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## ZACHAEUS THE TAX COLLECTOR

Luke 19:1-10.

This happened when Jesus passed through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem and to the cross on Calvary. If Dr. Luke had not written his book about the Master, we should not have had this little story. It is a little gem. The books of Matthew and Mark relate that Jesus, passing through Jericho, healed one or two blind men. Luke adds to that the story of Zachæus. That, too, is the story of a miracle, a miracle that means more to us than the miracles of healing, the story of how Zachæus was changed into a new man. Everybody in Jericho would have told you that the thing which actually happened was absolutely impossible. The miracle was that the smallest and meanest man in town became the biggest and most generous.

This was the kind of miracle Jesus came to do. He did other miracles, and we shall not deny nor minimize them. Yet, the miracle mankind needs most, the miracle that will save the world, is the kind of miracle that happened to Zachæus then, has happened to millions since and shall continue to happen. If that kind of miracle should happen no more, this world would be utterly lost. When it has happened to all mankind, then, and not till then, the world will be saved.

This man Zachæus was a very small specimen of humanity, not only in body but in heart and soul. He was generally despised, and he deserved it. Nobody had anything but contempt for a narrow-minded person. Yet, a narrow heart is worse than a narrow mind. Only God can change that. This is not saying that God can change every narrow-minded or narrow-hearted person into something big and generous. There are things which even God can not do. There must be something in the soul beside narrowness if God is to have a chance.

There was evidently something strong and urgent stirring deep down in the narrow heart of Zachæus or he would not have exposed himself to ridicule as he did when he climbed up into the sycamore tree. He knew that he would be the target of many jokes from people passing by. It takes something to face ridicule. Ridicule makes cowards of the bravest. One must want something very badly to go through ridicule for it. What was that irresistible something which urged Zachæus to face what he did? Very likely he would not have been able to give it a name, but we may call it "The Great Hunger." This is the title of one of the outstanding novels of our generation. The author, a Norwegian, certainly knows the greatest hunger of the human heart. Whether he knows what to do about it is another question.

That great hunger was what the Master was looking for and He recognized it wherever He found it, in the gutter or in the godly home of Mary and Martha. That, I am sure, was what Jesus saw when He looked up into the sycamore tree where Zachæus was waiting and their eyes met.

All that Zachæus had any reason to expect was that he might see Jesus of Nazareth passing by. But Jesus of Nazareth could not just pass by. There was in His heart

something deep, urgent, irresistible, something divine that made it impossible for Him to pass by where human need, poverty, hunger, tragedy was calling. Any one of His followers or of the pious folks of Jericho could have told Him that a human rat like Zachæus had no claim on Him. Was he suffering? Well, he deserved no better; he had made his bed, let him lie in it! Most decent and God-fearing people will say that pity and sympathy are very fine, but there must be a limit. There must be cases of need where it is right to pass by.

This is where Jesus is different from all of us. Here is a human heart that recognizes no limit to pity and sympathy, that can not pass by whatever may be the cause of human misery. And in that human heart is the heart of God revealed. God is like that. That is fundamentally the gospel, the good news. As Jesus stops under the sycamore tree in Jericho, the innermost secret of what we call Christianity is revealed, because we look into the heart of Him who was on His way to the cross and we look into the heart of God.

It is stated that Zachæus sought to see Jesus, who He was. It does not sound very clear, and very likely it was not very clear to Zachæus what he sought, but that is just what he found. He saw who Jesus was. He would never have understood our philosophical explanations of the divinity of Jesus Christ. I wonder if anybody has ever really understood them. But he knew that God was there in a very real sense under the sycamore tree.

Jesus invited Himself into the home of Zachæus. It is very evident that He did not in any way force Himself upon Zachæus. He knew very well that the door was wide open to Him. He never could and He never can enter a door that is not opened to Him from within, willingly and gladly. Here is something to remember for all who would serve Him.

An outsider reading the conclusion of the story would probably say that Jesus was a very expensive guest. It cost Zachæus half of his fortune and probably half of what was left, if not more. Some good Christians will speak of it as a sacrifice, but if sacrifice means parting with something you would rather keep, if sacrifice means giving so that it hurts, then this was no sacrifice. Zachæus would probably have laughed at it if someone had praised him for his great sacrifice. He would have answered that it was no sacrifice, it was a privilege. It did not hurt to give, it made him very happy. It cost him no struggle and left no regrets.

There is something radically wrong with us if we think of what it has cost us to be Christians as a sacrifice.

One word in conclusion concerning a matter that seems very important to me:

What Zachæus did was entirely spontaneous. Jesus did not ask him to do it. Jesus did not bargain with Zachæus; that was not His way; it is not God's way. He did not say: "If you will do so and so, then will I be your

guest." He made no conditions, exacted no promises. What Jesus gave—and He gave Himself—He gave without reservations. There were no "ifs" or "buts." The ifs and buts that have been added to His gospel through the centuries have been added by us. Perhaps some day we shall dare to strike them out.

