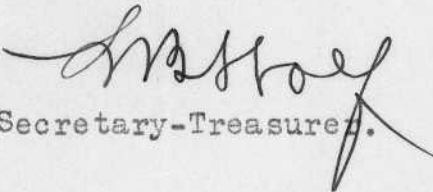
My own recollection is that Pastor Holter has given quite a good bit of money in the past for distressed missions and this is only a continuance of what he has done so I would not involve Mr. Hurad in the matter unless you discover by inquiry that he made a direct appeal to Pastor Holter.

It would have been better perhaps for Pastor Holter to have sent this money to the National Lutheran Council and have allowed them to handle it, rather than to complicate matters by

sending it the way he did. I think you are quite right that you could not be held responsible for the expenditure of such funds but I hardly feel that there will be any great danger that much money would be gotten for the Gossner work in this way.

Let me hear from you about the matter so that I may lay the hold matter before the National Lutheran Council.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

File

Ranchi, Bihar, India, October 22, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Yours of September 10th is here. Thank you very much for your hearty backing in these things that concern the Gossner field. I enclose a copy of today's letter addressed to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, which please consider the same as addressed to you, for it contains matters which interest you.

I will send you both another batch of accounts at the close of the year, following the lines of which you express approval.

Things are shaping up well in the "Farm" school project to be located in the Guntur field. I suppose you have seen the letter addressed to Dr. Drach regarding Bembower. He is a good fellow, an excellent mixer, thoroughly devoted to his profession, and interested to put it to use from the missionary point of view. I hope you all vote in his favor. Don't let Kaufman keep you off! The India Mission needs them both, and badly. There is plenty of other work down there for me to do.

Yours sincerely,

Copy for Dr. Lauritz Larsen.
Copy to India Mission.

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Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I have yours of July 28 and August 3rd with enclosures for Dr. Larsen and your detailed statement of expenses from March 2nd to June 30th. I thank you very much for the copy of the same. It will keep us fully informed in regard to matters. I am Chairman of the Joint Committee that is to administer this trust for the National Lutheran Council. We have only had one meeting thus far, since my return from Europe. I write now to assure you that we will back you all we can as far as money is concerned and send you help if it is at all possible, from the Guntur and Rajahmundry Fields.

Your account is very clear and satisfactory and it is a good thing for you to make out such accounts for the sake of the National Lutheran Council.

Your recommendations will be considered at the next meeting of this joint committee. Sorry it can't be done as promptly as we would like, but we must consult all parties concerned.

Mighty glad to know you got the Ford car and all necessary appliances for travelling.

Of course, I suppose you have heard that Dr. Larsen has gone to Europe and will not be back until November. This naturally holds

up our work somewhat as Brother Mees is not conversant with all the matters as was Dr. Larsen. He and I (Dr. Larsen) together could easily converse over the phone and come to conclusions, but we must move slower now until Dr. Larsen returns. Be assured, however, we will not overlook anything in regard to the Gossner Field.

May God's blessing abound in all your work.

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary-Treasurer

W:G

copy

Baltimore 2nd Oct, 1920.

Bruce Gutter

Draw seven hundred fifty
uppers Minkler Ranch
Wolf

~~Resolved: that Rs. 2500 be advanced
to Mr. Rutley on Hosmer account, to cover
the cost of the ^{second} motor purchased for the
missionaries on that field, on the understanding
that this advance be recovered from the
1921 Hosmer Budget.~~

File

Ranchi, Bihar, India, Sept. 28, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

In continuation of my letter of the 23rd, regarding the urgent need of money for repairs, I want to give you a copy of a letter received last evening. The Station referred to is Chainpur. Please see descriptive letter of July 28th, addressed to Dr. Drach, a copy of which is attached. I saw the place late in May.

I quite agree that the furniture should be sold, we buying in a few articles to furnish one room for use when visiting the Station. But I should be very sorry to see the property broken up, as this Government officer suggests. The Bungalow, if cared for, will make an excellent school building for many years to come.

URGENT PLEA

→ Can the Rs. 40,000 for repairs be supplied? ←

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Ruppel

Copy for Dr. Lauritz Larsen
Copy for Guntur Conference

C O P Y

Extracts from the Tour Diary of the Subdivisional
Officer, Gumla, for the month of August, 1920.

The G.E.L. Mission bungalow sadly requires repairs. The tiles of the pucca roof are falling, and the beams which were formerly supported by pillars (masonry) in the verandah have now to be supported by posts as the pillars have come down. The furniture is gradually going from bad to worse and it seems a pity to allow the furniture to go to rack and ruin. I am sure if it was sold now there would be many purchasers and at least their price could be got, but if they are allowed to remain very much longer they will only be fit for fire wood. There are also two tents. One I believe is used by the Padre of the G.E.L. Mission but the other one is kept lying in the house. I had it spread and find the rats and white ants are gradually ruining it. A Zemindar inquired whether he could purchase it but I informed him that I could not sell it. I would strongly recommend that the furniture and tent be sold before they are ruined. Mr. Peppe informed me that he would likely try and purchase the bungalow; I think it would be an excellent thing if the bungalow and compound was either sold or leased out to him if he wants it. The out houses of the G.E.L. Mission bungalow are more or less in ruins and have come down.

Memo. No. R 4773

Dated Ranchi, the 22nd September, 1920.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the G.E.L. Mission properties for information.

(Signed - Writing Illegible)

For, Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

C H A I N P U R

Chainpur is the most difficult Station to reach. It had had one missionary visitor since 1915, who stayed two days. There is a small Dispensary there, managed by the District Board, and every year or two it is inspected by the District Medical Officer. Once in a while a Government official goes there on business, and sometimes hunters seek for big game, usually with success. But these are the only white faces which visit Chainpur, and at long intervals.

It is located back in the mountains, 25 miles from a main road. There are two roads to Chainpur, equally bad most of the time. There are also paths across the mountains, which the people generally use. (Not for publication, but to satisfy any office curiosity - I got there by a twenty-five mile "short cut" from Gumla, over delightful mountain paths, chiefly by being carried, helped out by walking when the poor men became fagged. We finally got in at 8 P. M. and had a meal by 10, and thence to bed.)

Once you are there you find it a real health resort. In fact, the former missionaries used it for that, putting up an enormous bungalow of six very large central rooms, arranged in two rows of three, with six or eight smaller rooms at the ends. Then there were out-buildings to correspond. Missionaries who were run down and needed a change, or who were convalescent after an illness, were sent to Chainpur for a while. The surroundings are lovely. The woods lie directly in front of the bungalow, and you can see the roof through an opening among the trees. It is a bit of the untouched Sal forest, which once covered the whole country. It belongs to the property. Rugged hills lie all around, diversified by terraced valleys, now green with young rice plants. Small streams flow all the year round, a wonderful sight to one accustomed to the drought of South India.

The people, as you would expect, are backward in education. Unfortunately, the lack of funds for boarding schools is hitting Chainpur very hard, for the people are poor and cannot support many children at school. They are honest, hard-working and very friendly. It must have been a great pleasure and satisfaction to live among them, teaching them the Way, for they learn easily, and take up our religion with joy.

They have a handsome Station church, of solid construction. Minor repairs are needed to the wood-work and to the roof and walls, but nothing serious is the matter. In broad daylight the interior has a shabby appearance, but it could easily be freshened up. This is the case with almost all the Church buildings.

The bungalow, however, is getting into a dangerous state, and needs careful handling. It is built of sun-dried bricks, and when water flows over them, they offer very little more resistance than a mud wall. The two pictures show clearly just what happens from a leak in the roof. This is exactly the way the water left it, except that the debris has been cleared away from the steps. Temporary posts have been put up, and a number more were ordered, to support other places which had been weakened. The rains had also gotten into the main walls, and they were streaked with mud flowing over the white-washed surface. The cornices were damaged here and there, and a strong start had been made toward a deterioration which in two years would wreck the building.

Of course patch repairs were immediately ordered, to protect as well as possible from the present rains, and a man was paid to spend his whole time at the building, to shift tiles just as soon as a fresh leak appeared. But this is only a temporary help. Thorough repairs, costing some hundreds of rupees, should be undertaken after September, if it is desired to keep up the building, and I take it that it is your desire. It can presently be used as an excellent school building, with quarters reserved in one end for visitors.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, Sept. 23, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

This morning I sent you the following:

"Cable whether may draw Rupees ten thousand
immediate repairs. Important."

It was of course addressed "Luther, Baltimore".

The cable, as you doubtless inferred, has to do with a previous letter asking for Rs. 40,000, for repairing the depreciation of the larger buildings in 20 Stations during the five or six years since the missionaries left. The reasons why I added the word "Important" and why I sent a cable at all are as follows:

a) - The matter of extensive repairs was discussed at the Trustees' meeting on July 22nd. I told them that I had cabled and written home in regard to this, but that there had not been sufficient time to get an answer by mail. Accordingly the matter was held over until the next meeting of the Trustees.

b) - At the next meeting on September 9th I was unable to give them any definite assurance. On my request, they held over certain urgent matters until the meeting of October 8th. I cannot well ask for further postponement, as from present appearances there will be no more meetings until December. I have accordingly waited until half way between these two meetings, and as no letter has arrived, I thought it best to cable for an explicit answer.

c) - There is absolutely no money remaining in the Trustees' current account for these repairs. They have allowed me to spend during the heavy rains the three or four thousand rupees which had accumulated. In this way further damage of many thousands of rupees was largely averted, and it was a good investment. But now the fine weather is coming on when repairs on a larger scale should be undertaken in the interests of the immediate future of this huge property.

d) - As a specific instance of what I mean - a bungalow on this compound is rented by the Trustees to the Accountant General of Bihar and Orissa for Rs. 100 per month. The whole house is in urgent need of over-hauling, and it will then fetch Rs. 140 or Rs. 150 per month. The Accountant-General already agrees to pay the lower figure if it is properly repaired. These repairs will cost about Rs. 3000 if the Agent and I see to them. The alternative before the Trustees is to have the Government of India advance the money, have the Public Works Department make the repairs, costing double what private management would cost, and then the Government of India would recover the advance from the salary of the Accountant General by keeping all the rent. Thus you see that not only will the first cost be greater, in case Government handles it, but that we would also lose the interest which Government will charge from time to time on the unextinguished portion of the advance. I have gotten a postponement of this proposition for the last two meetings, and I doubt if I can secure a third postponement.

e) - In order for the Trustees to properly fulfill their duties as Trustees, they feel that these larger buildings must be kept in repair somehow. It is their opinion, and I agree with them, that if funds can be secured in no other way, it is better to sell part of the property in order to keep the remainder in proper condition. So you see that the logic of events leads us to this: That the only way to hold the property together, quite undivided, is for American friends to supply funds for repairs. The fact is, that the future policy of the Trustees toward the property depends directly upon the answer of our American Lutheran friends. It may be that you will all decide that it is better to part with some of the property, under the circumstances. I hope, however, that for the sake of the future of the Autonomous Church that funds for repairs will be forthcoming.

