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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
Could in the Godhead be;
I only know the manger-child
Has brought God's life to me.

Harry Webb Farrington.

SNOW! Lazily, softly descending! Pure, white flakes of infinite beauty are falling outside where the weather is. The city has taken on its gay, new, Christmas coat, while thousands of many-colored lights are peeping out through the eyes of the houses. There is a song in the air. Somehow we are made to understand "that God rules the world with loving kindness, and that man is good and kind."

Old Man Winter shook his silver beard against us; but God smiled and the snow only made our Christmas spirit richer and better. Invisible bells already have started to chime, harmonizing the song in the air; and soon our own church bell will refuse to be quiet and toll out the glad tidings of every Christmas. Then we shall gather and hear these precious words from the great old Book: "And the angel said unto them: 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord'."

There is music in the air; it has always been here, even before the radio was invented. The attuned ear still is able to hear the everlasting song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." The busy crowds of Main street may not notice the song that fills the hearts of little children and old widows, that opens the hands of the stingy and compels soulstarved humanity to take a deep breath of eternity; the song, however, will be heard in thousands of humble churches and millions of modest homes, yes, everywhere in hearts around which the ice crust has been thawed away by the smile of Our Father.

Joy and Happiness are here, sent from Heaven to Earth; a great joy which shall be to *all* the people; Happiness to last forever. They descended when God breathed life into the first man and were embodied in "the great little one, whose all embracing birth lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth."

Joy and Happiness can be found in solitude; they are not in things, but in us. In our mad pursuit of plenty—not necessities only—we may have forgotten that they are

to be found in Him whose first bed was a borrowed manger, who preached from a borrowed boat, rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed animal, ate the last supper with his disciples in a borrowed room, and was buried in a borrowed grave.

Christmas is Joy and Happiness to *all*; even the man without a job, the farmer with no harvest, and the unfortunate thousands who have lost their savings through bank failures are God's little children whom He in due season will provide for. Our Father never forgets.

Be of good cheer! Our Saviour said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who hath given them unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

The message of Christmas spells: "Fear not, for a Saviour is born." He is here to teach us and lead us, to open our eyes and ears to God's infinite Love and Mercy. Heaven came to Earth; He is inviting us to enter and heaven to enter into us.

The joy He gives and the life He offers saves from all troubles and burdens. He is the only solution to our real problems in the Home, in the Church, and in the bewildered World.

Jesus Christ was born Christmas night that there might be Peace on earth and Good Will among men. More than ever before should we pray:

"O holy child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel."

The Light is shining in the darkness; the Christians are God's torchbearers. If you are acquainted with Happiness and Joy, *please* introduce them to your less fortunate neighbors.

May the Spirit of Christ fill your hearts and minds with the Music, the Happiness, and the Joy of a real Christian Christmas. God bless you and yours!

Jens Christian Kjaer.

THE SANTAL MISSION

III

Through Strife to Victory.

On the wall in my study hangs a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

He holds a little lamb in His arms and looks at it with love and tenderness. His flock of sheep is round about Him. They trust Him and follow Him to the green meadows and the flowing streams. The love of Jesus Christ toward us is wonderfully shown in this picture.

When we look at the work of the Santal missionaries in those years through the night of doubt and sorrow, but also through strife to victory, we see the love of God wonderfully revealed in this blessed work.

When Skrefsrud and Caroline Borresen left for Europe, Borresen was left alone, so now he became the leader, and the Santals could not get a better leader.

He took some Christian boys and girls from the schools, and together they went from village to village. He talked to the Santals and preached the word of God, and the children sang Christian hymns. It made a great impression upon the people. They were sowing the good seed which in due time should bear much fruit.

While journeying through the land Borresen noticed that the people faced a period of hunger, when they would die by the thousands if they did not receive help. He took this matter to the government commissioners and advised that the people should be given work. There needed to be built many reservoirs, which would keep the rainwater to help irrigate the land when the rain failed. Besides, the country needed many and better roads.

The English rulers investigated this report. They found the conditions to be even worse than what Borresen had said, and they decided to follow his advice. Borresen was a civil engineer, he understood the work that should be done; so he was made overseer or leader of all the work.

Thousands of people were given work, and they received wages in rice or other eatables. Borresen would preach to the people about 15 minutes before they received their compensation.

Borresen wrote to some papers in England and asked for help. At the same time Skrefsrud held some meetings for the Santal Mission in England. It happened that a correspondent from "The London Times" visited Santalistan and saw the work done under Borresen's leadership. He wrote to "The Times" a glowing account of what he had seen. His article proved to be a great help for Skrefsrud when he appealed for help. Enough money was collected and sent to Borresen to enable him to buy rice to feed those who were unable to work.

The heathens saw the good works. Many people were saved from hunger and even death, and some understood that they needed a Savior for the salvation of their souls. There was an open door for the gospel. Borresen talked to the Christian Santals about it. They did not answer Borresen, but they went out and preached and testified for their Savior in the villages, and they came back to Borresen with one flock after another, who wanted to be baptized. A great Christian revival swept over the province, and not less than 1592 people were baptized in one year.

At the end of 1874 there were Christians in 144 villages. Borresen divided the land into 30 districts and put a Santal elder in charge of each district. These leaders would come to him three times a week for instructions and consultation.

