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12th January 1927.

P. Hurad Esqr.,

Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church,

Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Hurad,

Sending you herewith a few printed copies of the Constitution of our Federation, I request you to place it before your Church for approval. Also your appointment as a member in the Executive should be confirmed by your Church.

It was nice to meet you and the other members from Ranchi.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Sandegren

The Secretary, Church Council.
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Minz,

Mr. Sandegren sent me 3 copies of the Constitution. I keep one copy for myself. Please do the needful as desired by the Convener.

Yours sincerely,

20 Jany. '27.

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CONSTITUTION
OF
**THE FEDERATION OF EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN INDIA**

PREAMBLE.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Sprit. Amen.

Having been called by the Gospel and made partakers of the Grace of God, and by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and through him, of one another,

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Synods) in India, recognizing our duty as 'people of God to make the inner unity which we have with one another manifest in the common confession, defence, and maintenance of our faith, and in united efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, realising the vastness of the field that God has assigned us for our labours in India, and the greatness of the undeveloped resources within our beloved Church, conscious of our need of mutual assistance and encouragement; and relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who hath begun this work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus, we while praying for the unity of all believers in Christ hereby unite and now invite and until such end be attained, continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Synods) in India, one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon the terms of this constitution in one general Federation.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name and title of the body organized under this constitution shall be The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. All Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India shall be entitled to membership in this Federation.

Section 2. The following shall be recognized as Evangelical Lutheran Churches:

Every Church which (1) receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged;

(2) accepts as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, the three ecumenical Creeds; namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian;

(3) receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession together with small Catechism of Luther as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God;

(4) recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Larger Catechism of Luther and the Formula of Concord as of great importance in the historical development of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and as a valuable Lutheran heritage.

ARTICLE III. OBJECT.

The object of this Federation shall be to express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran Churches (Synods), to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans

in the promotion of the general interest of this Federation, to seek the unification of Lutherans in one true faith, and thereby to develop and unfold their specific spiritual gifts.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION.

The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India shall function through two bodies, namely, a Conference, and an Executive Council, as defined in the following articles.

ARTICLE V. THE CONFERENCE.

Section. 1. The Conference shall consist of representatives of the constituent Churches in the following manner:

- (a) Every constituent Church, two delegates.
- (b) Further, for every ten ordained ministers or major portion thereof, up to a maximum of six, one delegate.
- (c) Further, for every 5,000 communicant membership or major portion thereof, up to a maximum of six, one delegate,
- (d) Additional members, not to exceed ten, to be co-opted by the Executive Council.

Section 2. The conference shall meet at least once in three years.

Section 3. A quorum shall be a majority of the delegates to the meeting of the Conference, provided that at the time of counting the quorum at least half of the constituent Churches are represented on the floor.

ARTICLE VI. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Section 1. The Executive Council shall be composed of one member from each constituent Church, to be elected by the body concerned, and additional members, not to

exceed four, to be co-opted by the Executive Council, and of the officers in case these are not already members of the Executive Council.

Section 2. All vacancies shall be filled up by the Executive Council itself until the churches concerned elect regular members.

Section 3. The tenure of office of members of the Executive Council shall ordinarily be from Conference to Conference.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICE-BEARERS.

Section 1. The Officers of the Conference shall be as follows: president, vice-president, secretary.

Section 2. The Officers shall be elected by the Conference but vacancies shall be filled up by the Executive Council.

Section 3. The Officers of the Conference shall also be the officers of the Executive Council.



Camp Bangalore

23-10-26.

My dear Cannaday,

I am writing out details about the Lutheran Convention to be held at Rajahmundry Dec. 27 to 29. We hope that Rev. Paradesi and Mr. V. Ch. John will speak strongly about the Publication Board.

From the Gossner people we desire the following:

(1) One man to introduce besides J. D. Asirvadam, the subject "The Constitution of the proposed Federation". J. D. A. can give the details. But one Indian from the Gossner field should express their sympathy for the Federation. (2) We want one man from Gossner to speak on the subject: Is greater uniformity in our form of worship desirable and possible? One Tamil man would introduce the subject beside a Gossnerman. We know that the Common Prayerbook is a source of strength in the Anglican Church. Can we similarly in our form of worship come closer to each other? At least at services in English? Let a Gossnerman give a description of the leading thoughts in the service order as used there and arouse some interest in greater uniformity. A Comm may be appointed to work at it in greater detail. (3) If Mr. D. Panna can come we desire him to preside at one session.

