

EVANGELICAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS
AND „LEHRVERTRÄGE“*Alfred Eckert*

Luther was persuaded by Philipp Melanchthon to write in 1524 his *An die Ratsherren deutschen Landes, daß sie christliche Schulen aufrichten sollen* (with a preface by Melanchthon). Under Melanchthon's rectorate, 1523—24, the University of Wittenberg established the first general *Studentenordnung* (student regulations). His educational program was wholly oriented toward the church, while Luther emphasized the redemption of the individual through Christ. The present study gives examples reflecting the Lutheran Reformation in Bohemia, from Joachims-thal via Schlaggenwald and Komotau, Eger, Graupen and Trautenau, Saaz and Gablonz, to the exemplary Latin school regulations of the Gymnasium illustre in Prague — the prototype of the classical gymnasium curriculum down to the present day.

The article sheds light not only on the educational responsibility of individual reformationally-minded municipal administrations and of some Lutheran nobles, but also on the fruit of their work, on down to the pedagogy of the Counter-Reformation, in the memorial of the Jesuit provincial Avancini.