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## Editorial

**APPRECIATION** We appreciate the good will we have met from business firms of Blair. By advertising in HERMES they show a fine spirit of co-operation for a Greater Dana. Everyone knows that no paper can meet expenses without some source of income other than subscriptions. Hence their support is of consequence to HERMES.

Further, the editorial staff wishes to express its appreciation of the co-operation from numerous pastors and others—young people in particular—throughout our synod in getting subscribers. Through your assistance our reading circle has been materially increased. We thank you. Still, though the circulation of HERMES is considerable, it should be much larger. Will each one of our readers lend us a helping hand here? In this issue you will find a blank. Please fill it out with the names and addresses of possible subscribers for HERMES and mail it to us today. We will appreciate this favor.

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**TO FORMER STUDENTS** It will interest former students of Dana to hear that Miss Nellie F. Falk is again a member of the faculty. The personal interest she takes in equipping young people for life is indeed an asset to our institution. Besides her excellent work as instructor, her assistance and good judgment in activities outside of the class room is appreciated.

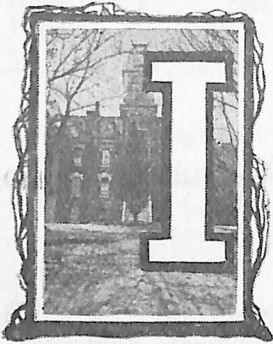
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**REFORMATION DAY** Four centuries ago this year some of the most important of Luther's immortal works were first published. Four hundred years of human history have proved their abiding worth. The years from 1517 to 1530 were filled with events that have been fruitful in blessings to generation after generation. These blessings live on among us.

It is customary at Dana College and Trinity Seminary to remember Reformation Day. This year in the afternoon of October 31 the Rev. Dr. Holmes Dysinger, dean of the Western Theological Seminary at Fremont, Nebraska, will address us. In the evening the students will give a program consisting of music, singing, short talks and declamation. An invitation has been extended to the congregation of Blair to share with us in calling to mind what great heritages we have received through the Reformation.

## Has Dana a Future?

*By Martin L. Kirkegaard*



IS this a rhetorical question? By no means! It is asked in all sincerity and with a painful conviction that unless we face the question squarely, considering the pros and cons without reference to what we would like the answer to be, we may, in the very near future, find that our very failure to face the issues has answered the question in the negative. Those of us who have attended Dana long enough to imbibe her spirit and who have come to cherish the memories connected with our stay here, cannot help but keenly regret that such a question should even be considered in order. Yet I believe that many, and among them some of Dana's most loyal sons and daughters and friends, must feel as I do, that this question is especially appropriate just at this time.

I shall not pretend to presume to give a final answer, but having been in touch with Dana for some years and having had an opportunity quite recently of getting some understanding of the place our school holds in the hearts of our people, I shall attempt to give an answer, and point out briefly upon what I base my conclusion.

What do we mean by future? Do we mean a continuation of the work under the past handicaps? I think we can all agree that we have arrived at a crisis, that we have burned our bridges behind us, and that it is now forward, or die. New buildings are at least an absolute necessity. But are we then safely on the road that leads to success? The future

of Dana is dependent upon whether or not she fulfills her mission among our people, if we grant she has a mission| If this be not granted, the question is, of course, definitely answered in the negative. An institution without a mission must fail, no matter what may be the artificial support given it.

I believe that the character of the work done at Dana will compare very favorably with the same kind of work done at other institutions. I do not thereby mean to infer that we have nothing more to strive for by way of increasing the efficiency of the work done and of increasing the courses offered. Though this be granted, I believe we must look upon our school work as at least a partial failure unless we can stimulate the interest for education among our people, and unless we can convince our young people that it is to their advantage to get their education here.

Since the year 1900, when our school became co-educational, we have had an annual enrollment ranging from one to two hundred students. Of these about one-half were students who did not take a full year's course. Thus we have had an enrollment of between fifty and a hundred students every year, who were pursuing a regularly prescribed course of study. Our synod has over 25,000 members. Has our school fulfilled its mission in the past? Can we, must we, will we be content with such a record for the future? Will we think of our school as fulfilling its mission without a material increase in the student body? Can we afford to lose a considerable percentage of our most capable and ambitious young people who are anxious to do a work when shown a field for their activities? Is it to be expected that young people who have gotten their entire education in schools outside of our church will have the same interest for our school work that those have, who have come into close contact with the work through attending our own church school? Is our school fulfilling its mission if

a large number of our young people are attending other schools to get exactly the same work we can offer them?