May I now request you to approach the suitable men for the two subjects mentioned and give me their names and also let me know whether Mr. Panna can come. If I get your answer orally at the N.C.C. meeting it is sufficient, so you need not bother to write. I hope you will come yourself also. We would miss you greatly otherwise.

Yours sincerely

(Sd) J. Sansegren.

Messrs. Dr Panna & Renuka.

Will you kindly take a subject each from the above?

P. Min
31/10/26.

DT.

The Proposed Constitution of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

Preamble.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having been called by the Gospel and made partakers of the Grace of God, and, by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and through Him, of one another.

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Synods) in India, recognising our duty as people of God to make the inner unity which we have with one another manifest in the common confession, defence and maintenance of our faith, and in united efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, realising the vastness of the field that God has assigned us for our labours in India, and the greatness of the undeveloped resources within our beloved Church, conscious of our need of mutual assistance and encouragement; and relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who hath begun this work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus, and while praying for the unity of all believers in Christ, hereby unite and now invite and until such end be attained continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Synods) in India, one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon the terms of this constitution, in one general organization, to be known as the ~~Evangelical~~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

Article I. Name.

The name and the title of the body organized under this constitution shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

Article II. Doctrinal Basis.

Section 1. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

Section 2. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India accepts as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, the three ecumenical Creeds: namely, the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

Section 3. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical ~~Lutheran~~ Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all Churches (Synods) that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name Evangelical Lutheran.

Section 4. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the ~~G~~マルカルト Articles, the Larger and Smaller Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

Article III. Conference.

Section I. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India shall

have a Conference meeting atleast once in three years at which each constituent body shall be entitled to representation in the following manner:-

Every constituent Church (Synod) ... 4 representations. Further, for every 10 ordained ministers or major portion thereof 1 representative. Further, for every 10,000 baptised membership or major portion thereof 1 representative upto a maximum of 6.

Section 2. A simple majority of the delegates representing a majority of the constituent bodies shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV.
The Executive Council and its office bearers.

The Conference shall elect a President, and on nomination from the delegates of the respective constituent Churches (Synods) one representative for each such Church as Executive Council. This Council elects amongs its members a Vice-President and a Secretary.

All India Lutheran Conference.

REV. J. SANDEGREN,
CONVENER.

Madura,
3rd April '26.

Dear Brother,

Resolution VII of the last meeting of the A.I.L.C. runs as follows:

1. That a Lutheran Board of Publication be formed.
2. That each co-operating Mission and Church of the All India Lutheran Conference elect one member on this Board.
3. That this Board work out a plan for financing its work, providing the Editor-in-Chief and three Assistants Editors for the three chief language areas, namely Tamil, Telugu and Hindi, with a view that at least one of these editors be full-time workers.
4. That this Board be the body to elect and call its respective editors.

In view of this resolution I request you to bring the matter before your Mission or Church and see that a member on this Board be elected. After getting information from the majority of the participating bodies I can call the elected members together and get the Board constituted.

Rev. B. Miny
C/o Rev. J. Cannaday.

Yours sincerely

J. Sandgren

Mr. P. Hurad.

Dear Sir,

At the last All India Lutheran Conference it was resolved that a Lutheran Board of Publication be formed and that each of the participating missions or churches elect one member on this board. Accordingly, the C. Council has elected you as a member of the said Board.

Yours sincerely,
Benjamin Dsing
Secretary, Church Council.

21.7.1926,

Ranchi.

PROCEEDINGS
kept at the meeting of
THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COMMITTEE
at Madras
on 11. 2. 1926.

Present:

Rev. E. Neudoerffer	...	U. L. C. Mission
Mr. Moses	...	Rajahmundry E.L. Synod
Mr. N. Samuel B.A.L.T.		
Rev. C. R. Gopal	...	Guntur E.L. Synod
Rev. M.L. Dolbeer		
Rev. C. Doermann	...	Chio E.L. Synod
Rev. Oberdoerffer		
Rev. K. Lange		
Rev. J. Andersen	...	D. M. S.
Rev. K. Heiberg		
Rev. V. E. Manickam		
Rev. C. Ihmels, Ph.D.	...	Leipzig E.L. Mission
Rev. R. Froelich, D.D.		
Rev. A.D. Gnanadickam	...	T.E.L.C.
Mr. J.D. Asirvadam		
Rt. Rev. Bishop E. Neuman, Ph.D., D.D.		C. S. M.
Rev. J. Sandegron (Convenor)		

1.