To pity without limit, to give without conditions, that was the way of Jesus. That is God's way.

*S. D. Rodholm.*

### Board Meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, March 29th and 30th, 1938

On the above dates the Board of our synod held a regular meeting at Grand View College.

The new laboratory at the school, which we must have in order to be accredited next fall, took up a great part of our time. It will be quite an expense, and there are several ways to solve the problem. The president informed us that we have promises for this purpose from a few men of \$1900.00 if we remodel the present basement, but \$2400.00 if we build a new addition north of the library. Prof. Erling Jensen, who was present, pointed out that by changing a few things in the original plans we could bring the cost of remodeling down a little but some of these changes would not be practical. The cost would, according to bids received amount to between \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00.

By building a new addition about 61x36 feet we would have room for the chemistry and physics laboratories and one class room. This would be preferable. It would cost about \$8,996.00 and would then be built strong enough to allow two stories to be built on top of it later, if needed.

As the Board did not feel justified in incurring this expense without the approval of the annual convention, it was decided to have plans and specifications, as well as bids, arranged for then and present both to the convention in June for decision. We shall have time enough to be ready before the opening of the school in September.

Tuesday afternoon the Board met with Rev. Erik Møller and Prof. Peter Jørgensen as a committee to revise the rules for Grand View College. Unfortunately Rev. H. Strandskov, also a member, was prevented by illness from attending. A more complete report of this meeting will be published later.

At the meeting Wednesday morning the different funds of the synod were discussed and it was decided to seek the advice of the finance committee on some of the bonds and stocks which it might prove advisable to dispose of.

According to a report from the treasurer, the legacy of Mr. Lars Peter Hansen and his sister of Withee, Wis., has been settled, but for the time being it is invested in real estate.

The legacy of Mr. Lars Larsen, Kimballton, Iowa, is also expected to be settled shortly, so we shall be able to give deed to the land in Canada already sold.

President C. A. Olsen reported on the finances of Grand View College. \$3,379.28 will be needed by the school to meet its financial obligations the rest of the school year, even if tuition and room and board is taken care of in full by the students now attending. The president and treasurer were authorized to make the necessary arrangements for funds for this purpose.

President Olsen reported that the school had taken care of the funeral of Miss Marie Nielsen, for many years a teacher of art, who died recently. For a number of years the school was really the home of Miss Nielsen, and her family wanted her small estate to go to the school and were

willing to sign away their rights if an administrator could be appointed. It was voted to ask Mr. J. Fr. Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa, to accept this appointment and to advance the funeral expenses to the school until the estate is settled, when the synod will be repaid. The rest of the estate will be left to the school.

*Viggo M. Hansen.*

### Invitation.

By Robert MacGowan

The door of the church is open,  
The sound of the bells in your ears,  
And you are the child of the ages  
That sanctified faith with tears.  
And why are the aisles forsaken,  
And why, when the prayers are said,  
Are the walls of the lonely temple  
Memorials of the dead?

The bells in your heart are stifled,  
The altar is fallen down,  
The image that walks in the noonday  
Is lost in the leary town.  
Your lips are too stern for singing,  
Your hands are too burdened for prayer,  
Your feet are too tired of the pavements  
To climb by the altar stair.

But the house of God stands open,  
The place of the strong man's rest,  
The house of the weak and helpless,  
The land where the saints confess.  
Let the heathen hosts assemble  
Where the voice of the tyrant swells,  
But the door of the church is open  
And you hear the sound of the bells.

(Presbyterian Banner.)

### Books for Sunday School Teachers.

At our recent meeting in Racine, Wis., the Sunday School Committee touched briefly upon the possibility of recommending certain books for Sunday School teachers. When in time we are ready to recommend a definite course for use in our Sunday Schools, teachers' helps will automatically be taken care of.

We will have an exhibit of teachers' books, as well as Sunday School material, at the convention in Tyler, Minn. In the meantime, don't be too hasty about buying new books for general use.

*L. C. Bundgaard.*

### Strength.

Ask of your soul this question, What is strength?  
Is it to slay ten thousand with the sword?  
To steal at midnight Gaza's brazen gates?  
To raze a temple on a heathen horde?

Or, in a garden drenched with dew  
And bloody sweat, to pray beside a stone?  
Defend a sinner from self-righteous priests?  
Bear up to Calvary a cross, alone?

(J. W. M.)



## Old Hymns.

### NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee!  
E'en tho it be a cross  
That raiseth me;  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee!

