

# Lutheran Tidings

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## The Stranger of Galilee

*In fancy I stood by the shore, one day,  
of the beautiful murm'ring sea;  
I saw the great crowds as they thronged the way  
Of the Stranger of Galilee;  
I saw how the man who was blind from birth,  
In a moment was made to see;  
The lame was made whole by the matchless skill  
Of the Stranger of Galilee.*

*And I felt I could love him forever,  
So gracious and tender was he!  
I claimed him that day as my Savior,  
This Stranger of Galilee.*

—Mrs. C. H. Morris.

## A Man of Courage

When Nicodemus, together with Joseph of Arimathea, took upon himself the expense and arrangement of Jesus' burial, he gave proof that he was a man of extraordinary courage. A member of the high court, a man learned in the scriptures, he not only associated with common people, laborers, fishermen, artisans, and publicans, and thereby did what at that time, and even now, was considered improper and offensive in the eyes of his social set; in this exceedingly important matter he did not only go against his friends in his own class and calling and by doing so permanently cut himself off from them and made them his enemies. But above all he made common cause with a man accursed, condemned by men and evidently forsaken and cast out by God, "a hanged man," one who would remind all Israelites with a knowledge of the scriptures of what Moses says (Deut. 21) about the sinner who is hanged on a tree and must not hang over night but must be buried the same day, "for he that is hanged is accursed of God, that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance."

He was a very courageous man, this Nicodemus; who on the night of Good Friday took sides with the friends of Jesus without heeding the terrible ill-will and contempt he was thereby drawing down upon himself from the mass of his people and from all those of his countrymen who were considered of any importance.

But Nicodemus had not always been like this. St. John writes that when the other members of the court had made a vain effort to get Jesus within their power and on this occasion had expressed their hatred of Him

and their contempt of those that consorted with Him and expected anything from Him, Nicodemus had ventured the modest remark that they ought to try a man and investigate his case before they condemned him. Scandalized, they cut him off snappishly with the contemptuous question whether he also had been corrupted and were among those Galileans. And it seems that he deferred to them and was silent. At that time he had not reached the stage where he dared to confess outright and take the consequences which would follow.

The time we first meet Nicodemus he is less courageous; he is rather a very cautious man, afraid of causing offense by doing anything that people would not like. Under cover of the darkness of night he steals up to the house where Jesus is staying; no one must know about it, no one must see it, he is unwilling to expose himself.

This means that Nicodemus has developed much during the two to three years from the first time he saw the Lord till the day when he helped to bury him. He has taken giant strides from being a disheartened, anxious man, who looked about depressed to all sides and took everything into account before he dared to act or speak, to becoming a firm, strong, and courageous man, who goes his way without fear of men whenever he is certain he is walking in the ways of God.

This is what Jesus Christ can do with a man. He is able to transform men if they are willing to seek Him.

For this reason He always receives those that seek Him, however far behind they may be.

This He did when Nicodemus, with all his wordly deference and fear of men, came to Him. He did not turn him away. He said nothing about that since he did not dare publicly to avow Him, neither would He have anything to do with him. He uttered not one reproach against him for lack of courage. He opened wide His door when there was a knock and bid the nightly guest enter and spoke to him the best and most bounteous words He knew. It was enough for Him at present that a human being was seeking Him. However he might be and whatever there might be to reproach in him, yet something was to be accomplished with such a person.

In this way our Lord still acts. This is fortunate, for there are probably not many of those that begin to seek Him who are better than this old Pharisee. He never says to one that comes and will have something to do with Him: Go away and become different, more spiritually mature, stronger in will power, more zealous at heart, and when you have done this you may come! But He says: Come as you are and let us converse together, sit down and listen to what I have to say to you and take as much of it with you as you can.

And so begins that education which turns sceptics into believers, they that brood into persons of activity, and anxious, dispirited people into courageous, even heroic, followers.

(From Carl Koch's "Christian Living.")

## HANS EGEDE, APOSTLE TO GREENLAND

By Mrs. Charles P. Wiles

In the year 1925 a Norse-American medal was issued, the reverse side of which shows a Viking ship and carries the legend, "A. D. 1000, Authorized by the Congress of the United States of America."

A year before the Mayflower reached the shores of the New World, there reached the same shores, far to the northward, a Norwegian captain, Jens Munk,\* sent by King Christian IV of Denmark to discover the Northwest Passage, discovered nearly three centuries later by Roald Amundsen, 1910-1912.

With Captain Munk was Rev. Rasmus Jensen, the first Lutheran minister in America.

So far as is known, the first Christian missionary to North America was a son of Eric the Red, Leif Ericson. In 999 Leif made a visit to Norway and while there accepted Christianity. Then King Olaf commissioned him to Christianize Greenland. This became his life-work and was a successful work, for Greenland became a Christian island.

This island, in size four-fifths as large as Pennsylvania, is interesting to us for various reasons. First, because it was some Vikings who first sighted our shores about five hundred years before Columbus' first voyage of discovery. Second, because of the character of its people. Here, none are very rich; neither are any very poor. It is said about the largest income anyone on the island has is \$1,500 per year.

The queer little people live in huts made of snow and ice—resembling in appearance the outdoor bake-ovens of our great grandmothers. While these oven-shaped houses are dark, the people in them, dressed in their furs, are warm as rabbits in burrows.

The children have white skins, which become yellowish as they grow up. Possibly this is due to the fact that they are never known to use water on their bodies, the custom of rubbing grease on their faces and entire bodies being followed universally. To this people a young man, named Hans Egede, gave his life.

One day, as this young minister in Norway was reading an account of the expedition made to Greenland by the son of the king of Norway, he fell to wondering what had become of the descendants of these Norwegians, who had settled in Greenland about two hundred years before. "Have they become heathen?—someone should go to them with the Gospel." The thought dwelt in his mind, nor could he dismiss it. He thought of these countrymen of his by day and dreamed of them by night. He felt that he was the one to go, but he had just married a charming young wife, who, among the fisherfolk composing their parish, was greatly beloved. "Your work is appreciated here, and is prospering, why, then, seek work in a far-off land?" said their friends. His young wife did not favor leaving home and friends, and, although he had presented the need to the bishop and offered himself for the work, the opposition of his wife and friends was so strong that he felt he must wait. Thirteen years he waited, and long they must have seemed to one of the spirit of Egede. But the time came when Mrs. Egede felt that the Lord's voice must be in the call, since her good husband could not be led to give up the thought of going.

One night, after spending a long time in prayer, this good woman went to the bedside of her small son, Paul, and, speaking to him, said, "Paul, shall you and I go with

father to the land far away?" The little lad said that he would go, and that he would be a helper too.

To go far from home and settle in new surroundings with new conditions of living meant much in the way of preparation. But finally Egede and his family, with forty-six traders and settlers, were ready to sail. It was a long voyage of eight weeks. And with what eagerness toward the end of the journey did they watch for a glimpse of the land they were to call "home"! This was in 1721.

The first sight was not encouraging. The country was bleak and bare, the people unattractive, even dirty and living mostly on raw fish. Egede found them not only ignorant, but stupid, although kind by nature and very shy. The sympathy of the great-hearted Egede went out to them, and he decided not to desert them, as did most of them who had come with him, but to stay by and try to bring some joy into the cheerless lives of those lowly people.

These people, who were called Eskimos, because they were eaters of raw fish, had no literature, so the first task awaiting Egede was the preparation of books, so that he could teach them to read. But the natives were not anxious to learn, and could not understand why they should sit for hours looking at a sheet of paper with marks on it when fishing was good, seals and birds abundant. They were hard to hold to their studies, especially when more interesting things beckoned, and Egede found that they mostly forgot in the summer all they had learned in the winter. They were slow to receive his Gospel message, too, since they had their own idea of paradise, "which," they said, "is nicer than your heaven, because the fishing in ours is always good, and seals and reindeer abundant." But finally an impression began to be made. Egede's splendid wife was his faithful assistant, and their two sons, Paul and Nils, were now able helpers, but the work was heavy, and Egede pleaded for more workers. Three additional missionaries were sent to them. Egede had sent five young men from Greenland to Copenhagen to be educated. There came a scourge of smallpox to Copenhagen and four of the five young men died. The remaining one, returning to Greenland, brought the plague with him. And now followed a time of suffering and sorrow. When the epidemic was over but three of the two hundred families under Christian influence remained.