The meeting was commenced with a hymn and prayer after which Rev. V. E. Manickam was appointed Secretary for the day.

2.

As the A.L.L.C. has recommended that a United Lutheran Theological College be established in Madras and formally opened in July 1927 for men whose qualifications are not less than the S.S.L.C. Grade.

Resolved

(1) that the Confessional Basis of this College be that of the proposed Constitution of the "EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH IN INDIA" which we hope to establish, to wit,

(a) We receive and hold the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

(b) We accept as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, the three ecumenical Creeds: namely the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian, and reject all errors which they condemn.

(c) We receive and hold the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledge all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name -- Evangelical Lutheran.

(d) We recognise the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkal Articles, the Larger and Smaller Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

(2) That the Ev. Lutheran Bodies in India accepting the above Confessional Basis be invited to take part in the work of this College.

(3) That a College Council be formed on which any Ev. Lutheran body contributing not less than Rs. 500 per annum for the running expenses shall be represented.

At present the Telugu and Tamil areas shall send an equal number of representatives to the College Council.

Further the Principal of the College shall be a member, and the other professors on the Faculty corresponding members of the College Council.

(4) That the participating bodies from the Telugu area shall together maintain at least one European and one Indian professor in the Faculty of the College and the participating bodies from the Tamil area likewise.

(5) That though in the first place Ev. Lutheran Bodies in the Telugu and Tamil areas are expected to take active part in the College, other Ev. Lutheran Bodies also be welcome to have a corresponding share in rights and duties.

(6) That each participating body pays the stipend for its own students.

(7) That the appointment of the Principal and Professors be made by the College Council after consultation with the respective Mission or Church.

(8) That every Professor appointed to the College shall at the time of his public installation as professor signify his acceptance of the Constitution of the College.

(9) That the offer of the C.S.M. and the L.E.L.M. to place at the disposal of the College Council for the use of the College the Mission property on the Purasawalkam High Road together with the three bungalows thereon be gratefully accepted, this property however not to be now legally transferred to the College Council but retained in the name of the original owners.

(10) That the offer of the U.L.C. to grant towards the initial expenses an amount of Rs.30,000/- for erection of the College building and of quarters for married students be gratefully accepted.

(11) That if a body which has contributed towards the initial expenses should feel obliged to withdraw from its cooperation (which we hope shall not occur), compensation be paid for their contribution.

(12) That the College arrange for a course for four years, --- aiming at taking in a new class every second year.

(13) That further details in the Constitution be worked out by a Sub-committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. E. Neudeerffer, R. Froelich, V.E. Manickam, A.D.Gnanadickam, Mr. J.D. Abirvadam, and the Convener; the finding of this Sub-committee to be -- circulated to all the committee members and thereafter forwarded to all the Ev. Lutheran bodies concerned.

3.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. J. Andersen.

(Sd.) V.E. Manickam

Secretary.

Meeting of the Managing Committee

of the

A. I. L. C.

held at Madras on 12-2-1929.

Present:

Mr. M. Samuel	...	Rajahmundry Synod
Rev. C.R. Gopal	...	Guntur Synod
Rev. V.E. Manickam	...	D. M. S.
Rev. K. Lange	...	Do.
Rev. J. Sandegren	...	C. S. M. (Convener)
Mr. J.D. Asirvadan	...	T. E. L. G. (part time)
Mr. M.D. Manickam	...	Do. (Do.)
Rev. C. Ihmels	...	L. E. L. M.
Rev. A.D. Gnanadickam	...	N. M. S.
Rev. R. Froelich	...	Visitor

Written statements had been submitted by Rev. J.P. Gausdal (Santai Mission) and Rev. I. Cannaday (Gossner E.L. Church).

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which says: The Convener read Resolution XI from the Proceedings of the Fourth A.I.L.C.

about That this Conference realising that the time has come to bring about the association of all the Lutheran Churches in India in a Federation to be termed "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in India", recommend that the Convener of this Conference take steps to bring together representatives of the various Churches in a Convention to be held preferably in December 1926 to determine the Constitution of this proposed united body.

Le And that as soon as possible the Managing Committee of the All India Lutheran Conference draw up a simple Constitution granting to the proposed "Evangelical Lutheran Church in India" only such powers as would in no way impair the autonomy of the constituent bodies, and submit the same to the Churches for their consideration before the meeting of the convention.