What then is the cause of the small attendance in the past? I realize there are many causes, but as far as I am able to see the one great mistake we have made in the past is that we have not gotten into touch with our people. I base this statement on conditions as I found them in my work this summer, which brought me into touch with most of the congregations in the Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota districts (which districts include Colorado, South Dakota, and a part of Wisconsin). Our people have not been properly informed about our school. I do not intend to trace the causes of this conditions, but simply take the facts as they are found. To illustrate, let me relate a few incidents from my summer's work.

Within a radius of fifty miles from Blair, I was asked by a mother whether her daughter could get enough training to teach in the public schools, if she should send her to Dana. This is not an isolated instance. I found that in many communities our people were not informed as to the courses of study offered here. Is it a normal condition that there should be such general lack of knowledge about our school?

Within the same radius from Blair, my attention was called to the fact that a person had made inquiry and found that work done at Dana was not recognized. Where this information was obtained I do not know, but certainly it was not obtained from authoritative sources. Such a person certainly had not consulted the university of the state in which the school is located, the most natural place to make inquiry. Surely he could easily have learned that the University of Nebraska recognizes the work done here. I do not say that such a report is circulated with malice toward our school, in fact I believe it grows out of an Thankful?

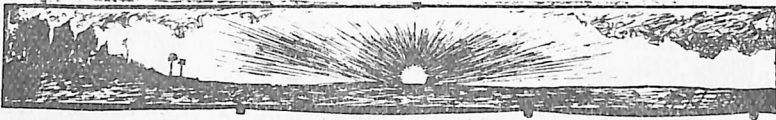
## Thankful?

*By Elisabeth Jakobsen*

Today man travels by rail or machine. How long will this last? Will not these modes soon be substituted to a great extent by machines soaring higher? Were our forefathers to see us in our present style of dress, would they not be astonished? Yes, man's productions change form very frequently, and as time goes very extensively.

Yet in spite of these obvious facts, it is strange to behold man himself the same yesterday, today and tomorrow—that is, with the same heart. Haven't we still a Peter with us, who can deny his Lord? Haven't we still a healed leper who goes away Lord? Haven't we still a healed leper who goes away forgetting his benefactor? Haven't we still a jealous Saul, or haven't we still a weeping mother seeking aid for her suffering daughter? Yes, human hearts still throb with the same emotions and passions, needing the same remedies.

This accounts for the fact that our Bible, in spite of all its encountered opposition, continues to hold a dear place among some in all classes. Let the ailment be what it may, there's always a special remedy to be found within the covers of the Book. As long as mortal man exists we have that assurance that this healing balm shall not be taken away. It is His own word. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall remain for aye. Have we not reason to be thankful?



## „Opløfter eders Øjne og ser Markerne“

Joh. 4, 36.

af Marie Brandt

Naar Jesus gav denne Befaling til sine Disciple, mon Grunden saa ikke var den, at han saa, hvor tilbøjelige de var til, i Snæversynethed og Egenkærlighed, at glemme, at uden for deres egen lille Verden med dens Krav og Besvær laa den store Verden i al dens Nød, og at de var kaldet til at raade Bod paa Nøden?

Men hvis de første Disciple trængte til denne Opløftning, saa gør Nutidens Disciple det vist ikke mindre. Endnu flourer Selvsikkerheden som den gule Løvetand ved Foraarstide, truende med at kvæle de gode Spirer, der skulde skyde op og sætte Frugt i et Liv til Gavn og Velsignelse for andre.

„Ser Markerne, de er allerede hvide til Høsten“, siger Jesus. Er ikke „Markerne“ et billedligt Udtryk for Folkehavet, de myldrende Slægter, hvem Jesus saa ud over med den inderligste Medlidenhed, fordi de var som Faar uden Hyrde? Jo tilvisse!

Men det er nu omkring 1900 Aar, siden disse Ord blev udtalte, og en stor Skare har i de mange Aar, der gik, hørt Høstens Herre kalde til Arbejde og har fulgt Kaldet, idet de gik ud for at indhøste af den dyrebare Sæd paa de hvide Marker. Er da ikke Høstarbejdet nu saaledes sat i Gang blandt de forskellige Folk paa Jordens vide Kreds, at det enkelte Folk kan blive ved sit for at varetage sine egne Krav og Pligter? et Blik ud over „Markerne“ vil give det bedste Svar paa dette Spørgsmaal.

Lad os begynde med Japan. I circa to Hundrede Aar har kristne Missionærer arbejdet der, og af Japans 57 Millioner Indbyggere har man naaet at bringe Evangeliet til ca. 27 Millioner; men det betyder saa langt fra at disse 27 Millioner er Kristne. Af

nævnte Antal er omtrent 111,000 Medlemmer af den protestantiske Kirke og Japans øvrige 30 Millioner er aldeles uberørte.