The missionary and his wife went from hut to hut to relieve the sufferers, but Mrs. Egede, after expending her strength in behalf of others, had no resistance left and, when attacked by the scourge, succumbed.

Bereft of wife and his Christian people, prospects were dark. After fifteen years of hard work, not even the foundation remained. It was necessary to begin anew. As he measured the task, Egede felt that his strength was not equal to it.

He believed that, at this time of his life, he could do greater service to Greenland by returning to Copenhagen and arousing interest and preparing other laborers to go out. Through his efforts, a seminary for the training of missionary workers was established in Copenhagen. Here he spent ten years of his life as president of the seminary and a professor—training his successors.

When Egede left Greenland, the work was entrusted to his son, who, when a little lad, had said he would go along and teach the little children to say, "Our Father."

\* Born in Norway of Danish parents. Ed.



Paul Egede was a worthy successor of his father. Through his efforts the native literature was increased, and many native pastors and catechists were added to their corps of workers. Their labors bore rich fruitage, the condition of the people being changed from wild, dirty savages to docile and civilized people. Greenland is thoroughly Christianized; not a professed heathen can be found among the 12,000 inhabitants.

The mission is again under the control of the Danish Lutheran Church. They have their own theological seminary, hence their native pastors.

Churches have been built, schools established, and there are now more than ten thousand members of the Lutheran Church in Greenland.

For many years the work in Greenland was under the care of the Moravian Church. It happened this way:

While Egede was holding on against almost unsurmountable obstacles, the greatest of which were famine and pestilence, Count Zinzendorf, a representative from his native state to the coronation of Christian VI, of Denmark, met two Eskimo converts whom Egede had baptized.

When Zinzendorf learned that Egede could not hold on many more years, he induced his own church, the Moravian, to send out two missionaries. Egede returned three years later, 1736, to Copenhagen.

Mrs. Charles P. Wiles in  
"The Augsburg Teacher."

## The Multitude and the Gospel

Recently, Dr. Charles E. Jefferson addressed the ministers of Pittsburgh on the subject, "Discouragement in the Ministry." He contended that popularity is not the preacher's crown. The fact that crowds listen to a preacher is no guarantee that he is proclaiming the unadulterated gospel. He challenged the statement that the common people are usually hungering and thirsting for spiritual truth. The crowd is not a safe judge of what is the gospel truth, according to Dr. Jefferson. The scriptural declaration that the common people heard Jesus gladly is usually quoted to prove that if a man is preaching the gospel he will attract the multitude. Dr. Jefferson denied the truth of that assertion by referring to the historical sequence of the text. He said:

"It is only Mark who gives us the interesting bit of information in regard to the common people hearing Jesus gladly, and he gives it in the course of his account of a critical day on which Jesus discomfited his foes. On a certain day all men of influence who had been nettled by Jesus' teaching agreed among themselves to trap him. Their plans were quite adroit, but somehow or other they did not work. Jesus was too bright for them. They came out against him with great *eclat*, but he rolled them over one after the other in the dust. The sanctimonious Pharisee went down, and so did the snobbish Sadducee, and so did the supercilious scribe. His answers were so pat and his questions were so keen that the crowd, which always delights in the discomfiture of wiseacres and pretenders, listened to him with hilarious glee.

"'Hit him again,' is what the crowd always says under such conditions—and that is what the crowd said to Jesus on this memorable occasion. They listened to him gladly; but their listening had no spiritual significance and it has no moral lesson for us. Because a crowd of Jews exulted in the dexterity with which Jesus upset his pompous and conceited antagonists, it does not follow

## The Thing Left Undone

*It's the thing you leave undone—  
That gives you a bit of a heartache  
...At the setting of the sun.  
The tender word forgotten;  
The letter you did not write;  
The flower you did not send, dear,  
...Are your haunting ghosts at night.*

*The stone you might have lifted  
Out of a brother's way;  
The bit of heartsome counsel  
You were hurried too much to say;  
The loving touch of the hand, dear,  
And the gentle, winning tone  
That you had no time or thought for,  
With troubles enough of your own.*

*Those little acts of kindness,  
So easily out of mind,  
Those chances to be angels  
Which we poor mortals find,  
They come in night and silence,  
Each sad, reproachful wraith,  
When hope is faint and flagging  
And a chill has fallen on faith.*

*For life is all too short, dear,  
And sorrow is all too great  
To suffer our slow compassion  
That tarries until too late;  
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,  
It's the thing you leave undone  
That gives you a bit of a heartache  
At the setting of the sun.*

—Selected.

that if preachers only preach with fidelity the love of God, the multitude will throng round them and listen with great joy."

The New Testament gives an unfavorable account of the common people. They followed Jesus into the wilderness with their sick and decided to crown him their king when they perceived his supernatural power. But when Jesus met them in the city and preached the truth to them, they followed him no longer. The common people in Nazareth tried to kill him because of his preaching. The common people in Capernaum left him when he demanded a Godlike spirit in his followers. The common people in Jerusalem cried out with the scribes and Pharisees, "Crucify him!" The common people refused to listen to him.

Today, as in the time of Jesus, some people hear the gospel gladly and receive it. Others resent the demand for repentance to a new life in Christ. The common people are attracted by the would-be healer, the crystal gazer, and the dramatist. In the words of Dr. Jefferson: "It is not infallible proof that a man is preaching the gospel because he attracts the multitude, nor is it proof that he is recreant to his trust because the multitude stays away. Popularity is not the preacher's crown. There is no crown worth seeking save the benediction from the lips divine, 'Well done!'"

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## EDITORIAL

The publication of a new book in Danish by Rev. P. H. Pedersen has set up a certain train of thoughts in my mind. I have been reminded of Rev. Hakon Jorgensen's words in his report to the convention at Kimballton this spring:

"Let us seek to make this transition [from the use of Danish to the use of English in our church] a natural one. I believe we are many in the Danish Church who are concerned lest we lose our connection with our mother church in Denmark when the Danish language shall be used no longer among us. Torn from the tree the branch will no longer bear fruit, and *we are not yet sufficiently well rooted to be an independent tree*. If we let go the connection with the church of the land of our fathers . . . *we imperil our right and our ability to be an independent church*".

The fact that there has been practically no literary production in English among our people is a very plain indication of the truth of the above statement. We are not independent in soul and spirit. Nearly every effort that has been made to produce anything in writing has either been an attempt to render into English what we have from the motherland: hymns, songs, stories, etc., or attempts made outside our own group.

There is nothing wrong in this situation. But it is simply a barometer of the extent of our development as an independent group in this land of ours. The ties of our outer life to what we have inherited are loosening, and with them sometimes also the inner ties. But we have not yet made connections deep enough with our new environment to be able to live an independent life. We will be dominated either by Danish culture or by American culture as a force, in either case, more or less outside of our own lives. We are not at one with either side.

We have schooling and education at least as good as that of our fathers who came to America; we have more opportunity and leisure than they to cultivate spiritual and cultural values. And yet we seem unable to give independent expression to our thoughts and feelings in such a form that the others of our group may be enriched by it.

Perhaps our group is too small to expect that any great literary production should appear; but I am thinking not of great literary work, simply of such everyday

things as any independent group must give off as a sign of the life that is in it.

One of the purposes which, in my mind, "Lutheran Tidings" was to serve was to give opportunity to our younger people to express themselves in the English language. On this point we have failed up to the present. There is plenty of material to be had in Danish. Our people, both young and old, are prolific writers in the Danish language. But when it comes to English the fountain is dry. This is not because we do not know the English language, perhaps we know it better than the Danish.

I do not think this is a serious condition just at the present time. But it will become very serious for our church and for many, many individuals of our group in the future unless we learn to live with the English language. It is not a question at all of which is best, the Danish or the English. It is a question of learning to live with that language which we are able to use. And I am sure that at least 75 per cent of the people who by right belong to our group can use the English language better than the Danish. But this does not mean that they have learned to live with it.

