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## O Master of the Waking World

O Master of the waking world,  
Who hast the nations in Thy heart—  
The heart that bled and broke to send  
God's love to earth's remotest part—  
Show us anew in Calvary  
The wondrous power that makes man free.

On every side the walls are down,  
The gates swing wide in every land,  
The restless tribes and races feel  
The presence of thy pierced hand,  
The way is in the sea and air,  
The world is open everywhere.

O Church of God! Awake! Awake!  
The waking world is calling thee,  
Lift up thine eyes! Hear thou once more  
The challenge of humanity!  
O Christ, we come! Our all we bring,  
To serve the world and Thee, our King.

Frank Mason North

From "Dynamic Christianity and the World Today."

## Song and Praise

If we read the gospel of Luke, the first chapter, beginning with verse 46 and continuing to verse 56 we have before us a young woman, so filled with joy in her heart that she has to express it in song, praise and honor to God. She has risen high in her spirit, with her soul's eye she is looking forward to future generations; but the honor belongs to God.

I find three reasons or sources for her joy. First: Her life was not to be lived in vain. She has a service to render not only unto God but also unto mankind.

Why are so many young people of today without hope and enthusiasm? Is it that they lack opportunity and chances?

Second reason: She had met with an understanding heart. As soon as she met Elizabeth she was met by a friend in the true sense of the word. "And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her by the Lord."

But last and not least it was God who had come to her through his angel. He was a living God who not only in former days had performed wonderful things but was still the same almighty God.

Mary was well rooted in her own people's traditions, she knew her people's history.

As she, as an individual, pray and praised God, so did the Israelites on different occasions. In Exodus the 15th chapter, we have the first holy national anthem sung by the people, after they had passed through the sea. And the keynote of that song is this line "The Lord is my strength and song and he is become my salvation: he is my God and I will prepare

him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him."

I like that expression "My father's God" so well it will be repeated later on.

It happened many years after that the Israelites were besieged by Ammonites, Moabites and Edomites, but Israel had a king who knew what to do. He feared and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives and their children. The king addressed God in this manner: O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven." Here again we have the expression "father's God" and that reminds us of the beautiful hymn "Faith of our fathers" and also the last verse of the National Anthem "Our fathers God to Thee."

In a wonderful way God helped his people, we may read about it in 2 Chronicles, 20 chapter, and some authors think that the 46 Psalm of David was there sung for the first time. It was Luther's psalm, and I have read that the first Sunday after the outbreak of the last great war it was sung in England churches and many people heard it as never before, beginning this way: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" and ending "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

As Mary's song is individual so is this and the former song concerning the people as a whole. Another time they as a people expressed their hearts feeling in a wonderful song. I am referring to the 126 Psalm. They had been in captivity in Babylon, had now received the important message: You are free, you may go home. It was almost too good to be true. First they were as dreamers, then their mouth was filled with laughter, and then their tongue with singing."

Let us for a moment imagine those in prison in this brutal war and the day they are released.

We have now learned about the individual songs, the national holy song and then we think of what may be called the great redemption song. We find that in the Book of Revelation where we read as follows: "And they sang a new song saying Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation: and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. . . .

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne and before the four beasts and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousands which were redeemed from the earth. . . .

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God and the song of the lamb saying: Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints. Who shall not bless thee O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Here we find the fulfillment of Mary's song about all generations, that shall see no blessed."

But there is yet another song to mention. The first week of August we made a trip to Holden to conduct a service. We passed through many prosperous districts that had not been spoiled by hail; in fact I saw more flowers in a single day in and about Edminton than ever before and beside a beautiful lake in Elk Island Park we rested and "feasted our souls." Such colorful scenes may remind us of what we may call the nature's song. We find such a song in the last part of Psalm 65.

The poet has painted for us a harvest scene; has praised God for all he has done for the land and the fields. "Thou crowned the year with thy goodness" and then in conclusion the nature itself is singing. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."

Paul heard the whole creation groan and travail in pain, but Brorsen calls upon the whole creation to praise God.

"Arise all things that God has made and praise  
His wondrous glory  
Each leaflet and each grassy blade does tell a  
wondrous story."

P. Rasmussen.

## Let Us Think It Over--And Act

We have an impressive slogan: "A Church Paper in Every Home" to try to realize during the coming year. What are you, dear subscriber, doing towards realizing that goal? Some have told me that they do not subscribe to L.T. because they read "Dannevirke." That is fine, because L. T. does not wish to displace Dannevirke. Lutheran Tidings knocks at the door of the hundreds of homes within our synod which have no church paper.

