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THE POWER TO FEEL

I will take the stony heart out of you and I will give you a heart that can be touched. Ezekiel 36:26 (Moffatt).

It was a very hard task that had been given to Ezekiel. He was sent to Babylon with a message of hope for the Jewish exiles. He had to show them where they had gone wrong, and to open up to them the road home. But he found them difficult to convince. Some were rebellious in their misfortune. Some were stunned and hopeless to a point of apathy. Their hearts were like a harp whose strings have gone slack so that the most skilful fingers can awaken no music. Something had gone dead within them. They could not feel the appeal of God's love. But God is not beaten, even when people get to that stage. There is a promise for those whose hearts have lost the power of feeling. "I will take the stony heart out of you and give you a heart that can be touched."

To be able to feel keenly is not a very happy thing in some ways. It may bring us a good deal of pain. But without that, we are cut out of the finest experiences in life. We can neither love people nor feel their love. We cannot know the true joy of friendship. We cannot be of much use to others if we are not sensitive to their troubles or needs. But, above all, we cannot fully know the fellowship of God. The great secret of Christ's power to help men with his sensitiveness. He was able "to be touched with the feeling of our infirmities."

To lose his sensitiveness and to become hard within, or cold and unresponsive, is one of the saddest things that can happen to us. It is like having a wireless instrument with a damaged valve. The most exquisite music is filling the air. Messages are coming in from the other side of the world that would thrill us. But we cannot hear them. That is the kind of thing that happens when our hearts become what the Bible calls "stony." Stevenson was so afraid of this happening that in a poem he asked God to make him sensitive at all cost.

Lord, thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake.
Or, Lord, if too obdurate I,
Choose thou, before my spirit die,
A piercing pain, a killing sin,
And to my dead heart run them in.

This danger of hardness besets us all. Someone gave a young girl going out into the world this warning: "Remember," he said, "the world will either harden your heart, or it will soften it, or else it will break it." The choice is very largely in our own hands. What life is doing in our hearts is a question we ought to ask ourselves now and then. It is just as important as to find out what it is doing to our bodies. The thing we must guard against more than anything else is to be hardened by it.

Various things can produce this hardness. Sorrow or misfortune can do it. We can become rebellious or resentful. We can steel ourselves against suffering. But in that process the heart grows bitter towards God and often callous towards the troubles of others.

The struggles of life may also harden the heart. Some go into business and find that there is little concern for people. The work must be done. Competition is keen. If you are soft, they say, you will go under. So they fling over all sensitiveness and become hard.

But the heart may grow hard by disobedience or by refusing to respond to God's call. Sin hardens us within. That is the most tragic result. We often forget that, when we think of the consequences of sin. We may go wrong and no bad results may follow, so far as we can see. But in the heart within there is always disaster. The feeling for goodness, the power to see it, is being lost. The same thing happens in time when we continue listening to fine appeals and do nothing about them. It may come also through becoming absorbed in the material side of life. Money blinds the eyes. Sensuality coarsens the soul. The heart within becomes dead.

The tragic thing is that this may happen and we may not know it. In Mr. H. G. Wells' "Country of the Blind," no one knew that he was blind. Many are in that position. Their hearts are dead to God's love, and they do not know their loss. But, on the other hand, we may be aware of it. We may feel it coming on. Then we can take ourselves in hand or ask God to do it. A great saint used to pray that he might be "baptized into a sense of all conditions." It is what we all need to pray for in this world. Especially must we pray that God would keep us alive to himself and his love and grace. When we lose the wonder of love of God we are losing our finest capacity. Something is going dead in our hearts.

God can restore this power to feel his sensitiveness of spirit. He has his own way of doing it. Sometimes he uses a "piercing pain" or a "pointed pleasure." The love of some friend or of a little child, which is the most exquisite joy of life, may break through the crust. May we not also go so far as to say that he even uses a "killing sin"? Some will tell us that is was a shameless fall that shook them out of their moral slumber. It was not what they had done to themselves, but the hurt they had done to others that struck home. Is not this the power of Calvary? Men were so dead to God's love in Christ that they had to go on till they did this killing sin. It was the only way in which the shame of evil could come home. But God had another way. It is by the work of his spirit in our hearts. Do not let us forget the secret power of his Holy Spirit. "When he is come," said Christ, "he will convince men of righteousness and of sin." That means giving us a heart that can be touched. The hardest heart may be open to his Spirit working silently within. His grace can restore those buried feelings. His loving hand can awaken those dead strings to music. Prayer will open the way for him. Even if we can feel nothing of his love except our lack of feeling it, let us take our need to him. "How willingly," said Christ, "will your heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him."

James Reid in "British Weekly."

Rev. M. A. Pederson

Our dear old missionary is here no more. Tuesday morning, August 17, he departed for a better place.

