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IN MEMORY OF

WILLIAM HERMAN THEODORE DAU

Theologian — Educator — Author — Church Leader

Born: February 8, 1864 Died: April 21, 1944

This issue of the CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY, thanks to the generous co-operation of Concordia Publishing House, can present a picture of the sainted Dr. Dau together with a facsimile of an outline written by him in 1910 for a sermon preached in Messiah Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo. The neat, careful chirography, thoroughly characteristic of the man, will be noted. The original of the outline was in possession of the Rev. W. F. Lichtsinn, President of the Central District of our Synod, who kindly placed it at our disposal.

From 1905, when Professor Dau joined the Faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, till 1926, the year in which he relinquished this professorship to become president of Valparaiso University, his work on the parent journals of the CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY was continuous and of wide scope. He served especially as managing editor of the *Theological Quarterly*, and, from 1920 to 1926, of its successor, the *Theological Monthly*, and of the English section of the *Homiletical Magazine*.

One may safely predict that, as the years roll by, many searchers for soundly Scriptural and genuinely Lutheran discussions of theological subjects will turn with gratitude and admiration to the classical sermons, books, and articles of the departed leader. What he produced can fittingly be called "apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11).

May the Church be granted many more men like him!
A.

Gal. 5, 16-24. Memorial, St. L. Aug. 28, 1910.

The Work of Divine Grace in a Christian:

1. it causes the Christian to battle against sin;
2. it cultivates the virtues of the new life.

I. Strange state of affairs: being righteous and yet a sinner
Solution: Distinguish betw. justification & sanctification.
The good Samaritan.

Two forces at war in the regenerate: formerly peace, the quiet of spiritual death; now new life asserts itself.

The struggle does not always result in a victory for the spirit; the saints fall seven times a day. Each has peculiar struggles. Nor does the flesh have its way entirely, in the regenerate; old habits are being revisited.

Strength comes to the Christian in the battle; he grows stronger by fighting. He that is within you is mightier - -

See the swimmer! That is Christianity.

A spectacle for the angels! -

This battle is no reflection on our christianity!

The battle of the saints! Paul - but

Rest all the sweeter afterward!

T. The heart by nature a field overgrown with weeds - every malignant growth imaginable is there.

Out of this heart the spirit grows beautiful products of divine grace.

The arid wastes of So. California and Arizona burst into flower under irrigation.

Gold brought out of the earth mixed with dross
priceless diamonds imbedded in ugly lumps of coal
lustrous pearl hidden in the slime and dirt of the mussel
beautiful cochineal from an ugly insect
gorgeous silks from a worm

Such is the power of God - is His grace less mighty?

Drunkard reared from the depths of degradation - impurity

Miser liberal Lewd chaste

Forgiving mind in place of revengeful spirit

Boastful gentle Gumbler contented.

All this not in a day - harvest must have time to grow
Noah - David - Zachary - Medonius - Peter: folly in the
saints - but grace fashioned them nevertheless.

Look to grace and be content even with a small violet!