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My reason for sending this direct to you instead of by way of Guntur, after securing their endorsement, is the need for haste, as explained above, and also that it is "old business". I believe that this is the only matter still pending on which the endorsement of Guntur was not requested, and as I have explained to Mr. Drach in another letter which goes to Baltimore by way of Guntur, I shall ask the Guntur Conference to take action next month on this appeal for Rs. 40,000 for repairs. All Gossner matters will then, I think, be in the channel which the Board has directed.

To make matters perfectly clear, let me explain that this appeal does not come on the initiative of the Board of Trustees. I myself without any hint from them brought up this alternative to their half-formed plan of selling part of the property in order to conserve the remainder.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruple

Copy to Dr. Lauritz Larsen.
Copy to Mr. Streck.

My file

Ranchi, Bihar, India, September 14, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
The Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

The important thing to report in this letter is the arrival at Ranchi on the 11th inst. of Miss Eriksen from Rajahmundry and Miss Brenneman from Guntur. Our Lutherans here were exceedingly glad to see them. It means a fresh start in the education of girls and work for women. This work among women and girls here is the department of work which is most backward, and on which accordingly a big share of attention and money should be spent in the next three years.

We have all just returned this morning from the Opening of a beautiful new High School for girls in the S. P. G. Mission in Ranchi. While they, of course, are more than willing to receive our Lutheran girls on equal terms with their own, nevertheless the contrast remains between what they are doing for the education of girls, and what the Lutherans are doing. The High Schools here have four classes. We not only lack these four classes, but we also lack the two classes immediately below the High School standard. That is to say - we are six years behind what the S. P. G. Mission is doing for girls, although the Lutherans were on the field twenty years before the Anglicans.

Inasmuch as these two ladies are now here and are studying the problems, constructive plans will be formed from this time on for this phase of the work, and you will hear much more of it in the immediate future.

As to the salaries and expenses of our two ladies, you will of course make suitable arrangements with Dr. Larsen. Their local expenses will come out of our Emergency Fund, and I will notify you from time to time when it needs freshening up.

As to a second man for Ranchi, the Advisory Board at its meeting on the 10th, endorsed the need. Further steps will be taken at its next meeting on October 8th, and at the meeting of the Bihar and Orissa Representative Council of Missions on October 19th. I think that arrangements will move rapidly at this end, and we are hoping for the same speed at home.

Just as a side-light, it may interest you to know that the Officers of the B. & O. Council who were recently our guests over these Board meetings, have asked us to help entertain the Council in Ranchi during the coming October meeting. We have agreed to take half the delegates, namely 12 or 15, if the S.P. G. people will take the other half. Twelve months have made a great change from the time when our Lutheran representatives from South India were received most courteously, but with considerable mental reservation, by this same Council, meeting at Hazaribagh. It is only another instance of the rapidity with which things are changing in India, and is a further argument for the policy of letting affairs move along without too much assistance from outside.

I enclose copies of my letters of August 24th to you and to Dr. Larsen, together with copy of today's letter to Dr. Larsen. There has been no American mail on these matters for a couple of weeks, but we may get some tomorrow, unfortunately after this mail closes.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

G. A. Ruple

Rancho, Aug. 31, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf-

Enclose copies of today's letters
to Dr. Laurent Laisen.

The "Constitutional Convention" of the
Pastors is on full tilt. I'm sort of
general advisor and explainer. We sit from
3 to 5 hours daily, and it really is
valuable training for them - and for me.
I'll bet I now know the Constitution of
the United Lutheran Church better than
90 per cent of our own pastors! I could
quote the doctrinal basis quite accurately
at a meeting in Madras week before last, even
to the Small Catechism Articles.

I'll write you and Dr. Laisen a bit
about this Convention, later. It is an interesting
and enlightening way of studying our fellow
Lutherans here.

Yours sincerely
H. A. Ruckley

Raj. Resolution 13/10/20
" That we inform the Hunter
Conference that we do not
see our way clear to send any
male missionary for the
present to Rossner."

E. A. Olson Secy.

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Ranchi, Bihar, India, August 24, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,

Board of Foreign Missions,

United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I address you this time as Candidate Secretary.

On my way back from the recent trip South, I sent the following cablegram from Calcutta, on Saturday, the 21st, inst.

"Luther, Baltimore.

Rajahmundry Guntur recommend speedy American
recruitment Gossner two ladies, additional man.
Rupley"

At Rajahmundry I met almost all the men missionaries, H. Neudoerffer being the only absentee, I think, and his absence was caused by a severe epidemic of cholera in his field, he staying home to help fight it. But he sent a letter, in harmony with the cable. The Rajahmundry men and women heard my report and forthwith voted to lend Miss Erikssen to Ranchi until next Spring, to come up at once. They further voted to lend the second man for Ranchi, planning to give for a limited time either Mr. Sipes or Mr. A.F.A. Neudoerffer, immediately upon return from furlough. My report of these two facts is of course unofficial, for Rajahmundry will make its own official report through the usual channels.

Further, they voted to endorse the plan to recruit new missionaries in America, to hold these posts for a longer time. The staff planned for a series of years is therefore:

1 - Mr. and Mrs. Camaday. The sooner they can return the better for Gossner.

2 - A new man, ordained, preferably married, to come direct to Ranchi, and begin Hindi, instead of Telugu.

3 - Two or possibly three single ladies from America for work among the women and girls, to come direct to Ranchi, and begin Hindi instead of Telugu.

Permission for the people under 1 and 3 to work here is already secured. Steps are now being taken to bring the need for the second man to the attention of all concerned. The matter will come up at the meeting of the Advisory Board on September 10.

At Guntur, not so large a proportion of the missionaries was able to attend. There were present Dr. Uhl, Dr. and Mrs. Aberly, Dr. Kugler and Miss Fahs, Mr. and Mrs. Strock. Later in the evening I talked with Dr. and Mrs. McCauley, just arrived from Rentichintala, with Miss Thomas and Miss Brennehan, and also with Miss Brewer in the forenoon. All these are in favor of the program contained in the cablegram. In fact, I learned of no one who opposes it.

Guntur is now circulating a motion that Miss Brennehan be lent to Gossner until she leaves on furlough next Spring. The Zenana Committee had previously endorsed it. This too, is unofficial, of course, for you will be informed direct from Guntur as to any action taken there.

You will see, therefore, that the plan falls into two divisions:

First: To get these positions filled temporarily by missionaries lent from the South, to help the Church at once.

Second: To fill them, as soon as you can do so, for a longer period, by approved people from America. The Canadays, with their wide experience and adaptable ways, will form the centre of the little group.

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Now as to the characteristics needed in the ^{new} people, I would suggest the following:

1 - An utter lack of personal ambitions. The job of Americans here is to keep behind the scenes, and to put forward our Indian brethren into the light. The missionary is not to hold

offices in the Church, but to act as a tactful counselor to the Indian leaders, who gladly receive such assistance..

2 - Adaptability. One must be ready to fit into what is a new thing in missionary work - new, I mean, in the extent to which the idea of a self-governing Church on the Mission Field is carried out. Further, outer matters are changing rapidly, such as the Government personnel and form, and also the whole attitude of India toward the foreigner. This applies to all of India, but not less to this Province, which will have in November the first Indian Governor appointed under British rule. Missionaries coming here will of course keep out of politics, but they will necessarily come into close contact with this new spirit, and with the men whom it animates. People sent here should be prepared to adjust themselves to still further outward changes.

3 - Tolerance and patience. Many things will go wrong, from an American point of view, but it will be necessary to pass them over, if a kindly word of advice does not correct them to our standards. This applies particularly to details and minor matters. With so few missionaries, in place of the old number of 60 or more, the same finish and efficiency are out of the question. So those sent should be able to mentally escape the "fret of care" by giving their attention to what are the greater matters.

For work here I would not put much stress on any special form of preparation, or on any special degree of education. These things are relatively unimportant compared with a good will to work harmoniously among many sorts and conditions of men, with a cheerful readiness to keep out of sight, while working steadily for the development of the young Church and its people, and with a wisdom which can only come from above.

Yours sincerely,

Copies to - Dr. Lauritz Larsen

Mr. Cannaday

Mr. Coleman - Rajahmundry Secretary

Mr. Strook - Guntur Secretary.

B. A. Ruple

Sent from Calcutta Sat. 21st Aug.

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Ranchi, India

August 13, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf -

~~Ed Dr. Wolf~~

I enclose ^{to Dr. Larsen} copy of letter of 12th
and of the 17th Descriptive Letter. I
certainly got stuck on the last tick out!
A big bank broke a few hours after our
train passed, and sent fine feet of water
across the Railway tracks. No one got
caught in it, so far as I've heard. Luckily
it happened in broad daylight. I had to go
down up to Allahabad, to get back here. I
left Mr. Soy and the cook behind, to return
when the Ry. is patched up.

Guntur will be a blue place tonight.

Yours sincerely

S. A. Ruppberg

Rancher, India Aug 3, 112.

Dear Dr. W. G.

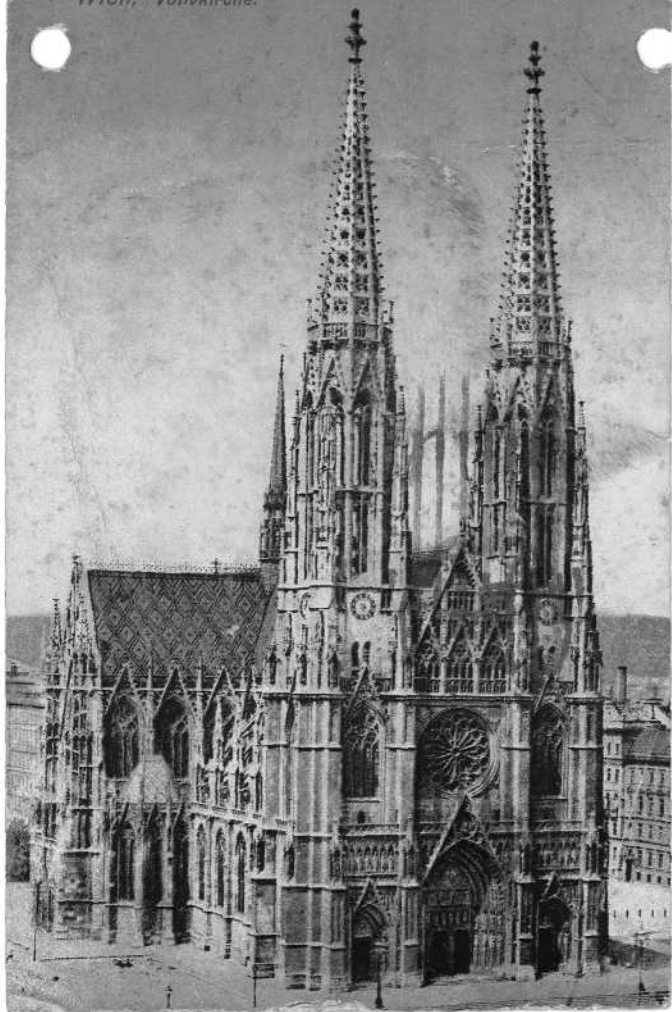
I am in receipt of your postcard from Vienna. The Metropolitan's own cousin here didn't know of his Swiss adventures. He must be an interesting person - I hope I come in contact somehow with him. I've never seen him.