And, of course, it was not unexpected. He had never been well after the stroke he suffered about two years ago. And a sudden turn which resulted in several complications a few days ago reminded us that the end might not be so far away.

Still, we feel that we were not ready to bid him farewell. He had won a peculiar place in the hearts of many of us, and we shall always remember him and his testimonies, his fine humor and his pathos, with much appreciation. We close our eyes, and in our memories we go back some twenty years when we first heard him preach the grand cause of missions in a rural church in north-western North Dakota. What he said then, has long been forgotten; but we remember how we left the church, inclined to talk very little, and with our inner man deeply stirred. We had seen India and heard her call. There was born within us a desire, directly or indirectly to join the ranks of those who work in India's behalf.

Since that day, we have often had an opportunity to listen to M. A. Pederson. We have always felt, that whenever he appeared on the platform a message would be given and an impression made. And we were never disappointed.

Now he will do no more preaching. He will tell no more stories. We shall no more feel the breath of warmth which issued from his big heart. As a missionary wrote a couple of years ago, "Something big and irreplaceable has passed out of our lives." Even our children miss Grandpa and mourn the loss. There will be an empty space; yet not entirely empty; for, sweet memories will linger with us.

And from time to time we shall turn to the books he has left us. There we shall read about Gerda again, the man with "little faith, who nevertheless was able to overcome the tiger." We shall pay a visit to Dulu's courtyard and witness his testimony about God's abounding goodness. Or, with the author we shall enjoy an evening in the midst of brethren. There, under tropical darkness, hearts are opened and sins are confessed. Old troubles are settled. We witness the work of God in the hearts of men.

We shall also want to accompany him to the stream where immortals are blessed with the rite of holy baptism. "It was then that the hills in the distance grew dim and I saw the people about me through a mist of tears that refused to retire. Through the soft strains of distant music I could hear the voice of the pastor, saying, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,' as the last member of the class stood in front of him. The sun set behind green hills, painting the few drifting clouds along the horizon with a brush dipped in the color pots of the world beyond. A tropical sunset is short, and the colors soon faded, it was not their purpose to stay. They were there for but a moment like the palms of hands lifted for benediction. The soldiers of the Cross are marching onward in The Land of the Santals, and their battle-cry is still, 'Victory to Christ.'"

The Reverend Mathias Andreas Pederson was born July 31, 1868 at Fjorde, Søndfjord, Norway, of Mads Pedersen Horne and Anna (Kvammen). He immigrated with his parents 1870 and settled near Hanley Falls, Minn. He attended Willmar Seminary and St. Olaf College and graduated from Augsburg College and Seminary. After having served churches in St. Paul, Chicago, and Calumet, he with his wife, Emma, nee Tollefson, sailed for India in 1904. After thirty years work they retired from the field

God's Choicest Gifts

A dear, old man with snow-touched hair,
And eyes of deepest blue;
In answer to my question, —
Now Sir! Pray what do you
Think are the loveliest things on earth,
According to your view?

Said . . .

Music and flowers and children,
The loveliest things I know;
God sent them down to this sad, old earth,
His wonderful love to show.

Music, — a strain from the angels,
Floated down to earth one day;
Flowers, — just bits of the blue, blue skies,
That broke off and sailed away.

Music and flowers are lovely,
And cherished by everyone;
But the greatest gift, — a little child,
Was his own beloved son.

Katherine Bobst Bricker.

in March, 1935, since which time they have made their home in Minneapolis.

His illustrious wife, their daughter Elsie, two brothers, two sisters, a host of friends in India, Norway, Denmark and America, mourn the loss of his departure. To his dear ones we express our deepest sympathy, and with them we anticipate the day when we shall meet him yonder. The grace of God, which abounded toward him, will abound toward his dear ones and us also.

And as an epithet, may we quote the testament of another missionary: "For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. It is rather a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice . . ." (Livingstone). And this all because

"Christ the Son of God hath sent me
To the midnight lands;
Mine the mighty ordination
Of the pierced hands."

D. in "Santalmissionæren."

One Life

There was a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty and then for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put foot inside a great city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of

the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and its leader of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say, that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as powerfully as has this Jesus of Nazareth.

— Mark Twain's Tribute to Jesus.

Books

CONSIDER AFRICA

By Basil Mathews, Friendship Press, New York City, \$1.00

The study of races does always have its liberalizing influence upon us. What is there brewing in this vast jungle continent of Africa? Well, what there is to know about Africa is amazingly interesting, and for those who cannot read many books on racial questions this little book will give a fairly rounded view of the African relation to the western world.

American capitalism is no longer allowed to ship the black African to our shores, as if he were just so much beef. But there are other ways of exploitation, there is the industrial and the scientific (in the hands of selfish interests) and these are eagerly sought by financiers from all over the world who care nothing for the souls of men. But the African is essentially a spiritual being, he "does nothing apart from a spiritual authority." The material front of Western greed will disillusion him unless the message of Christ comes to the rescue. Some of the nations that hold African possessions, as well as many industrial companies, have seen this and have acted accordingly; but we have in every continent the selfish man and the selfish group; their nets are set in many places.