There is a pitiful small percentage of our synod members who take Lutheran Tidings. It should not be so! Therefore we are making a real effort to get L. T. in homes where there is no church paper of ours; to get them acquainted with L. T. so that it may become a friend they will look forward to meeting the 5th and 20th of every month.

Do you, who read L. T., not think that every home should have L. T. on their reading table? If so, we solicit your help in putting it into more homes. Won't you help us?

Let me suggest the following procedure to begin with. 1. At the first coming church board or congregational meeting, appoint a good active lay member of your church to be representative for L. T. (2). Every Pastor and board members, subscribe to L. T. You will be better equipped to be leaders for our synod's work. (3). Pastor and board members, talk enthusiastic about L. T. as well as the rest of our church work. (4). Decide to give a year's subscription to every new member of your congregation. A few congregations do this, and it is a splendid way to get new members acquainted with our work. (5). Talk over the possibility of making L. T. a membership paper. We can give you the price of 75c on group subscriptions. (6). Work, work, work, for L. T. It is your paper. Support your representative.

To the individual subscriber. Use L.T. as a gift. One person is giving a year's subscription in appreciation of a favor done him by a friend. Talk over L. T. when you are visiting homes in your community. It helps.

Then a little word to take to heart about your own subscription. Please re-new promptly; it saves us money every time you re-new without a reminder. Look at the label on your paper which tells you when it expires. Also remember that we do not send receipts on subscriptions; the label on your paper is your receipt. If it is not changed within 2-5 weeks after you have renewed, we would appreciate a card from you so as to correct any possible mistake before it gets old.

From a few letters I have received, it appears that a few resent the renewal notices and scold the business manager for sending them. Also please remember, the business manager is not a slicker who tried to fleece you. He makes mistakes once in a while, and therefore you may get re-newal notice you should not have. If that happens, please keep calm and write him kindly, and the mistake is very soon found and corrected.

How we wish you would not disregard the renewal notices. If you do not want to re-new, please tell us, and do not let L. T. run a year or more only to scold us for sending L. T. We could, and perhaps should, stop the paper at expiration. We have experienced, however, that very few of the subscribers would want that. Most of the subscribers want L. T. continued, and only through forgetfulness do not renew at expiration.

On the other hand, many thank the business mgr. pired and express their appreciation of the paper and that they enjoy reading it. Such letters make us happy.

One friend recently gave us a \$5.00 gift. Would you want to send L. T. as a gift? Gifts are appreciated.

We believe L. T. has a large mission to perform in our church. We therefore ask for your help.

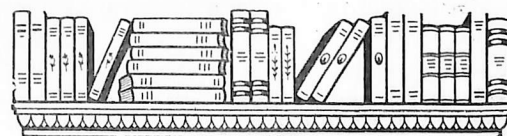
Send for sample copies. The business manager is glad to send them upon request. Pastors and representatives may also write for the mailing list within their congregation.

Let us lift together, then we can accomplish our task: **A Church Paper in Every Home.**

Yours for a better Lutheran Tidings,

Greetings,

Holger P. Jorgensen, Bus. Mgr.



## BOOKS

### "NATIVE SON" By Richard Wright

This is not the kind of book that is likely to be reviewed in many church papers. But after I had read it these potent lines from the Old Testament kept running through my mind: "The sins of the fathers are visited upon the children ...."

"Native Son" was written by a negro born and reared in Mississippi. It is a crime story, gruesome in places, but remarkably well written.

Bigger Thomas is the hero, if you can call such a man a hero. He is mean to his hard working mother and his decent sister. But what else can you expect from a "nigger" who grew up in such surroundings, a rat infested tenement house in Chicago's black belt?

From the first lines it is clear that Bigger is going to get into trouble. He does and there is plenty of it. He commits two murders. Following a wild man hunt, he is captured. Then there is the story of sensational newspapers, the bloodthirsty mob, the district attorney



## Santal Mission Hospital Still Open

June 28, 1940.