C. A. Stub.

## Correspondence

### Picnic at Clear Lake

Sunday, August 9, the young people of Alden, Minn., Cedar Falls, Hampton, and Ringsted, Iowa, gathered at the State Park on the south shore of Clear Lake, Iowa, for an all-day picnic. Young people of all ages participated. I believe the youngest person present was one-half year, while the oldest must have been near eighty. The babe slept peacefully while the older people talked, and the young folks dashed hither and thither, now for a swim and next for a game of volleyball. Kittenball was suggested, but considered too warm a game on so hot a day.

Swimming was perhaps the favorite sport of the day, in spite of shallow water and sea weeds, which made beautiful sunshades, artificial hair, necklaces, and what have you.

Cedar Falls, being superior volleyballers, challenged first Ringsted and later Hampton.

Picnic dinners were eaten with ravenous appetites, consisting of chickens, potato salad, sandwiches, tomatoes, fruit, coffee, lemonade, and we must not forget the much disputed cherry pie, eaten by the lucky group while the owners stood watching.

Rev. Edwin Hansen of Hampton gave us a very interesting talk on self-control. I'm sure it was enjoyed by everyone and was a very appropriate topic for the day, as we young folks often need to be reminded of the existence of our self-control.

Between four and five o'clock, about half of our people left us because of chores to be done at home, or some such thing, but those who stayed for the evening certainly did not regret it. We sang for over an hour as it grew dark. Sitting there in the warm summer evening, singing our songs together, seemed to draw us closer to one another, and we really hated to leave, but we had to turn our steps homeward as the morrow would dawn with duties, school, and work. We all agreed it had been an enjoyable picnic and we would like to try it again next year. Now that we have experienced it once, it should be a great deal easier for us to arrange a bigger and better picnic for next summer.

K. M. T.



# REPORT

of the

## Proceedings of the 59th Annual Convention

### of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church

held at Kimballton, Iowa, June 3--7, 1936

#### TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNTS

May 22, 1935, to May 15, 1936

##### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand May 22, 1935 .....	\$ 459.64
For General Budget .....	\$8,466.74
For Grand View College:	
Interest on Fund .....	\$ 742.49
3 Year Subscription .....	17.50
Donations .....	57.28
Reimbursement Fund .....	3,406.45
	<u>4,223.72</u>
For Ministers' Aid .....	82.94
For Pension Fund .....	68.30
For Canada Mission .....	577.72
For Mission Work:	
Offering at Convention .....	\$ 97.54
Donations .....	206.88
For Annals .....	128.54
	<u>432.96</u>
Interest on Special Reserve Investments .....	120.00
Interest on Ord. Reserve .....	195.13
Payment on Principal of Ordinary Reserve .....	166.90
Collected Old Student Debts .....	68.00
Collected Old Bank Account .....	21.06
Payment on Canada Contract .....	1,000.00
Collected for G. V. C. Fund .....	15.00
Refund from Andersen Legacy .....	146.33
Borrowed from Bank .....	1,400.00
For Brush Sanatorium .....	13.30
From Reimbursement Fund for Reserve .....	1,672.74
School Bond No. 9 Sold .....	500.00
	<u>\$19,170.84</u>

##### DISBURSEMENTS

To Grand View College .....	\$9,000.00
Insurance, G. V. College .....	342.80
Interest, G. V. College Debts .....	852.00
Interest on Other Debts .....	74.17
Interest on Special Reserve Gifts .....	90.00
For Mission Work:	
Travel Expenses .....	\$414.71
„Kirkelig Samler“ Note (\$400) .....	350.00
„Kirkelig Samler“ Editor .....	100.00
„Kirkelig Samler“ Exp. .....	7.64
„Lutheran Tidings“ .....	185.00
Printing .....	52.34
Annals .....	207.73
President's Salary .....	200.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	200.00
Surety Bond .....	37.50
Postage, Tolls, etc. ....	67.39
Nysted Congregation .....	125.00
Pasadena Congregation .....	100.00
Oakland Congregation .....	300.00
„Child's Friend“ .....	200.00
	<u>\$2,547.31</u>
Principal G. V. College Loans .....	200.00
Principal Mission Work Loan .....	400.00
To Rev. N. P. Hald .....	41.47
To Rev. K. Knudsen .....	41.47
To Old People's Home .....	454.94
To Pension Fund .....	560.12
To Rev. P. Rasmussen, Canada .....	20.00
To Rev. P. N. Christiansen, Canada .....	565.88
To Brush Sanatorium .....	13.30
Travel Expenses, Canada Land .....	44.00
Expenses, Andersen Legacies .....	146.33
Bank Loan Repaid .....	1,400.00

To G. V. C. Committee .....	40.00
To Tyler Orphanage .....	50.00
To Danebod Højskole .....	50.00
To Solvang Højskole .....	50.00
To Dalum Højskole .....	50.00
School Bond No. 7 Redeemed .....	500.00
Deposit Society Dania .....	76.63
	<u>\$17,610.42</u>
Cash on hand May 15, 1936 .....	2,020.06
	<u>\$19,630.48</u>

#### TREASURER'S GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet, May 15, 1936

##### RESOURCES

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 2,020.06
Notes Receivable .....	2,869.96
Society Dania Deposit .....	84.10
Grand View College Debts (debts prior to Aug., 1932) .....	13,777.37
Suspense Account .....	386.24
Special Reserve Investments .....	1,568.40
	<u>\$20,706.23</u>

##### LIABILITIES

Notes Payable .....	\$14,700.00
Canada Mission .....	45.60
Special Reserve Fund .....	1,524.42
Canada Land .....	956.00
Reserve .....	3,480.21
	<u>\$20,706.23</u>

##### Notes Receivable are the following:

Congregation at Dalum, \$400.00, no interest  
 Canada Land Contract, \$1,000.00  
 C. A. Olsen Note, \$1,333.10, interest at 3%  
 Trust Cert., Capital City Bank, Des Moines, \$136.86

##### Special Reserve Investments are:

10 Shares Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co., cost \$1,082.15  
 \$500 Bond People's G. L. Co. 6% '57, cost \$486.25

##### Notes Payable are:

School Bonds \$7,200.00 int. at 6%  
 Loan, Society Dania \$6,900.00 int. at 6%  
 Note, Olga Boesen \$600.00 int. at 4%

#### STATEMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS

May 20, 1935, to May 15, 1936

##### RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand May 20, 1935 .....	\$ 68.67
1230 Shares Viking Stock Sold .....	19,293.45
Dividend on Viking Stock .....	2,240.00
Principal, Waterloo Farm Contract .....	437.00
Interest on Waterloo Farm Contract .....	111.79
Interest on Investments .....	425.12
Extra Profit on Investments .....	1,204.71
Securities Sold and Collections .....	12,056.00
	<u>\$35,768.07</u>
	<u>\$35,836.74</u>

##### DISBURSEMENTS

Securities Purchased .....	\$10,135.75
Indebtedness Paid .....	1,590.00
Interest on Indebtedness .....	92.34
Travel Expenses .....	142.95
Sundry Expenses .....	37.05
To Old People's Home Funds .....	4,114.72
To Synod Reserve .....	1,672.74
Synod Treasurer for G. V. College .....	3,406.45
Committee G. V. College Fund .....	11,806.09
	<u>\$32,988.09</u>
Cash on Hand May 15, 1936 .....	2,838.65
	<u>\$35,836.74</u>

# **REIMBURSEMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET—MAY 15, 1936** RESOURCES

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 2,838.65
W. N. Hostrop .....	111,905.67
Investments .....	910.00
Waterloo Farm Contract .....	1,950.00
Equity in Tripp County Farm .....	133.40
	<u>\$117,737.72</u>

## LIABILITIES

### Funds:

Old Peoples Home Endowment .....	\$ 5,989.28
Old Peoples Home Reserve .....	12,866.29
Old Peoples Home Building .....	3,911.06
Grand View College Endowment .....	84,149.73
Synod Reserve .....	9,258.37
Profits from Sale of Securities, etc. ....	1,562.99
	<u>\$117,737.72</u>

The following properties are held to liquidate the Hostrop account:

3615 Shares of Viking of Delaware	
20 Shares Viking of Canada	
5 Shares Dike Savings Bank	
40 Shares Union Bank & Trust Co., Cedar Falls	
20 Shares Standard Mfg. Co., of Cedar Falls	
The investments referred to above are:	
\$500.00 Bond Pennsylvania Operating Co.	\$200.00
Note C. A. Olsen (int. at 3%) .....	710.00

O. C. O.

## **STATEMENT OF MONEY BORROWED TO REDEEM SECURITIES PLEDGED BY W. N. HOSTROP AND SALES OF SAME TO PAY LOAN**

### Dr.

Money Borrowed to Redeem Securities .....	\$ 14,517.26
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### Cr.