These various struggles for the black race are told by a man of informed insight in the pages of this book.

Important questions of universal consequence will arise in the mind of the reader and his listener while he is made to feel the pulse-beat of the sons of Africa. Questions like these may arise: half a century ago African and European communities had their own settled loyalties, they had their humanitarian enthusiasm for fighting one evil after another. What is taking place now is that the African as well as the European, and American, may be freed from some of his superstitions, but this may also, as indeed it has already in many cases, cause his dissolution. He knew what to do with his old evils, but he is confounded as he faces the importations of the west. Can we conquer the new evils by our ignorance of them or by ignoring their existence? What happens to a person when he has been almost disconnected from his past and is merely imitating the new?

A mention of chapter heads will give the wide range of this profound book:

"The Enigma of the African"; "The Tissue of African Life"; "The African Laborer"; "Moral Tethers"; "To Rule to Serve"; "Trees in One Apple"; "The New

A Preacher's Prayer

*I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple
That standing room be at a price,
I only ask that as I voice the message
They may see Christ.*

*I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy.
I only ask that as I voice the message
Christ may be nigh.*

*I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinction any part,
I only ask, when I have voiced the message,
My Savior's heart.*

*I do not ask
That men may sound my praises,
Or headlines spread my name abroad.
I only pray that as I voice the message
Hearts may find God.*

L. C. Bundgaard.

Alignment", "The Church of the Torch in Darkness".

While I do wish that the author's rhetoric might have been less philosophical without losing any of its beauty, I still recommend this book for study groups. Those that are afraid to scale the heights will do well to get competent guides before starting out. Excellent maps, statistics of population and areas, in the back of the book, will be a constant help to the reader. The large list of other available books will undoubtedly send those interested to public libraries for more reading on Africa.

L. C. Bundgaard.

Old Pastors' Pension

When we were gathered at Askov, we were really grateful that we were able to report that we had been able to pay the pension in full to all our old workers, and yet be able to come to our church without a deficit in our treasury.

But now we are in the latter part of the month of August, the month in which those eligible for pension should have their half yearly pension, and we have received very few contributions since the convention, hence we have not been able to pay in full that pension we should pay and would like to pay.

Our treasurer has collected some interest from funds invested, and with the help of this he was able to pay half of what should have been paid in August. We have reason to be thankful for this interest; if it had not been for this, we should have had very little at our disposal now.

But the unpaid half of our August obligations should be taken care of as soon as possible, and therefore we pray that good friends of this worthy cause will help us with their contributions in the near future, where this is possible. I can assure you that this will be very much appreciated.

We hope that all congregations have received the packages sent out a few weeks ago by our treasurer, Mr. Thorwald G. Jensen, Kimballton, Iowa. In these packages were supplies of envelopes which were to be used for this cause. All donations should be sent to our treasurer.

Please allow me to thank you in advance in behalf of our old servants.

With kind greetings!

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A. C. Kildegaard, Pres.

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EDITORIAL

By looking through the news items of our papers it becomes evident to all readers that the time of district conventions is at hand. The latter part of this month and the first part of October most districts hold their annual meetings.

These meetings are important. They focus, in a sense, the life of the district, at least they ought to be the occasion for clarifying and bringing into relief the activities which our congregations carry on for the advancement of the kingdom of God, the church of God.

We have been wont to boast of the fellowship found in our church. I grant we have a good deal of fellowship; but I am sorry to say there is often a lack of freshness about it, it is too often a fellowship as of a few people sitting around a cozy fire hugging themselves and thinking: how wonderful our fellowship is! How wonderful that we belong together in the church. And then we forget that Christian fellowship consists of something very different. It consists of ties that exist between all those who have Christ for their Savior, whether they are Danes or Germans or Americans, whether they are rich or poor, whether respectable or outcast. There is not a select group, which constitutes the Christian fellowship, and never has been since the beginning of the Christian church.

Whenever we have a tendency to exclude ourselves and make ourselves comfortable together in the feeling of special grace from God, we are in the same position as the Pharisees of Jesus' day, who had just that feeling. Unless we can get away from that, our fate will be that of those Jews.

That is why our district meetings should be more than mutual admiration assemblies where we come together to bask in each other's smiles and good will. They should be meetings where we take up the problems our church has in advancing the gospel as far as we can possibly reach. And there are problems enough also right at our own door to give us deep concern. May the Holy Spirit drive us, as it drove Paul, that the kingdom of God among us and beyond our present borders become an obsession with us.