Dear Friends:

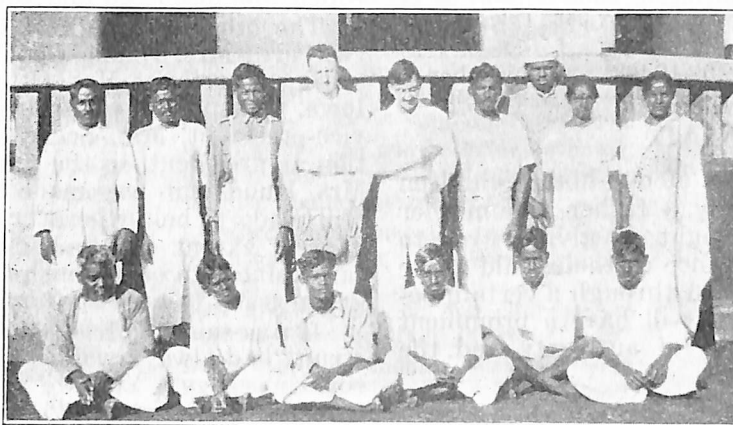
Just a greeting from Benegaria. We reached here two weeks ago, returning from our leave in Shilling. Shilling is a small city in the foothills of the Himalayas where many missionaries and others go to find respite from the heat.

We were fortunate in coming back here just as the monsoon began. The day before we arrived it had been 105 degrees and the air humid and sticky. The night we arrived the wind turned to the east and the next day the temperature was in the nineties and a refreshing shower came in the afternoon.

We were glad to get back, in fact we are always glad to get back home from our hill leave. Although we certainly are also happy to get away from here in

However, no harm has come from the rumor, and now people are again becoming aware that the hospital is as open as ever, and patients are beginning to come as usual. And we are carrying on the same lines as before although with a decreased staff and a budget only slightly over half of what it normally should have been. But we can help a large number of sick and suffering people with that and shall try to get a little more income by charging more for medicines and operations, especially from those who are better able to pay.

We have had no Santali evangelist at the hospital for some months. Now, in order to save money, we do not expect to get another one but instead to have the compounders (male nurses) who are capable of doing it take turns in preaching to the out-patients and talk-



Mission Hospital Staff

the hot season and go to the hills. So that seems to be as it should be.

At the hospital we found that the work had decreased considerably during our absence. The reason for this was that shortly before we left for the hills Dr. Banerjee also left the Mission to start private practice in Rampur Hat, the railway town 12 miles from here, and at the same time 7 compounders and one nurse left because of the cut in salaries. Because of this the rumor went about that the hospital was closing down and that I had gone to America. Dr. Chatterjee, who was in charge of the work while I was away, is very capable, but as he has not been here so very long he is not well known to the people.

ing with individuals when opportunity presents. The women nurses, too, have taken up evangelistic work. Lately they have, assisted by Alma and Miss Krehn, been going out on preaching tours to the villages, as they in most places meet attentive groups of listeners. They are thoroughly enjoying these trips, especially teners, who are eager to hear the gospel news. And there are yet many who have not heard, at least in such a way that it has become real to them.

May God help us to do His work in such a way that it can be a witness to His love, His peace, and the salvation through His son, Jesus Christ.

Our sincerest greetings to you all,

Alma and Erling Ostergaard.

who needs notoriety to win an election, and finally his trial where he is condemned to death. The defensive plea by a Jewish attorney is stirring and full of wisdom.

If you start to read this book you will finish it. It is as interesting as a Sherlock Holmes. With the ringing of the alarm clock in the first sentence through page 359 there is no let up. In places the literary style rises to great heights.

A note is struck in this book which is so different from the spirit of Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver. These men and many other negroes have endured the slights and insults with Christian patience. Richard Wright is defiant and at times full of hate. Once again it is the storing of the "grapes of wrath". Let ten million negroes become

conscious and filled with anger and we may well tremble for the future of our land.

What a stupid and cruel people we are. In hundreds of our cities we build palatial schools and ask the children of the slums, black and white, to attend them. There we teach them the great principles of liberty, equality and fraternity. A few years later we send them back to the slums and expect them to be as contented as Holstein cows in a clover field.

If you read this book you will never look at a negro in the same spirit as you did before. Some of these black faces will haunt you. If there are many Richard Wrights among the negroes of this country, they will bring about a social explosion—unless we change our attitude.

Alfred C. Nielsen

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## EDITORIAL

From a very large number of our homes children have returned to school. Many a father and mother have often resented the thought of giving over to others the influence and guidance of their child as he enters the public school. At least through a certain period of a child's life "teacher" will have a prominent place in the child's conception of authority and the proper conduct of life.

This influence on a child can be of the very best. But there is no doubt that it places at the same time a decided responsibility on us parents, challenging us to a more concentrated home fellowship with our children. The tendency during the last decades has been toward a constantly increased entertainment of children and young people in the numerous activities and programs in schools, 4-H clubs, etc.—Leaders in all these activities have undoubtedly the very best intentions. However, many parents realize that the natural home fellowship will suffer if the children are away from the home not only during the regular school day, but also often several evenings during the week.