Japan er i Nød, ikke blot for de 30 Millioners Skyld, som endnu er uberørte af Evangeliet, men ogsaa især fordi det japanske Folk tildels har tabt Tildelen til Buddhismen og dens Guder, og nu rækker efter noget nyt og bedre. Det er Guds Menigheds store Pligt og Privilegium at bringe dette „nye og bedre” til Japan, og om der ikke handles hurtigt, vil Fritænkeriet og Vestens raffinerede Civilisation komme Evangeliet i Forkøbet, hvis ikke noget saadant allerede er sket. Marken er hvid til Høst i Japan.

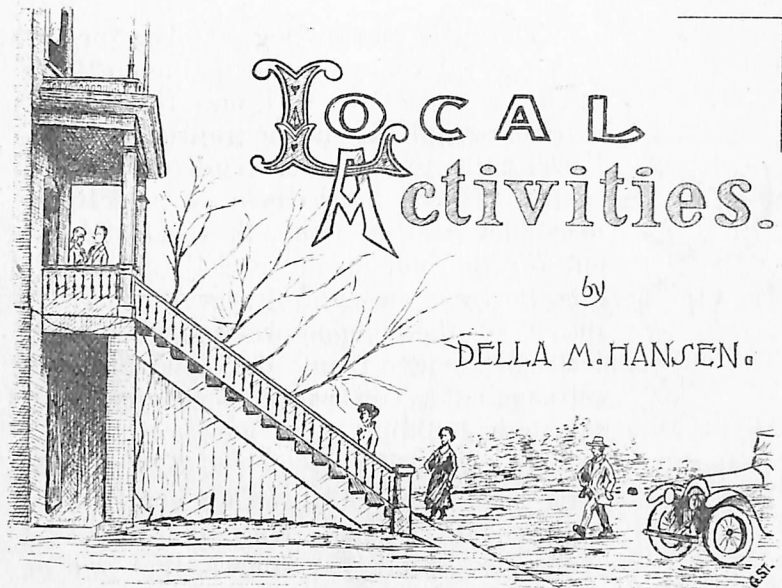
Det samme kan siges om Kina, hvor der allerede findes en stor Stab af fremmede saavel som indfødte Missionærer, mange kristne Menigheder, Skoler, Hospitaler o. s. v., men hvis det, som er naaet, bliver sammenlignet med det, der mangler, synes det endnu som en Draabe i Havet. Store Strækninger af Kina er ganske uberørt af Evangeliet, og ogsaa der vakler den gamle Gudetro, og hele Samfundsbygningen ryster, baade religiøst, socialt og politisk.

Til Kina hører ogsaa Mongoliet og Tibet, Lande som endnu er hyllet i Hedenskabets Mørke, saagodt som uden en eneste Lysstraale fra Bethlehems Sol.

Alt i alt findes der i Central- og Vestasien omkring 50 Millioner Mennesker, som endnu aldrig har faaet det første Bud om Frelsen i Jesus Kristus.

Vender vi os til Afrika, finder vi, at Stillingen der er mindst ligesaa alvorlig. Med Undtagelse af nogle Kystbyer er hele Nord-Afrika uden Missionærer; Muhamedanismen med alle dens Forbandelser hersker i dette Territorium, hvor Kristi Kirke blomstrede allerede i Kirkens Oltid.

Central-Afrika med Sahara, Sudan saavel som mange Kolonier baade i Vest- og Øst-Afrika er ikke blot uden kristne Missionærer, men de staar tillige i den største Fare for at blive et Bytte for den fremtrængende Muhamedanisme, der som en mægtig Bølge skyller ned fra Nord truende med at opluge de utallige Neger-



The Choral Union has resumed its activities under the able direction of Miss Sinamark. Her previous work as our director is sufficient to assure us of success.

Mr. Bernhardt Petersen of Northfield, Minnesota, has, as most people do sooner or later, in this case later, realized that Dana is the place to come for an education. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen and the children are now happily located in a charming little place on Washington Street. We welcome them.

The first and second year English classes of the academic department have organized two clubs, the Ciceronian and the Excelsior. The object is to give each of their members practice in public speaking and a knowledge of parliamentary procedure. These two things are important features in the education of an American.

Mary Hansen of Elk Horn, Iowa, a last year's graduate of the music department, is with us again. She is doing post-graduate work, and is also instructing a number of beginners in music.

The little plaster dog who has for the past several years been listening to "His Master's Voice" as it issues forth from a phonograph is being represented in these halls by Messrs. Kjoller and Sorensen. If you touch them, or sometimes even look hard at them, they yell, "Look out for the boil on my neck!" Nevertheless, they are successfully performing the duties of their noble work, that of collecting money from the students for purchasing a Grafonola to be placed in the main building.