C. A. Stub.

District IV Convention

District IV of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will hold its annual convention at Newell, Iowa, Sept. 24-26. The meetings begin Friday evening, Sept. 24. All members and friends of our church are invited to attend this meeting, and pastors are urged to observe the old custom of the presence of all pastors of the district. Congregations are requested to choose delegates to the meeting, and to see that a report from the congregation is prepared. If we can have good reports from the churches, we shall have an interesting discussion on the life and problems of our district.

C. A. Stub, Pres.

In conformity with the above, the Nain Danish Ev. Luth. Church of Newell, Iowa, hereby invites our people to be its guests during the District Convention to be held Sept. 24-26. Visitors please make reservations with Rev. Hakon Jorgensen, Newell, Iowa, or Mr. Alfred Grau, R. 5, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Hakon Jorgensen, Pastor.

Alfred Grau, Pres.

PROGRAM

Friday, Sept. 24

8:00 P. M.—Opening worship, sermon by Rev. Ottar Jorgensen (Danish)

Saturday, Sept 25

9:00 A. M.—Devotional hour, Rev. Hans Juhl

10:00 A. M.—Business session

2:00 P. M.—Business session

4:00 P. M.—Discussion introduced by Rev. Alfred Jensen

Sunday, Sept. 26

9:30 A. M.—Morning worship in English, sermon by Prof. A. C. Ammentorp

10:45 A. M.—Morning worship in Danish and Communion service
Sermon by Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Communion service by Rev. Henrik Plambeck

2:30 P. M.—Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen speaks in English

3:45 P. M.—Prof. Harald Knudsen speaks in Danish

8:00 P. M.—Prof. C. Arild Olsen speaks in English

Other speakers and closing meeting.

C. A. Stub, Pres.

District III Meets

District III of the Danish Ev. Luth. Church in America will hold its annual meeting at Dwight, Ill., September 25-26. The meetings will commence Saturday, Sept. 25 at 2:30 p. m. St. Peter's Church at Dwight extends a hearty invitation to all.

Kindly send in your names a few days in advance and we shall gladly arrange for lodging and meals.

Rev. A. W. Andersen, Pres.

S. Kjer, Pastor.,

325 W. Chippewa St., Dwight, Ill.

District V Convention

District V. Convention will be held at Withee, Wis., Oct. 1-3. All ministers, congregations of our district, and friends of our Christian fellowship are most heartily invited.

Jens A. Holst, Pastor,

Withee, Wis.

REPORT FROM GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

To the Synodical Convention at Askov, Minn., June 23-27, 1937

As I closed my report of last year I shall begin this year.

“Saa gaar det og med Tankerne,
som fødes i vor Hjerne:
den bedste og den lyseste
er kun en Dødningsstjerne;
men giver den sig Gud i Vold
til Daab i Fadernavnet,
den bliver ej i Graven kold,
men faar, hvad den har savnet,
og røber brat, lyslevende,
at Livet den har favnet”.

This little stanza expresses the aim and hope of Grand View College. There is not only a continuity in the curricular program of Grand View College, there is also a basic conception and a definite aim which we are neither willing or permitted to conceal. Names and statistical information change from year to year; but our desire, our aim, our faith, and our hope are not new, although our purpose and our faith become stronger.

The small colleges of America have had difficult conditions to work under the last few years. But they are needed more and more, and their task has become greater and more clearly defined. A new day is at hand. It springs forth out of the deep longings and strong anticipations growing in the hearts of thousands of men and women. The new day is born in faith and it grows out of faith. Faith is its origin and its inmost essence. Our own powers and thoughts do not suffice, power must come from above. Smother faith or destroy it, and our new life, the new day, is doomed to die. The strengthening and preservation of faith is the essential problem which is at the basis of all the so-called problems of our times, social as well as individual. Our youth must be strengthened and preserved in the faith of its childhood. That faith must never be lost. As I pray as a father for my own children, so also I pray constantly that our youth may always be preserved in the Christian faith. That prayer also is basic to our work at Grand View College. The best and the brightest thought born in our brains is nothing more than a dying star; but when this thought puts itself at the disposal of God, dedicated to His fatherly purpose, it does not sink down dead, but is imbued by what it lacked and reveals itself as a living thing.

I have just recently taken leave of a group of splendid young men and women, who have lived together a whole year. It was a year full of riches, and my heart is full of gratitude for all we have been permitted to experience together. Also this year good work has been done by many. It is my hope that during the year they have experienced some of the joy in work. They are not to be filled with dry facts or with our opinions, but they are to be strengthened to struggle ahead by hard work to a mature independence, to be given a start so that they can live themselves into something really their own. For that purpose we meet in our classes and in the daily lecture hour. We desire to encourage each other through discussion, singing, games and sport, and in that fellowship which is our dearest possession.