Strictly and particularly private - we were to dinner at the house of one of the Socinian Council (if there) last week, and are invited to dinner at Socinian House itself this Thursday. Pleasant socially if course, but its real value lies in developing friendliness ^{through understanding} toward the Lutheran Church here. Keep this to yourself please - I mean, among our own three Secretaries.

Enclose copy of letter (August 2nd) to Dr. Larsen.

Yours sincerely
H. A. R. R. R.

Wien, Votivkirche.



I am in Vienna and
have come here by
way of ~~Germany~~

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The Rev^d Geo. Knapp

Ranchi
Central Province
Chota Nagpur

British India
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Rancher, 2/7/20

Dear Dr. Welf-

I enclose copies (originals to
Dr. Laundry Lansen) of

1. The appeal for H.C.L. grant of
Rs. 1700 per month.

Please do all you can to help this
along. Present conditions are hardly
endurable for these poor people.

2. The general letter about Seed of Trust,
Descriptive letter to Sir (the description
copy to Mr. Drach) and Refaire.
3. Copy of the Seed of Trust for you
and our Board. Please be very
careful about the publication conditions.

No American mail for a couple of
weeks, so nothing to answer.

Yours sincerely

S. A. Riffley

Rancho, July 20, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf -

I enclose copies of the financial statement, and the covering letter to Dr. Lansen, which contains all the news at present. No mail in since last I wrote, so there are no more letters to answer.

The rains are on, full force now, keeping one to the main highways; of which however there are 250 miles or more in the field. So I get somewhere every day. An old Indian like you would greatly appreciate this climate, incidentally. It is much like Bangalore. Using a steamer rug at night in July! This place has double Guntur's rainfall, I believe.

Yours sincerely

G. A. Ruple

Ranchi, Bihar, India, July 13, 1920

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letter of June 2nd is here. The Zenana Committee of the Guntur Mission are going to hold a full special meeting shortly after August 1st to decide the question of sending a representative here at once. The request comes to them at what is perhaps the worst time in five years, as far as the numerical strength of their force is concerned, but I know that they will help out Gossner in its extremity if it can possibly be managed. We have had visits from Miss Thomas and Miss Sanford within the last four weeks, so that first hand evidence will be available at this meeting.

You will have learned many interesting things by this time in Europe. I have heard something of the Swiss Conference from the English side through Rev. Herbert Anderson, Secretary of the National Missionary Council in India, who had a confidential advance copy from Mr. Oldham, of his survey paper. I am very glad that Englishmen of their stamp are active in these matters, because any suggestions or recommendations to Governments come with much better grace from them than from Americans. I hope you are not annoyed at my pounding so continually on this matter of our keeping relatively quiet and working patiently along. My excuse is that I feel it to be by far the best method of benefiting the peoples who have been left without their former missionaries. I would especially like to emphasize that at present and probably for the immediate future, suggestions or requests from the former missionaries are not received with favor, whether these things come directly or indirectly.

Thank you very much for your assurance that the monthly remittance will be sent along regularly. I interpret this to mean that it is authorization for the Guntur Treasurer to draw Rs. 3750 per month on Gossner account until further notice.

It may be just a chance expression of yours, but to correct any possible misunderstanding I think I had better comment on it. I refer to your second paragraph in which you say you prefer to call it "the Native Christian Church" instead of the "Autonomous Lutheran Church". Since you left India the word "native" has come into huge disfavor among Indians. The objections become so strong that Government have issued orders forbidding its use in all official matters. The autonomy of the Church is of course an accepted fact. I hope that you do not object to the word "Lutheran". The fact is, that the Autonomous Lutheran Church is the way in which the Lutherans themselves describe themselves.

I like very much this sentence in your letter: "The thing for you to do, above all others, is to back up with all your might the Native Christian Church." This is precisely what I have been doing, and not I alone, but all the members of the Advisory Board and all the members of the Board of Trustees, backed up by the hearty good will of the Executive of the Bihar and Orissa Council of Missions. The one purpose for which we are all working is to strengthen our Lutheran brethren, both

in their personal religious life, and in their organized Church. Plans are now laid by which, within six months, the Church will be legally registered, with a Constitution carefully worked out, after which forward steps will be possible which are not now possible.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. Riepley

Copy to Dr. Lauritz Larsen

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CABLE: LUTHER, BALTIMORE

June 2, 1920.

Rev. G. A. Rupley,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, India.

My dear Mr. Rupley:

Replying to your letter of April 28th. It is very welcome news indeed that you have sent me in this letter and I am sure that the National Lutheran Council will be pleased to learn of it. I am sure too that our Board will be very pleased to release for service two of our American women missionaries at the proper time.

It seems to me that affairs are assuming a very hopeful and encouraging attitude, so far as the Automonous Lutheran Church is concerned. The thing for you to do, above all others, is to back up with all your might the Native Christian Church, as I prefer to call it.

Just what developements will be possible to anticipate it is hard to say now. I leave for Europe to attend an International Conference this month. I have written fully in regard to the method by which we shall manage at the home end the Automonous Native Church, so far as our responsibility goes. For fear the letter has miscarried I simply call attention again to our plan.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference has appointed

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two members of its body, Dr. Pfeiffer and me and we have suggested that the National Lutheran Council should appoint two of its members to form a Joint Committee of which Dr. Larsen will be the Secretary. This Joint Committee will administer all funds and all interests in regard to the distressed missions, not only in India but in all the world.

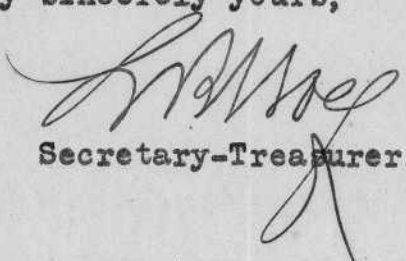
We shall have a meeting of this Committee as soon as I get back from Europe. Meanwhile, send always your correspondence both to Dr. Larsen and to me as it will save trouble on this side and we will both be informed of your plans. I am sending a copy of this letter of April 28th to Dr. Larsen.

You will note that the whole matter of Budget should be put up directly to Dr. Larsen for the Joint Committee. Our Guntur Mission has no responsibility in the matter.

Glad you got your Ford car in such good time but I think Dr. Kugler put one over you. She went to Madras and bought a new car.

I will see day after tomorrow that 5,000 Rs. are sent you for May and following it then right along June, July, etc.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer.

LBW/CF

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Lutheran Compound, Ranchi, Bihar, India.

June 22nd, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,

Board of Foreign Missions of the

United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Your letter of May 10th is here. I have adopted your suggestion about copies of letters. I will await your reply to my letter of June 8th, addressed to Dr. Larsen, before taking any steps concerning the changes in administration of the work here. That letter is half way home now.

I am glad to have your assurances regarding the supply of money for the work here. It is badly needed all over the field. I enclose second copy of my letter of June 7th regarding the cable for Rs. 40,000 for repairs.

Since then I have seen still further evidence of this need, and in a few extremely urgent places I have ordered some repairs, without being able to consult either you or the Trustees. The rains have started in at a lively pace and emergency action is sometimes needed to prevent much heavier damage. The next two months will weaken a number of buildings all over the field, for about fifty inches of rain fall within them in normal years. Beginning with September I hope we will be in financial position to start the work of putting all in good shape for another five years.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruple

Copy to Dr. Larsen.

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CABLE: LUTHER, BALTIMORE

May 10, 1920

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

Replying to your letter of March 30th. Thanks for your en-
closure in regard to the state of the Church. You have set-forth
in your statement the very facts we need to help you in all particu-
lars.

In my previous letter of April 24th, I told you what the organi-
zation was which would conduct the whole matter of the distressed
missions of the world, including the Gossner Mission, on behalf of the
National Lutheran Council. You will, hence, see that you are to be
put into direct communication with Dr. Lauritz Larsen. I shall be
very pleased, indeed, to always get a copy of the letter. You can
make two copies as well as one, and it will save Dr. Larsen the ne-
cessity of making a copy, if you simply inform that you have sent me
a copy. I show all the letters that you send, to Mr. Drach. Of
course, Mr. Drach has nothing to do with the administration of the
Gossner work, now. It is entirely under the administration of the
National Lutheran Council thru the Joint Committee as according to
my previous letter.

I believe we will get the money we are after. I am just back
from a two weeks' speaking tour on behalf of this money.

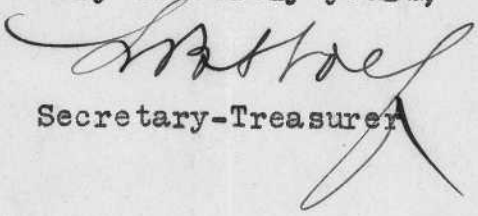
Mr. Drach, of course, gave you the facts in regard to your relation as agreed to at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board. You did a very handsome thing by remaining on one year longer. Can you send us some more scenes? I think it will help us. Send them to Dr. Larsen.

I am glad you made so clear a statement in regard to Trusteeship. The matter was somewhat misunderstood, though I did all I could to assure people that it was the best thing, and also the promise of the Mission's continuity.

I hope we soon can release the second man for work. Let me know how you get along with the people in the matter of the language. I think the organization set up, is fine. As I told you before, I hope we can give you the Rs. 45,000 or Rs. 50,000 you called for, without any fear, and then perhaps some.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer

W:G

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Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

June 12, 1920.

Dr. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions,
The United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

In accordance with my promise to you of last mail I enclose a Financial Report giving the summary of expenditures, from March 6th to May 20th, the date of the last meeting of the Advisory Board. In a couple of weeks the accounts for the quarter will be closed, including that portion of March which we spent here. I will then send you a detailed transcript of the whole accounts, with explanations.