### By Sales as follows:

1931

Oct. 23 Fifty Shares Glidden common.....	\$ 262.50
Fifty Shares Houdale Hershey A....	600.00
Twenty-Five Sh. Houdale Hershey B .....	81.25
Ten Shares Northw. Bank Corp.....	215.00
Oct. 21 Five Hundred Bond Penn. Oper. Co....	213.33
One Thousand Finland Bond .....	463.60
Two Thousand Keystone Telephone....	1,142.16
One Thousand Kans. City Publ. Service .....	370.00

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Nov. 15 100 Shares Viking at 5 3/8 .....	525.78
Nov. 17 Forty at 6 .....	
Nov. 26 Twenty at 6 1/2 .....	362.85
Mar. 16 From Fidelity & Cas. Co. ....	100.00*
May 8 Twenty Viking at 9 .....	173.98
May 9 Twenty Viking at 9 .....	179.19
May 10 One Hundred Viking at 9 1/2 .....	938.28
May 14 Fifty Viking at 10 .....	491.53
May 16 Twenty-Five Viking at 10 1/2 .....	256.06
May 20 Forty Viking at 12 .....	473.18
May 28 Forty Viking at 11 .....	433.39
June 18 One Hundred Viking at 10 1/2 .....	1,033.27
July 18 Sixty Viking at 12 1/2 .....	739.87
July 28 Forty Viking at 12 .....	473.39
Aug. 8 Thirty Viking at 14 .....	413.59
Aug. 10 Forty Viking at 14 .....	554.63
Aug. 14 One Hundred Viking at 14.15 .....	1,363.35
Aug. 15 Thirty Viking at 14 .....	415.04
Oct. 12 Ten Viking at 10 1/2 .....	119.39
Oct. 22 Ninety Viking at 12 1/2 .....	1,113.85
Nov. 19 One Hundred at 15 (474.45 to Hostrop Acct.) .....	1,008.80

\$14,517.26

\* 225 Shares Viking assigned to Fidelity & Cas. Co. on payment by them of this \$100 and their release of interest in all other property received from Hostrop.

Hostrop's account credited on statement with market value of these shares on May 8, 1935, nearest sale date.

After the above indebtedness of \$14,517.26 had been paid proceeds of stock sales were credited to Hostrop account.

## **STATEMENT OF W. N. HOSTROP** April 20, 1931, to May 15, 1936

Shortage as per his acknowledgment.....	\$117,757.22
Additional Credit Discovery .....	1,089.05

Interest paid to Bank April 20, 1931.....	128.09
Traveling Exp. 4-26-31 to 10-1-35.....	476.66
Interest on Loans to redeem Securities.....	750.78
Postage, Printing, Rent, Safety Box, Telegrams, etc. ....	188.93
Attorney's Fees .....	325.00
Trust Co. Fee in Chicago .....	232.72
Stock Transfer Tax .....	84.73
Interest on Account .....	27,419.62

\$148,452.80

## Credit

5-1-31 Check from Hostrop .....	\$ 414.86
Refund for Bank of Republic.....	60.21
5-28-31 Frederickson-Lehman Note .....	100.00
6-20-31 C. B. Nielsen I. Cl. ....	885.50
7-2-31 Life Insurance Proceeds .....	500.00
7-16-31 Refshauge Claim .....	295.18
8-26-31 Cedar Falls Farm .....	100.00
10-1-31 Waterloo Farm .....	1,000.00
10-19-31 Div. & Int. Security Bank, Chicago.	204.00
10-19-31 Julius Petersen Note .....	100.00
11-17-31 Sale Cedar Falls House .....	5,752.53
1-5-32 Rent Collections Cedar Falls .....	4.19
11-25-31 Discount S. N. Nielsen .....	100.00
1-5-32 Dividend Dike Savings Bank .....	40.00
2-6-32 Frederickson-Lehman Note .....	188.40
3-31-32 Frederickson-Lehman Note .....	190.50
6-6-32 Received from Mrs. Hostrop .....	50.00
12-20-31 Viking Stock Dividends .....	1,321.25
3-8-35 Refund of Interest .....	7.50
5-8-35 Refund of Interest .....	1.93
9-28-35 Balance Waterloo Farm Sale .....	2,386.77
11-9-35 Balance Sale of Viking Stock .....	474.45
6-1-35 Dividends on Viking Stock .....	1,211.25
11-25-35 30 Shares Viking Stock at 17 .....	504.83
12-3-35 20 Shares Viking Stock at 17 .....	336.68
12-16-35 Dividends on Viking Stock .....	1,028.75
12-19-35 50 Shares Viking Stock at 1 1/2 .....	816.73
1-23-36 65 Shares Viking Stock at 16 1/4 .....	1,045.31
1-28-36 30 Shares Viking Stock at 18 .....	535.03
1-30-36 5 Shares Viking Stock at 18 1/4 .....	90.41
1-31-36 40 Shares Viking Stock at 19 3/4 .....	783.20
2-3-36 10 Shares Viking Stock at 19 7/8 .....	197.09
2-4-36 50 Shares Viking Stock at 20 .....	991.23
2-5-36 20 Shares Viking Stock at 22 .....	436.49
2-6-36 30 Shares Viking Stock at 22 .....	654.55
3-16-35 225 Shares Viking Stock at 9 .....	2,025.00
2-14-36 20 Shares Viking Stock at 23 .....	1,141.22
2-17-36 10 Shares Viking Stock at 23 1/2 .....	229.49
3-6-36 10 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	204.29
3-6-36 20 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	418.99
3-7-36 20 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	417.74
3-9-36 10 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	204.49
3-9-36 30 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	628.28
3-19-36 50 Shares Viking Stock at 21 .....	1,041.20

29,119.52

Balance .....

\$119,333.28

Surety Co. Claim .....	\$8,088.44
Less: 225 Shares Viking .....	2,025.00

\$6,063.44

Int. from 11-1-31 to 5-1-36.....	1,364.17
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7,427.61

Balance due .....

\$111,905.67

## **STATEMENT OF ANDREW ANDERSEN LEGACIES** December 20, 1935, to May 15, 1936

### RECEIPTS

D. Danielsens, Execetr. for 1935 Taxes .....	\$ 194.11
D. Danielsens, Execetr. for 1935 Taxes .....	94.10
Bond—Town of Davis Sold to First Nat'l of Parker (Par) .....	250.00
Certificate of Deposit, First Nat'l of Centerville	848.17
Int. of Cert. of Deposit F. Nat'l of Centerville	25.44
Interest on Argentine Bond .....	30.00
Argentine Bond Sale .....	983.40
Int.—Ellis Loan to 2-15-36 at 6%.....	135.00
Ellis Loan .....	6,000.00
Certificate of Deposit of Centerville .....	314.15

Total Receipts .....

\$ 8,874.37



# DISBURSEMENTS

Expense Settling Claim in Estate .....	\$ 146.33
Safety Deposit Box Rent .....	3.85
Falls Sundry Exp. ....	19.36
Bank Charges .....	3.58
1935 Taxes—Lincoln Co., So. Dak. ....	194.11
1935 Taxes—Clay Co., So. Dak. ....	94.10
Ezen Ezer Mercy Institute .....	648.64
Santal Mission .....	432.48
Orphans Home, Perth Amboy .....	432.48
Danebod Højskolesamfund .....	432.40
Orphans Home Tyler .....	432.48
Orphans Home Chicago .....	432.40
Nysted Højskolesamfund .....	432.40
Pension Fund .....	864.88
Old Peoples Home Valborgsminde .....	2,162.16
Grand View College Endowment Fund .....	864.88
Ashland Højskolesamfund .....	432.40
Solvang Højskole .....	432.40

Total Disbursements .....	8,461.33
Cash on Hand in Bank .....	413.04
The undistributed assets of these legacies in addition to the cash are two farms: NW ½ Sec. 20, Tsp. 97, Rg. 51, Lincoln Co., S. D.; SE ¼ Sec. 4, Tsp. 95, Rg. 53, Clay Co., S. D.	
	O. C. O.

# AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have audited the records of Mr. O. C. Olsen, Treasurer of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for the year ending May 15, 1936, and have also examined the accounts of the Reimbursement Fund and Andrew Andersen legacies for the same period. Our examination discloses that the records are accurate, that the statements submitted herewith correctly reflect the financial position May 15, 1936, and receipts and disbursements of cash for the year ended that date and that all securities and cash balances are in order.

W. Bryden & Co.

Certified Public Accountants.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 21, 1936.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GRAND VIEW COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance May 15, 1935:	
Interest .....	\$ 34.28
Principal .....	2,477.39
	\$2,511.67
Interest Received .....	865.58
Principal Received .....	2,165.77
Principal from Reimbursement Fund .....	11,690.20
	14,721.55
	\$17,233.22

# Expenditures

From Reimbursement Fund .....	\$11,690.20
Paid for Security Received .....	2,507.00
To O. C. Olsen .....	742.49
Surety Bonds .....	25.00
Safety Box .....	6.80
Taxes on Tyler Farm .....	76.26
New Land Contract .....	1.25
Interest Bought on Bonds .....	6.65
	\$15,055.45
	\$2,177.77

Balance May 15, 1936:	
Principal .....	\$2,136.16
Interest .....	41.61
	\$2,177.77

Chris. Korsgaard,  
Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE GRAND VIEW COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

## CASH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY

May 16, 1935, to May 15, 1936

# RECEIPTS

Principal Account:	
From liquidation of \$275.00 in Subscription Notes .....	\$ 40.00
Repayment of Note—O. C. Olsen .....	1,000.00
Partial Payment—Estate of Andreas Andersen .....	864.88
Reimbursement Fund Distribution .....	11,806.29
D. Y. P. S., Des Moines, Payment of Second Mortgage. ....	145.00
	\$13,855.97

# Interest Payments:

Real Estate Mortgage and Bonds .....	\$240.00
Securities .....	108.00
Tyler Farm Rent .....	420.00
Notes Outstanding .....	53.34
Bank Savings Account .....	44.24
	865.58

Total Receipts .....\$14,721.55

# DISBURSEMENTS

## To Chris Korsgaard, Treasurer:

Principal .....	\$13,855.97
Interest .....	865.58

\$14,721.55

Elker R. Nielsen,  
Financial Secretary.

# STATEMENT OF REAL ESTATE AND SECURITIES HELD BY THE GRAND VIEW COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

May 15, 1936

## Real Estate:

Johansen Farm, Tyler, Minn. (120 Acres) .....	\$12,000.00
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## Mortgage and Real Estate Bonds:

Young People's Society, Des Moines, Iowa, First Mortg. ....	5,000.00
Young People's Society, Des Moines, Iowa, Sec. Mortg. ....	205.00
J. H. Anderson Co. 6% Split Mortgage Bond (default) .....	500.00
Embassy Hotel Co. 7% First Mortgage Bond (default) .....	2,500.00
Churchill Hotel Co. 7% First Mortgage Bond (default) .....	2,500.00
Grand View College First Mortgage Bond 6% .....	500.00

## Securities:

Nat'l Elec. Power, 20 Shares 6% Pfd. (receivership) ..	2,000.00
Northwest Bankcorporation, 10 Shares .....	215.00
Kansas City Public Service Co. (\$1000.00 Bond) .....	370.00
U. S. Treasury 3% Bonds (\$200.00) .....	172.13
U. S. Treasury 3% Bonds (\$200.00) .....	187.56
Massachusetts Investors Trust, 50 Shares .....	1,357.00
Re-investment of \$11,690.20 received from Reimbursement Fund:	
Incorporated Investors, 102 Shares .....	2,335.80
P. G. L. & Co. \$1,000.00 6% Bond (acrd. int.) \$16.83 ..	1,071.83
So. Pac. R. R. \$2,000.00 4½% Bond (acrd. int.) \$2.75 ..	1,957.75
Brlyn. M. Tr. Corp. \$1,000.00 6% Bond (acrd. int.) ..	
\$11.83 .....	1,074.33
No. Pac. R. R. \$1,000.00 6% Bond (acrd. int.) \$11.83 ..	1,116.83
Ia. So. U. Co. \$2,000.00 5½% Bond (acrd. int.) \$40.00 ..	2,090.00
Pub. Ser. Co. Ind. \$2,000.00 6% Bond (acrd. int.) \$13.66 ..	2,043.00
(Cost of Securities \$11,593.30 plus \$96.00 accrued interest = \$11,690.20).	

Subscription Notes: Beginning of year.....\$1,960.00  
Cancelled and liquidated during year ..... 275.00

Amount of uncanceled notes ..... 1,685.00

## Promissory Notes:

Fund's Share of "Canada Land" Notes .....	3,000.00
Loan to G. V. C. on notes signed by Arild Olsen, Pres. ....	1,300.00
	\$45,181.89

Elker R. Nielsen,  
Financial Secretary.

May 15, 1936.

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that there is on deposit with the Chicago City Bank and Trust Company in name of the Grand View College, Endowment Fund, the sum of Twenty One Hundred Seventy-Seven and 77/100 (\$2177.77) Dollars, as evidenced by savings pass book No. 136,047 issued in their name.

Yours Very truly,  
Chicago City Bank and Trust Company,  
Oscar F. Norli, Assistant Cashier.

# REPORT FROM THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, "VALBORGS-MINDE," DES MOINES, IOWA

Des Moines, Iowa, June 1, 1936.

It would involve repetition if I should report about the daily life at the Old People's Home and what has taken place there during the year. Mr. Ole Jensen, who lives at the Home, has given a very excellent account of this in "Dannevirke" for May 20.

There have been two deaths during the year, and two persons have been admitted. The number of inmates is 17, the same as the year before.

The regular housekeeping xpenses have been about \$700.00

(To be Continued)

\$11,011.77

900.00

5.00

16.50

67.12

1,660.00

140.00

690.50

4.50

8.67

1,804.41

166.05

225.00

29.09

4.50

110.50

24.00

29.09

17.32

110.50

4.50

2,025.07

707.52

12.00

132.60

4.50

14.23

30.00

26.50

14.00

18.00

4.50

5.00

143.65

4.50

35.43

16.50

510.82

May 15, 1934—Balance on Hand ..... \$ 71.51

July 6—Div. 1a. Power & Light ..... 4.50

July 9—Jacob Hansen, Interest ..... 12.00

Sept. 4—Christopher Nielsen, Int. ..... 36.00

Oct. 2—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Oct. 4—Society Dania, Int. ..... 62.50

Oct. 6—C. C. State Bank, 25% on Trust Cert. ..... 21.69

Oct. 19—N. C. Sørensen, Optagelse ..... 1,000.00

Nov. 28—Ray C. Jensen, on Principal ..... 50.00

Nov. 28—Ray C. Jensen, Interest ..... 27.00

Dec. 6—Society Dania (Pd. Miss Larsen Note \$2,500.00) ..... \$2,000.00 HOLC plus check

Nov. 19—St. Am. Trust Shares, Div. ..... 16.50

Jan. 4, 1935—Dania—Bal. on Larsen Note ..... 35.43

Jan. 4—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Jan. 31—Viking Pump, Div. ..... 143.65

Feb. 21—Tyler Telephone Co., Div. ..... 5.00

Apr. 2—Iowa Power & Light, Div. ..... 4.50

Apr. 16—Rent, Finsen Farm ..... 18.00

Apr. 3—Tyler Lumber Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Apr. 16—Rent, Finsen Farm ..... 14.00

May 15—St. Am. Trust Shares Div. ..... 26.50

May 24—HOLC Bonds, 3% Int. ..... 30.00

June 3—S. Andersen Property, Rent ..... 14.23

July 2—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

July 5—Viking Pump, Div. ..... 132.60

July 9—Jacob Hansen, Int. ..... 12.00

Sept. 30—M. Bøllsen, Admittance ..... 707.52

Sept. 30—\$2,000.00 HOLC 3% Bonds Sold ..... 2,025.07

Oct. 1—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Oct. 28—From Reimbursement Fund ..... 110.50