I wish to reiterate for emphasis what I have said before, that we must risk what is ours as Danish people by making use of it in cooperation with our young people in the midst of this people which is ours; this will become ours only as we dare to use it and carry it into our life in fellowship with those with whom we come in contact. We must live more forcefully and more fully in those life currents which stir in the American people. I believe that the more deeply our youth is impressed and carried along by the best movements of American life, the more earnestly they will seek what we call our Danish heritage.

I desire from my heart to preserve this rich heritage. We have much to learn from the American people, and we have much to contribute to them. Each time I experience a new glimpse of the American mind, my hope of preserving the Danish is strengthened. I re-experience that whatever of Danish spiritual life and Danish mentality has become invaluable to me is in intimate relationship with what the best of the American people are striving for. Our relationship with people must be spontaneous and active. Our youth must become folk conscious, and this consciousness is to be experienced in the American people. Our youth must bring with them the peculiarities of folk life and Christian faith which they possess as Danish people into this new experience and into the daily fellowship they share with their American friends. It will thereby be preserved and become a living contribution.

The seminary has not been closed. Its doors are always open to those whom the church calls in there as pastors. It is my sincerest hope and prayer that we of the Danish Church may have

strength to live so in truth and fullness that life itself will call our young people to a service of the Word among us. There has been one student this year in the seminary.

The committee which last year's convention appointed to prepare and present to this convention a plan for the education of pastors to serve in our synod held its meeting at the college in March. Its report and proposal will be presented to the convention by others. The dean of the seminary and the president of the college participated in the work of the committee and approve of its proposal.

I believe that Grand View College must continue not only in its endeavor to educate pastors and teachers, but it must serve also the whole of our youth and through them our whole people. We have been much concerned with discovering a method of procedure by which this could be accomplished practically. The school opens its doors to all Danish-American men and women without regard as to whether or not they wish to prepare themselves for further study.

I know well it is not enough to say that the school opens its doors to all these young people. It is perfectly clear to me, as I have said before, that the school must also adjust its methods of work and arrange its pedagogical procedure so that there are special considerations to be taken for those who desire to prepare themselves for further study and that the methods of procedure in such cases differ in some respects from the methods which characterize the work not aimed at such preparation. But I still believe that all true education is really folk education, that through the multiplicity of life flows a unity which we have in common, and that the task of education in its inmost and deepest aspects is not dictated by the external aims sought.

Therefore the Junior College department and the different classes are not only open to all, but the working plan and the pedagogical procedure aim toward the purpose of providing a real, common folk education. This means that the work of the daily class periods is planned not only as a preparation for further study, but that the demand for examinations, grades, credits, and all that which often is a hindrance in the task of education does not characterize the daily classes or overburden the progress of the work. The procedure in regard to the different subjects is, of course, determined by the nature of the subject, but the aim is the same. We shall continue to call upon all our young people to share the life of the whole year with us and to seek to arrive at those working methods which may serve still better the real purpose of the college department.

The convention at Kimballton last year recommended the idea of a normal training course and expressed the hope that this might be realized. In order that this may be done, the Junior College department must be fully accredited first. In view of this and for other reasons, among them that the school thereby would be enabled the better to serve those of our young people who seek advanced schooling, the board and the faculty have decided that the Junior College department should seek to become accredited by the school year of 1938-39.

Consequently we are now seeking to fulfill the requirements to be met in this respect. The school is already in a position to meet most of the requirements. It is required among other things that the instructors in the college must have a "master's" degree from a recognized graduate school and may give instruction only in the field of his graduate major or in the field of his graduate minor, consisting of at least 10 semester hours of graduate work. Those instructors of the college who at present are not able to meet this requirement are now doing advanced study so that this requirement may be met by the school year of 1938-39. Furthermore it will be necessary for the college to improve its physics laboratory and to add to the library in certain subjects. It is my hope that this arrangement will enable the school to extend and strengthen its services to our church and that it can be accomplished in such a way that the purpose and ideals of the school and its requirements in regard to the teaching staff may be attained.

It has been recommended by the Iowa State Board that Grand View College discontinue its high school course, which this year ends its 25th year of service. Therefore the school will not offer high school instruction next year. For several years there have been very few students in this department; and the other work of the school will demand more and more time on the part of the teaching staff.

At the opening of the Winter Session the school increased the number of its courses and extended its plans the better to serve our young people under conditions such that some have a better opportunity to attend school during the winter months than

during any other time. In this session were offered, besides such common courses as language, literature, civics, psychology, history, natural science, etc., special short courses. This year we offered a Leadership Training course centering around the problems which confront us in our Junior Societies and young people's societies. This course will be continued next year. Also the students will be given an opportunity to work with various arts and crafts.