The enclosures include a statement of the estimated monthly expenditure from the 1st of June, together with many notes. If anything is not clear you will of course write me.

I am sending copies of all this to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, together with a covering letter.

To refer more directly to your letter of April 24th, you say: "Dr. Lauritz Larsen authorizes me to cable Rs. 5000 for Gossner for April, and also that you should at once proceed to buy, out of the amount, the Ford for your work."

Alas, if the Ford were purchased in that way, it would only leave about Rs. 2000 of the money for Gossner itself. As you see by the enclosed report, the whole Rs. 10,000 of the first two remittances have been used up on pressing matters here.

Furthermore, no financial provision has yet been made for my own expenses, such as moving, railway travel, the heavy amounts spent in touring, upkeep of outfit, stationery, writer, postage, and all those things. Various purchases have to be made of such things as come under the Guntur Mission rules. It is mounting up fast and will appear in detail in the quarterly report ending June 30th.

I know that I have not yet received an assurance that these things will be paid separately from the Rs. 3750 per month. But as you can see, it would hit our finances very hard if I were obliged to charge these to the Budget fund.

I hope then that the three recommendations of my first letter of March 8th, can be carried out.

- 1 - Monthly grant of Rs. 3750, for congregational, evangelistic and school work.
- 2 - An emergency fund of Rs. 5000 for all other necessary expenditures.
- 3 - A grant of Rs. 2500 for a Ford. (Since increased to 3000.)

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Ruple

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Funds sent by the

NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

To Gossner's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur

Through the

Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America
From March 6th to May 20th, 1920.

RECEIPTS

2 Cables of Rs. 5000 each	Rs. 10,000
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EXPENDITURES

Hostels	Rs. 1,815	
Schools	1,638	
Catechists	1,000	
Medical	50	
Miscellaneous	223	
Total	Rs. 4,726	
Unspent Balance -	<u>5,274</u>	Rs. 10,000

Payments authorized by the Advisory Board

Advance for Rice to Hostels -	Rs. 800	
December 1919 Salaries to Training)		
School Teachers)	250	
To assist with Salaries of Catechists)		
for May and June)	2,000	
Balances due on U.P. and L.P. Schools)		
Burzu, Govindpur and Takarna Dioceses)	508- 8	
on 5 Middle Schools to June 1st	<u>1,500</u>	
Total -		Rs. 5,058-8

Note:- These authorized payments almost entirely wipe out the unspent balance of Rs. 5,274 above.

Since the above Summary was closed authorization to draw Rs. 3,750 for June has been received by cable.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENDITURE FROM 1ST JUNE, 1920.

1 -	CATECHISTS -	Rs. 1,000
2 -	MEDICAL WORK -	2000
3 -	THEOLOGICAL TRAINING CLASS -	200
4 -	RANCHI BOYS HOSTEL -	400
5 -	THE FIVE MIDDLE ENGLISH SCHOOLS -	600
6 -	HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S SALARY -	250
7 -	WORK FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN -	750
8 -	COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS -	75
9 -	UNFORESEEN AND MISCELLANEOUS -	<u>275</u>
	TOTAL -	Rs. 3,750

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1 - CATECHISTS: There are 400 men in this class for the more than 90,000 Christians, giving each Catechist or Evangelist an average of 225 Christians and 12 villages to see to. The 38 Pastors direct the work of these men and perform the Church offices which the Catechists are not qualified to perform.

It will be noted that there is no provision in the above schedule toward payment of the salaries of Pastors. They are entirely supported from local receipts.

As for the pay of the Catechists, the average is about Rs. 7-8-0 per month. The local income is unable to bear this whole charge. The Advisory Board has, therefore, for the present, subsidized them to the extent of one-third of the salary, on the average, namely, Rs. 2-8-0 each per month. This multiplied by 400 Catechists makes up the Rs. 1,000 per month.

- 2 - MEDICAL WORK:- The first charge on this fund is medical supervision and inspection for the school boys and girls resident on the Ranchi Compound. These boarders are more than 300. A full time Sub-Assistant Surgeon will be employed for Rs. 50 per month. It will stretch the remainder very hard, to carry out the plan of reopening the Dispensary in Ranchi and perhaps providing a few beds for urgent cases. It would be very desirable to extend the medical work somewhat at Lohardaga also, where a doctor is now available in connection with the handful of lepers there.

Dr. Kugler and Miss Fahs will be in Ranchi in three weeks and their advice will be sought, under this head. I fear, however, that the amount set apart under this head will prove inadequate. A fuller report will be sent later.

3 - THEOLOGICAL TRAINING CLASS: The original estimate was Rs.2000 per year. It now seems possible that a few more than eight young men of suitable character and education can be gotten into it, so to cover their stipends the total has been raised to Rs.2400 per year, or Rs. 200 per month.

4 - RANCHI BOYS HOSTEL: This sum is set apart solely on account of the high price of rice and other foods. The boys pay very good fees up to Rs. 3-8-0 per month, but still there is a deficit of about Rs. 2-0-0 per month per boy. During the past few weeks I have made inquiries at a number of points in regard to this matter of the rise in costs. From wholly unconnected information I find that before the war 16 to 20 seers of rice could be purchased for a rupee. Now the price varies from 4 to 6 seers per rupee.

The only possible way to keep this central boarding school up to its full capacity is to subsidize them in this way from America.

It will be noted that there is no provision whatever in the schedule for boys' hostels outside of Ranchi. It was possible to allot a lump sum of Rs. 800 from the Rs. 10,000 received as an advance to these outside hostels, to buy rice during the next few months. It is doubtful, however, if this small sum distributed among 8 or 10 hostels will even keep them up to the low water mark of last year.

5 - THE FIVE MIDDLE ENGLISH SCHOOLS: Government formerly gave Rs. 629 per month as a special grant toward their maintenance. This has been withdrawn since January 1st from lack of funds, as I ascertained from the School Inspector. It was purely a War measure.

These five schools feed the High School with boys, and I am going ahead and engaging qualified men to staff them. The fact is that recognition has been withdrawn from every one of them without exception, because they did not comply with the requirements of the Education Department for Middle English Schools. The tuition fees are very small and this subsidy is essential. It may even have to be increased at the expense of some other item.

6 - HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S SALARY: For this strategic point it was essential to get a well-qualified Christian man, and this has been done. The High School income from fees and grants barely suffices to pay the other salaries and the ordinary expenses. The Advisory Board took the responsibility of engaging this high-grade man and accordingly must finance his salary.

7 - WORK FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN: I fear that when our expected Zenana ladies come they will not be pleased with the proportion of the Rs.3750 which is set apart for their work. We will await, however, further information and their estimates.

- 8 - COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: It is a pleasure to report that out of 20 boys recently sent up for Matriculation examination no less than nine passed. This is a much better percentage than the local S.P.G. High School, and I understand that it is better also than the Roman Catholic School here. Of these nine, six were Lutherans from the aboriginals, the other three being two Hindus and a Mohammedan.

To encourage the higher education of suitable students three College Scholarships of Rs. 25 per month each are provided. There seems to be plenty of good material among the Lutherans for higher education, and of course every one realizes that the future strength of the Church here depends upon educated leadership.

- 9 - UNFORSEEN AND MISCELLANEOUS: Requires no special explanation.

I N G E N E R A L

The accumulation of small debts since the S.P.G. gave over charge last November has been pretty well cleared up, from part of the Rs. 10,000. We can, therefore, go forward with a clean sheet.

I hope, however, that reading this report and its explanatory notes gives you the same feeling of being "cabin'd, cribbed, confined" that it gives me to write it.

The Advisory Board have endeavored to be constructive and to keep the larger interests of the future steadily in view in allocating these funds in this way.

You may perhaps wonder that I allowed three months to elapse before sending you this statement. The reason is that I wanted to investigate carefully at first hand every item in it. This I have now done on the spot, all over the district, and I can personally vouch for the accuracy of each entry.

I think that letters received within the next month or six weeks will contain some assurance regarding 1921. I have great hopes that you will allow us to prepare a budget which will provide for real advances in the various departments.

(Signed)

G. A. RUPLEY

Ranchi, June 12th, 1920.

Rouche - June 7, 1920.

Dear Dr. Luff -

Yours of the 17th and 24th April
came by last mail. I meant to write
you a full financial letter, and to answer
these letters, by this mail. But this
matter, discussed in the Dr. Lavinia Larsen
letter, snuffed in yesterday afternoon,
and it has taken all the time I could
find for your letter.

So you will hear at length
from me in next week's mail.

Please do everything possible to
keep the management of affairs here in
our own Board, until the way is perfectly
cleared up for any change. This is much
more important than I can prove to you in
writing now.

Yours sincerely
S. A. Ruckley

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April 24, 1920

Rev. George A. Rupley,
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

Dr. Lauritz Larsen, Secretary of the National Lutheran Council authorized me to cable Rs. 5,000 for Gossner for April and also that you should at once proceed to buy, out of the amount, the Ford for your work. Other money will be duly sanctioned in course of a few weeks. The National Lutheran Council is beginning to function with the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference. A Joint Committee has been set up consisting of the two members of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference, Dr. Pfeiffer of the Joint Synod of Ohio and the Chairman of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference. Dr. Larsen is Secretary of this Joint Committee. The two members of the National Lutheran Council have not been appointed, as yet. We are going out for money now. We are asking for \$300,000 and we hope we can meet every need referred to in your letter of March 23rd, which came in today. You must go ahead and do all that is needed, in the firm faith that we will do all we can financially, and we believe that we can do financially all that the case demands.

I would say, by all means go ahead and open up the Theological Training School by June 1st. Altogether, the National Lutheran Council has placed Rs. 10,000 in your hands. You are justified in using this money wherever it is most needed in the Gossner work.

The National Lutheran Council will back you and the Joint Committee above referred to, I am sure will stand by you in every particular.

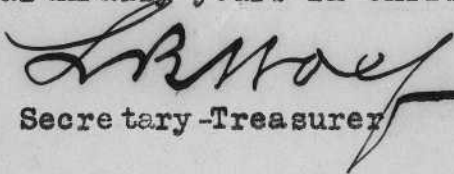
I am very glad to know that you are on such good footing with the Government and Trustees of the Property.

We will take into consideration what you pay for house-rent. Mr. Drach will write you the action of our Executive Committee, yesterday. Also, how you are to handle the accounts. For the present money will be sent thru Guntur, but perhaps later direct to you, as soon as the Joint Conference, referred to begins fully to function.

I understand the National Lutheran Council may meet and appoint its members shortly.