Skrefsrud and Caroline Borresen came back from Europe, December 23, 1874. Borresen had arranged a

welcome festival for them, and they were greeted by several hundred Christian Santals. They rejoiced. Skrefsrud brought greetings from friends in the homelands. He spoke also of the change that had taken place in eight years. When the missionaries first came, the Santals would have driven them away, and now they welcomed them with gladness. It was all to the glory of God.

Skrefsrud brought with him a young Norwegian teacher by the name of Thord Bunckholdt, who for some years had wanted to be a missionary. He stayed in the work until his death August 18, 1897.

In 1875 two young Christian Santals were ordained as pastors among the Santals. Siram, who was one of the first Santals to be baptized, March 28, 1869, was one of these. He worked in Santalistan until 1881. Then he went to Assam as pastor for the new Santal colony. He was a very conscientious man and stayed in the ministry until his death in 1894. The other Santal, who was ordained, was Surju. His work was in Santalistan until his death in 1914.

One of the greatest curses among the Santals was the sale of intoxicating drinks, especially a rice beer called handi. There were saloons in many of the villages, and the saloonkeepers paid a tax to the government, so it was no easy matter to get rid of them.

Borresen told the Santals that they should leave intoxicating drinks alone, but they said they could not resist the temptation as long as the saloons were there. At last Borresen went to Calcutta and had a talk with the governor about this matter, and the governor promised him the saloons should be closed if a number of Santals would sign a petition against the saloons.

Here was a problem. Borresen went home and talked to Skrefsrud about it. Skrefsrud called some Santal women together. When they came, he greeted them very pleasantly and praised them for their fine clothes. He said their husbands must have quit drinking handi, since they had given them such fine clothes.

The poor ragged women began to cry and asked Skrefsrud why he made fun of them. He asked them then, if they wanted their husbands to quit drinking handi. When they all said yes, he told them to go home and be as mean to their husbands as they possibly could. If their husbands complained about their conduct, they should say that Skrefsrud had told them to act like that. The women smiled and went away. So well did they follow his advice, that their husbands soon came to Skrefsrud and asked him why he had set their wives up against them.

Skrefsrud laughed at them and told them that if they were not men enough to quit drinking handi, they did not deserve a better treatment. Then he told them he had a petition to the government to close the saloons; if they would put their marks underneath, the saloons would be closed, and he would tell their wives to be good to them again. In that way he received many signatures. Then Borresen took the petition to the governor and the government kept its promise and closed the saloons. A great victory was won.

Borresen continued to be the leader of the mission, and Skrefsrud did some literary work. He translated the Gospels and other parts of the Bible to Santali, and he made a dictionary of the Santal language. He made a few textbooks for the schools and printed a few hymns. He also gathered and wrote the mythology and history of the Santal people as far as they were able to tell it.

Borresen traveled for some time every year to collect money for the mission, but the time had come when a different arrangement must be made.

In May 1876 Borresen went to Europe in order to create interest in the mission and get some help from the homeland every year. He visited his children in Berlin

and then he went to Denmark, where he visited a sister in Copenhagen. While staying at her home he was invited to preach in one of the Copenhagen churches. He was glad of the opportunity, and he preached a spiritual sermon wherein he told of God's work through missionaries among the Santals. He won some friends for the mission. He also spoke other places; then he visited Norway, Sweden and England, but he spoke most in Denmark.

To begin with he did not receive very much attention. Some even criticized him and his work; but as time passed, several Danish ministers and other influential people became interested in him and in the Santal mission. He spoke with such a childish faith in God that he often made a great impression.

A committee was formed to arrange his meetings and gather collections for his work. He won more and more of the Danish people and succeeded in creating a living interest for the Santal mission throughout the land.

Before he finally left for India, he was ordained in Our Lady's Church in Copenhagen by Bishop Martensen as a pastor for the Santal people in India. The Danish church had accepted him and made the Santal mission its mission. Since then it has always contributed generously to this work.

A young Danish man, M. C. Jensen, was also ordained as a missionary pastor and went with Borresen to India.

They came to Culeutta, January 25, 1878, and were met by Skrefsrud. When they reached Benagaria, Borresen was greeted with a mighty ovation by his wife and her school girls, and by Skrefsrud and thousands of the Christian Santals.

An old chief spoke in behalf of the Santals. He said the Santals had prayed for Borresen every day, and now they rejoiced because God had answered their prayers, and Borresen had come home again; they greeted him with a mighty: "Johar, Papa."

Borresen was deeply moved. He thanked everybody for their hearty welcome and he brought greetings from the churches in the homelands. He too rejoiced because now he was home again. He was glad that he could take up his work among his dear Santals again.

Henrik Plambeck.



HOW WE MAY SEE HIM

I suppose there are more people in India than in any other land wanting a *darshan** of the Lord. More and more are these seekers making Christ the object of their search. They have come under the spell of His person, and they want to see Him face to face. They have been moved and drawn by His teachings and His graciousness as seen in the pages of the New Testament and there has come into their hearts a desire to know Him and to be in fellowship with Him. He is conquering men's minds as the dawn conquers the darkness.

But many have made only the *darshan* of His teachings. They have not met Him and they have not seen Him. How do we see Him? There is only one way: surrender to Him.