Happily enough, these lines which we have grown through long usage to associate in our minds with the unhappiness of funerals, were not written under stress of the threat of death, but by a young woman who, failing to find strength to continue her career as an actress, devoted her talents to things literary, and from her abundance of beautiful, noble thoughts wrote the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." This woman was Sarah Flower Adams, daughter of a rather liberal minded man of fortune who had finally settled into the printing business in a suburb of London.

Sarah Flower was married to a civil engineer, John Adams, who gave her every chance to develop her dramatic talents, but the physical strain proved too much for her, so she turned to lyrical poetry, winning a modest place for herself, but she is remembered chiefly for the well known hymn, which she wrote in 1841, seven years before her death at the early age of forty-three.

The first set of words were set to music by Mrs. Adams' sister, and included in a volume of hymns compiled by William Johnson Fox, minister to a fashionable congregation in a London suburb, for use of his congregation, called "Hymns and Anthems." In 1846, Longfellow included it in his book of hymns, and later Henry Ward Beecher used it in the "Plymouth Collection" of 1855.

The real popularity of the song began when Dr. Lowell Mason wrote for it the tune "Bethany," which was published in 1856, and to which it is sung the world over.

### MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE.

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior Divine:  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
Oh, let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine.

This well loved hymn is the first in our series which was written by an American on this side of the water. Ray Palmer wrote the words in 1830, while engaged in a few hours' daily instruction of young ladies in a genteel school in New York, being just graduated from Yale. There was no special occasion leading him to pen the lines, but long a writer of what was in his heart, in verse form, one day while sitting quietly apart he wrote, for his own satisfaction only, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," never intending the lines for other eyes than his.

A few years later, the young man was requested by Dr. Lowell Mason to contribute some hymns to a book he was about to publish. From his notebook, Doctor Palmer copied off "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," to which Dr. Mason set the tune "Olivet," by which we now sing it with so much satisfaction.

Doctor Palmer continued a brilliant career in the ministry of the Congregational faith, and wrote many books, passing from this life in 1887.

"Wallace's Farmer."

## Grounds for Hope.

The world-outlook today is bewildering and discouraging. Everywhere men are talking and writing out of their pessimism and fear. The political situation is admittedly a dangerous one, with all governments shaken and revolution or war a possibility anywhere. But Christians also are alarmed, fearing that something is happening to Christianity. Had we the space, a careful analysis of conditions might be made whereby our minds could gain assurance. That analysis would inevitably end with the one fact for which we do have space and which Christians are forgetting: *God is not dead nor asleep*. It is no ridiculous impiety to suggest that like "Ole Man Ribber, He jes' keeps rollin' along." Weigh the importance of the following considerations in their relation to present adverse appearances.

The faith of the individual Christian is a reality that abides. It may be shaken but in the end settles back upon its firm foundation. If it feels lonesomeness, it hears God telling the despondent and lonesome Elijah, "I have left seven thousand in Israel, who have not bowed unto Baal." This support of trembling faith is God's work. We may know confidently that even in Russia today God has a countless host of devout Christians whom He will use in the appointed time.

The pathway of the best Christianity has never been an easy one. Christ promised His followers that they would be persecuted, and said they were blessed by such conditions. When the Church is at ease it is in danger. When too prosperous it should be watchful of itself. It is God who permits perils to threaten His Church and always He purifies and strengthens her thereby. The testimony of the best Christian leaders in Germany is that Christianity is stronger there today than it was twenty-five years ago. It is being tried in the fire.

Note another item that would seem to indicate God's sure providence. Among the troubled world centers at present Russia and Italy and Germany are outstanding. Among the Churches of Christendom three are definitely the largest. There is the old Eastern Orthodox Church, known also as the Greek Catholic Church. It is sometimes almost forgotten by western Christians. Its center and its largest following have long been in Russia. We have all known the Roman Catholic Church but our memories seem to ignore the fact that its headquarters are in troubled Italy. Then we have our Lutheran Church as the third largest in the world and we easily recall its origin and influence in Germany. Is it just an accident that these three largest Churches are so closely identified with three great nations that figure so largely in the news? Is not rather our faith in Providence sufficient to believe that God made this definite preparation for these days of bewilderment and discouragement, and that we shall see the salvation of our God? May we not be so fearful and so nervously busy that we become blind to what He is doing?

If we can see only this much, how much more there must be that He is preparing, of which we have now no faintest thought.

The above was not written to lull us into an inactive sleep but to overcome our tendency to think that God is asleep.

"The World Lutheran".

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Words born in the soul's silence are among the earth's mightiest tools. They are a brush to paint pictures, a chisel to carve motives, a battering ram to break down the walls of oppression, a compass to guide the traveler, a light to pierce the souls of gloom. Words are personality articulated.—Unknown.