Nov. 14—St. Am. Trust Shares, Div. ..... 29.09

Nov. 29—Trust Cert. Div. Alden, Minn. ..... 24.00

Dec. 3—Ray Jensen, Int. ..... 110.50

Jan. 4, 1936—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Feb. 7—Trust Cert. Alden ..... 29.09

Feb. 24—Settlement P. Miltersen \$500.00 Note ..... 225.00

March 4—From Reimbursement Fund ..... 166.05

March 19—From Reimbursement Fund ..... 1,804.41

March 26—10% C. C. State Bank Trust Cert. ..... 8.67

Apr. 2—Iowa Power & Light Co., Div. ..... 4.50

Apr. 7—Sale, Finsen Farm, Texas, Net ..... 690.50

Apr. 7—A. P. Nielsen og Hustru, Real Estate Contract. .... 140.00

Apr. 14—Rent, Property S. Andersen, Askov ..... 67.12

May—St. Am. Trust Shares, Div. ..... 16.50

May 2—Tyler Telephone Co., Div. ..... 5.00

May 11—Sold to Endowment Fund 250 Sh. St. Am. Tr. Sh. at \$3.60 ..... 900.00

## RECEIPTS

## DANISH OLD PEOPLE'S HOME—RESERVE FUND

Total ..... \$33,600.70

Building Fund ..... 1,800.00

Reserve Fund ..... 17,652.82

Endowment Fund ..... 14,147.88

## ENDOWMENT FUND

1st Mtg., B. Fisher ..... \$ 1,800.00

## Building Fund

\$17,652.82

1st Mtg., Ellgaard Property ..... 3,000.00

Junction City Property, Sales Contract—Bal. .... 1,640.00

Capital City State Bank Trust Cert—Bal. .... 56.38

12 Sh. Tyler Lumber Co. .... 240.00

10 Sh. Tyler Telephone Co. .... 100.00

III. Central Ry., 10 Common, 1 Preferred ..... 340.00

Ia. P. &amp; Light Shares ..... 300.00

Trust Cert. Alden Bank—Bal. .... 232.70

Dalpcha Property, Portland ..... 2,500.00

1st Mtg., Parsonage, Des Moines—Bal. .... 2,158.74

Søren Andersen Farm &amp; House ..... 2,000.00

Texas Farm—Sold ..... 2,485.00

Contract, Ray C. Jensen—Bal. .... 400.00

1st Mtg., Jacob Hansen ..... 400.00

1st Mtg., P. A. Miltersen—Redeemed ..... \$ 1,200.00

1st Mtg., Kristen Sørensen ..... 600.00

1st Mtg., Christoffer Nielsen ..... \$ 1,200.00

ment Fund) ..... \$ 1,200.00

250 Sh. St. Am. Tr. Sh. Transf. (transferred to Endow-

## Reserve Fund

\$14,147.88

20 Sh. Gen. Mot. Common ..... 1,120.64

Andersen Legacy, 250 Sh. Am. Trust ..... 900.00

Thuesen Bequest (10 Sh. A. T. T. Common) ..... 1,252.24

Ingversen Note—No Value ..... 2,000.00

160 Acre Farm, Montana ..... 1,500.00

3 City Lots in Des Moines ..... 1,200.00

1st Mtg., Lars P. Jensen ..... 1,500.00

1st Mtg., Nis J. Kyhl—No Value ..... 1,000.00

1st Mtg., Magnus Hansen ..... 400.00

1st Mtg., Henry Fraks—Bal. ..... 1,000.00

1st Mtg., Jens P. Bie—No Value ..... 1,500.00

1st Mtg., Jacob Nielsen ..... 800.00

1st Mtg., Fritz Holm ..... 400.00

1st Mtg., John Jensen ..... 1,400.00

1st Mtg., T. N. Thomsen ..... 600.00

Rasmus Johnson—Redeemed ..... 75.00

Peter Miltersen—Redeemed ..... \$ 75.00

1st Mtg., Annie Jensen ..... 600.00

Kausas City Public Serv. St. ..... \$ 75.00

Value given as in previous report unless bought or transferred:

## Endowment Fund—May 15, 1936

## LIST OF SECURITIES

*J. Fr. Petersen.*

And thanks to friends of the Home for services, gifts, and favors with the Home. We thank him for his many years of faithful service. Ington, D. C. He has asked to be relieved of his work in connection with the Home and to continue his residence at Wash-

Mr. Munk-Pedersen will have to continue his residence at Wash- at Medicine Lake, Mont., and Mr. Ole Christensen at Portland, Me. We would ask Mr. Carl Møller to continue to look after the interests of the Home at Askov, Minn. Likewise Mr. Simon Faaborg in the English language.

And since the laws of the Old People's Home must always be included in all contracts, it is proposed that these laws be printed as follows:

"Funeral expenses shall be defrayed by the Home or charged to the account of the deceased, in accordance with the contract of admittance."

It is further proposed that paragraph 12 be amended to read counts of the Home."

"The financial means of the Home shall be administered by a finance committee consisting of the local board of the Home. This board shall meet at least once a month and go through all the ac-

It is therefore proposed that paragraph 3, a) of the Laws for the Old People's Home be changed to read:

"The present constitution of the finance committee is not satisfactory. So far as I know the committee has never held a meeting at which three members were present. It consists of two men from the city and one man from the country. One lives at Des Moines, one at Washington, D. C., and one at Askov, Minn. If the two who live in the city want to discuss the investment of money in city property, the third says: 'I know nothing about that.' And if he brings up the question of farm loans, the others must confess: 'We know nothing about that.'"

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The socialled Building Fund has \$851.90 cash on hand and a first mortgage of indefinite value. The conditions under which this fund was created no longer exist. It is therefore recommended that this fund be liquidated and its assets, as well as its share of the Reimbursement Fund, added to the Reserve Fund.

The Endowment Fund has been increased by \$2,162.16 from the Andrew Andersen estate. This bequest will be entered on the books as the Andrew Andersen Legacy.

In order not to deplete this Reserve Fund we are compelled to ask that the Old People's Home be put on the synodical budget for \$1,000.00 for next year.

We have used of the Reserve Fund \$2,500.00. If the value listed under this fund were actual market values, this amount would not be too much to use; but several items are doubtful.

more than last year, in all \$3,764.63. This amounts to \$221.45 for each inmate.



## The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Another year has rolled away and once again the Eben-Ezer workers come to their friends. We come in a double errand. First to thank all who have aided us in carrying on the work at Eben-Ezer for so many years and particularly during the recent difficult years. Without your loyal support our efforts would not have availed—but we are deeply grateful as we close the year (the auditor has just left us—August 11) for the year and its many blessings.

Secondly: We come to you again, because we are anxious to place the cause of Eben-Ezer before you and to ask you to give us your continued support—also this year.

As you will be aware, it has for many years been the custom in many Danish churches and other places on the thirteenth Sunday or some other Sunday to take up an offering for the benefit of the work at Eben-Ezer. It is our hope that you, dear friends, will do it also this year.

It is only by the continued support by the friends of Eben-Ezer that we are enabled to carry on; and we trust that you will be with us as in the past.

Very sincerely yours,

The Eben-Ezer Workers,  
J. Madsen, Pastor.

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## BOOKS

“**Fra Jerusalem til Rom**” by Rev. P. H. Pedersen. \$1.00 bound; 75 cents paper cover.

It is encouraging when our own people make contributions to the stream of current religious literature whether it be in Danish or in English. Let us not fail to show appreciation of this by supporting those who are putting forth their best efforts to enrich our church by this means.

This little book by Rev. Pedersen is a collection of stories from the apostolic period of the Christian Church, beginning at Pentecost and carrying the account through to the death of the Apostle John.

These stories are short and concise. Their language is very simple and easy to understand, even for children. In fact, they were written for children, and many of them were published first in “*Børnevennen*.” As material for a Danish Sunday school class they would be very suitable, even as a reading text for instruction in Danish.