This year also we have several meetings at the school, which drew together young and old from far and near. We had an unusually successful "Studentfest". It was good to meet parents whose children were or had been students at the school, older students, and friends, new and old. The Leadership Conference which the national board of D. S. U. had called at the school, was a fine experience for us who participated, and I hope it may give encouragement and help in the great and important work we are in for our young people. We need to meet oftener to discuss the work we are in for our common benefit and encouragement. The Recreation School I mentioned last year is now in session. It has been a source of joy to me to hear these visiting American and Scandinavian men and women speak the language of our minds and hear them sing our Danish tunes and wonderful songs and hymns.

Last summer most of the instructors traveled for the school, and most of us intend to do so also the coming summer. I want to express my gratitude for the encouragement and friendliness we met everywhere. It has also been a pleasure to have this excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with those many homes and communities.

The number of students for 1936-37 was 75; the Seminary 1, Junior College 51, Academy 5, special students 18. Five were graduated from the Academy and 14 from the Junior College. I do not expect Grand View College to become a large school, but it is my constant hope that ever more of the young people of the Danish Church will attend our school. We seek to reach as many of our young people as possible, and we appreciate all the help given to the school in its effort to come in contact with prospective students.

The accounts of the school are as follows:

Grand View College General Accounts
from May 16, 1936, to May 16, 1937

RECEIPTS			
Cash on hand	\$ 25.15	Chemistry Fees	50.00
Athletics	28.85	Donation: A Friend ..	1,000.00
Bookstore	89.42	Gifts	283.00
Physics	51.00	Incidental Fees	534.00
Reimbursements	492.15	Gas	225.16
Rentals	157.50	Honarium	187.51
Treasurer, Danish Evangelical Church		Household	5,788.99
in America	11,463.69	Laundry	9.57
Tuition	11,180.30	Light	587.52
Typing	7.50	Loan and Interest ..	348.00
	\$25,362.56	Magazine and Paper ..	53.25
		Maintenance	1,716.73
		Office	96.44
		Personnel	1,624.49
		Physics	108.81
		Salary	10,425.00
		Telephone	179.13
		Unge Kræfter	308.00
		Water	252.04
			\$25,349.65
DISBURSEMENTS			
Acquisitions	\$ 1,771.38	Cash on hand May	
Advertising	295.88	16, 1937	\$ 12.91
Athletics	229.76		
Bank	1.38		
Books and Library ..	82.51		
Bookstore	104.95		
Chemistry	50.12		
Coal	888.77		
Doctor and Medicine .	114.26		

Audited and found to be correct, with vouchers for all receipts and disbursements, and in agreement with bank statement.

Alfred C. Nielsen
Erling Jensen

May 24, 1937

We have endeavored to carry on the business of the school with thorough-going economy. Unexpected repairs and a great rise in prices have made some of our expenses much greater than I had expected. We made ends meet, however.

"Gifts and Donations" includes gifts which have been sent directly to the school. The four fees, Chemistry, Incidentals, Physics, and Typing, are paid by the students. "Reimbursements" are money paid the school for participation in meetings, short stays by visitors, compensation for damage to school property, etc. "Rentals" are payment of rent for student rooms and for the gymnasium.

Last summer it became necessary to kalsomine most of the student rooms. As a result we also had to paint these rooms. This work made our expenses for upkeep greater than expected. We have also had to buy some new furniture and some new equipment for one of the laboratories. A section of the old boiler blew

up last year, making it necessary to install a new boiler and to make other repairs in connection with this. This brought an added expense of \$1,463.69. This expense made necessary for the school to receive \$11,463.69 from the synodical treasurer instead of \$10,000.00 as allowed by the budget. "Personnel" includes salaries paid to the kitchen staff, janitors, and to students for work in the service of the school. "Salaries" includes what has been paid to date for teachers' salaries; when the full salaries shall have been paid, the amounts will be as follows: C. A. Olsen \$1,800.00, board and rooms; S. D. Rodholm \$1,400.00; A. C. Ammentorp \$1,600.00 and house; Peter Jorgensen \$1,600.00 and house; Harald Knudsen \$1,500.00 and house; Alfred C. Nielsen \$2,000.00; Erling Jensen \$1,500.00; Elsie Kjølhed \$540.00, board and room; J. Larkin \$125.00, board and room. The payment to "Unge Kræfter" comes from incidental fees collected by the school and used by "Unge Kræfter" for the various student activities. The student cost for next year has been raised from \$240.00 to \$270.00. This has become necessary because of the rise in the price of many commodities. The cost for seminary students, however, remains at \$160.00 for the whole school year.

It was the intention that the synodical treasurer and I should work out a complete balance sheet for the school so that its status could be shown. This was to give a full account of the college property and financial status. I expect it will be possible to present this some time during the convention.

This year also the school has received many gifts, and we thank all of you for what you have contributed to the work of the school. The Danish-American Ladies' Aid of Copenhagen, Denmark, and our faithful Danish Women's Mission Fund have donated large gifts to the school. We give thanks to them, and to our friend, who also this year has donated his large gift for the defrayal of expenses connected with the commercial course.