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## EDITORIAL

When this is read there will be only one month to the convention at Tyler, Minn. Many of us are looking forward to that event each year with great anticipation, sometimes even with anxiety. There we meet old friends who are vitally interested in the same things we are, friends to whom the future of our church is a matter of deep concern. We love our conventions because there we get a chance to feel close fellowship in the things that concern God's kingdom and also because there seem to concentrate all the activities of our synod.

At the convention we meet to formulate the policies of our church and to make arrangements by which these policies can be carried out. I sometimes have a feeling, however, that the character of the convention has changed considerably from what it was in years past, a feeling that it has changed from a position of leadership to being more like court where opinions meet and are adjudicated. If that is the case, it is not an unmixed good, though it may have its good points.

We all need inspiration. We all need leadership. We all need to be pointed the way. For that we should look to the convention. We have a right to expect that from the focal point of our church.

It seems to me that the character of our synod also is changing these years. It is natural that it should, there must be growth in that as in other things. It makes me happy to think that it is changing, which is a sign of life. The only concern for me is how is it changing? Is it becoming better than it was, or is it adapting itself to something less valuable? I believe it is getting better, I believe it is adapting itself more truly to life as it really is than it ever has before. I believe that our churches are discarding many unimportant things because they are finding these things do not tally with the life we live, or even with the faith we confess. We are becoming more realistic; we can not live on wishes and sentiments, however good and beautiful.

I hope that as our church changes character it may approximate more and more the supreme realization of life as expressed in Christ's life; I hope we may have His life as our model; then it will be a miracle to change.

## The 61st Annual Convention.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will convene for its 61st annual convention at Tyler, Minn., during the days of June 7th to 12th.

The business session of the convention will commence Wednesday forenoon, June 8. The opening service will take place Tuesday evening, June 7, at 8 o'clock.

All the churches in the synod are urged to send delegates to represent them at the convention, and all the ministers are asked to be present also.

Proposals to come before the convention should be sent to the undersigned in time to be printed in this paper 6 weeks before the opening of the convention.

Alfred Jensen.

Kimballton, Ia., March, 25, 1938.

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In reference to the official announcement above, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Tyler, Minnesota, invites all members and friends of the Danish Lutheran Church to attend its convention at Tyler, June 7-12. Kindly make your reservations early with Mr. Johannes P. Johansen, Box 126, Tyler, Minn.

Johannes P. Johansen, Chairman of Church Board.  
Holger Strandskov, Pastor.

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### Proposal to the Convention From District VII.

"The synodical board shall appoint a man to visit the congregations of the synod and give them information about the activities of the synod in order to strengthen their willingness to give the necessary support to said activities.

"When and where it may be necessary, he shall assist in collecting contributions, as well as endeavor to get students for Grand View College.

"As far as possible, he shall be present at the meetings of the synodical board in order to be conversant with what takes place within the various activities of the synod of general interest.

"The expenses involved in this work, as well as a reasonable remuneration for his services, shall be paid from the Mission Fund of the synod."

O. C. Olsen.  
Erik K. Moller.  
J. J. Lerager.

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## Correspondence.

Cozad, Nebraska.

Rev. Stockholm preached his farewell sermon to the congregation at Cozad, Nebr., on March 27. He and his family have now reached Grayling, after being snowbound at Joliet, Ill., for several days. The congregation gave a farewell dinner in their honor on March 20.

Rev. Stockholm confirmed a class of four boys on Sunday, March 20. The following Wednesday the three classes which he has confirmed while at Cozad met and had a large photograph taken.

At a special baptismal service at the church on Wednesday, March 23, Rev. Stockholm baptized five children and two adults. Before his departure he also baptized three children at their home.

On March 21 Mr. Bundtzen Smidt, a pioneer settler of the Cozad community, was laid to rest in our cemetery. He leaves to mourn him nine children who have nearly all made their homes in this vicinity.

Rev. E. Bach of Ludington, Mich., has accepted the call from Cozad and plans to arrive here in July.



A new parsonage is soon to be constructed at Cozad. The old parsonage has been sold.

The Ladies' Aid and Young People's Society cooperated very successfully in holding a bazaar at the hall on April 1st to raise money for the building fund.

The Y. P. S. at Cozad now numbers forty-three members. They are cooperating willingly in carrying a part of the extra expenses that building entails.

## Governing Rules for Grand View College

### Article I.

#### Name, Ownership, Purpose

Section 1. Grand View College shall be the official name of the institution.

Section 2. The college is owned and operated by The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Section 3. The general purpose of the college shall be in accordance with Chapter II of the constitution of our synod to afford such educational facilities as may serve to inspire and to guide young people who desire to enrich their experience, secure enlightenment or professional training, and to afford them an opportunity to acquire the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Danish people. A more specific purpose of Grand View College shall be to encourage young people to prepare themselves for service in our synod as pastors and educational workers, and to guide and aid them in securing the necessary training for this work.