3.

The proposed Constitution of the "Ev. Lutheran Church in India" was read and approved with the following changes:

1. Preamble, Section 3 - add after "one another" -- and while praying for the Unity of all believers in Christ,

Section 4 -- all Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Synods) in India--

Note -- to be deleted

2. Article II, Section 4 --- A discussion arose as to whether Section 4 should be retained or deleted or redrafted.

As reason for retaining it unchanged was mentioned that the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church, the Andhra Ev. Luth. Church and the Tamil Ev. Luth. Church have that formulation in their Doctrinal Basis. Further, though it does not bind the Church to the books mentioned there, it is wise to enumerate them as they not only indicate an important phase in the development of the Ev. Luth. section of the Christian Church but also signify the heritage we have in common with other Ev. Luth. Churches.

Against the retaining of the Section 4 was stated -- The need of greater simplicity, the undesirability to insist on the ~~same~~ said books in an Indian Church and the unnecessary of the section as section 3 states that we accept as Ev. Lutheran Sister Churches those that hold the Unaltered Augsburg Confess-

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It was also proposed to change the wording of Section 4 that its non-committal character became more apparent.

As unanimity was not achieved it was resolved to refer the question to the different Churches and to place the whole correspondence before the Conference to be called about New Year 1927.

3. Article III --- to be deleted

4. Article IV --- to be deleted

5. Article V --- to be changed as follows:

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Article VIII ----- to be deleted

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10. Article X ----- Read:

The Executive Council and its Officers: The Conference shall elect a President, and on nomination from the delegates of the respective constituent churches one representative for each such church as Executive Council. This Council elects among its members a Vice-President and a Secretary.

11. Articles XI, XII, and XIII --- to be deleted

4.

Resolved to accept the invitation forwarded by Rev. E. Neudoerffer to hold the first Conference of the Ev. Lutheran Church in India at Rajahmundry early in January, 1927.

5.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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Lutheran Theological College.

The All India Lutheran Conference has recommended that a united Lutheran Theological College be established in Madras and formally opened in July 1927 for men whose qualifications are not less than the S. S. L. C. grade. The Committee and Sub-committee on the Lutheran Theological College have met and have made certain proposals.

1. Basis.

That the confessional basis of this College be that of the proposed constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in India which we hope to establish, to wit:

- (a) We receive and hold the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.
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2. Participating Bodies.

That the Evangelical Lutheran bodies in India accepting the above confessional basis be invited to take part in the work of this College.

That though in the first place Evangelical Lutheran bodies in the Telugu and Tamil areas are expected to take active part in the College, other Evangelical Lutheran bodies also be welcome to have a corresponding share in rights and duties.

3. Property.

That all property given for the use of the College shall be held by the College Council. If at any time a participating body withdraws, it shall relinquish its rights; it being left to the College Council to consider whether compensation for initial outlay should be paid.

N. B.—If necessary the property may during the experimental stage be held by the original owner.

4. Registration.

The College Council shall be registered.

5. Management.

(a) *College Council:* The affairs of the College shall be conducted by the College Council. It shall consist of the representatives of bodies contributing not less than **Rs. 500** per annum for running expenses and of coopted members not exceeding 25% of the total membership. Any participating body contributing besides these **Rs. 500** a Professor (Indian or European) and his salary, or paying not less than **Rs. 4,000** per annum shall have an additional representative. Further the Principal of the College shall be an ex-officio member and the other Professors on the Faculty associate members (non-voting) of the College Council.

N. B.—(i) At least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the membership shall be Indian.

(ii) At present the Telugu and Tamil areas shall have an equal number of representatives in the College Council.

The Council shall meet at least once a year, pass the Budget and be responsible for the management of the institution.

(b) *College Council Executive:* The College Council shall appoint from among its number an Executive of five members to transact such business as may be delegated to it by the College Council.

(c) *Faculty:* The Faculty shall consist of the Professors of the College appointed as per 6 (a). They shall be responsible for the internal working of the College, e. g., fixing of curriculum and time-table, admission of students, discipline etc. The dismissal of a student shall only be done with the approval of the College Council Executive.

N. B.— (i) Pandits, Tutors and other teachers who are not members of the Faculty will be appointed by the College Council as the need arises.