When I went into the great Church in Copenhagen to see the celebrated statue of Christ by Thorwaldsen I was told as I went up the aisle that I could see His face only on one condition—I must kneel at the altar and look up and then I could see His face. For His face was turned

* An Indian word meaning 'a seeing'. If a great man of India makes a public appearance to let people "see" him, that is called a *darshan*. E. O.

We Need A King

We need a King!

*A Man to wake our dreams,
For all the world is sick at heart
With screaming down the priests of baal,
Who hold the least the greater part.*

We need a King!

*Not born among our rich,
For they have lost the tender mind;
Not nursed by noisy women, nor
Of those who weep, and yet are blind.*

We need a King

*With scars upon his hands;
But if one comes to take the throne,
I will demand to see his side,
Before I make this King my own.*

Arthur R. Macdougall, Jr.

toward those at His feet. I knelt and looked up—ah, then I could see His face looking straight into mine.

Many want to see Christ but they are unwilling to surrender to Him. On that basis you will never see Him. He is kindly but imperious. He asks for the one thing that no person dare ask of another—complete surrender. Many hesitate at this point and think that this is asking too much. But it is not too much when we consider that He offers us His all in return. You give and then He gives. There will be no half way measures on His part and there must be none on our part.

Many of us give only partially and expect full results. One of our missionary children was detected in her first dishonesty—she had stolen some sweets from the box in another room. The mother took the little girl on her lap and talked about the enormity of the dishonesty and the untruth. The little girl's heart was broken. She seemed sincerely to repent as the tears rolled down her cheeks. However, when the mother suggested that since she was repentant she should take the sweets from her mouth and throw it away as a sign of her repentance she clenched her teeth together and said between her closed teeth, "No". She was repentant as far as tears were concerned, but when it came to surrendering the thing which was at the basis of the difficulty there she refused. Many of us are at that place spiritually. We are sorry for our sins, but we do not surrender them. We pray against them, but do not give them up. We want the *darshan* of the Lord, but we do not bend the knee and make Him Lord.

Do you think this is a hard condition? Well, aren't we bending the knee to something? There is something that rules every one of us right now. It may be our own desires. We bend the knee before the shrine of our own desires. Then desire is king. It may be that the fear of our community is the thing that rules us. We have bent the knee. The crowd is king. It may be that there is just the selfish self that dominates us. Self is king.

Of all the various possibilities for rulership I have made my choice. Christ shall be king. No one but He is worthy to rule our hearts.

When I make the choice and bend the knee, then—His face! One view of that face is worth a world. Try it—and you will agree.

From Stanley Jones paper "The Fellowship".

Sent in by Dr. E. Ostergaard.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

First I want to express the wish that the spirit of Christmas may descend to all of us and kindle such joy in our hearts as did the song of the angels in the hearts of the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem those many years ago—the first Christmas eve.

Next I want to thank all those who by their Christian lives and fellowship make it possible that the message of the coming of the little King can come to us year after year. For if there were not Christian men and women awaiting the Christ in their hearts, I'm afraid He would not come to us.

But most of all I want to praise God for his unspeakable gift to us, a generation lost in sin and evil, a generation of thankless children.

The outlook of the world is indeed dark. The future seems to have little to promise. War is on the horizon, poverty stalks through our streets and over the countryside. A cold, bleak winter stares many men, women, and children in the face as a spectre. And the hearts of men are bewildered. What can they do? How shall they live? What to think of such a dilemma? Can there be any plan or purpose in life? Can there be any benevolent God back of it all?

Such is the background, dark and foreboding. Against this background shines the light of the Christmas message: "Glory to God in the highest! On earth peace, and to men good will!" and the news that a King has been born who is the savior of the world. On a similar background fell the first Christmas message. Indeed it is characteristic of the Gospel: it is always a shining picture in a dark frame.

May the Prince of Peace enter into every heart this Christmas and bring strength to the weak, comfort to the afflicted, and peace to us all!

C. A. Stub.

Christmas Greeting

Through "Lutheran Tidings" I should like to send to the many friends of the Danish Lutheran Church the best of greetings and wishes for a blessed Christmas both in home and church.

*O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell,
O, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.*

Brooks.

Yours in the service of the Danish Church.

Hakon Jorgensen.

PRAYER

When one is in need, doubt, or unhappy—what does one do?

When a dear pal is breathing his last—what does one do?

When a friend has been in an accident—what does one do?

When your minister leaves you to answer the call of another congregation—what does one do?

When your heart is heavy and no one understands—what do you do?

When an emotion, not easily overcome, hovers about you—what do you do?

The answer to this question and to many others is: "We take it to God in prayer".

Young people, don't wait until your minister leaves you before you take it to God in prayer. Start fighting now, together with your minister, so you won't have to lose yours as we Askovites do.

Take it to God in prayer before it is too late.

A Young Askovite.

BOOKS

The time of year when we shall need more reading matter will soon be here, the time of year when people in the country have more time to read, when long evenings and the cozy indoors invite to spend more time at the fireside. Then arises the problem of getting good things to read, and the expense it involves.

This problem has been solved in some communities by creating reading circles. This can be done in various ways. Some reading circles appoint a person to buy books, charging a certain amount to each member. He then sends one or more books to each member together with a list of the members and an explanation of how, when, and to whom the books are to be sent so that each book will reach each member and remain with him long enough to be read.