The good offices of the S. P. C. A. have been called in to settle a controversy between Mr. Thomas Katt and Mr. Axel Andersen. Said K. alleges that on or about the evening of October 12th, the said A. did rudely eject said K. from the apartments of said A., via the transom, much to the former's discomfort. The S. P. C. A. is now trying to obtain light house-keeping rooms for Mr. T. Katt, who desires a place of quiet and solitude where he may recuperate his shattered nervous system. Applications from G. Sterkel, H. C. Jensen, J. Girtz, and H. Borre will not be considered.



The days of romance for M. C. Hagedorn, Spencer, Iowa, and Anna Bladt, Elk Horn, Iowa, the newlyweds of Dana, are virtually ended. After this we shall expect Mr. Hagedorn to assume a very serious air and a "sedate" manner. Herewith we extend our heartiest congratulations.



"Hail! Hail! the gang's all here." "Lars", '20, the young Lochinvar from the frigid fields of North Dakota, is shivering in our midst.



The motto of Joe is, "Never again!"  
 Shortly after the Hagedorn nuptials he was introduced to a wicked-looking cigar.

As we said before, "The motto of Joe is 'Never again!'"

A few "Danaites", who are very well situated financially and evidently do not anticipate the future tightness of money, journeyed in stately manner to hear Caruso at Omaha. Among them was a grape-picker from California, who, by the way, is now re-financing himself in the kitchen. In striking contrast to their trip was one made by another group with the purpose of hearing Harding. Out of the goodness of his heart "Red" Campbell allowed this poverty-stricken bunch to use his Ford. But he waxed wroth when they made as if they would pay him. As the Punkintown Gazette would have said, "A good time was had by all."



### Just as we are

Puella—"Have you read Franklin's Autobiography?"  
 Al. J.—"I don't remember. Who wrote it?"

Teacher—"Can you give me a sentence illustrating the use of the word 'alternate'?"  
 Viggo, the Unsophisticated—"Sure, I sent my trousers to the tailor to have them alternated."

Teacher—"What is the tense of this verb?"  
 Mr. S.—"Nominative."

Teacher—"What do we mean when we speak of political animosities?"  
 Mr. Siersbeck—"Cartoons."

Miss J.—"Mr. V., what is meant by the expression, 'admitted to the bar'?"  
 Mr. V.—"We—e—e—l—l—er—r—r—ou—m—"  
 Miss J.—"Well?"  
 Mr. V.—"I know it doesn't mean that he was put in jail."

## „Danebrog“

af N. M. Hansen

Her er ikke Tale om det danske Flag, men en af de litterære Foreninger paa vor Skole.

Hvorfor har man nu valgt Navnet „Danebrog“ for denne Forening? Jeg tror, det er fordi dette Navn skulde vække skønne Minder i os Danske.

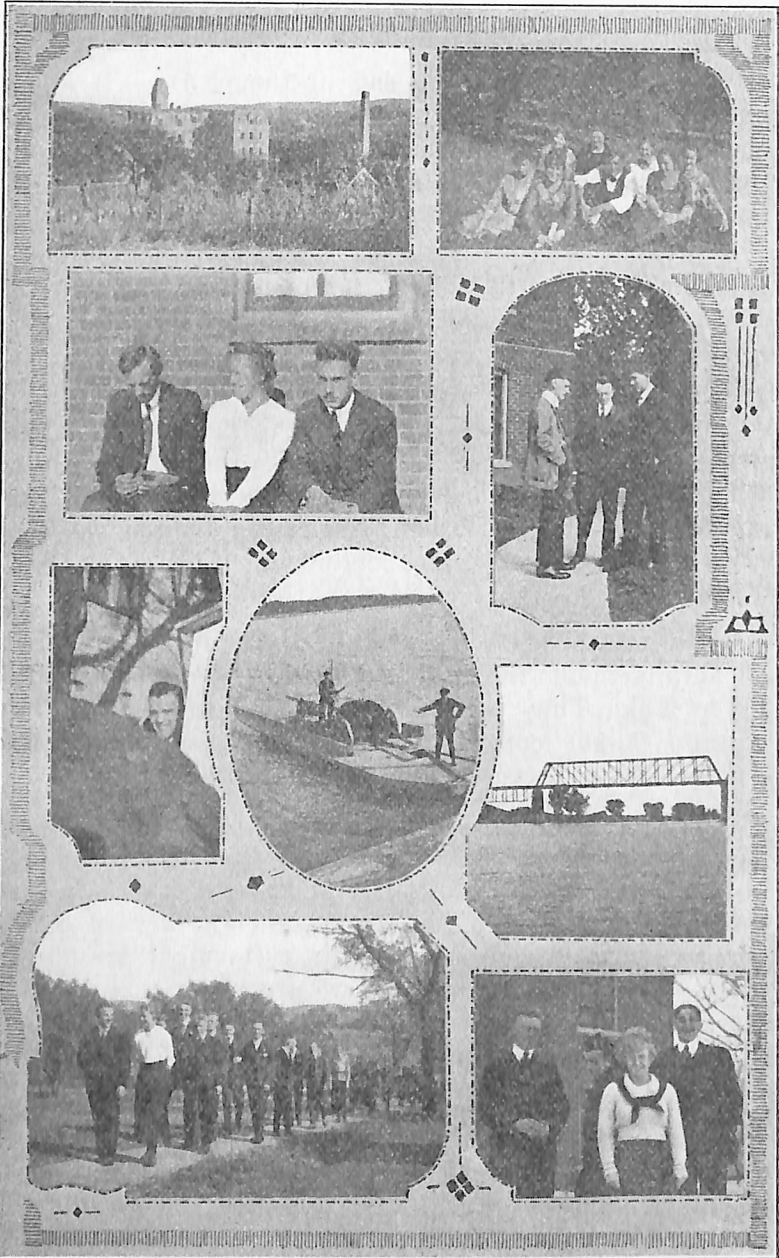
Vi kender allesammen Farverne paa det danske Flag, den røde og den hvide.