We have had very efficient help in our housekeeping and for the maintenance of the school property. We express our gratitude to Alpha Jensen and Louise Skov for their great and efficient work with the housekeeping. Last summer we had the services of a number of students to paint the school, and during the year Howard Christensen, Carl Laursen, and Alfred Borg have rendered faithful and helpful service in caring for the school property.

I express our gratitude to the synodical board of the Danish Church for friendly cooperation during the year. And to all my fellow workers on the faculty I give sincere thanks for their efficient work and for the good fellowship we have enjoyed together.

C. Arild Olsen

Every Man an Agent

This number of "Lutheran Tidings" displays an announcement, or advertisement, entitled "A Mutual Agreement". Although it is very simple and self-explanatory, it may not be amiss to state that it is well worth your attention. It is made at a time when the churches throughout

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"Lutheran Tidings" deserves a much wider circulation. Its contribution to the life of our church is not negligible, unless it becomes so through an incurable lethargy on our part. Much of the content of its columns reinforce the work of the church through the dissemination of knowledge of that work. Hence, our urgent appeal to pastors and congregations to promote the paper in their respective congregations. Is it too much to ask that this matter be brought before the congregational business meeting, or before the Church Board for definite action? An excerpt from a letter by a layman and leader in one of our churches may show what may happen at a congregational business meeting where the question of the paper is brought before the attention of the members. In part, he writes: "The other night at our business meeting I thought I would try to see if it was possible to get any subscriptions for 'Lutheran Tidings'. The above result was the work of about fifteen minutes. I am positive there are hundreds of subscriptions to be gotten in the different congregations if only the necessary work could be done."

In the hope that some of our readers will feel the responsibility of bringing the matter of "Lutheran Tidings" before the congregation for definite action, we suggest a number of methods by which progressive steps may be taken. *First*, the every family canvass. Appoint one or several representatives to visit every family within the congregation for the purpose of securing subscriptions to the paper. A public announcement and endorsement of this canvass by the pastor should be made, preferably, before the actual visitation. *Second*, direct financial contribution through the congregation, or one of its auxiliaries. We recognize the fact that there are those congregations in which the need of an English paper is very small. Nevertheless, they may desire to show their interest in this phase of the church's work by a monetary

gift. Our two children's papers receive some financial assistance year after year in this manner, and a fixed annual assessment upon the membership of our young people's societies greatly helps to augment the revenue of "Ungdom." *Third*, for the congregation to finance subscriptions for the entire membership. Here our congregation at Brush, Colorado, is the outstanding example. Every member in this congregation receives "Lutheran Tidings". We only wish that other congregations would do likewise. *Fourth*, for the congregation to finance a three months trial subscription for the entire membership. We have already written to several pastors and asked them to consider the feasibility of introducing "Lutheran Tidings" to their members through the following plan. Recognizing that a single or a few sample copies scarcely serve to acquaint its readers with the paper, we shall agree to send "Lutheran Tidings" for a period of three months for twenty-five cents. At the time of expiration we shall send a letter to the subscriber and ask him to renew his subscription (which has been paid by the congregation, or one of its auxiliaries) for one, two, or three years. There is not one congregation within our synod that cannot afford to experiment with this plan. *Fifth*, for our individual subscribers to renew their subscriptions upon its expiration.

In many respects we are experiencing a spirit of aggressiveness on the part of the Protestant churches in America. There is a very genuine concern for the Kingdom of God. The denominational press is supplementing the living voice of the church; it carries its message directly into the everyday life of the home; it brings the questions which face the church before the readers and enables him to feel the pulse of the church's life. Our church papers do deserve a worthy place alongside other papers and magazines which find a place in our homes.

Those congregations that are desirous of working for a wider circulation of "Lutheran Tidings" through the coming autumn and winter are invited to write, and we shall render every possible assistance.

Ernest D. Nielsen.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. M. A. Pederson, Missionary to the Santals of India, passed away at Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 17. Rev. Pederson served as missionary in the Santal Mission from 1904 to 1934, at which time he resigned from active service. He was born in Norway and came to this country with his parents in 1870. Rev. Pederson was also well known in our synod from his many visits to the churches in behalf of his beloved mission.

District VI of our synod holds its annual convention at Ruthton, Minn., Oct. 10-11. Rev. Harris Jespersen is the president of this district.

Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, who has moved to Juhl, Mich., to take up the work in the congregation there, was inducted into his new charge by the district president, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, on Aug. 29.

Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, Seattle, Wash., has been called by the congregation at Solvang, Calif.

Ludington, Mich., will be host to the annual convention of District II of the Danish Church, Sept. 11-12. Rev. Erik Bach is the Ludington pastor.

Rev. Marius Krog, who has served the congregation at Solvang, Calif., for a number of years, has accepted a call from the congregation at Kronborg, Nebr.