### Article II.

#### Departments of Instruction

Section 1. The college shall comprise the following departments of instruction:

- a) The Theological Seminary
- b) The Junior College
- c) Such other departments as the board upon consultation with the president and faculty may from time to time see fit to add.

Section 2. The Theological Seminary shall provide 3 years of education in theology.

- a) Candidates for admission to the seminary must present evidence of the satisfactory completion of the Pre-Seminary course or the equivalent thereof. The president of the college and the faculty of the Seminary may grant or refuse admission.
- b) Upon successful completion of the Seminary courses a student is graduated.

Section 3. The Junior College shall offer 2 years of education in the Liberal Arts and such other courses as the board at the request of the president and faculty may sanction.

- a) Candidates for admission to the Junior College must present evidence of the satisfactory completion of High School work, if desiring credit. If not desirous of earning credits, candidates for admission shall be listed as Special Students and must exhibit ability to carry the regular work in the courses. The president of the college and the faculty of the Junior College may grant or refuse admission.
- b) Upon the successful completion of 2 years of work in the Junior College a student is graduated.

### Article III.

#### Control of the College

Section 1. Control of the college shall be vested in a Board of Education consisting of 5 members of which not

more than 2 may be clergymen. The president of the college and members of the faculty are not eligible to membership on the board. The president of the synod shall be ex-officio member of the board.

Section 2. Board members shall be nominated by a nominating committee at the synodical convention.

Section 3. Board members shall be elected by the qualified voters at the synodical convention.

Section 4. Term of office of the board members shall be 5 years, except that the first board members to be elected shall serve 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, respectively.

Section 5. The Board of Education shall be responsible to the synodical convention for the control of the college, and shall through its secretary report to the convention annually. An audited financial report of the college must also be submitted yearly to the convention. The financial year shall be June 1st to June 1st.

Section 6. Upon election of a new member the board shall elect its chairman and secretary from among its own members.

Section 7. In case of vacancy on the board the remaining members select a temporary member to fill the vacancy until the annual convention is held.

Section 8. The Board of Education shall not individually or collectively attempt to administer their policies, but shall delegate the actual administration of the college to the president whom they shall hold responsible.

Section 9. The Board of Education shall submit to the synodical board for approval by the synodical convention a yearly budget for the college. The convention shall act on the budget and shall determine its size whereupon the synodical treasurer shall transfer funds to the president of the college upon the written order of the president of the synod. The amount of such funds and the time of their transfer is to be determined by the Board of Education.

Section 10. The board shall meet twice each year at Grand View College, and at such other time and place as the chairman of the board may from time to time designate. A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11. The Board of Education selects the president of the college, and with his recommendation the members of the faculty.

Section 12. Written contracts shall be used stipulating the terms of each contract. But no contract may exceed 3 years in duration.

Section 13. The board is responsible to the synod for the safeguarding and upkeep of the college property.

Section 14. The board determines the student tuition.

### Article IV.

#### Administration

Section 1. The college shall be administered in accordance with the rules laid down in the Governing Rules for Grand View College. Such additional rules as the board may add or empower the faculty to formulate, shall conform to the Governing Rules.

Section 2. The president of the college shall be the administrator. (Continued on column 302.)

## Corrections.

Two very embarrassing misprints are found in the last issue of "Lutheran Tidings." The large double column heading on the front page should not be "The Convention" but "The Covenant." Likewise the heading in col. 277, "What Is Our Distinction?" should have been "What Is Our Destination?" — The Editor.

## Reading and Discussion of Recent Significant Article.

Young People's Program, No. 6.  
WHY I DON'T GO TO CHURCH.  
By William Corbin.

