



Above: Mrs. A. H. Schwermann, secretary, and Mrs. E. Eberhardt, president of the Ladies' Shower Committee from 1935 to 1947.



Below: Mrs. H. Brown and Mrs. A. R. Riep who were elected president and secretary respectively at the Fall Shower day, 1947.



The Plenary Committee which met at the college in preparation for the Spring Shower day.

First Row, left to right: Mrs. S. Stansky, Bruderheim; Mrs. P. Janz, Stony Plain; Mrs. E. Wagner, Mellowdale; Mrs. E. Wildgrube, Bruderheim; Mrs. E. Eberhardt, St. Peter's, Edmonton; Mrs. A. Riep, Secretary; Mrs. H. Brown, President.

Second Row: Mrs. J. Ohlinger, Wetaskiwin; Mrs. N. Oswald, Wetaskiwin; Mrs. T. Plastieras, Bethlehem, Edmonton; Mrs. B. Kupsch, Bruderheim; Mrs. H. Witte, Grace, Edmonton; Mrs. I. Smith, Bethlehem, Edmonton; Mrs. R. Hennig, Bruderheim; Mrs. A. Raduenz, Golden Spike.

Ever since the founding of our Concordia the good ladies in the various congregations in Western Canada have taken an active interest in our institution. Their support has been continuous and generous. Time and again they have helped us bridge difficulties. Thus the Ladies' Aid of Stony Plain, for instance, furnished all the equipment for our office suite; and in hundreds of other instances the women in the two Districts sent in contributions of all kinds and lent a helping hand in other ways.

Since 1933 these activities have been carried on under the direction of a so-called "Ladies Shower Committee". This committee was chosen every year by the women attending the fall shower here at the college. For many years, in fact from 1935 to 1947, the two beloved ladies shown on the opposite page headed this committee, Mrs. E. Eberhardt as president and Mrs. A. Schwermann as secretary. Under their guidance an effective organization has been built up with the noble purpose of supporting and promoting the work of our only Canadian Concordia. Last fall these two ladies asked to be relieved of their duties and their wish was granted. For their excellent service we express our warmest appreciation. Mrs. Harold Brown and Mrs. Riep were elected to head the new executive.

Every year the ladies hold two shower days on which friends from far and near gather at the college to bring gifts for the kitchen, to discuss how they can best promote the interests of the school and to spend an afternoon in pleasant Christian fellowship. The Shower Committee has also initiated the collecting of large sums throughout the two Districts for the equipment of the kitchen, the college hospital rooms, the girls' lounging room, the boys' commons, etc. Right now they are busy on the biggest project they have yet undertaken, namely the complete refurnishing of all the suites in the boys' dormitory. At the spring shower on April 21, 1948 the executive was able to report a continuous flow of contributions so that the annual goal of \$1,000 was already in sight. On May 13th the total received was \$859.94. The entire plan calls for an outlay of \$6,000.

At the Spring Shower the ladies also took an important step toward better organization. They adopted a new name. In the future their organization will be known as the "Concordia College Guild". At this meeting the executive could also announce that it had made its first contact with our Lutheran sisters in Eastern Canada. A letter had arrived from a ladies' society in Ottawa, asking what they could do to help. It is the hope of all that this will lead to a joint effort on the part of the Lutheran ladies throughout Canada in promoting the cause of our Canadian Concordia.

From this brief review it should be abundantly clear why we have dedicated this year-book to the ladies of Western Canada. It is an expression of sincere gratitude and appreciation to them. Their zeal and readiness to serve has been a never-failing source of encouragement to students, teachers and the Board of Control. May God continue to bless Concordia in years to come with this motherly care and interest on the part of our Lutheran ladies!