I am,

Very faithfully yours in Christian Work


Secretary-Treasurer

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April 17, 1920

Rev. George Rupley,
Ranchi, Bihhar, India

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I have your letter of March 8th, from Ranchi, Bihar. I want to thank you for all it contains. I read with great interest also the statement you sent to Secretary Drach. There is certainly real need for us to get out in the clear now, in regard to this whole matter of relationship. We must be extremely careful not only on your side, but on this side of the water in regard to all these questions of relationship.

To come to the matter at once, of the greatest importance, our Board has not the Funds to support the Gossner Mission, but we have joined together just now in a great Drive for \$1,800,000, one-sixth of which, namely \$300,000, we are raising to help take care of the Distressed continental missions in any part of the world, where needs arise. We have, in anticipation of this Fund, sent you Rs. 5,000 and it is not at all unlikely that within a few days I will authorize you to draw thru Mr. Cannaday, the second Rs. 5,000 for the current month of April. This of course, will be by cable. Until we can set up a proper relationship with the National Lutheran Council, it will be carried on as heretofore. ^{As soon as} The National Lutheran Council authorizes

me to send a cablegram to Guntur, authorizing the Treasurer of the Guntur Mission to include the monthly drafts which you require for the work in Chota Nagpore. ^{I will cable} I note what you say about the Budget.

That will be all right. Draw it up and send it home. You will receive action in regard to your relation to the Guntur Mission, in due course. I note you think that Rs. 3,750 per month, will be sufficient. Keep me informed as to the financial matters, from time to time. You may be sure I will urge the National Lutheran Council to give you the Ford for your work and I think they will do it. ^{the form of}

The idea of your following our Guntur accounts is a splendid one and you will understand that these accounts while rendered to me, are primarily intended for the National Lutheran Council. As soon as you set up proper relation with Dr. Lauritiz Larsen, Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, I trust you will still continue to send accounts to me, as well as the fullest possible information to our Board, but you see we cannot claim that we are giving you the financial support. This comes from the whole American Lutheran Church which is uniting in the drive for the \$1,800,000.

It will surely be quite the right thing for you to write a nice letter to Dr. Larsen, Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, for all the money that has been sent, has come from this source. There will be something further to say, as soon as our Executive Committee meets, and so I will not anticipate.

In conclusion, let me congratulate you upon your undertaking this great piece of re-construction work. You can be sure that the National Lutheran Council will back you to its limit, financially.

I informed your parents at once, of your decision to remain another year in India.

Sincerely your in Christian Work,

M. M. M.
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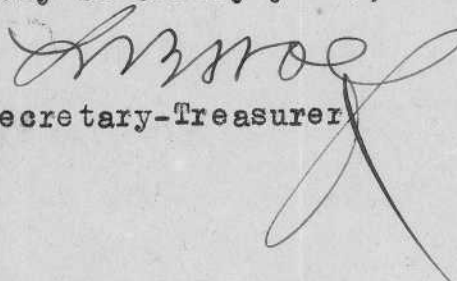
Mr. Gilbert Rupley,
Mercersburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rupley:

I have received a cablegram from India which indicates that all the plans of your son, are about to undergo change. He may not get home for a year to come. He is appointed to a very important work in connection with some of the Missions in India. Our President, Rev. I. Cannaday in the cablegram, requests me to write you this letter about your son. Will you be kind enough also to send this news to Mrs. Rupley's parents.

I am sorry, indeed, that your son will not be home as he promised, this spring, but I rejoice in the fact that he has been chosen for such distinct ^{guished} service in our Missionary work in India.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary-Treasurer

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Lutheran Compound, Ranchi,

June 7th, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I have today sent you the following cablegram:

"Luther - Baltimore. Pray urge Council non-recurring grant repairing deterioration twenty stations five years, twenty thousand rupees Churches, chapels; ten thousand schools; ten thousand bungalows. Rupley."

The reason I cabled was that you might be able to give definite and fresh information of this need immediately following the gathering of results from the \$300,000 drive. This letter received four or five weeks after date might be too late for the purpose.

As will appear in more detail in other letters, I have just returned from visits to all the more difficult stations to reach. I had previously seen the ones easily accessible to Ranchi. The few remaining can be visited even during the rains. At least two-thirds of the stations have now been visited.

In only one place are all the buildings kept in ordinary American repair - Takarma. Everywhere else, the buildings have gone back in condition, some not seriously, others very seriously.

There are two reasons. One lies in the nature of the people. Few of them have the Western instinct for keeping property in good condition. There are shining exceptions, but they are few. Furthermore, the tendency is to attend to the house one lives in, first of all, for the rains here seem to be particularly respected, and then if any time, energy, money or materials are left over, to patch up the buildings possessed or used in common. Not much is left over for them, in most stations. It is not pleasant to write this about people whom one soon learns to like for other and higher qualities, but the facts must surely be faced.

The second reason why the buildings are getting into progressively worse shape is lack of money. The Trustees cannot realize nearly enough in rents to keep up repairs. The bungalows in Ranchi are in constant demand, and there is also opportunity in perhaps one-third of the other stations to let bungalows. The Trustees get some income from the Ranchi Compound, grass, fruit-trees and gardens, but not a great deal. The other stations turn in next to no income to the Trustees from these sources. To be sure, income is realized, for there are many acres of good land connected with the stations. But the produce goes toward the payment of salaries of pastors and catechists, and for the partial upkeep of boarding schools. Of course the Trustees could legally demand all income and spend it in repairs, but the gap left in the Church's finances would have to be filled from outside Chota Nagpur, or else much work would be closed down. So the Trustees content themselves with the income outlined above, and let the larger part flow naturally into the Church funds, for which it was originally intended when the lands were acquired. I estimate that the annual gross income of the Trustees is under Rs. 6000, while the expenses of the Agent, and for meetings, amount to about Rs. 2000 of this. Taxes are heavy, so what is left for repairs is very small when allotted to the many stations.

The climate and its creatures are particularly hard upon the building materials used. Much sun-dried brick is put into walls, owing to the difficulty of getting coal for burning brick. The

white ants go through them as though it were a mud wall. Water dissolves them, so a leak in the roof means trouble very promptly.

The principal wood used is sal from the neighboring jungles, which is hard and strong, but cannot resist various borers. A coating of thin tar, or a derivative, helps for a while, but time destroys its value, and the insects hollow out the beams and rafters.

The roofs are practically all made of country tiles, which need frequent "turning" - that is, re-laying and new ones supplied for the broken pieces. The "reapers" - the lath across the rafters - are sometimes of split bamboo, especially in the schools, an easy prey to the borers. The better ones are of sal, which last longer, but are not the sure defense that teak is, for instance. The same remark applies to doors, windows and their frames. Where a stealthy attack has been made replacement is the only repair possible.

These various tropical enemies have made considerable advances during the past five years. The caretakers, the S.P.G. missionaries, and now the Trustees, have done what they could to repel them, but they have only delayed and hampered nature's efforts to bring down the buildings, they have not succeeded in neutralizing the attacks. From now on trouble will develop more rapidly if bigger resources are not thrown in promptly. Most people know how a building which starts to decay seems to gather speed as the months roll around. The Gossner's buildings are getting up a most unpromising speed.

Now, if these Rs. 40,000 are granted the machinery for its careful expenditure here is excellently organized. To begin with, the Agent is a man thoroughly experienced in repair work on buildings of just this kind. He would get estimates and report them, through the Secretary, to the Board of Trustees. The Secretary would be able to give first-hand information in each case, along with his recommendations. The Trustees are cautious men, perhaps too much inclined to put unbearably heavy burdens on the young Church, or as an alternative, to sell off some bungalows which will never pay income, but which may well be used later for schools, instead of putting up new school buildings as the work grows. You may feel assured that the Trustees will handle these funds carefully. Of course, all of it will pass through their hands and its expenditure receive their sanction.

The money will be drawn only as it is needed for work authorized by the Trustees. I should judge that its expenditure would cover a period of between one and two years. The idea is, that if the buildings are soon put into thoroughly good repair, they can safely go on a few years more, until this whole plan is worked out further and better support on the field developed - as well as better ideas regarding the proper care of jointly-owned property. None of the fund is to go for new buildings.

As to the proportions named in the cablegram, Churches and Chapels are given a double share, partly because there are more of them of a fair size, and partly because - I regret to say - they seem to get repaired last of all, in most cases, and so need it more at the present. A shabby, damaged, leaky Church building is a real hindrance to true worship anywhere.

This letter may seem only unsympathetic toward our Lutheran brethren here. That is because this matter of the condition of property is the only serious criticism I would make of them, and not of all by any means. But this only emphasizes and accentuates the fact that building repairs from America are needed and needed quick. We must help them even when they are not wholly conscious of the need, for the sake of their future.

Yours faithfully, *H. A. Riefley*

A.F.

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C O P Y SENT JUNE 8th, 1920.

Lutheran Compound, Ranchi, Bihar, India.

May 21st, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

There has been a series of Board and Committee meetings in the last two days, transacting a good deal of business for this big piece of work here. Owing to the removal of Dr. Datta from Calcutta to Bangalore there had to be some re-arrangement of work.

I think you will be glad to know that it was seen fit to entrust the following to your representative:

- 1 - Supervisor of all the schools, except Ranchi High School, (to which Prof. S. K. Roy of the staff of the Scottish Mission College, Calcutta, has just been appointed.)
- 2 - Secretary of the Advisory Board.
- 3 - Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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Under 1, there are 300 Village schools and 5 Middle schools to be managed. Of course I cannot possibly see them all but part of this job will be to organize the 37 pastors into a supervising staff, with this part of their work under my direction. My right hand man will be Mr. Nirmal Roy, an experienced teacher, Treasurer of the Church, and the happy possessor of fair fluency in all four languages needed - English, Hindi, Mundari and Uraon. Besides, he is a modest, fine Christian gentleman.

The Education Department contributes Rs. 1700 monthly, over Rs. 20,000 a year, as a special grant toward these Village schools. The District Boards in some districts give a regular grant in addition, - just how much that amounts to, I cannot yet say. I will be responsible to Government for the proper administration of this generous special grant, which it is planned to gradually extinguish in five years.

This appointment has not yet been confirmed on paper by Government, but the Chief Secretary said in a recent conversation that it probably would be confirmed. (Note - June 8th - Confirmation has been made.) It may interest you to know that on his invitation Mr. Whitley, the S.P.G. member here of the Advisory Board, and I called, and the whole situation was talked over pretty thoroughly for an hour or more. It made me feel more sure of my ground, for the talk was very frank, and I know better just what is wanted. I received an invitation to call on or write to the Chief Secretary personally at any time on the affairs of the Church.