- "The American Magazine," August, 1937.
1. Who or What is the Church?
  2. What is a Protestant?
  3. "Today I am convinced that I and millions of other Protestants who do not attend church are not, themselves, at fault. The church is at fault."
    - a. Is this statement correct? Wholly? Partially?
    - b. Might not the opinion be traced to the fact that "By the time I was 20 church attendance had become as much of a habit as a large Sunday dinner, and, indeed, with somewhat the same soporific effect." What causes soporific effect? Activity or inactivity? Attention or inattention, etc., etc?
    - c. Can one fully believe in a "God" without giving expression to it in active church membership?
    - d. Might not Mr. Corbin as a believer aid at least one congregation by working for it and with it in a constructive manner?
  4. Assuming that you attend church regularly, would you feel "vaguely troubled" if you were to "Quit going?"
  5. Mr. Corbin states: "For a while I thought perhaps I was at fault, but I did not return to church to correct that fault. I preferred to remain troubled and to investigate the reason for it."
    - a. Study the "investigation (that) became a hobby."
    - b. Do you think it wise to attend too many different churches?
    - c. How would you interpret the remark: "And this is A. D. 1937."
  6. Do you think that the church "has nothing vital, gripping, or enlightening to offer."
  7. "Sometimes I meet a person whose knowledge and idealism and actions are tonics. And these encounters are nearly all outside the church and for the large part involve non-church people."
    - a. What has been your experience along this line?
    - b. Are the "leading lights" of your community church members?
    - c. How does the author's statement "line up" when crime is considered?
  8. Is the minister who "packs them in" each Sunday necessarily the one who contributes the most?
    - a. In your community, do you have a clergyman who does "pack them in?" If so, what does he preach?
    - b. Has Mr. Corbin by the foregoing betrayed his own notion of what a sermon should be?
    - c. Or, does the mention of such names as Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and Dr. James Gordon Gilkey indicate Mr. Corbin's belief in "religious sermons."
    - d. Is the church to be condemned because all clergymen do not measure up to the standards of the men mentioned above? Are all medical men specialists? Are all bookkeepers C. P. A.s?
  9. What "flimsy excuse" have you for not attending church?
  10. Do you believe that if the church were to say tomorrow that it would act in the five capacities mentioned by the author on page 136, the general public and the specific congregations would support it in its efforts?
  11. "While the church today is doing some good work, this work is being done outside the church as well, and usually better."
    - a. Evaluate this statement.
    - b. Is it not probable that those who are doing the good work "outside the church" are church members and influenced by its teaching?
  12. Has the church anything to give you that you want? Have you anything to give the church?
  13. Ask your pastor to tell you of the "unadorned teaching of Jesus."
    - a. Having heard it, would you say "It happened too long ago" to be transplanted in our day and age?
    - b. May it not be here (in "a" above) that Mr. Corbin fails to follow along?
  14. Do you believe Mr. Corbin would care to live in a world not influenced by the Church? Would you?
  15. Wandering back to the term "soporific effect," would you say men like Kagawa, Schweitzer, Grenfell are "soporiferous?" What answer do you suppose St. Paul would give Mr. Corbin?
  16. In general, may it not be possible that Mr. Corbin is confusing the work of the church as its members will it, with what he thinks it ought to be? After all, can the church as an organization, even approximate all that he demands, as long as he and countless others like him refuse to assist? Are people, lay and clergy alike, that good yet?
  17. Finally and specifically, may not Mr. Corbin expect a perfect Church in an imperfect world.

## Our Church.

The Synodical Convention, 1939, will be invited to meet as guests of the congregation at Withee, Wis., according to recent decision by the congregation.

Mr. Niels H. Ohlrich, Chicago, Ill., passed away on April 4 at the age of 72. Mr. Ohlrich was for a number of years a member of the local board of our synod's children's home in Chicago.

Rev. F. O. Lund-Christensen, who for the last few years has served the congregation in Bronx, N. Y., has accepted a call from our church at Dwight, Ill. He expects to take over his new charge in June.

The Minneapolis Young People's Home is now under the leadership of a new Matron, Miss Dagmar Olsen of Dagmar, Mont.

Rev. Harris Jespersen, Viborg, S. Dak., has just been elected national treasurer of the Danish American Young People's League to succeed Rev. H. O. Nielsen, Junction City, Ore.

The Convention Of District III of the young people's societies will be held at Askov, Minn., July 1-3.

Miss Marie Schmidt of Newell, Iowa, who for the last few years has attended the University of Minnesota, was granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in March.

Mrs. Marie Olsen, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Grønbeck, one of the very early Danish pastors in this country, passed away at Eben-Ezer Sanatorium, Brush, Colo., March 27. Mrs. Olsen was a widow and had been an invalid for a number of years.

**New Church Choir.** In March our congregation at Omaha, Nebr., organized a choir under the auspices of the young people's society, "The Sentinel". The choir already contributed their share to the Easter festival in the church.

**Miss Estrid Knudsen**, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Th. Knudsen, who served as the leader of Danebod College and Grand View College for many years, was joined in marriage to Rev. Henrik Dons Christensen of Denmark.

**The Annual Meeting** of the Santal Mission in America will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn., June 23-26. Of the missionaries Mrs. M. A. Pederson, Dr. Dagmar Petersen, and Rev. and Mrs. Girtz are expected to be present. Rev. and Mrs. Girtz have not yet arrived from India but are expected to arrive in time for the meeting. Anyone who wishes to make reservations for the meeting can do so by writing Rev. H. I. Muus, Fergus Falls, Minn.

**Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen**, Grand View College, preached at the St. Peder's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, May 1. In the evening he spoke again.