I can heartily recommend “*Fra Jerusalem til Rom*” to those of our readers who can read simple Danish, especially for the use of children in Danish school or Sunday school. It covers a period of church history on which it is difficult to get material in Danish suitable for children.

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“**The Challenge of Lutheran Home Missions**” by the Lutheran Home Mission Council of America; 25 cents.

This is a booklet of only 64 pages published by the Lutheran Home Mission Council, of which our synod is a member. But though it is only a pamphlet, it is very significant in that it contains a wealth of interesting and useful material for all who are interested in the welfare of our church.

Home missions will be the salvation of our church, or any other church. In a country whose population is as unstable and heterogeneous as ours the individual church body simply cannot carry on ultimately without home mission work.

I quote from an article in this booklet by Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., on “The Lutheran Congregation and the

Restoration of the Agricultural Community.” Speaking of the tendency of rural community life to be broken up by urban influences, he says:

“The urban world through all its channels of contact is beckoning us to restlessness and away. The movies, the radio, the papers, the travelers—all carry the appeal.

“But we should know by now that the happiest thing about traveling is the home of contentment to which one returns. The vagabond does not know this joy.

“The home of contentment is the most important by-product of the congregation’s work, and it will mean the restoration of the agricultural community.

“Undoubtedly the loss of those homesteads which the Lord God gave to our fathers is largely traceable to a shift in life purpose. They wanted homes and security; we wanted wealth, and luxury, and ease. They ventured as pioneers the uncertainties of the west; we ventured as gamblers betting on a sure thing—and lost.

“The congregation must teach itself, its children, its environment the old lesson again: ‘Godliness with contentment is great gain.’

“Unsolved problems remain. How can the farm home of one generation pass to the next generation consisting of several children without parceling up the land till it is no longer an effective unit, or without bankrupting that son or son-in-law who tries to take it over? The rights of primogeniture in Europe seem undemocratic in America, but some usable procedure must be found whereby farms can be kept in the family.

“Education has been turning children away from rural life. Its goals, its examples of success, its dominating leadership, have been urban.

“Rural life is the victim of an urban-industrial policy so false to itself and its ‘market’ as to jeopardize today its own leadership. Not satisfied with the gigantic profits at hand in the cash market of America, deferred-payment plans were perfected and still are throwing their chains of serfdom around the necks of those who have no minds to understand, no wills to resist.

“The universal habit to reach for luxuries beyond one’s present ability to buy is an individual weakness which can successfully be resisted only by a social unit which brings its collective judgment to bear in opposition to the high-pressure salesmanship which is focussed upon that individual by agencies not concerned with his happiness but with their profits.

“Such resistance is successfully at work among the Credit Unions of America, within the Community Co-operatives of England, Ireland, Sweden, and Denmark.

“If in Lutheran rural Denmark it is true that ‘to live beyond one’s means is frowned upon,’ might not Lutheran rural congregations in America bring a like liberating influence to bear upon their component parts, at least until the march toward peasantry is stopped?

“Shall American standards of living pass the rural dwellers by? By no means. But there must be balanced thinking lest the ‘rural market’ becomes possessed of a mass of mechanical gadgets, interesting but not essential, and with them a mortgage which in the end will take away that very roof under which the ‘fuller life’ was to be lived.

“What man, who in his youth knew intimately the ache that goes with the crank of the grindstone, the churn, the cornsheller, the fanning mill, or with the handle of the pump, will not heartily endorse the electrification of the farm? But will he not also stop and ask: ‘Is it not better to own the homestead without electrical gadgets, than to have them all for a season and so lose them and the home as well?’

“What could the congregation do about this?

“What would it want to do?”

C. A. Stub.

## THE CHURCH OF DENMARK

By Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, Copenhagen

"The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the National Church of Denmark, and as such it is supported by the State."—Thus reads Paragraph 3 of Denmark's Constitution, and its Paragraph 73 states that the affairs of the National Church are to be regulated by law. Both of these paragraphs have direct bearing upon the relation between Church and State in our Land.

The question has lately been raised as to whether the promised support from the State is material only or of a spiritual nature as well. Upon the answer to this question hinges the attitude of the State toward the spiritual side of the religious instruction in the schools. The unsolved problem of a church constitution has given frequent occasion for expression of diverging views. A commission appointed by the Minister of Church Affairs has wrestled with the problem for years without arriving at a tangible result. On the other hand a church constitution would be highly desirable to protect the church against aggression on the part of the State. On the other hand it is to be feared that it would lend itself to the noticeable hierarchical tendencies which might become a menace to the freedom of church life. No one, however, seeks to hinder the church in its work. Not only do we have nominal religious liberty, but we are actually free to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments, in fact to exercise every function of church life.

As is generally known, an overwhelming majority of our people belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Only about 2 per cent are definitely outside the National Church. We have thus a true Evangelical Lutheran National Church. Catholicism is, however, steadily gaining ground, especially since the beginning of the present century. During the years 1890-1901 the number of Catholics rose from 3,000 to 5,400, and by 1911 it had reached 9,800. Since then the membership of the Catholic Church has steadily increased to about 23,000. This comparatively rapid growth is, however, not primarily due to transition, but rather it may be attributed to increased immigration of foreign laborers. There is no occasion for concern on account of the growth of Catholicism. Though the Catholic Church maintains an active propaganda, real confessional struggles are unknown here.

Church life in Denmark continues to develop along several major lines, though the differences between the various groups are not so sharp as formerly. One group upholds the traditions of our greatest bishops: Mynster and Martensen; another harks back to Grundtvig, who roused our people from their rationalistic slumber and brought us not merely a religious awakening but also a deep national revival. From Grundtvig's Folk High Schools came the impulses that raised our rural population to a higher intellectual and spiritual plane. The influence of the Folk High School is still great, and the movement has stirred other strata of our people, particularly the laboring class, tending to heighten their ideals and widen their horizon. The third group, the so-called Inner Mission people, a child of Pietism and Methodism—a deep revivalistic movement, working though the preaching of the Word of God—exerts a strong influence upon large numbers of our people. Its manifestations vary somewhat, but in cities as well as in rural com-

munities awakenings have occurred in recent years.

After a period of spiritual drought we are permitted now to rejoice at the awakening of new spiritual life throughout our land. The forces of godlessness have been unable to gain a foothold here, and their efforts count for little. In labor circles there is evidence of growing interest not merely in religious questions as such, but in positive Christianity. Bible study circles numbering thousands of members have been formed and are in constant growth. Single-handed, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, Falk Hansen, has inaugurated a richly blest work among the unemployed. During the winters of recent years he has gathered about a thousand of the unemployed four times each week. Last winter a number of special services in the Cathedral of Copenhagen drew from two to three thousand workers with wives and children. Generally speaking our dominant social democracy is well disposed toward the church. Efforts to limit religious instruction in the public schools are being opposed by the workers themselves; likewise propositions arising in ultra-liberal circles and aiming to liberalize religious teaching in the schools. Recently a new order has been promulgated requiring that such instruction be given in a true evangelical Lutheran spirit and in accordance with the confessional writings of the Church.

In Church circles it was feared that the pending social legislation would tend to undermine the charity work of the church by rendering it superfluous. Our fears proved groundless. Instead, the need for co-operation is stressed. The need is great and demands co-ordination of forces to alleviate it. The State recognizes the value of private institutions and private initiative whether motivated by common philanthropic considerations or by a definite religious concept. In neither case has the State shown any inclination to interfere so long as the work meets the standard technical requirements. The merging of Christian charity work into *Folkekirkelig filantropisk Forbund*, with Dr. Jorgensen as president, has made it easier to maintain the principles of the Church in our relations with civic authority.

In the realm of thought our break with materialism and positivism is a long-established fact. The influence of George Brandes, which opened wide the doors of positive materialism and, in the eighties of the past century, called forth a bitter hostility to the Church, is now a thing of the past. A few individuals still wage a hopeless war to keep the old ideals alive. Høffding paved the way for the overthrow of materialistic atheism. The battle has continued in our literature and also in the field of science, where especially the name of Niels Bohr looms large. Our more important literary works of recent years have, almost without exception, touched upon religious problems. One of our foremost dramatists is a minister whose religious plays have drawn thousands upon thousands of people.