(ii) The participating bodies of the Telugu area shall together maintain at least one European and one Indian Professor in the Faculty and the participating bodies in the Tamil area likewise.

6. Professors.

(a) The nomination of Professors of the Faculty shall be made by the College Council at the proposal of the respective participating body.

(b) Each Professor shall receive his salary according to the rules of the body sending him, but the salary will be paid through the Bursar of the College.

(c) The College Council shall appoint one of the Professors as Principal.

(d) The College Council shall also appoint a Bursar.

(e) Every Professor appointed to the College shall at the time of his public installation as Professor signify his acceptance of the constitution of the College.

7. Students.

(a) Those admitted as students shall ordinarily be men whose qualifications are not less than the S. S. L. C. grade, not below 22 years and not above 35 years of age. They shall be on probation for a period of six months at the end of which the *Council* Faculty in conjunction with the College ~~Executive~~ shall matriculate such as are found qualified to continue their studies. It is desirable that during the period of probation even married students live in the hostel leaving their families at home.

(b) All unmarried students shall live in the hostel.

(c) All stipends shall be fixed by the College Council and remitted by the sending body to the Bursar of the College for disbursement.

N. B.—It is suggested that for men of the S. S. L. C. grade the stipend for unmarried students shall be **Rs. 25/- per mensem.**

(d) Students will get ordinary text books and stationery free of cost and certain books approved by the Faculty at half price.

(e) Students with their families will receive a return trip fare once a year to go to their home places.

8. Chapel.

The services in the College chapel are intended exclusively for the preaching of the gospel in its purity.

9. Courses.

The College Council shall arrange a course for four years aiming at taking a new class every second year. In addition to the ordinary course of 4 years the Council shall arrange for:

(i) Post graduate work in Theology.

(ii) Advanced work for University men.

(iii) Such special courses as may be desired by the bodies co-operating.

10. Initial Outlay.

The offer of the C. S. M. and the L. E. L. M. to give for the use of the College the Mission property on the Purasawalkam High Road together with the 3 bungalows thereon and the offer of the U. L. C. Mission to grant the initial expenses for erection of College building and of quarters for married students (Rs. 32,700/-), are gratefully accepted.

Besides the above two gifts the following is needed for initial outlay:

- (a) Rs. 10,000/- to purchase an additional site.
- (b) Rs. 10,000/- for two houses for Indian Professors.
- (c) Rs. 500/- furniture for class rooms.
- (d) Rs. 300/- , , , hostel.
- (e) Rs. 400/- , , , library.
- (f) Rs. 1,000/- for library books (except expected donations.)
- (g) Rs. 200/- for sporting materials.
- (h) Rs. 75/- for hymn-books, and other devotionals,

Rs. 22,475/-



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Feby 22, 1926.

My dear Sandgren,

Many thanks for two copies (not addressed to me) of the meeting of the Man. Comm. of the AILC in Mds on 12-2-26. A few remarks--

1. I am delighted with the progress made--it is fine! ~~x~~ other
2. Nothing was said about the ~~x~~ matters on the agenda of the meeting--United Seminary, Literature Board, etc. Why not?
3. This minute (Sec. 3) says--"The proposed Constitution of the 'Ev. Lutheran Church in India' was read," etc. May I inquire what that proposed constitution is and where it is? What is given here is merely a few amendments. Where is the whole constitution as amended? Without that we are in the dark!
4. I received two copies, as noted above--one marked "Rev. B. Minz" (which I shall pass on) and the other marked "Rev. J. P. Gausdal." I shall see that he gets it, but may I have a copy also?

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Feby 6, 1926.

Rev. J. Sandegren, Convener,
61, Tana Street,
Vepery, Madras.

My dear Sandegren,

Many thanks for your letter(undated) concerning the meetings in Madras on the 11th and 12th. I sent it on at once to the Secy of the Church Council and he now returns it with the information that he has replied to you direct, as you had sent him a copy of the letter also.

I am sorry we cannot have any representative present at your meetings, as they are most important. However, you understand it is not due to any lack of interest, but to lack of finances only.

I hope that some of the Gossner representatives will send you their written opinions. As for me, you know know my sentiments pretty well. I am wholeheartedly in favour of both the United Seminary and the United Church. I think the chief difficulty in both cases will be to harmonize the views of the liberal Danes with those of the more conservative Americans. Perhaps the Swedes will mediate between the two. As for Ohio and Missouri--I think they will not and cannot, at the present, at least, come into any union enterprize.