Another method is to allow each member to buy one book. On a certain date he sends it to the next member on the list. In some communities, where all the members live close together, they meet at fixed intervals to discuss

the book read. One person introduces the discussion. This has given much satisfaction in some groups.

Julegranen.

Danish Book Concern, Cedar Falls, Iowa. \$0.50.

This Christmas book has appeared again this year in spite of the death of its former publisher and editor, Mr. Falkenberg. "Julegranen" presents an attractive appearance in harmony with the season. Its contents are varied, poems, stories, articles, and illustrations. Of the pictures is especially noteworthy a winter scene in colors by A. Couturaud. Most of the contributors are well known among us and have written for "Julegranen" before: P. Kjølhede, Anton Kvist, A. C. Kildegaard, J. C. Bay, Enok Mortensen, P. Rasmussen, Aug. L. Bang, etc.

Rev. P. Kjølhede has a Christmas article in which personal reminiscences mingle with the Christmas story. Rev. Kildegaard tells about the beginnings of Little Denmark Settlement in Michigan. J. C. Bay writes a story of farm life and contributes a poem about the late L. C. Laursen. N. T. Nesgaard has a story of the slave trading days between Africa and the West Indies, which in my estimation is the weightiest as well as the longest contribution to the book. Also Rev. E. Mortensen's is very good, especially in characterization; the theme is his favorite: the feelings, aspirations, and character of the immigrant from Denmark. And there are a number of other good things, all of which are worth reading. "Julegranen" makes a very appropriate Christmas gift to anyone who reads Danish. It may be had from Danish Book Concern, Cedar Falls, Iowa, or from agents in the various Danish communities.

C. A. Stub.

The Santal Mission Meeting at Grand View College.

The Santal meeting at Grand View College, October 26-28, proved to be an enjoyable event. It was both instructive and inspiring. We were presented with a comprehensive picture of the work in all its phases and inspired by the evident power of the Spirit at work in the field.

All the missionaries now on furlough were present as were also all members of the Danish Santal committee, Rev. M. Dixen of the American committee and about 70 other guests. On Sunday there were many more.

The meeting opened Friday night with a lecture by Rev. Aaberg on The Early History of the Mission and Its Founders. Saturday morning, Dr. Ostergaard gave a Bible reading and Rev. B. Helland conducted us on a most interesting journey through the mission field, locating the various stations on a large map and explaining the work carried on at each of them.

Mrs. P. Kjølhede then introduced a discussion on the topic, Problems of the Home Field. She emphasized the necessity of an awakened Christian life at home as a condition for the successful prosecution of any missionary enterprise. In the afternoon Rev. M. Dixen spoke on the same topic for the American committee. Since Mrs. Kjølhede had so ably presented the Spiritual aspect of the work, he wished, he said, to urge a more efficient organization of the various efforts. He emphasized especially the advisability of regional meetings by churches of the various synods participating in the work and of the organization of mission societies in each congregation.

In the discussion which followed, it was explained

that conditions were different in the Santal Mission as a part of its program whereas the other synods have given no official sanction to the work, which must therefore depend on the interest of individual members. Under those circumstances it would seem advisable that members of the synods who are interested, should effect some kind of organization for the strengthening and propagation of their effort. In the Danish church, on the other hand, where the synod already furnishes an efficient organization for the carrying on of the work, the main effort should, it was thought, be centered on enlisting the support of the whole congregation and every organization within it. Holding this to be a main object, it was yet thought that those particularly interested might exert themselves to have regular mission study meetings held in their congregations and, if need be, organize themselves for that purpose.

The discussion was followed by a lecture on Educational Problems of the Mission Field by Rev. Helland. The interest in education is, he said, growing steadily. The mission supports several fine boarding schools which are all crowded and greatly in need of enlargement. Another urgent need is for a high school, especially for the education of teachers, who must now receive the last years of their education at other schools. A fund for this purpose had been started some years ago, but the depression and the failure of America to contribute its part of the budget had made it necessary to use the fund for current expenses. The matter was, however, urgent and of vital importance to the mission. He hoped that it might be taken up again soon.

In the evening Dr. Ostergaard showed pictures from the field, and Dagmar Miller and Mrs. Helland showed costumes worn by Hindu and Santal women. Many other articles of common use among the Santals were also shown and explained.

Sunday morning, Rev. V. S. Jensen spoke in the Danish church and Rev. Dixen and Dr. Ostergaard in the Norwegian and United churches. In the afternoon Rev. Helland gave a splendid sermon on the text, "And He hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Dagmar Miller spoke a word of farewell, thanking the friends of the Santal Mission for again permitting her to go out to the work she loved, and expressing her gratitude to the congregations and individuals who had received her so kindly during her year at home.

The meeting was then assigned to the Santal committee for a brief farewell service. Rev. Aaberg spoke briefly as a representative of the Danish and American committees, choosing for his text, "as my Father hath sent me so I send you." It was the certainty that God had sent them, he said, that gives His messengers the courage to meet the challenge of their calling. The friends at home wish Dagmar Miller to be assured that they will follow her with their well-wishes and prayers. But they wish above all that, wherever she goes and whatever the days may bring, she may have the assurance, I am here because God has sent me to be here.