2 - Secretary of the Advisory Board, includes the Recording work, and all the correspondence except the official higher correspondence with Government, which is to be continued by Mr. Whitley, who knows the ropes here so well. It also includes what would be the Treasurer's work if we bothered having the title. I might add that all the money you send is disbursed on vote of the Advisory Board - it is not a one man hand-out.

3 - Secretary of the Board of Trustees. I tried to escape this work, because it will almost surely complicate my relations with the Lutherans. Disputes over property questions seem likely to arise, which I would prefer not to deal with. But the fact is that the Board of Trustees found it difficult to get a man and so elected me, as I was conveniently resident here, and would travel over the territory a great deal anyway. But I did not absolutely refuse to be considered, for two reasons - that it will put me in a position to act as mutual explainer between the Trustees (who do not know many of the people), and the Lutheran members themselves; and because I think my reports will develop a stronger feeling of assurance in the Board that the work is being carried on solely for the benefit of the Lutheran Church at Chota Nagpur.

The property in charge of these Trustees is of course very large - some 4000 or more acres, and a total valuation of eight lakhs of rupees, on a moderate Government schedule. Many buildings are to be kept in repair, rents collected, and all that. The Secretary has charge of the money, including trust funds of some Rs. 8000 or 10,000. As for the details, there is an able Bengalee agent working under the Secretary's direction. He was formerly Agent for a big Zamindar, and gets Rs. 100 per month with traveling expenses. A lot of minor matters are decided as they come up, and the larger affairs are brought into the Trustees meeting, which comes every two or three months.

This, I think, will prove the most difficult part of my job. But I was voted for by all the Trustees present at this meeting - the Commissioner of Chota Nagpur, the Deputy Commissioner, (both Englishmen) and Rev. Herbert Anderson, Secretary of the National India Missionary Council, so I accepted, and hope that the Board and its Secretaries will be pleased therewith.

All of this work involves much touring, by any means available, according to season. Please do not expect me to keep within the touring budget of the regular District man! For one thing, I take along leading men as your guests. (I pay for my own food, of course.) working up the plans, welding this huge thing together. For another, when I get away from Ford roads a lot of coolies are hired who bodily carry me. I recently went 25 miles in one day in that fashion.

Now absolutely none of this letter is for publication in any form. I write it for those who have a right to be informed, and for the purpose of showing you how extensively we Americans are finally being trusted in this Province, and so encouraging you to send in the money for this needy, young Lutheran Church.

The only reason "I" is used so often is to make this trust clear to you. To publish any of it would defeat its purpose, prove very embarrassing here, and set me down as a silly egotist.

I learn that at least one letter has been received by the Gun-tur Mission regarding this Goswami Church. A copy will soon reach Ranchi. Vacations upset routines. I am off tomorrow for a ten day trip in the wildest part of the field. I am taking the camera.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Ruppel

Lutheran Compound
Ranchi, India

May 3, 1920

Dear Dr. Wolf -

Many thanks for your cable of
April 25, through Bunter, which reads
Baltimore April 25 - Draw Rs. 5000 ^{Ranchi} April
Buy automobile for the use of Ruple.

Wolf.

Enclose second copy of my April
25th letter, explaining what I had already
done on the matter of the automobile. Everything
is ready for a busy month, starting tomorrow
morning for a week's run of 300 miles,
visiting four stations new to me. The party
consists of Pastor Hannukh L. Kra, the President;
Mr. Peter Haral, the Secretary, the driver (a Lutheran boy)
and myself, with much petrol and little luggage.

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My former letters stand unchanged of course.
This second Rs. 5000 will be applied to the Rs. 3750
monthly Budget, and helps greatly in the things
that are pushing hard.

Yours faithfully - J. A. Ruple

Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, India.
April 28, 1920.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I enclose second copy of my letter of April 16th.

I have good news to tell. The local Government and the Advisory Board have consented to allow two or three of our American Lutheran Zenana ladies to be resident here, for work among the girls and women. The request was acted upon very promptly, for I only made it formally on April 13, asking that the matter be considered. The Chief Secretary to Government agreed to the plan, in his letter of April 20 to the Advisory Board, and the Advisory Board passed a favoring resolution on April 24. The conditions are that these ladies and their respective Mission Conferences recognize the principle of Autonomy for this Lutheran Church, and that they work under the general direction of the Advisory Board. These of course are exactly the conditions under which Mrs. Rupley and I work here. The work of the Advisory Board will now be done principally by its own Executive Committee, consisting of the members resident in Ranchi, who now are Mr. Whitley of the S. P. G. and myself. There will be a full meeting only once a quarter, to ratify or otherwise, what we have done during the quarter, and to consider new business of any importance. So the ladies will usually have to deal only with the resident Ranchi members, and will have, I should think, more freedom than in their own Mission, and not less. The Lutherans here welcome their coming most heartily, and are greatly pleased at the promptness. Of course, I consulted them first of all, to ascertain their wishes.

I spoke to the Rajahmundry people on April 19th and to the Guntur Conference on April 20, regarding the whole Goswami situation, so they were quite prepared to receive the request that they each supply one Zenana lady for the work here, commencing after the hottest weather, when schools re-open in June. I have good hope of a favorable response. I could not tell them on my visit just when the way would be open, but I sent them the news at once, after it passed the Advisory Board in the Calcutta meeting of the 24th.

GOSSNER BUDGET FOR 1920.

After the matter was explained, the following resolutions of endorsement were passed.

1 - "Minute of special meeting of Conference, Rajahmundry, April 19, 1920.

Resolved, that we endorse Mr. Rupley's estimate of Rs.3750 as a reasonable amount per month for 1920. This is subject to withdrawal on the part of the Board on their giving one month's notice.

(Signed) F. L. Coleman, Secy."

Apr. 19, 1920.

2 - Guntur Conference, April 20th.

"Resolved that the Budget for 1920, of Rs.3750 per month, subject to withdrawal whenever the Board gives a month's notice, be endorsed."

MOTOR CAR

I have been so hampered for lack of a dependable arrangement, that I asked the Guntur Conference if they saw any serious objection to my spending our passage money in the purchase of a Ford. I took

the responsibility for the step, for what touring is not done in the next six weeks, will not get done until three or four months pass, on account of the heavy rains.

Then, as the Calcutta Ford agency is so far behind with its orders, I asked one of the Guntur people to volunteer to sell, taking a chance on replacement in July, when needed again after the hot season. Dr. Kugler spoke up first, and sold me hers, the others agreeing to help her out when she needs a car. It reaches Ranchi tomorrow morning, so that is now straightened out.

THAT SANCTION FROM AMERICA

How is this for a prediction? That the Gossner matters will be considered at the Board Meeting the end of April (perhaps this very week) and that as soon as cable delays permit, that looked-for message will arrive here.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Ruffley

File.
Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, India, Apl. 16, 1920

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I enclose second copies of my letters of March 23 and 30, in case first copies went astray.

Thank you very much for your cable to Mr. Cannaday, telling him to draw Rs. 5000 on Goswami account. This is now four-fifths spent, and if I paid out for the debts on salaries, I could have a zero balance tomorrow. But I have to stand them off until further funds come, and keep a little reserve for the most urgent emergencies.

But I expect a cable from you quite soon, allowing draft of Rs. 5000 for April. Then a little later, you will have received my first letter, and your answer to that will presently be cabled. So I tell the Advisory Board and the Lutheran Church to have patience for a little while and we shall find out what help the American Lutherans can render.

Within the next two weeks the Advisory Board will be somewhat reorganized, and the work redistributed. It seems likely that your representatives will be given considerable opportunity for service here.

You will be glad to know that occasion has already occurred to put forward the need for more American Lutheran missionaries, as forecasted in my letter to you of March 30. It may not come at once, but I feel confident that it will come a few months later, if not now.

Yours sincerely,

G. A. Rubley

Raucha March 20

Dear Dr. Hull -

Enclose a letter for you, and a copy of it for you to send on to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, if you approve.

I wrote to him last mail, saying that probably you were in communication with him on this Larssen matter, and offering on my own account to answer any inquiries he might make.

It since occurs to me that it might be well to put into his hands a fresh statement of the whole situation to date, and perhaps a copy of this enclosed letter will help to serve that purpose.

Please send your copy to Mr. Drach, as some of the matters at least are of concern to his work as Indian Corresponding Secretary. One doesn't always know just how you ~~may~~ divide the work, so I take for granted that you see each other's official letters.

Yours sincerely,
H. A. Ruple

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Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar,
March 30, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Treasurer,
The Board of Foreign Missions,
The United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

A plan of procedure for the work here has gradually been evolving itself, and I want in this letter to give you an outline of it.

I am sending copies to the Rajahmundry and Guntur Missions, and also to Dr. Lauritz Larsen, through you.

THE PROBLEM OF OVERHEAD ORGANIZATION IS NOT SO MUCH ONE OF RECONSTRUCTION, AS OF CONSTRUCTION.

The old foreign missionary basis with its personnel of 66 in 1914 is definitely given up. They had gathered together a Church of 90,000 Lutherans, with all the apparatus necessary for its continued development. You will recall that these are aboriginal people, whose speech was reduced to writing within a half-century. Hence there was more than the usual urgent need of education. These missionaries had organized a complete school system, from the elementary village school, to the High School at Ranchi. They had many boarding schools at the district stations. They had teacher training schools.

On the still more important evangelistic side of the work, they had a thorough-going Theological Training School. Its visible results are 37 ordained pastors, with many catechists. But both pastors and catechists are deplorably few, for the large Church membership. Consider, too, what that membership consists of - a few third generation Christians, a fair proportion of the second generation, and a mass who have come into the Church direct from Animistic beliefs.

When you remember that all this work was being pushed forward in 1914 by 66 able, well-trained men and women who had to be removed, you can understand the need for positive and prompt steps to build up the organization at the top.

The interim period was largely and necessarily spent in marking time, waiting for the War to cease. Good conservation work was done by the S.P.G., for which Lutherans will always be grateful.

But the time has now come to advance on a wholly new basis - the basis of an autonomous Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur. This basis we must accept as a fixed fact, and build our plans upon it. It was carefully arrived at, as the only way in which conflicting interests could be harmonized. It is officially approved by Government, and by the National Missionary Council of India. There are no alternative plans.

Hence the problem of organization reduces itself to this: The old and efficient machinery of training schools and teaching is still in fair condition, though depreciated in quantity. Certainly it has gone backward during the past five or six years. It is due to the efforts of self-sacrificing friends and to special Government school grants, that it has not badly broken down.

Secondly, there never was a self-managing Indian body at the head of the system. This body of managers must now construct itself, from the leaders which the old plan evolved, from Indian

assistance from outside the Mission, but finally and permanently from the young men to be trained within this Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

There are three main groups:

- 1 - The Central Committee of Gossner's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur.