Hvad er det, den hvide Farve symboliserer? Er det ikke det rene, det skønne og det ægte, det som er Maalet for ædle Mænd og Kvinder? Og den røde Farve! Der har vi Symbolet for Livskraften, Styrken, Modet og det fyrige, det som er Drivfjederen i den menneskelige Virksomhed.

En Sammenligning af disse Farver og Foreningen „Danebrog“ vil derfor synes at ligge nær for Haanden. Denne Forening skulde hjælpe os unge til at se det, som er værd at stræbe efter. Den skulde pege paa det i Litteraturen og i selve Livet, som er værd at arbejde for, det, som hæver os over det lave. Den skulde endvidere træne os til at kæmpe mod det slette, det som vil drage os nedad. Den skulde være en Kraftkilde for vor Skoles Ungdom. Og den skulde indgyde i os mere Kærlighed til det danske, Litteratur saavel som Aandsliv. Endelig skulde den vise os, at vi ikke har behov at skamme os over vort danske Navn eller over det Land, hvorfra vi stammer, og som har gjort sit til at skabe store Mænd. Den skulde med faa Ord hjælpe os til at blive bedre Mænd og Kvinder, som skelner mellem det høje og det lave, det ædle og det slette.

Det er „Danebrog“ Formaal!

Har Foreningen fejlet, eller har den naaet sit Maal? Mange er enige om, at dette er naaet om ikke til fulde saa dog til en betydelig Grad. Er dette Tilfældet, saa lad os værne om „Danebrog“, lad os ikke skamme os over Foreningen, fordi den er dansk, men lad os yde, ja yde det bedste, vi formaar! Det højner Sindet, det opfrisker Modet, det vækker Livskraften i os, dette at have noget at virke for, noget, hvori vore Evner, Kræfter og Energi kan give sig Udslag.



# Words

*By Fred Klyver, Jr.*

Words—what can we say of them? Does it at all matter if we state that they may be the abomination of the orthographer? or that they are the shame of one prone to swear? or, again, that they are the superfluity of an empty mind? Would it be enlightening to state that women have a facile way with them? or would we rather dip into contemplation of their better use?

Words are our friends, thought's medium, the tireless messengers of thought. When treated properly they watch not nor wait but go straightway about their errand. When thus used they are to be trusted. Their work is more permanent than the product of Nature when she combines several elements to form a substance. Their work is then less faulty than a work of crystalization. It is more enduring. It is a work of Truth.

But misused, when placed in distasteful and distorted arrangement, they are as deceitful and as revengeful as Loki. They become the tools of falsehood. They will no longer convey Truth. Their environment has changed them to veritable imps of Satan.

The manner in which they are used sketches for us the character of the speaker or writer. At a word we know what manner of man stands before us. He has betrayed himself. We will trust him. Or, we will guard our treasures. Regardless of his refinement his words will not belie his true self. If we are instructed we cannot fail to recognize a fellow or to detect the scoundrel. Truth may be our measure,—truth of style, truth of word choice, truth of utterance, and truth of thought.

We must respect words, then. We may respect and appreciate them if we will be instructed and will learn.

## To Luther

By Eli Vig, '23, (*Academic*)

Martin Luther, you, a miner's boy  
Dug deep for truth without alloy.  
What you found, you brought to light,  
And still it shines with lustre bright.  
Shine it shall thruout all ages  
And gives you a place among the sages,  
A benefactor of mankind,  
A staff for the weak, a light for the blind.  
Your name be praised while ages change  
For breaking mankind's heavy chains.