Rev. P. Kjølhede, our venerable bishop, then spoke briefly, saying, that when he was a young man and on the point of departing for America to preach the Gospel to his countrymen here, his old teacher had greatly strengthened him by pronouncing the blessing upon him, and this he would now do to Dagmar Miller, hoping that she might be strengthened by it as he had been. He then, as all arose, lifted his hands and pronounced the benediction, and we sang together, "And now we will bid one another farewell." It was one of those moments that will not easily be forgotten.

In the evening Mrs. B. Helland gave a most inter-

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Our Church

The Seattle Choir will be heard over radio station KJR, 970 kilocycles, at 10 to 11 P. M., Pacific Standard time, Sunday, December 23, in a Christmas program of song and music.

Valuable Records. Our church records are proving to be of great value these days. Many old people who are making application for Old Age Pension are being benefited by the splendid work of former pastors in keeping the records in good order, writes Rev. J. C. Kjar in his parish paper. They are kept in a fireproof vault.—Such records are valuable and should receive careful attention by all pastors.

Church Concert in Detroit. Rev. S. Jorgensen of Detroit, Mich., reports in his local paper that the choir of the church there is preparing for its annual Christmas concert, which will be given December 23, 8 P. M., in the church.

The Clinton Congregation has decided to have an English and a Danish service each Sunday forenoon, respectively at 9:45 and 11:00. The Sunday School is at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Rev. P. Madsen, Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo., has had the misfortune to fall down and break her right arm. The bone was set at once, and is now healing well.

Rev. Enok Mortensen, Chicago, has just returned home from a lecture tour to the young people's societies of District IV. The subject of his lectures was Denmark, the land of our fathers.

New D. S. U. Constitution. The new constitution of the Danish American Young People's League was ratified at the meeting of young people's representatives held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 30, 1934, and by District VII, November 14, 1934. It will be effective January 1, 1935. The new law is published in "Ungdom" for December 1.

Church Finances. Mr. O. C. Olsen, treasurer of our synod, reports that although one-half of the fiscal year now has passed yet only 10 per cent of the necessary funds has been received. He scans his daily mail with fear and hope, fear of demands from our institutions and hope that contributions may pour in upon him.

Dorthea Marie Rawn, widow of Rev. R. Rawn, passed away at Frederic, Wis., Hospital on November 10. Mrs. Rawn had been seriously ill only a few days, although her health had not been good for several months.—For 36 years Mrs. Rawn had been a faithful helper to her husband, who passed away in 1928 in Denmark. They were married at Omaha in 1892. In their many churches she took an active part in ministering, in her unobtrusive way, to the needs of people as she found them, and she won many devoted friends in these places.

Mrs. Rawn leaves behind three daughter and one son, Mrs. J. G. Miller, Mrs. H. P. Poulsen, Mrs. Wilmar Petersen, and Folmer Rawn, all residing in or near West Denmark, Wis.

Atterdag College, Solvang, Calif., is again in session. School opened December 2 and will close March 1. This is not a college in the accepted sense, but a folk

school engaged in adult education for life, rather than for a profession. It offers lectures and discussions on problems of modern life, history, literature, art, sociology, language, and commerce. Work is carried on in artistic weaving and metal work, music, sloyd, and gymnastics. The cost of board, room, and tuition for the 3 months is only \$80. Rev. Marius Krog is the preceptor of the school.

Rev. P. Rasmussen, Wayne, Alberta, Can., who has just returned home from a tour of California, reports a number of misfortunes in his family while he and Mrs. Rasmussen were gone. Their daughter Esther was at the hospital in Calgary with tuberculosis in her one foot, which had been sick much of the summer, but which the doctors have held to be recovering. Their son Holger, age 15, was at the Drumheller Hospital with a broken leg. Another daughter, Inger, had been overcome by all this misfortune so that she had had a nervous breakdown.—We sincerely hope that these trials may not be so severe as they seem to us. And may our heavenly Father give them strength to bear what has been laid upon them.

Viking Pump Dividend. Our synodical treasurer reports that the synod owns 5400 shares of common stock in the Viking Pump Co., Cedar Falls, Iowa. This company has prospered during the last few years, but has not paid out any dividends on its common stock. The policy has been to use accumulated profits to liquidate its preferred stock. Recently, however, the company has decided to issue a dividend on its common stock of 25 cts. per share. This amounts to \$1350 for our synod, which is a great help in the present time of stress.

Grand View College. In an article in "Dannevirke" Mr. C. A. Olsen, president of Grand View College, informs the reader that the college again has sent out a brief catalog giving information about courses of study and other facts about the school. He writes:

"I shall not say much about our work here. We have a good beginning. Whether or not our work succeeds cannot be determined on the basis of the mastery of subject matter or the intellectual skill attained. We demand good work, even while we know that the problem of life itself is not solved by this. We demand mastery of subject matter and diligent application, even while we know that this of itself cannot bring about a new world. We are concerned with many things, the things which belong to our daily lives and that which stirs in our people and is active in our times, even while we know that concern is not enough. But we hope that by the power of the spirit, unobserved perhaps, but truthfully, we may be set free so that what we possess as human beings and as a people can be put to use in the service of life."

A New Book. Dr. T. P. Christensen of Iowa City, Iowa, has recently published a new book on the discovery of America, "The Discovery and Rediscovery of America". We have not seen the book and can say nothing about it, except that it may be had from the author, 304 Ronalds Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

Rev. K. Jensen Hansen has resigned from his charge as pastor of the church at Diamond Lake, Minn., and has moved to White, S. Dak., where he serves the local congregation. He also serves the church at Lake City, S. Dak.