The influence of Barth has gone far to counteract the theological liberalism. It has gone hand in hand with a "Luther-and-Kierkegaard Renaissance." It has brought about a deepening of spiritual life, especially among students and the younger pastors, but it has also led to the formation of a new group that has come to be known as *Tidkørselsbevægelsen*. These

people stress *Sola fide* so strongly that the renewal of Christian life and walking in the Spirit are relegated quite to the background. The Oxford Group Movement came as a reaction against this one-sidedness. But it came also as a "new break" to a people who—though outwardly belonging to the Church—to a great extent had become strangers to true Christianity. The coming of the movement is the great event of this year in our Church life. It has become a current topic of discussion among people of all classes. The newspapers, which ordinarily pay little attention to religious matters, have carried columns about it day after day. Its books are bought by the thousand. A spirit of inquiry is abroad in our land—a hitherto unknown listening and waiting. It has become the most natural thing in the world to discuss religious questions. A call for mutual charity and toleration reverberates in the hearts of men. Missionary zeal and courage to testify have seized students and young people. Workingmen testify to Christian faith in communistic meetings and get a hearing. The international Oxford team has labored among us about a year and a half, and many thousands are taking part. People who had left the church are coming back; and some who had been about to turn to Catholicism have been influenced to remain by reason of the renewal of confession.

The work is now being consolidated and deepened. Religious gatherings of all kinds have much larger attendance. The churches have never before drawn so many people. In one provincial city no less than fourteen Bible Study Groups have been formed. Our people are experiencing an awakening. The Church is not only facing the task of preparing the way, but upon it rests the heavy responsibility of guiding the new life into sound channels.

Since 1929 great changes have occurred in the leadership of our Church. Five of our nine bishops are newly appointed. Bishops Ludwigs, Olesen, Ostenfeld, and Fønnesbeck-Wulff have been called home to God. Bishop Schiøler has been retired upon reaching the age limit. The new appointees are: Oldenburg to Aalborg, Westergaard to Ribe, Bruun-Rasmussen to Aarhus, Fuglsang-Damgaard to Copenhagen, and Rosendal to Roskilde.

To the theological faculty at the University of Copenhagen Pastor N. H. Sjøe has been added as assistant professor of systematic theology. In recent years a second university has been established in the city of Aarhus, but as yet it has no theological faculty. However, lectures in theological propaedeutics are being given.

A wave of confident optimism is passing over our church. In the capital one new church after another is being built, and we feel that the Spirit is calling our people to new life. God has done it, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Brethren, pray for us that we may learn to redeem the precious time.

—N. L. C. News Bureau.

## Our Church

Dr. A. U. Michelson. Rev. A. E. Sørensen, Seattle, Wash., reports that Dr. A. U. Michelson, a Christian Jew of Swedish nationality, who is laboring for the Christianization of the Jews, will speak at the Seattle church some time this month.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa, president of our synod, who at the present



time is making a long tour of the western states, visited St. John's Church, Seattle, Wash., August 16. He preached in the afternoon in Danish, and in the evening he delivered a lecture in English.

**Seattle Building Fund.** Mr. M. J. Lehmann, chairman, and Mr. Aug. Jorgensen, treasurer of the Building Fund of our Seattle church, report that the debt of this fund has now been reduced to \$2,929.00, thanks to gifts, great and small, of interested friends.

**Church repair.** St. John's Church, Seattle, Wash., is to have its outside woodwork painted. A committee has been appointed to provide ways and means for having this work done. The Seattle church is now ten years old.

**A joint picnic,** was held at Lake Geneva, Wash., July 26, at which members from the congregations at Seattle, Tacoma, and Enumclaw, Wash., participated. The gathering turned out to be a "fine affair."

**Benefit picnic.** The Ladies Aid of our Rasmussen, pastor, sponsored a picnic Los Angeles, Calif., church, Rev. C. C. August 16, in cooperation with the Young People's Society. The ladies supplied the refreshments and the young people the entertainment. The proceeds of the picnic was turned into the Building Fund of the congregation.

**Building plans at Los Angeles.** Our church there has now completed the sale of its parsonage and Young People's Home. They are planning soon to take up the work of getting ready to build a new church at the corner of 43rd Street and 3rd Ave. The plan is to solicit all the Danish people of Los Angeles community for financial aid in building this church, whether they are affiliated with the church or not. A church building in a suitable location is for the benefit of all; so they feel justified in approaching all for help.

**Rev. Harald Ibsen,** Oakland, Calif., was the speaker at the Danish services in St. John's Church, Clinton, Iowa, August 2. He and Mrs. Ibsen, on their way from Oakland, Calif., to take up their new charge at Diamond, Lake, Minn., visited the parents of Mrs. Ibsen, Mr. and Mrs. Juhl, Clinton.

**Joint open air worship.** August 9 English services were held at the D. F. S. Park at Clinton, Iowa. About thirty members of the congregation at Sheffield, Ill., had accepted an invitation to spend the day with the Clinton people. In the afternoon Rev. J. C. Kjaer delivered a lecture in Danish on the subject: "The Reformation in Denmark, 1536, and Its Causes." The day was enjoyed by all who participated, both young and old.

**Rev. Erik Moller,** Omaha, Nebr., is having his vacation this month. There were no services in his church the second and third Sundays.

**Two new members.** Rev. J. C. Kjaer, Clinton, Iowa, reports two new members for July.

**Rev. and Mrs. Enok Mortensen,** Chicago, Ill., who will move to California this fall, were visiting at Des Moines, Iowa, at

the turn of the month. The convention of D. S. U. V happened to be in progress just at the time. So Rev. Mortensen was drafted to speak to the young people once or twice. It also happened that it was Rev. Mortensen's birthday during the convention. On this occasion a number of old friends were gathered at the home of Rev. S. D. Rodholm for a social evening.

**Rev. J. C. Kjaer** of Clinton, Iowa, was a speaker at the D. S. U. V convention held at Des Moines, Iowa, July 31 to August 2.

**Rev. Dorfs honored.** August 2 the board members of the different organizations of Our Savior's Congregation, Brooklyn, N. Y., met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. Th. Dorf to do honor to them on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary. Gifts and flowers were presented.

**Our Savior's Church** and Sunday School, Brooklyn, N. Y., are planning an outing to the North Valley Stream State Park on August 29. This is an annual event of the Brooklyn church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ejnar Rasmussen** of Brooklyn, N. Y., have taken over the work as sexton of Our Savior's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Soes have held this position for three years but have resigned recently.

**Landmark razed.** The congregation at Ringsted, Iowa, has now sold its old barn, which is now being torn down. It will seem strange for the Ringsted people at first to come to church and find an empty space where this old barn stood. It is planned to plant a row of trees in this space.

**The Danish Young People's Home,** Minneapolis, Minn., will celebrate its 20th anniversary September 13. Rev. C. A. Stub, Ringsted Iowa, has been invited to speak at this festival. Mrs. Stub was the matron of the home the first five years of its existence.

**Prof. Erling Jensen,** Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, was married on August 9 to Miss Ruth Jane McElhinney of Goldfield, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Des Moines, Iowa, at the Church of Christ, Clarion, Iowa. "Lutheran Tidings" congratulates!

**Rev. Viggo Hansen** was the guest speaker at the summer festival held by the Danish Old People's Home, Racine, Wis., August 9.

**Cedar Falls, Iowa.** During the absence of Rev. Ottar Jorgensen on his vacation, the Men's Club of the Bethlehem Church has taken upon itself the construction of new cement entrance steps to the church to replace the old wooden steps.

"Lutheran Tidings." "This paper now comes twice a month. Let us continue to have one of our church papers in every home. We cannot be too well posted on our church's work. Personally I am happy that we have taken the step to issue our "L. T." twice a month. We should have a correspondent in our congregation to this paper," writes Rev. L. L. Bundgaard, Brush, Colo., in his local bulletin.

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Paths no mortal feet have trod  
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Doubter, 'tis thy God!

Who is He that walks alone  
To the mountain top, to stand  
In rapt speech with God his Father?  
'Tis the Son of Man!

Who is He that walks alone  
Swinging lash of knotted cord,  
Driving greed from out the temple?  
Sinner, 'tis thy Lord!

Who is He that walks alone  
Paths no mortal soul has trod  
Down to death and hell, yet risen?  
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