## Digtekunstens Besværligheder

af Helge Borre

O, hvor er det svært at skulle digte,  
Naar man ej det mindste om det ved,  
Naar Miss Brandt mig i sit Sold skal sigte,  
Og jeg være skal til Spot og Spe.  
Naar min Hjerne er saa tom og tørret,  
Som en gammel, overgemt Agurk,  
Og naar Aksels Sang mig har forstyrret,  
Gid han vilde flytte væk, den Skurk!

Vil du hjælpe mig, saa jeg kan skrive  
Blot et lille Digt, som vi formaar,  
Saa jeg færdig dog med det kan blive,  
Før min sidste Rest af Hjerne gaar,  
Saa jeg frit og let til Sengs kan gange  
Glemmende en Digtters Nød og Savn,  
Og maaske jeg netop der kan fange  
Tanken om et Digt i Drømmens Favn.

# Peter Dixon

af Vilh. Beck

Med Vemod meddeles, at Peter Dixon, født i Odense, Danmark, afgik ved Døden den 1ste Oktober i Brush, Colo.

Peter Dixon har opholdt sig her paa Skolen i omkring to Aar, men maatte forlade os sidste Foraar paa Grund af sit Helbred. Han rejste til Brush, hvor han har opholdt sig, indtil han sov ind. Døden kom uventet, baade for ham og for os, der kendte og holdt af ham som en Ven.

Under Opholdet i Brush havde han tilsyneladende gjort gode Fremskridt; han havde pakket alt og var bestemt paa at rejse fra Brush om Lørdagen, men Livet former sig ikke altid, som vi tænker og heller ikke for Dixon; thi Døden indtraadte pludselig Fredag Morgen den 1ste Oktober.

Vi sympatiserer med hans efterladte Moder og Søskende, som bor i Danmark.

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Trinitatis Seminariums Hedningemissionsforening holdt sit første Møde den 23. Oktober. Professor Vig holdt et interessant Foredrag om Santhalernes Apostel, H. P. Børresen.

Missionsklassen, som nu sorterer under Trinitatis Seminariums Hedningemissionsforening, har igen i Aar begyndt sine Møder. Klassen møder hver Tirsdag Eftermiddag fra 5—6. Den foreløbige Arbejdsplan er lagt. Der begyndes med Asien, hvor de delvis besatte Missionsmarker først gøres til Genstand for Studium; dernæst de ubesatte Marker, som Tibet Afghanistan, Turkestan o. a. .

Missionsklassens Formaal er at uddybe den Interesse og Kærlighed som T. S.s Hedningemissionsforening ved sine Møder søger at vække blandt Studenterne.



# ALUMNI



*By Silpa Petersen*

According to the latest report brought directly from Denmark by his brother, Anders Jorgensen is in the employment of the "K. F. U. M.". He is associated with the editorial staff of a paper especially adapted to the interests of those members of the "K. F. U. M." who have traveled abroad. He has been especially successful in obtaining funds for this work.

This year there are seven alumni attending the University of Nebraska; of these the following are seniors: Mathias Christensen, '17, Anders Steensen, '17, Fred. H. Lund, '18, Nels B. Hansen, '19; Eskild Eskildsen and Edwin C. Sorensen, '16, are seniors in the College of Medicine. The following alumni are attending the University of Minnesota: Rev. Theo. M. Hansen, Silas Andersen, '13, Herman H. Jensen, '16, and Elmer C. Jensen, '16.

Fred H. Lund has received a scholarship in the department of philosophy at the University of Nebraska.

Prof. S. Loft, '07, upon his return from Denmark, paid us a short visit. It was a great pleasure, especially to the older students, to have the privilege of meeting him once again within Dana's ancient walls. We are also grateful for the inspiring words which he spoke at our devotional service.

We have already this year been favored by visits of several alumni, namely: Esther Bonnesen, '17, Metta

Sorensen, '18, both teaching at Elk Horn Iowa; Marius Hansen, '20, Smith Kirkegaard, Nels B. Hansen, '19, and Thanning Andersen, '17, all of the University of Nebraska.

Elmer Bonnesen, '20, is taking an engineering course at the Iowa State Normal, Ames, Iowa.

Miss Anna K. Hansen, '19, is taking up nurses' training at the Augustana Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Samuel Hansen, '18, of Owatonna, Minnesota, has accepted the call extended to him from Evan, Minn. Rev. Hansen's work at Owatonna has been very successful, and his departure will be greatly regretted.