As for the Danes, I should like to see them in by all means, but if you cannot reconcile them to a reasonably conservative basis demanded by the more conservative brethren, then it might be best to go ahead without them, though I, personally, should regret this very much. However, wonders can be accomplished by prayer and concilia-

tion when brethren get together in the right spirit. I feel sure that you as Convener with your genius for reconciling opposing parties will find some way out.

With all best wishes for successful meetings, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Rev. L. G. H. Gouverneur, New York, Oct. 21, 1861.

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Rev. I. Cannaday.

Dear Sir,

Yours of to-day's date received. Thanks.

Herewith I return Sandegren's letter.

I have already replied to him copy of which I send to you for your information. We had received another letter from him, addressed to the President.

Yours sincerely,

Panckie,

6. 2. 1926.

B. Panckie

Dear Brother,

The Co. on Lutheran Theol. College is asked to meet at Madras in Miss Karlmark's bungalow, Tanah street 61, Vepery, on Thursday 11: Febr. at 9 a.m. to draw up constitution and basis of agreement for the proposed Theol. College.

The Managing Co. of the A.I.L.C. is asked to meet in the same place the following day Friday 12: Febr. at 9 a.m. to draft the constitution for the proposed Ev. Lutheran Church in India.

It is desirable that all the members come prepared for the important sessions. If somebody cannot attend a written contribution is solicited.

Representatives
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Yours sincerely
J. Sandyaan

Rev. J. Sandegren.

Convener, A. I. L. C.

Dated Ranchi, 2. 2. 1926.

Dear Sir,

The following gentlemen have been appointed to represent the Gossner Church on the following committees :

" Committee for the United Lutheran Theological College - Rev. Benjamin Minz

" Committee for the United Lutheran Church -

1. Rev. John Topno.

President, Gossner Church.

C/o. The Secretary, Gossner Church, Ranchi.

2. Rev. Benjamin Minz,

Secretary, Gossner Church, Ranchi.

I am afraid we can only be corresponding members of these committees.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/ Benjamin Minz,

Secretary, Gossner Church, Ranchi.

(The above letter was addressed to Rev. Sandegren C/o. Miss Karlmark, Tanah Street 61, Vepery, Madras.)

Rev. J. Sandegren.

Convener, A. I. L. C.

Dated Ranchi, 2. 2. 1926.

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Gossner High School, Ranchi.

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1. Rev. John Topone,
President, Gossner Church
C/o. The Secretary, Gossner Church,
Gossner High School, Ranchi.

2. Rev. Benjamin Minz,
Gossner High School, Ranchi.

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Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Minz
Secretary, Gossner Church, Ranchi.

Rev. J. Sandegren,
C/o. Miss Karlmark,
Tannah Street 61,
Vepery, Madras.

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/ J Sandegren.
Representatives Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church.

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All India Lutheran Conference.

REV. U. SANDEGREN,
CONVENER, Madura.

Madras, 4th January, 1926.

To
The President,
Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

We appreciate the interest of your Church for Lutheran union evinced by sending several delegates all the way to Madras to the A.I.L.C. and hope that the mutual connections between Lutherans in the different parts of India will steadily increase. At the Conference I was appointed convener of a Committee to which each Lutheran body participating in the Conference is asked to send two representatives in order to investigate possibilities of opening next year in Madras a common Theological College. This Committee will probably meet next month at Madras. Though I fear that the long distance may not make it possible for your Church often to send two men to Committee meetings, I still hope that you at least will appoint one man as corresponding member to whom the findings of the Committee meetings may be submitted and who can give at least written advice if he cannot, as a rule, attend the meetings. If your Church is willing to appoint one or two men I shall be glad to get their names before the next Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,
J Sandegren

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The Rev. I. Cannaday, Secretary.

Ranchi..... Feby 6, 1926.

Dear Mr Minz,

My recollection is that several days ago I sent you a letter from Rev. J. Sandegren, calling a meeting of the Committee on United Seminary(or Church?)in Madras early in Feby and that I asked you to let me know what reply I should give to Mr Sandegren. Am I right? I have not yet heard from you about this matter and it is only a few days until the time of the meeting, according to my recollection.

Yours sincerely,

Yours of today's date received - Please
herein & return Sandegren letter.

I have ready reply to the copy of which I send to you
for your information. we had received another letter from him
addressed to Mr. Bro.

I. Cannaday

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