This Committee is composed of about a dozen of the leaders of the Church. No outsiders are on it. Its functions are not yet clearly defined, but in general it acts somewhat as the Executive Committee to the United Lutheran Church in America. At the recent Annual Convention of 200 pastors and lay delegates, the members of this Central Committee reported on various matters to the Convention, and received approval or adverse criticism, as the case might be. It is rather responsive to the opinions of the Church, and usually endeavors to be guided by the will of the majority, as well as that will can be ascertained.

This Central or Executive Committee must be made strong, and must act with steady wisdom, if the whole Church is to be held together, and work as a unit.

- 2 - The Advisory Board.

This is composed entirely of outsiders, namely, two highly educated Indian leaders, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland, an S.P.G. missionary and a Lutheran missionary. Only the last two are at present resident in Ranchi.

Its function is to advise and assist the Lutheran Church in every way possible. Its relationship to the Central Committee will soon be worked out carefully, and an essential part of its policy will be to hold up the hands of the Central Committee, and to strengthen their control of the business of the Church.

The Advisory Board for the present will represent the Church before Government on School management and grants for schools. This is asked by Government. It will also act as the go-between for this Church and non-Indian Churches, to secure and develop the interest and support of people in other lands, and that probably means American Lutherans almost exclusively. It will safeguard the expenditure of funds sent out for the benefit of the Church, and see that they are applied to the work budgeted for, and approved. It will act as the connecting link between the Board of Trustees of the old Mission property, and the newly-formed Church.

It is expected that the Advisory Board will be temporary, as contrasted with the permanence of the Church and its Central Committee. But it seems fairly obvious that advice and other assistance from outside the Church will be needed for a long time to come.

- 3 - The Board of Trustees.

They are the custodians of the property of the former Mission, and are appointed by Government. The property is used by the Church free of charge, and any income is applied to Church and property expenditures. For all practical purposes, the result is the same as if the Church actually held title to the property. These Trustees will consult the Advisory Board on matters which have to do with the lands, buildings and furnishings. Much of the land is cultivated by the pastors and other workers, thus making it possible for them to

live on their otherwise non-living salaries.

One exceedingly valuable service to the organization of the Church is performed by the Board of Trustees. It automatically counteracts any separatist tendency among the congregations or larger units. They are unlikely to withdraw bodily if they cannot withdraw their buildings and land. Until the young Church grows strong enough to hold every unit together by an inner compelling desire, this outer motive will serve.

To illustrate what is meant by a separatist danger, it is enough to say that the Jesuits are very active, well-manned and well supplied with money in these parts, and that they annually receive a number of individuals from the Lutheran Church. (It is only fair to add that there is also a current in the opposite direction.)

THE PROBLEM OF ORGANIZATION AT THE TOP

It is clear that to develop a stable and progressive Church, the directing body which is the Central Committee must be firm, wise and full of initiative. It takes the place, in general management, of the former missionaries, which is a huge gap to fill.

Here lies the great task of the Advisory Board. It must retain the confidence of these Lutheran leaders, while assisting, guiding and further training them for their heavy responsibilities.

Human wisdom left to itself would well draw back from this complex matter, whether in the Central Committee or in the Advisory Board. But all believe that God's hand is in it, and in that confidence they go on with the work.

DEFINITE PLANS

What is written above deals with the fundamental principles under which the work must proceed. What follows is more specific as to plans for the present and the immediate future.

FINANCE

The work has been self-supporting to a surprising extent. This was due to the contributions of the people, many of whom are small land-owners, to the fact that much land was owned by the former Mission and is now used to supplement salaries and to grow food for boarding hostels, to regular and special Government school grants, and to assistance from outside, non-Lutheran sources.

Now that the War is over, the special Government grants are being withdrawn, and the non-Lutheran contributions have likewise almost entirely ceased. It is expected, and rightly, that Lutherans in America will contribute to the needs of their brethren in India.

However generous and self-sacrificing the gifts of the Lutherans here, it cannot be expected that they will at once leap to complete self-support. Nor, even if they could pay for the present work, which they cannot, would there be left any margin for replacement and expansion.

The financing falls naturally into three divisions:

- a) - Paying any debts on salaries and hostel food to date. This is not likely to exceed Rs. 5000, and is a temporary matter to be cleared up once for all.
- b) - To supply what is necessary to restore the work to its basis of 1914.
- c) - To make progressive advances possible by more extensive work ~~among~~ among the non-Christians.

The organization of the Church looms so large that we are in danger of letting this third step slip out of sight, though it is the very heart of missionary work. How fast or how slowly it goes forward depends directly on the answer given by the American Lutherans.

There is no hard and fast line between b and c. As a matter of fact, work among the non-Christians goes steadily on all the time. But with the present resources it is impossible to push forward in any consistent and powerful fashion.

The estimated budget for b and c for 1920 is Rs. 3750 per month, or at the rate of Rs. 45,000 annually.

It is hoped that a much larger sum can be secured for 1921. As a comparison, the Guntur Mission receives from America this year in excess of Rs. 3 per baptized member, counting in the Budget of Women's Work, on a basis of 60,000 membership. This does not include salary and furlough travelling expenses of missionaries.

If assistance were given by the American Lutherans to the Gossner Lutherans on the basis of Rs. 3 per baptized member, their 90,000 Christians would require a sum of Rs. 2,70,000 for the year, or Rs. 22,500 per month. This of course would be too large an increase from Rs. 3750 per month, even allowing a large sum for badly needed repairs.

This, however, is well in the future. A detailed Budget will be supplied in October, for 1921. But it is clear that this year's budget is much too low, for the purpose of regaining lost ground, to say nothing of taking advance steps.

It would be most helpful to all concerned, if you could give us some idea as to the amount which can be given for 1921, from America. That is to say, the work can be planned to advance either slowly or rapidly, according to the means supplied.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD

It seems to me that the minimum should be as follows, unless the work is to be seriously crippled from the start. I shall bring this matter before the Advisory Board at the earliest meeting that favorable consideration seems possible.

1 - A man and wife, to tour among the people a great deal, encouraging and advising them, seeking out the obstacles to growth and bringing them to the attention of the Central Committee and of some sorts, to the Advisory Board. To act as correspondent with the Home Board.

2 - A man and wife, to live constantly in Ranchi; the man to give his almost undivided attention to the Theological Training School and the related course in the High School, teaching and

directing the work of others. This is the key to the future evangelistic work of the Church. The wife to manage in much detail the girls' boarding school and related schools in Ranchi.

3 - Either one or two unmarried ladies for district work among the girls and women. A chain of girls' boarding schools should be re-established at the earliest possible date, for the sake of the future education of girls, and to provide wives of suitable education for the young men. Resident pastors' wives can see to these boarding schools, but they will need careful and frequent supervising visits.

Either of the two men could act as the Lutheran representative on the Advisory Board. It is not at all necessary that both be on it, for the Board has an excellent non-Lutheran membership which is quite above partisanship.

If this minimum Lutheran representation is secured, every effort will be made to have it of mixed Rajahmundry and Guntur membership. These people should expect to stay some years, and to make a serious study of Hindi. It is simply essential in the Seminary work particularly. Almost nothing can be done there in English.

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Some parts of this letter repeat ideas of previous letters. But its purpose is to put into shape a general plan of procedure.

The outlines of this plan will be filled in by more letters from week to week, as information, ideas, and Committee actions are gotten together. These will be sent in this piece-meal way, to keep the Secretaries closely informed, and to provide material from which selection for publication can be made.

Later on, I hope to send you a small printed pamphlet, in which this material is digested, and in which authoritative recommendations of the Central Committee and the Advisory Board are set down. I think it will take at least two months more to work out these things, so please do not let any pressing action be delayed for this further and more comprehensive report.

CONCLUSION

Subtract the part outlined for the American Lutherans to perform.

You will then understand how essential to the health and growth of this young Lutheran Church our prompt and adequate help is.

Yours faithfully,

H. A. Ruple

Sent 24/3/20 - Wed.
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Lutheran Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar, India,
March 23, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D.,
Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions,
The United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I enclose the second copy of my letter of March 8th in case the first copy went astray.

Information gathered during these two weeks shows the need of immediate financial assistance from outside the Gossner Lutheran Mission. An appeal was printed in the Calcutta papers some weeks ago, which I believe brought in nothing at all. Other Missions in India have all they can do, to finance their own work. The natural thing is to look to Lutherans outside of India, for help for India's Lutherans. We are confidently awaiting word that the American Lutherans have gladly come to the rescue.

As to specific instances of the need for prompt assistance, here are two.

There is a large Boys Boarding School in Ranchi, maintaining 220 Christian boys who attend the High School. These boys are the pick of the whole territory, and from them will come the future workers. As the end of the school year approaches, all available funds for their food are exhausted. Yet it takes between Rs. 200 and Rs. 300 a week for their food. I have accordingly asked Mr. Cannaday by wire to lend me Rs. 500 on my personal responsibility, and this will carry them along for last week and this week. By that time I hope that the authorization of the Rs. 5000, requested in Mr. Cannaday's cablegram to you of the 3rd inst. will be received.

The second specific instance is that of the salaries of the staffs of five Middle English schools, scattered over the district. They are the feeders for the High School - the idea that is so familiar to you, and so essential to any Mission's future. By some change, which I hope can be readjusted later, a total grant of Rs. 629 per month was cut off from these five schools from Jan. 1st. The Advisory Board has had no funds by which to make this amount good, and so it is financed up to the present by simply owing it to the teachers! That is to say, there is still due these teachers Rs. 629 per month, for January and February, and in a week, for March also, a total of Rs. 1887. I have again appealed to Mr. Cannaday to lend me this from Guntur funds, promising him that I would personally see to its return. I am so sure of the Board's desire to help their Indian brethren, that I feel no sense of risk in these transactions. The emergency requires that the ordinary safeguards of prior sanction be temporarily suspended. To put it bluntly, these teachers and boys must eat.

Schools in this cool climate do not close until May 11th. Further funds for April and nearly half May will be needed on these two emergency items. This will amount to about Rs. 1500 for hostel food, and Rs. 1258 for these salaries, counting in all of May.

The total then, to the end of May, stands thus:

Rs. 500	-	food to the end of March, Ranchi B.B.S.
1500	-	" for April and 1/2 May, " "
1887	-	Salaries of Jan., Feb., March, 5 Middle Schools
<u>1258</u>	-	" " April and May, " " "

Rs. 5145

Then there is needed a fair-sized amount for the items mentioned in my letter of March 8, under 2 - the special fund. I do not expect to get your cabled answer to that letter before June 1st. Consequently the Rs. 5000 asked for in Mr. Cannaday's cable will not cover.