August 31, 1920, Ezra N. Petersen, '15, was married to Miss Esther Christensen, a senior of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Not many days ago someone knocked at rooms 23 and 13, "Oh, I just wanted to cast one more glance at these familiar walls. How often have I not trod these stairs—sometimes with heavy steps, sometimes with light—still precious are the memories." Such were the expressions of Rev. J. C. Carlsen, '12, as he passed thru the halls of the dear old college on the hill. Rev. Carlsen spoke both at the college and in the church, bringing clearly to us joys and sorrows experienced in Utah. We all felt it is indeed a work which means much effort, but it is also a work well worth the effort. We wish to express our gratitude to Rev. Carlsen for calling on his Alma Mater and wish him God's Speed in his work.

## HAS DANA A FUTURE?

unfortunate trait among us Danes to discount anything that we ourselves do. Perhaps the statement was not quoted as it was made originally for we know how rumors grow through circulation, as a snowball from being rolled. I do believe, however, that if the correct information about our school were in the hands of our people as a whole, such a rumor could not circulate, because the person who was so ignorant or ill-informed as to make such a statement would soon feel that he was merely exposing his own ignorance. Unfortunately, this is not the only instance found of unfounded and unwarranted rumors that are doing a great deal of harm, even though they be not circulated with that intention. It proves to me that we must acquaint our people with our school, because we certainly cannot expect our young people to attend a school that they believe is not recognized. We urge our young people to look into the record of Dana, because we want them to know exactly what we have to offer them.

Let me say further, in some way many of our people have come to think of our school as a seminary and as a school for foreigners. Many of our young people, especially, have not understood in the past that we offer high school and college work. I met a number this summer who were surprised to learn that Danish was not the sole medium of instruction. I am confident that a knowledge of the facts about Dana, a realization on the part of our young people that Dana is an American institution, where Americans of Danish descent are attending, and that the medium of instruction is English, will aid materially in making them feel that it is their school, and that it is the place where they want to get their education. I must add, by way of explanation, that both Danish and English are used in the Seminary and that every opportunity for instruction in Danish is offered to those who wish to study the Danish language and literature—Danish of course being required of those who are preparing themselves for the ministry.

I have tried to point out what Dana's mission is, what seems to me to be one of the chief causes why the enrollment has been so small in the past. Is there reason to believe that we can materially increase the attendance in the future?

If we take an inventory of the present resources, we find that the enrollment this year is eighty-eight with one or two more on the way. This is an increase of one-third over the enrollment at the beginning of school last year. They are classified as follows: Academic 42, Pro-Seminary 20, College 8, Commercial 9, Seminary 4, Music 4, Normal 4, unclassified 3 (six being counted twice). Twelve states are represented. Nebraska and Iowa come first with over twenty each; South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and California next, with upwards of ten each; and Utah, Montana, Illinois, Indiana, and Maine with less.

These figures speak for themselves. The influence of the school is not limited but goes out to all vocations of life and Dana draws her students from even our most distant congregations. Further, the student body is not decreasing, and the larger percentage of them are taking a course that covers three or more years.

But we ask, is there anything else which we have that will aid us in making an estimate of the future? I believe we may say we have a spirit of loyalty and comradeship among our students that very few schools can surpass. The value of this I think is self evident. I realize, however, that one who has not attended Dana can scarcely appreciate the bonds of fellowship and interest in our church work which attendance at Dana College brings with it.

Add to this the interest our people are showing in our school, evidenced by the returns from the committee in charge of securing the funds for our new buildings. We are coming to see more than ever before the tremendous bearing the work done at our school has upon our church as a whole. Our leaders are beginning to take advantage of every possible opportunity to present our school problem to our people, and to interest our young people in getting an education. May we not hope for some fruits of this co-operation?

Finally, must be mentioned the field from which to draw. In very many communities there are no high schools, or only tenth grade schools, and the students have to leave home to finish their high school course. When the parents come to realize that their children can attend Dana at no greater cost than at high schools where they have to board away from home, and when the young people are shown that they can get as good work here, and among their own young people, I do not doubt that the large majority of them will choose to finish their high school course here. A number of them are with us this year. Too, I am confident that when the advantages which a small school has over the larger institution, especially during the first two years of a college course, is pointed out, a very considerable number of our high school graduates will take the first two years of their college course here.

It is a very mistaken idea, if some of us feel that our people are not interested in our school. They are, and vitally so. They have not been kept in touch with our school, but, as a whole, I believe they are anxious to know the exact facts about Dana. Again and again this summer people have come to me and expressed their regret at not having known the facts about Dana before. Scores of parents asked me to try to interest their young people in school and in Dana, because they would like to have them go there. A number of young people told me they would have taken their work here, had they known that we offered regular high school and college work that was recognized by the University of Nebraska.