Rev. Svend Kjaer, Dwight Ill., has been called by the congregation at Fredslev, Iowa, and expects to move to his new charge in November. Rev. Kjaer has served the Dwight congregation for about 11 years.

Useful gift. Dr. Erling Ostergaard medical missionary from our church to the Santals in India, reports that friends and members of Our Savior's Danish Church and Young People's Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., have sent out to the Benagaria Hospital in India a 300 watt motor dynamo. It is complete with wiring and is large enough to supply light for the operating room. More power to Brooklyn!

The Santal Mission Convention will be held at Willmar, Minn., Sept. 23-26 in the Willmar Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Norwegian Free Church. It will be recalled that this year is the 70th anniversary of this mission.

Rev. F. O. Lund-Christensen, who made a trip to Denmark this summer, returned to his work at Bronx, New York, in the first part of August.

Prof. N. E. Hansen, the famous Danish botanist, for many years connected with the South Dakota Agricultural College at Brookings, S. Dak., intends to retire from active work in the service of the college with the close of the coming school year. Prof. Hansen is well known to many of our people. He was the promoter of the Danish settlement at Lake City, S. Dak.

Hartford, Conn. Our church at Hartford, Conn., is in the process of undergoing a thorough redecoration. The church will be ready to take into use again on Sept. 12.

The Annual Reports. Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of our synod, explains in a short article in "Dannevirke" why the Annual Reports from the convention have been so slow in coming this year. They are promised by the printers the first week in September.

Grand View College will open the fall quarter of the new school year Sept. 13. The president, Prof. C. A. Olsen, reports that it will be possible also this year for students to get student aid. This, however, has been cut down to a considerable extent by the government and some changes have been made in the procedure of applying for it. He therefore recommends young people, who have a desire to attend Grand View College but lack the means,

to communicate with him. He is anxious to help as many young people to get an education as it is possible for him to do.

September Festival will be held at Ny-sted, Nebr., on Sept. 5, according to announcement by Rev. Aage Miller. The visiting speakers will be Rev. C. B. Harman, Grand Island, Nebr., of the American Lutheran Church, and Rev. Holger O. Nielsen.

Rev. Johannes Pedersen, formerly of Junction City, Ore., will be inducted in his new charge at Portland, Me., on September 5.

Rev. Swen Baden, who paid a visit to Denmark this summer, has now returned to his church at Bridgeport, Conn., and brought with him his newly wed wife. He is preaching his first sermon after his return on Sept. 5.

Rev. Holger Strandskov, Tyler, Minn., will make a visit to the congregations of Saskatchewan, Canada, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 1. He is taking with him on the trip Mrs. Strandskov, and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Johansen of Tyler. They intend to visit the Black Hills and Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks on their way up there; and they will also pay a visit to Rev. P. Rasmussen at Dalum, Alberta.

Tyler, Minn. During the absence of Rev. Strandskov during the month of September the church will be served by neighboring pastors. Rev. Harris Jespersen, Viborg, S. Dak., will preach there Sept. 12, and Rev. Harold Ibsen of Lake Benton, Minn., will preach Sept. 19.

Rev. L. Hansen, Des Moines, Iowa, will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a pastor of the Danish Church. He was ordained at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1877, by Rev. A. S. Nielsen assisted by Rev. Jakob Holm. The following day Rev. Hansen celebrates his 86th birthday. Rev. Hansen is now the oldest pastor of our synod both in point of age and years of service.

Rev. H. Juhl, Grayling, Mich., who has accepted a call from the congregation at Hampton, Iowa, will take up his work there Sept. 19.

Clinton, Iowa. The Congregation is at work modernizing the parsonage and building a new garage. Also the church basement has been beautifully decorated. This work has been done by the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Contributions to the Synod

Acknowledgement of Receipts to the
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General Budget

Muskegon, Cong.	\$ 13.75
Muskegon, Cong.	11.10
Omaha Cong.	20.00
Troy, N. Y. Cong.	25.00
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Askov Cong., Convention	100.00
	\$295.42

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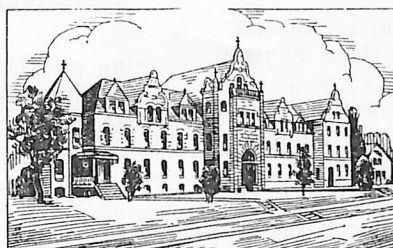
Viborg, S. D. 1936	\$ 2.50
Los Angeles, 1936	2.50
Los Angeles, 1937	2.50
Cedar Falls, 1936	3.75
Tacoma, Wash., 1936	1.50
Tacoma, Wash., 1937	1.50
Seattle, Wash., 1936	2.50
	\$ 16.75

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With cordial greetings and thanks,
Axel Thompson, Treasurer.
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August 19, 1937.

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C. A. Olsen,
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