**New Song Book.** The young people's organization of our church is working on a new song book in English. A committee, of which Rev. Erik K. Moller, Omaha, Nebr., is chairman, is busily occupied collecting and arranging songs for the new book.

**To Prof. and Mrs. Erling Jensen**, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, a baby boy was born on April 3. Congratulations!

**West Denmark Summer Camp** is planned for July 4-10 this summer. It will be conducted by District III of the young people's societies.

**Rev. Johannes Mortensen** will be inducted into his new charge at Tacoma, Wash., at the services on Sunday, May 15. The Seattle congregation has been invited to participate in this service. Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen and Rev. H. O. Nielsen, Junction City, Ore., will participate.

**Gospel Service Week** will be held in our St. John's Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., May 24-27, in the evening. These meetings will be conducted by Rev. B. E. Bergesen, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Don't forget** to renew your subscription to "Lutheran Tidings"!

**Danish Radio Service** will be broadcast by Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, Seattle, Wash., over station KJR, 970 k.c., on Saturday, May 28, 6 P. M. Comments on the program will be appreciated.

**The Pension List** of our synod now numbers 27 old and retired pastors and pastors' widows. They have been promised \$200.00 each for the year.

**Rev. Holger Strandkov**, Tyler, Minn., who has recently been very sick, has begun to take part again in the work of his congregation, although as yet he is far



from being in perfect health. He participated in the Easter services in the church on Easter day, and he has also sent out his monthly bulletin. The congregation at Tyler is now very busy getting ready to receive the many guests expected for the convention, June 7-12.

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**Many New Members.** At the business meeting Sunday, April 24, our congregation at Tyler, Minn., accepted into the congregation 67 new contributing members. In all the church has taken in about 85 new members since last summer.

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**Vacation Bible School.** The congregation at Tyler, Minn., has made arrangements to conduct a daily vacation Bible school next summer. There will be an English and a Danish class, which will be taught respectively by Miss Olga Jensen and Miss Østerlund.

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**Omaha, Nebr.** The grounds of our church at Omaha, Nebr., have been beautified this spring by the planting of many new flowers, bushes and trees. These plants are the gift of Mr. Martin Andrup, who has also done the work.

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**Rev. Erik K. Møller, Omaha, Nebr.,** has delivered a series of mission lectures to the women of the ladies' aid of his church. These talks have been very well received.

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**Ringsted, Iowa.** At a business meeting of the congregation held Sunday, May 1, it was decided to paint the Ringsted church on the outside in the near future. The work will be done by members of the congregation. Plans are also in the making for having the church redecorated inside some time this summer. For this purpose the ladies' aids are raising a fund.

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**Granly, Miss.** Rev. P. H. Pedersen, Perth Amboy, N. J., who visited the new settlement at Granly, Miss., writes that the people there are still living under pioneer conditions but that the possibilities for the future seem bright.

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**Surprise.** When Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Pedersen arrived home from their long trip to the west coast, they were pleasantly surprised; during their absence the ladies had had the church parlors repainted and the rooms of the parsonage repapered. More power to the ladies!

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**More Work By The Ladies.** Rev. Svend Jørgensen, Detroit, Mich., reports that the ladies of his church decorated the Detroit church very beautifully for Easter. A new runner for the center aisle had been laid down and the communion silver had been resilvered. Palms were supplied for Palm Sunday and flowers and candles for Easter.

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**District II Convention.** The annual convention of District II of our synod will be held this year at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 23-25.

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**Church Repair.** Mr. Adolf Petersen and Mr. Chris Jensen are making estimates as to the costs of having the Detroit, Mich., church thoroughly repaired and redecorated. Tentative plans are to have this work done before the district convention to be held there in September.

**Rev. Leo Broe, Manistee, Mich.,** president of the D. A. Y. P. L. District IV, is making a tour of the societies of the district. He will speak at Detroit, Mich., on May 6. The following Sunday he will preach at the services in the church there. May 2 he spoke at Menominee, Mich.

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**Fredsville, Iowa.** On April 6 the Ladies' Aid of our Fredsville church surprised Mrs. Svend Kjær on her birthday. She was presented with a birthday gift and the ladies served refreshments.

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**Rev. and Mrs. Svend Kjær, Fredsville, Iowa,** paid a visit to Ringsted, Iowa, where Mrs. Kjær's parents reside. At one time Rev. Kjær served the Ringsted congregation.

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**Rev. A. W. Andersen, Chicago, Ill.,** who is the president of District III of our synod, will visit our churches at Marinette, Wis., and Menominee, Mich., on May 15. On that day he will preach at the Menominee church.

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**Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Clinton, Iowa,** writes in his bulletin that the Lenten services held by the three Lutheran churches of Clinton were well attended. The average attendance was 225. At the Wednesday evening services during Lent held in his own church the average attendance was 100.

