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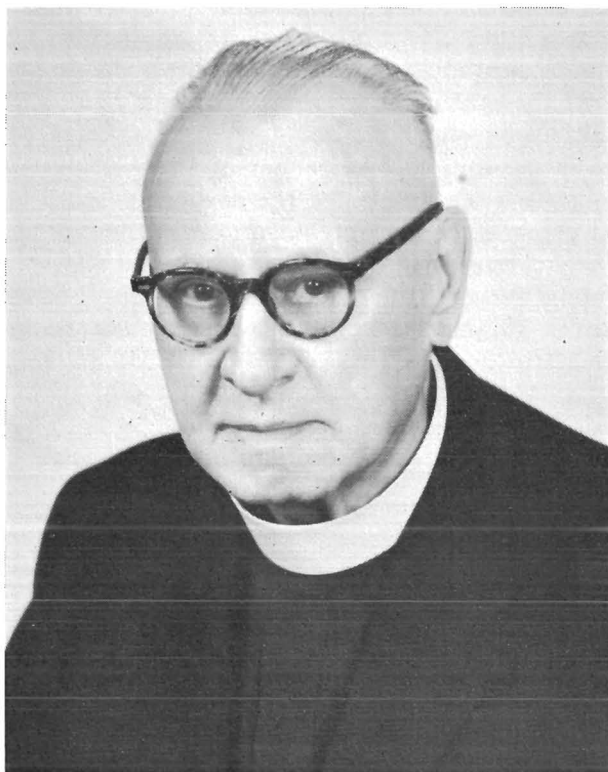
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IN MEMORIAM



JOHN THEODORE MUELLER
1885—1967

John Theodore Mueller was born near Janesville, Minn., April 5, 1885, the son of the Rev. Andrew Mueller and wife Otilie. After preparation in St. Paul, Milwaukee, and Fort Wayne Concordias, he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and was graduated in 1907. Upon graduation he became an instructor at Luther College in New Orleans, and subsequently at Wittenberg Academy, Wittenberg, Wis. In 1913 he became pastor of St. John's Church in Hubbell, Mich., and in 1917 at Zion in Ottawa and Trinity in Marseilles, Ill. In 1920 he was called as professor of dogmatics and exegesis at Concordia Seminary, where he continued to teach until his retirement June 30, 1964. In 1927 he earned the degree of Th. D. from Xenia Theological Seminary, then in St. Louis, and pursued graduate studies also elsewhere.

In 1908 he married Adeline Meibohm, who preceded him in death in 1959. His sons, the Reverends Armand, Norbert, and Arlo, and his daughters Irma and Marilyn mourn his death.

He was one of the last of a generation of seminary professors who were competent in many fields. He worked and taught in both original Biblical languages. Called as support to the late Franz Pieper, he produced the volume that first conveyed the contents of Pieper's *Dogmatik* in English (1934) and in 1946 prepared a one-volume revision for use by German pastors. He was deeply interested in missions, was the editor of *Die Missionstaube* from 1923 to 1929, for 13 years was a member of the missionary board of the Synodical Conference, and prepared numerous volumes on missionary themes. He was a coeditor of *Der Lutheraner* from 1920 until his last illness. He was chairman of the Young People's Literature Board of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for 30 years. He was one of the first commissioners to the Bad Boll conference in Germany after World War II. He contributed to the CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY since 1920. For many years he contributed materials to the *Lutheran Annual* and to the *Kalender*.

For 27 years he was assistant pastor of Bethlehem Church in St. Louis. In recent years during a prolonged vacancy at Bethany Church, he rendered appreciated services of preaching and pastoral care. He was an indefatigable essayist, lecturer, and writer, and a poet (especially in German) of no mean ability.

On Feb. 17, 1966, he was incapacitated by a severe stroke, and his last months were spent at the nursing home of the Lutheran Altenheim in St. Louis. His death came at Lutheran Hospital on April 15, 1967. The funeral service was conducted on April 19 at Bethany Lutheran Church, with the Rev. George J. Mueller, pastor of Bethany Church, officiating and the Rev. Prof. Richard R. Caemmerer preaching. The committal service was conducted by the Rev. Elmer J. Schwartzkopf, chaplain of the Lutheran Altenheim. On May 11, 1967, a memorial service was conducted in the chapel of Concordia Seminary by Dr. Martin H. Franzmann, chairman of the Department of Exegesis, of which Dr. Mueller had been a member. The sermon preached on that occasion is reproduced on the following pages.

This issue of the CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY is dedicated in grateful tribute to the memory of Dr. J. T. Mueller.

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