

— ORGANIZATIONS



SPRING SHOWER DAY AT CONCORDIA, 1946

THE SHOWER COMMITTEE

Few people have been more concerned about the welfare of our students than the remarkably kind-hearted ladies of our congregations in the four western provinces. It was chiefly through their efforts, guided by their gracious pastors, that year after year a constant stream of donations has found its way into our school. They arranged a so-called "Shower Day" or "Donation Day" in the fall of 1933, and since that time these days have been held regularly every year, one in spring and the other one in fall. Their organization is of an informal nature. At the fall shower ballots are cast for a president and secretary. Mrs. W. A. Baepler was the first president, serving from 1933-35, and since that time Mrs. E. Eberhardt has held this position, while Mrs. A. H. Schwermann has been secretary since 1933. In addition, a representative from the various congregations in northern Alberta is appointed, and this group forms the "Shower Committee". They meet at intervals, discuss the welfare of our school, arrange the program for Shower Day, send out invitations, and acquaint their sisters in the faith throughout Western Canada with the needs of the college.

Since 1921 we received 3,071 lbs. butter, 8,049 doz. eggs, 6,960 lbs. fowl, 4,193 lbs. lard, 21,380 lbs. meat, 262 tons vegetables, and groceries in large quantities; blankets, linens, towels, and equipment for our sickrooms; cash donations for the kitchen, \$3,907.16; for many different kinds of furnishings and equipment, \$5,820.94. It is safe to say that by far the greatest amount of all these donations came to us through the efforts of our wonderfully generous "Marthas" in Western Canada. May God, for Jesus' sake, reward them richly for all the kindness they have accorded our Canadian Concordia!