Portrait Unveiled. On the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church at North Sidney, Mich., November 16-18, a large portrait of the late Rev. Ole Amble was unveiled.

The Winter Session of Grand View College is now in full swing, December 3 to March 8. For the entire term of 14 weeks the cost is \$100 for board, room, heat, light, and tuition. The president, Mr. C. A. Olsen, announces that aid in the form of work may be had to the amount of at least 15 per cent of the above mentioned sum, possibly as much as 25 per cent. For further information we refer the reader to the ad found elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Agnes Bagger, who has been a faithful and active member of Our Savior's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., from its very early days, celebrated her 80th birthday November 6. Mrs. Bagger's health has not been good for some time. On this occasion, however, she held open house, and representatives from the congregation and the ladies' aid society met to express their good wishes and gratitude to her.

Rev. E. M. Favrholt, who until recently was a pastor of our synod and now serves Christ Church, Kolding, Denmark, has been elected to the board of "Dansk Kirke i Ulandet".

Rev. Aug. Faber, who for 13 years has held a chaplaincy at Frederikshavn, Denmark, has now retired from active service and moved to Odense, Denmark. Rev. Faber is well known in our synod, which he served as a minister for over 27 years. For a number of years he was also synodical secretary. Ill health is the reason for Rev. Faber's resignation.

In Memoriam. Arrangements are being made to erect a monument on the grave of Rev. Ole Amble. His friends have begun a fund for this purpose.

Rev. E. M. Favrholt is expected to publish a new book this year. The title has not yet come to our attention.



The Santal Mission Meeting at Grand View College.

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esting lecture on The Villiage School, picturing the primitive conditions under which they operate, the work that is being done to improve them and adapt them to the need and spirit of the country and the blessed results which, despite all hindrances, are attained by them. Dr. Ostergaard followed with a very instructive talk on Medical Work in India. The work is exceedingly difficult because of the prevailing ignorance, superstition and poverty of the natives. Yet, progress is being made and blessed results obtained both physically and spiritually.

The meeting then closed with brief expressions of thanks from Rev. Dixon, on behalf of the committee, and President Olsen, on behalf of the school. It had indeed been a very fine meeting, well arranged, well conducted and with a stirring message. Personally I wish most heartily to thank President Olsen for his offer to arrange it, the splendid way in which he conducted it, and the hearty hospitality that met us everywhere.

J. C. Aaberg.

North Sidney Church

It was 'way back in 1894 that Danish settlers, all born in Denmark, got together and with many sacrifices and difficulties built this church, which they called "St. Johannes Kirke".

They had purchased one acre of land in 1883, for which they had paid \$50.00. On this tract the first burial took place on November 28th. A young man, Hans Peder Pedersen, was the first to be laid to rest here. A son of this man, Mr. Carl Petersen, still lives near Trufant and belongs to our church.

The work on the church was begun April 21, 1884, and was completed November 8th the same year. The church was built on its present site, 24 by 40 feet in size. It was 28 feet high and the tower 37 feet. The total cost of the building was \$782.01.

The church was dedicated by the pastor, Rev. Ole Amble, November 16, 1884. A large number of people attended the dedication. Holy Communion was administered, and a little boy, William A. Nielsen, was baptized. The theme for this first communion was the words of Ps. 139, 23-24: "Search me, oh God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting." The subject of the first sermon preached in this church was Matth. 22, 16: "Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth."

A tornado destroyed this church building June 12, 1902, but a new church was erected almost immediately, and exactly 13 months after the first church was demolished the new church was dedicated, July 12, 1903. On this second day of dedication a little boy was brought to the Lord in holy baptism and given the name Thorvald Henrik Camillo Petersen.

As we look back over the 50 years which have passed since the first church dedication here on November 16, 1884, many of our sweetest memories come to mind. Many who read this were baptized here. Some were confirmed, others were married here, and many times have we gathered here to bring our last earthly farewell to our dear ones who have passed into eternity. Most of us will recall the many times we saw for the last time in this church the beloved face of one dear person before the casket was closed and he was carried to his last resting place. And all of these memories, sweet memories, serve to make this church a loved place. We love this room, we love these walls, we love all we see in here.

Other memories stand before us as we think of the word of God, which in this church has reached not only our ears but our hearts, and we thank God for each blessing He has bestowed upon us here.

We thank God for the life that was given us in Holy Baptism, we thank Him for the nourishment He has given this life through the medium of His word and His sacrament. We thank Him for the prayers that have been sent up to heaven from this place, those that were heard by our Lord in heaven, those from which we have benefited.

We thank God for the covenant He made with His children, and we pray Him that He will bless our relationship with Him and help us that the enemy with all his snares and his guile shall not succeed in luring us away from the mercy of our heavenly Father, as it is revealed to us through His son, our Savior Jesus Christ. (From circular by Rev. A. C. Kildegard.)

To the Congregations and Members of The Danish Evg. Luth. Church in America

Friends! As my work requires that I be stationed in Washington, D. C., during the next three or four months, I have made the following dispositions: turned over to J. Fr. Petersen all books, records, securities, and funds belonging to the Danish Old Peoples Home, as follows:

RESERVE FUND

From Mads Bollesen, Certificate No. 10 for 12 shares of stock in the Tyler Lumber Company.

