

THE GREETING OF CROWN PRINCE FREDERIK

The Crown Princess and I are very happy to visit this interesting College in Blair, founded by Danish settlers. It was here in the midst of a Danish colony that religious and thoughtful people created Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary more than fifty years ago. With great difficulties they succeeded slowly to develop a school that both in church and educational work could stand its test. We in Denmark know what Dana College has meant to our countrymen. We also know that the theological seminary has sent out many excellent men who in both languages have worked for the furtherance of cultural and church life. And we feel that the Danish churches in America form an important link between our former countrymen and their descendants, and the old country.

Dana College has been and is, indeed, still one of the strongholds of Danish Americanism. We are happy to know how great and sincere your devotion and loyalty is to America, and at the same time, how you still remember your old country and its people with feelings of gratitude and love.

I thank you for the warm reception you have given us here today and I express my sincere wishes for all happiness and success in the future of Dana College.