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## HAS DANA A FUTURE?

What then shall our answer be? On the one hand we realize that it means absolute death to Dana if our present building campaign fails, and we appreciate the tremendous effect it will have upon the work of our church, yes upon its very life. I believe we can all agree that if Dana dies, our church dies. On the other hand we realize that new buildings without a material increase in the student enrollment means that Dana will fail in her mission.

We find that we have today as large a student body as we have ever had; that our field is by no means limited to the number of students we have had in the past; that even from our most outlying congregations we get students; that we have a student body whose loyalty is excelled in few schools; that we have a Christian spirit, that, while we realize it does not reach the ideal, we believe is surpassed in few schools; that we have upwards of two hundred congregations in our synod, while there is perhaps not one that does not have two or more young people attending high school or ready for college; that our people are realizing more than ever before the importance of the work done at our school and the blessings that come from having their young people get their education in a Christian environment; that the past summer has taught us that our people want to know something about our school in order that they may give us their support by sending us their young people, as well as by giving us the financial aid we need; and that our young people are really interested in a school of their own church where they can get work that is fully recognized.

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## HAS DANA A FUTURE?

(Conclusion)

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My answer is YES. The phoenix is casting off her worn out equipment in order that out of the ashes may arise a New and Greater Dana with a body that will permit the free expression and expansion of her ever-youthful spirit. Solidarity, co-operation, without a dissenting vote, is the pass word. Dana **has** a future, never before in her history has it been brighter, and every one who loves our church and our people is going to do his utmost to see that when the last dollar of the \$500,000 is paid in, there will be three hundred whole-year students at Dana College and Trinity Seminary as a proof of the good judgment of our people when they put their confidence in the future of our school and our church. Let this be the cherished hope and earnest prayer of all who love the Master in whose cause Dana College and Trinity Seminary is serving.

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### „OPLØFTER EDERS ØJNE OG SER MARKERNE.”

(Sluttet)

stammer i det indre Afrika; ja, ikke blot truer med at gøre det, i Virkeligheden er mange Millioner allerede vunden for Allah og hans Profet. Hvad vil den kristne Kirke gøre for de ulykkelige i Afrika? Skal Korset eller Halvmaanen sejre? Det er et Kapløb mellem de to, og der er ingen Tid at spille; ogsaa Negrene har mærket Dønningerne inde fra den store Verden, ikke mindst igennem Verdenskrigen; de er ved at vaagne, er begyndt at spørge efter noget bedre end det de har, baade i religiøs og social Henseende; de griber med Begærlighed efter alt det nye, der bydes dem, lige meget enten det kommer fra muhamedansk eller kristen Side.

Kan disse nævnte Lande og Folk, og mange andre, som ikke her skal nævnes, besørge deres eget Høstarbejde? Kan de prøve at tænde det Evangeliums Lys, som de ikke kender, eller samle hjem til den himmelske Lade, hvorom de aldrig har hørt? Svaret er selvindlysende. Saa har vi da ikke Lov til at slaa os til Ro paa de hjemlige Enemarker. Ganske vist, de hjemlige Pligter maa ikke forsømmes; de første Disciple fik Befaling til at begynde i Jerusalem, men derfra gik Vejen helt ud til Jordens Ender.

Den Frelser, som i Gaar og i Dag og til evig Tid er den samme, staar endnu foran sin Discipelskare; fra hans Læber lyder endnu: „Opløfter eders Øjne og ser Markerne.”

Maatte Disciplene lytte og følge Opfordringen. Da skulde de hvide Høstmarker ikke længere forgæves vente paa Høstfolk; men Høstens Herre skulde se sin Lade fyldes med de hjembragte Neg, og Jord og Himmel skulde mødes i en jublende Lovsang.

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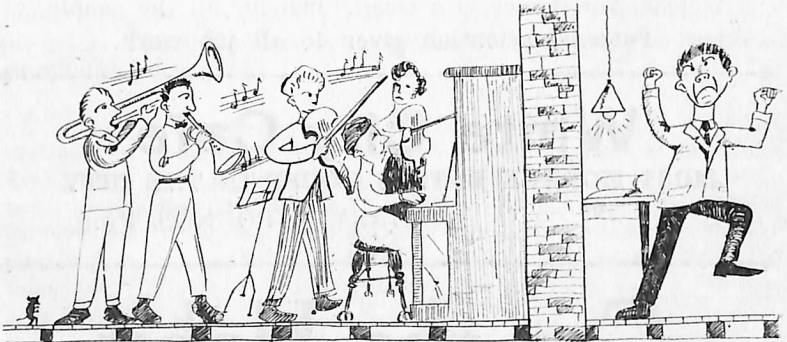
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