CASH RECEIPTS

Endowment Fund.

July 6—Int. HOLC Bonds\$20.00
July 12—Fritz Holm, Int. 24.00
July 21—Herman Fraks 18.00

Total Endowment Funds Receipts ..\$62.00

Reserve Fund.

July 6—Int., Iowa Power & Light.\$ 4.50
July 9—Jakob Hansen, Int. 12.00
Sept. 4—Christoffer Nielsen, Int. . 36.00
Oct. 2—Int., Iowa Power & Light 4.50
Oct. 4—Int., Society Dania 62.50
Oct. 6—Payment on Trust Certificate, C. C. State Bank 21.69
Oct. 19—N. C. Sorensen, Part Entrance Fee 1,000.00

Total Reserve Fund Receipts ...\$1,411.19

Cash Balance on hand, May 15, 1934, was:
On checking account, Capital City State Bank\$ 135.97
On checking account, Central National Bank 170.15

Total\$1,509.31
Less left in Central National Bank .02

Balance on account in Capital City State Bank\$1,509.29

Respectfully yours,

P. S. Munk Pedersen.

If a properly qualified man, willing to offer the time necessary to do this work, can be found, he should be appointed to take this job, as Mr. J. Fr. Petersen is doing all we should ask him to do as president of the Home. I have resigned as secretary of the local board of the Old Peoples Home. J. Fr. Petersen should be able to find a man here in Des Moines who can and will take this not very hard job.

My work at Grand View College in connection with the drawing and estimating classes will be taken over by a young engineer from Ames College, Mr. Edward P. McDermott.

I have resigned as president of the local board of the Danish Young Peoples Home and our Grand View Sick Benefit Association.

Trusting that our work will continue to make progress and that there always will be men who are willing to offer the time and work it requires to keep it going, I thank those that it has been my fortune to work with on the different boards.

P. S. Munk Pedersen.

Contributions to the Santal Mission

General Fund:

Sunday School, Racine Wis.\$19.55
Magda and P. R. Scheldt, Buellton, Cal. 5.00
Mission Conference, Grand View Col-

lege, Des Moines 30.10
Congregation, Newell, Iowa 16.62
Congregation, Kimballton, Iowa 27.50
Ane Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa 5.00
Congregation, Kimballton, Iowa 25.75
Congregation, Oak Hill, Iowa 7.00
St. John's Church, Exira, Iowa 7.20
Sunday School, West Denmark, Wis. 5.00
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Troy, N. Y. 22.00
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Hartford, Conn. 22.00
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Bidgeport, Conn. 10.25
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Portland, Me. 28.00
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Perth Amboy, N. J. 15.00
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. 23.00
Friends, Bloomville, N. Y. 3.00
Anonymous 10.00
Ladies Aid, Newell, Iowa 10.00
Ladies Aid, Hartford, Conn. 10.00
Union Sunday School, Brayton, Iowa 2.50
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa 10.00
Ladies Aid, Clinton, Iowa 5.00
Ladies Aid, Oak Hill, Iowa 10.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Iowa 13.50
Congregation, Waterloo, Iowa 12.38
Sunday School, Cedar Falls, Iowa .. 2.00
Anonymous 12.00
Congregation, Ringsted, Iowa 20.50
Junior Young Peoples Society, Askov, Minn. 5.00
Ladies Aid, Hetland, So. Dak. 10.00

Christmas Gift to Santal Children:

Ladies Aid, Dagmar, Mont. 5.00

Care of Santal Child:

Ladies Aid, Withee, Wis. 20.00

Lepers:

Magda and Peter R. Scheldt, Buellton, Cal.

Erling Ostergaard's Work:

Magda and Peter R. Scheldt, Buellton, Cal. 2.50
Mrs. S. Eskesen and son Stanley, Newell, Iowa 5.00

Dagmar Miller's Trip:

Ladies Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa 5.00
American Sunday School, Kronborg, Neb. 6.30
Ladies Aid, Solvang, Cal. 10.00
Anna Rasmussen, Pasadena, Cal. ... 10.00
Ladies Aid, Seattle, Wash. 5.00
Mrs. Ingeborg Dahl, Cedar Falls, Iowa .75
Mrs. Chr. Jensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa .25
Congregation and Young Peoples Society, Portland Me. 19.00

Total\$ 497.15
Previously acknowledged 3,638.06

Since January, 1934\$4,135.21
Thanks to all givers!

Sigrid Ostergaard,
1700 4th St. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minn.

The United Danish Church

Mrs. Jens Dixen, widow of the well known missionary Jens Dixen, died in Denmark, October 27. She was buried at Jels. Missionary Dixen was the founder of Brorson Folk High School, Kenmare, N. Dak., whose leader he became for a number of years. Before his death he had moved to Denmark.

200 Students. "The Ansgar Lutheran" reports that the enrollment at Dana College,

Blair, Nebr., reached the two hundred mark the 12th of November. This seems quite an achievement in the face of the stern times in which we find ourselves.

The Hazelwood, Minn., Danish congregation celebrated its 40th anniversary the first week in November.