I have accordingly cabled you today:

"Luther, Baltimore, Pressing needs hyscypawux additional April. Rupley."

The code word of course means -

"Am I authorized to make draft for 5000 rupees."

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Let me point out, that if this cabled request is granted, there need be no change in my letter of March 8th. With four or five weeks of holidays approaching, I figure that the Rs. 3750 per month will enable me to restore these two sorts of spent amounts to the emergency fund. If I had the cable code word for 3750, I would use it instead of 5000 above. But May will be drawn at Rs. 1250 less, namely Rs. 2500, to square up. Then June and the succeeding months will be drawn regularly at Rs. 3750 - all provided that you can grant the Budget asked for, and so badly needed.

Today's cable means that I ask for Rs. 5000 additional to Mr. Cannaday's cable. It does not mean that I ask for Rs. 5000 additional to my letter of March 8, which of course you know nothing about, at the time I write this.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

There was a note regarding it in the letter to Mr. Drach of March 9, page 2, first item under "What help can we give?"

I have gone into it further, and find that it can be reopened in June, at a cost of Rs. 2000 for the first year. This is made up as follows:

Two pastors at Rs. 30 =	60
Eight students at Rs. 8 stipend =	64
	<u>124</u>
	12 months
Rs. 1488 annual	
300 Books	
212 Stationery, incidentals	
	<u>and unforeseen</u>
Rs. 2000	

The two pastors will be chosen from the best they have, and can manage the earlier two years of the six year training course. By that time I think an American missionary will know enough Hindi to begin helping.

Their annual Conference is now in session, and as arrangements must be made at it for starting this class in June, I promised them that America would furnish the Rs. 2000. It lifted a great load off their minds, for unlike most of their other expenditures, this is essentially non-productive in income. They were divided between their need for the funds these pastors and students-to-be are now gathering, and their fears for the future, if no more pastors were being trained.

I am sorry in these matters to go against the wise and long established policy that no expenses should be incurred or arranged for without the sanction of the Board, but this Ranchi opening came so unexpectedly and quickly when it did come, that I hope you will all condone these infractions. I certainly do not mean to keep on committing them a day longer than is required to get into communication with Baltimore.

MISCELLANEOUS

I find that it will put all concerned on a better footing before Government and the Trustees of the property, if the American missionaries pay house rent. This is after all an indirect way of contributing to the Mission. So please expect to see that unusual item in my expense account.

In looking over the letter of March 8, I note that no provision is made for reporting my accounts directly to you. I shall of course send you copies of the quarterly statements submitted to the Guntur Treasurer, together with perhaps fuller details than you care for.

Faithfully yours,

G. A. Ruple

Ranchi, Bihar, March 8, 1920.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D.,
Treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions,
The United Lutheran Church in America.

Dear Dr. Wolf:

I want my first letter from Ranchi to be a letter to you, on the finances of the Gossner Mission, for that at present is the point at which we American Lutherans can render the most effective assistance.

The end of the War brought its changes to the war-time management of the Mission, and a natural part of those changes is a reduction in financial help from outside this Mission itself. I believe that the American Lutherans are ready to make up these differences in income. I believe that they desire to go further, and to supply additional funds to make possible the gradual resumption of the normal growth of the Gossner Mission.

As to supplying additional missionaries from the American Lutherans, I cannot urge too strongly that this matter be not pressed at present. What the future holds we cannot tell. But it is perfectly clear that the present arrangement is as much as can be secured now. You may be sure that the standing offer of the American Lutherans to send more missionaries at any time, will be renewed on every occasion that its renewal seems useful. It is thoroughly understood by the members of the Bihar and Orissa Representative Council of Missions that we Americans will do everything in our power that we are permitted to do, toward retaining and developing the Lutheran character of the Gossner Mission, and toward its preservation as an autonomous Church.

You may publish in any way you like, all of this letter except the preceding paragraph. Please keep that within the Board, and within the circle of those who are especially interested. The only objection to its publication that I know of is that it might prove provocative of argument, and this is precisely the attitude we want to avoid, whether in India or in America.

IMMEDIATE FINANCING

1 - The Advisory Committee is responsible to the Bihar and Orissa Missionary Council. The latter body was entrusted with these matters by the National Missionary Council. Consequently this Advisory Committee is officially entitled to speak for the Gossner Mission. It consists of Prof. Mukerjee of the Serampore College, Dr. Datta, of the Y.M.C.A., who spends part of his time in Ranchi, Rev. Whitley of the S.P.G., who lives in Ranchi, but cannot spare much time for supervision work, Rev. Hodge, the Secretary of the B. & O. Council, who goes on furlough and is to be succeeded by the Rev. Mr. McPhail, of the Scottish Free Church here in the north, so I heard unofficially yesterday. The fifth member is your missionary resident here.

This Advisory Committee about two months ago, endorsed a Budget of Rs. 45,000 for the year 1920, to be divided Rs. 20,000 for congregational and evangelistic work, and Rs. 25,000 for the schools, including both the elementary village schools and the High School in Ranchi.

I will go into the details of this budget as I tour during the next six weeks. On the face of it, it seems quite conservative for so large a Mission, though of course the work here is more nearly on a self-supporting basis than in the Telugu country, for the two peoples have very different characteristics. We want to be very careful that we do not weaken their self-reliance by supplying outside money more freely than is actually necessary for the

best interests of the work.

In order to get immediate help from America without the delay necessary for the above careful detailing of this Budget and its submission to you, I recommend that you allow me to draw on you for Rs. 3,750 monthly, from April first until you see fit to change it or withdraw it, on giving me a month's notice of such a change. I pledge myself to administer this fund with the most careful economy, spending only part of it, if the whole seems not to be needed.

2 - Mr. Cannaday's cable of the 3rd inst. included a request that he be allowed to draw Rupees five thousand. I have no doubt that your approval will be given.

I suggest that this be kept as a special fund, out of which shall be paid the various expenses incurred directly by your missionaries in Ranchi. I refer to traveling expenses, touring in the Mission and the outfit for it, certain pressing needs for the bungalow, such as a good safe, mats, a filter, - though there is no intention at present of spending much on repairs, hill allowance, a writer and translator, stationery, postage, photography, and as an emergency fund generally. The touring expenses will be the largest item, and will amount to a good deal, whether a Ford is hired, or a Mission Ford is purchased.

An emergency fund of Rs. 5,000 will last a long while for the purposes mentioned above. But it is very desirable that your representatives here be quite independent of the specific Gossner Mission funds, and that they be responsible for all these things solely to their own Mission in India, and by that avenue to the Board.

3 - A special, non-recurring item - Rupees twenty-five hundred for a Ford. I think you desire your representatives to tour freely throughout the Gossner Mission. There were no less than nineteen stations with bungalows, boarding schools, etc., when the War began, as compared with seven for Guntur and about the same number for Rajahmundry. Indian Pastors carry on the work at these places now. Most of them are accessible by road, though few are on the line of the only railway. From north to south the extreme stations are about 120 miles apart, and from east to west about 150 miles. Measure that on a map of Maryland! There are over 300 miles of good road on the field, and probably much other road accessible to a Ford in the dry season.

You can therefore easily see how much time a Ford would save your missionaries, and how much better they could get about. I plan to hire a Ford for immediate use, and to buy, of course, only when your sanction is received. Please do not suggest that Guntur or Rajahmundry lend one of theirs. They are badly needed where they are and I think it would be better to hire one here for a while longer, if a new one cannot now be financed. I would recommend that this Ford, when purchased, remain the property of the Board, rather than be made a gift to the Gossner Mission. It will avoid complications.

FINANCING FOR 1921

I propose, with your approval, to submit in October, a regular budget for the Gossner Mission, uniform with those of the two Missions in South India. I will ask them to put it through the same process of criticism, and amendment if necessary, as their own budgets. It will then be forwarded to you, along with theirs, for the Board's consideration and action.

FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS

I have already asked the Guntur Mission to allow me to continue as a member of their system of accounts. That is, I will keep my accounts here in precisely the form I practiced in Guntur, and they will be audited by the Guntur Auditing Committee. I mention Guntur rather than Rajahmundry, solely because I have gotten to know the Guntur system. The accounts, as well as everything else connected with my work here, will, of course, be equally open to Rajahmundry, and copies of various letters, including this, will be sent to both.

REMITTANCES FROM AMERICA

I would suggest that they be handled through the Guntur treasurer, by means of drafts on you, as they are authorized by you. This would include any money especially contributed for the Gosner Mission work, as well as what you can spare from your regular funds. I hope that contributions will be made from American friends and American organizations outside the United Lutheran Church, but I prefer that all such funds be handled through you, and not sent direct to me. I think you will prefer it too.

CORRESPONDENTS IN AMERICA

With the above exception, I will be very glad indeed to correspond direct with any in America who are interested, and to give them any information that I can secure.

And of course I shall write many letters to you and to Mr. Drach, keeping you fully informed as matters develop here, and as I gather information. I hope that you will ask frequent questions to guide me in writing to you.

SUMMARY

The three recommendations of this letter are:

- 1 - That a monthly grant of Rs. 3750 be made for Congregational, Evangelistic and School work, from April 1st to December 31st, subject to recall on a month's notice.
- 2 - That an emergency fund of Rs. 5000 be allowed for all other necessary expenditures.
- 3 - That a special grant of Rs. 2500 be made, to purchase a Ford.

A cablegram addressed to me at Ranchi would save six weeks in planning. I have no code book, but you could mention the numbers granted. For instance - "Rupley, Ranchi, One, two - Wolf", or if all can be granted simply use the word "All."

Schools reopen about the middle of June, and it would be most useful to know as early as possible what funds can be counted upon.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rupley

To

MOTTO FOR 1920.

Attend carefully to the details of your own business.

Be prompt in your dealings.

Consider well, then decide finally.

Dare to do right, fear to do wrong.

Endure trials patiently.

Fight life's battles bravely & manfully.

Go not into the society of the vicious.

Hold integrity sacred.

Injure not another's reputation or business.

Join hands only with the virtuous.

Keep your mind from evil thoughts.

Lie not for any consideration.

Make few acquaintances.

Never try to appear what you are not.

Observe good manners.

Pay your debts promptly.

Question not the veracity of a friend.

Respect the counsel of your parents.

Sacrifice money rather than principle.

Temperate be in all things.

Use your leisure for self-improvement.

Venture not upon the threshold of wrong.

Watch carefully over your passions.

Xtend to everybody a kind salutation.

Yield not to discouragement.

Zealously labour for the right.

With the Best Compliments of:- **P. V. KRISHNAMURTI,**
Proprietor, Krishna Printing Works, Guntur.

Luther - Baltimore

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3/3/20.