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**District III Convention** of our synod will be held at Clinton, Iowa, this year, probably in September.

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**Mr. Anker Hald, Kimballton, Iowa,** has been appointed to represent "Lutheran Tidings" in the Kimballton community.

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**West Denmark, Wis.** The new church being built at West Denmark is expected to be ready for use on confirmation day, which will be May 29 this year. It will be recalled that the old West Denmark church burned down last fall.

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Many thanks to all who have contributed this last month.

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## Governing Rules for Grand View College.

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strative head of the institution (see Art. III, sec. 8 above).

**Section 3.** The president of the college shall attend such meetings of the board as are held at Grand View College. He shall render to the Board of Education expert educational leadership. He is not a member of the board and does not vote.

**Section 4.** The president shall together with the faculty formulate the courses of study and submit them to the board for approval. The rules pertaining to the conduct of the student body are formulated by the president and the faculty. For the execution of these functions the president is responsible to the Board of Education.

**Section 5.** The president shall designate the courses to be taught by each member of the faculty. For the faithful execution of their teaching duties the instructors are responsible to the president of the college.

**Section 6.** The president as agent of the Board of Education shall recommend candidates for the teaching positions and shall suggest the size of the salary to be paid. In case a vacancy occurs during the school year, the president is empowered to fill the vacancy.

**Section 7.** The president shall accept responsibility for the financial administration of the college. He or his agent shall submit each month an audited financial report to the Board of Education.

**Section 8.** Any single outlay exceeding \$100 must, except for salaries, have the approval of such finance committee as the board may choose to create.

**Section 9.** The president of the college or his agent makes salary payments at the 1st of each school month.

**Section 10.** The president of the college shall each term submit an educational report to the board. The nature of this report shall be mutually agreed upon and form a part of the president's contract with the board.

**Section 11.** The president and faculty shall to the best of their ability endeavor to maintain a wholesome and christian spirit in the college.

**Section 12.** The president and the faculty shall maintain for the college a high scholastic standard and shall endeavor to keep the college in good repute.

**Section 13.** The president is empowered to select the necessary assistants such as janitors, cooks, etc., and to determine their salaries.

### Article V.

#### Amendments

**Section 1.** Through the usual channels of submitting proposals to the synodical conventions these governing rules may be amended by a simple majority vote of the annual convention.

### Article VI.

#### Interpretation

**Section 1.** The synodical convention is the final authority in the interpretation of these Governing Rules. The Board of the Synod takes over this power in the interim between the synodical conventions in case controversy arises.

### Article VII.

#### Schedule

**Section 1.** These governing Rules go into effect immediately upon their adoption

by a simple majority vote of two successive conventions.

Section 1a. All former rules and regulations for Grand View College are herewith suspended.

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Also the committee proposes the following amendment to the synodical constitution. Chapter V, Art. 17, in order to bring the constitution and rules for Grand View College, Art. II, Sec. 2, into agreement:

„Som Regel meddeler Samfundet kun Ordination til dem, der tilfredsstillende har fuldført det af Samfundet krævede treaarige theologiske Kursus. Naar en Menighed lovligt har kaldet en saaledes uddannet Mand, henvender han sig til Samfundets Formand, der sammen med Præsteskolens Lærere og Ordinator udgør Ordinationsraadet og afgør Spørgsmaalet om Ordination“.

Or

“As a rule the synod shall ordain only men who have satisfactorily completed the three-year theological course required by the synod. When a congregation has called a man so qualified, he shall consult the president of the synod, who together with the theological teachers in the seminary and the Ordinator constitute the Ordination Board, which shall decide the question of ordination.”

Likewise the following amendment to the By-laws of the synod, Art. 15, is proposed:

„Der afgives skriftlig Indberetning til Aarsmødet af Samfundets Formand, Sekretæren for Skoleraadet for Grand View Col-

lege, Samfundets Kasserer, samt af Formændene eller Kassererne for Samfundets andre Institutioner og Virksomheder.”

Or

“Written reports shall be presented to the convention by the synodical president, the secretary of the board of education, the synodical treasurer, as well as the presidents or treasurers of other institutions or activities of the synod.”

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The above is the result of the work of the committee elected to revise the governing rules for Grand View College. The committee met at Des Moines, Iowa, on March 29th and passed the proposal by a majority vote. As some of the changes contained in the new rules are quite important it was decided to publish them before the convention in order that all may be familiar with them at that time. According to the old rules the school is controlled by the synodical board. The new rules call for the election of a Board of Education to take over this duty.

We hope the publication will give everybody interested an opportunity to think about them and discuss them.

Viggo M. Hansen.

The Reims Cathedral, which was badly destroyed by the world war, has now been restored, largely by the munificence of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who gave 15 million francs for that purpose. The Cathedral was dedicated last October.

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