New Congregation. "Luth. Ugbl." reports the founding of a new congregation in the Swan River Valley, Canada. Rev. Th. Schultz, Winnipeg, Man., Can., has been working in this district with the result that now a new church could begin its existence.

Rev. J. Knudsen, Calgary, Alta., Can., who has served the congregation there for 8 years, has resigned from this charge. His resignation is to be effective next spring. Rev. Knudsen has also been the president of Dana High School at Calgary from its beginning; and at the same time he has served two small groups of people north of Calgary.

Mrs. Rev. Peder Hauge, Red Cloud, Nebr., has had to undergo a dangerous operation at the Mary Lanning Hospital, Hastings, Nebr. Her recovery has been successful.

Rev. Holger Berthelsen, Oshkosh, Wis., has accepted a call from the Bethlehem church at Royal, Iowa, and will take charge about December 1.

Mr. Ben Engskov, student at Trinity Seminary, Blair, Nebr., has accepted a call to serve the churches at Dannebrog and Dry Creek, Nebr., after graduation and ordination next June.

Rev. Alfred Thompson, Sudan Missionary home on furlough, writes that he has been asked by his Board to prepare to return to the field, and that he expects to get sailing orders soon. Mrs. Thompson will have to remain behind for the sake of her health but hopes to be able to join her husband again next summer.

Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Danish Church, is confined to his bed at his home at Blair, Nebr., and placed on a strict diet in an effort to cure in its early stages an ulcerated condition of the duodenum. The condition was revealed recently in Minneapolis. The physicians hope to be able to effect a cure without operation.

General Church News

The American Lutheran Conference met in convention at Des Moines, Iowa, November 14-16.

Synodical Cooperation. At the recent biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church held at Savannah, Ga., a resolution was passed with the aim of developing closer cooperation between the Lutheran synods in this country. The American Lutheran Church passed a similar resolution at its convention at Waverly, Iowa, held a few days earlier.

Old Pastor Dies. Rev. G. U. Wenner, who in recent years has been considered the oldest Lutheran pastor in active service in the United States, died November 1 at the age of 90 years, 5 months, and 2 weeks. But what is even more remarkable he has served only one church, where he has been

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pastor for 65 years. Rev. Wenner, however, is not the oldest Lutheran minister in active service, our own Rev. Peder Kjølhede, Grant Mich., is a few months older, though he has not served so many years.

New Tax. The Norwegian Lutheran Church in America is asking its members to contribute to the synod as an extra offering one cent for each meal they eat during the month of November. Though this seems a small contribution, it is claimed that it will amount to \$400,000 if all members put it into practice.

Situation of Chinese Missions. In the "World Dominion" an interesting and informing article sets forth some of the difficulties by which missionary work in China is handicapped. A strong nationalistic feeling combined with a hatred of foreigners has taken possession of the Chinese people, who ascribe most of their difficulties to foreigners. Many Chinamen put their nationality first, and Christianity comes second, which makes the position of the foreign missionary very precarious. Another difficulty is the strong anti-religious movement which is fostered and supported by the communists. Many Christian schools have been closed, many churches burned, and Christian Chinamen have become martyrs at the hands of the communists. In spite of this there seems to be a willingness among Chinese students to listen to the Christian message.

The weakness of the central government in coping with lawlessness is also a hindrance. The government is split by partisanship. Banditry flourishes. Many pastors and evangelists are unable to visit their far-flung churches, and church work suffers much.

New school laws provide that all schools, including mission schools, must register with the government, which has forbidden every form of Christian influence in the schools. This has resulted in the closing of many mission schools. The government is beginning to realize, however, the mistake of excluding religion from the schools.

All these things in addition to the economic stringency has made missionary work in China very difficult in recent years.

Danish Folk Schools. It is reported that the folk high schools of Denmark have the following enrollment for the current year: Ryslinge 115, Ollerup 70, Stevns 24, Try 55, Kjøng 60, Lollands 26, Haslev 75, Rønde 45, Høsten 60, Askov 290, Rødding 100, Høptrup 83, Rens 35, Skals 28, Baalum 40, the agricultural schools as follows: Korinth 102, Dalum 254, Ladelund 142, Sydsjællands 80, Haslev 65, Graasten 94, Ollerup School of Gymnastics 260, Ladelund Dairy School 106, Askov Sloyd School 58, Haslev Trade School 300. This gives a total of 2,617 young people attending school for

what they can learn rather than for book credit.

Dean Conrad Bergendoff of the Augustana Theological Seminary has been nominated for president of Augustana College and Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., to succeed Dr. G. A. Andreen, president of the school since 1901. This college and seminary belongs to the Swedish Augustana synod. The nomination was made by the board of directors of the institution and must be acted on by the synod at its next convention to be held in June at Rock Island, Ill.

Dr. Bergendoff is a graduate of Augustana College. After further study he was ordained a pastor in 1921 to serve Salem Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill. Later he went to Sweden and Germany to study. In 1928 he received the Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. In 1921 he was appointed Dean of the Augustana Seminary.

Bishop Ostenfeld Dies. From Denmark comes the news of the death on October 24 of Bishop Harald Ostenfeld, for 23 years primate of the Church of Denmark. He was a little past 70 years of age. For some time his health had been impaired, and an attack of pneumonia brought on the end. He was buried from the Copenhagen cathedral on the day following the installation of his successor in office, Dr. Fuglsang-Damgaard.

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