A few years ago a book was written in Denmark by one of the teachers at the Askov Folk School, Prof. Holger Kjær. The book was given the title: "Kampen om Hemmet". The author presented a beautiful picture of the happy home life where a family will especially in the evenings after the day's work share a fellowship in conversation, singing, reading, and evening devotion. Next the author points out in his discourse the tendency of the more modern home, which turns out to be a place where children and young people go to eat and sleep, but are deprived of the real homelife.

I am confident that we all see the danger of such a trend. Many of us probably feel quite helpless in effecting a change for the better. Some will say: Times have changed and there is nothing we can do about it. And yet I am confident that a few minutes here and an hour there, now and then a whole evening for the home fireside circle, may mean more in the making of the future personality and character of our children than possibly anything else.

May all the homes of our church be given strength and guidance to meet this responsibility.

Holger Strandskov

## The Women's Mission Work

During the past year, when the war has made the work of many of our missions so very difficult, it has been encouraging to see that there are many people in our synod who are ready and willing to do their share in meeting the need. The Danish Women's Mission Board has had many examples of that. So we feel that we must start the work of this new year with sincere thanks to all the Ladies' Aids, Mission Groups, and individuals who have sent us gifts, both for the ordinary work and for the special fund for the Santal Mission in memory of Mrs. Kjølhede, and for the car for the Canada Mission. We received in all about \$200.00 more than the previous year.

And how very encouraging it also was that about 90 of the women attending the convention came to our special business meeting held there. Our new secretary, Mrs. Johannes Knudsen, Hartford, Conn., will soon, through our church papers, tell about the new laws and rules, as well as the new name for our group which was discussed and voted on at the meeting.

The other members of the Board for the coming year are: Mrs. Nanna Goodhope, Viborg, S. Dak., assisting secretary; Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, treasurer; and Miss Olga Jensen, Tyler, Minn., vice-president. Mrs. Seeley Knudstrup refused reelection as president, so the undersigned was elected. But Mrs. Knudstrup was made honorary president, and is still ready to help wherever she can. I feel that it is to a great extent due to her good example of love and faithfulness to our Danish Church that there is a new group ready to take up the task and carry on the work.

It was said by Miss Dagmar Miller that Mrs. Knudstrup "had always walked among us as one bringing a royal message". Yes, we might say the same of Dagmar Miller. How good it was to have her with us again. We hope she may soon be well and strong enough to help us in the mission field here at home.

During the last few years the D. W. M. Board has often suggested the forming of mission groups in the different congregations. Quite a number of these groups have been started; some places, however, it has been thought better to devote some of the meetings of the Ladies Aids to the study and support of Mission work. Other Ladies Aids have done their part by going from home to home in their congregation to collect special contributions. This is all very fine. We live under different conditions, and each group will have to find for itself that special way in which it can best do its part in God's great plan of bringing the good tidings to all men.

May God in the coming year give us willingness of heart to do all we can for the missions which are carried on by our church. This will help us also to share in the happiness and peace of mind which Christians can have, in spite of the terrible conditions of the world.

With greetings from the Danish Women's Mission Fund,

Yours,

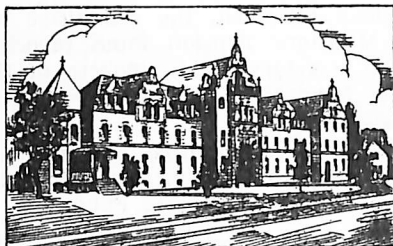
Anna J. Stub

Greenville, Mich., Aug. 15, 1940.

The American Bible Society estimates that nine-tenths of the 2,000,000,000 people on earth might now, if they turn to the Bible, hear it read in a language they can understand. The distribution of 7,370,908 volumes of the Scriptures by the Society during 1939 represented an increase of 5 per cent over the previous year's circulation.



## Grand View College



Grand View college will open its doors on Monday, September 9, to a new student group. Several have been busy throughout the summer months in making necessary repairs and painting the rooms for the students in the dormitories.

It is indeed encouraging to know that at least seven young men will seek preparation for the ministry in the seminary. They are: Ronald Jespersen, Viborg, South Dakota; Charles Terrell, Des Moines, Iowa; Ove Nielsen, Tyler; Axel Kildegaard, Clinton, Iowa; Howard Christensen, Racine, Wisc.; Willard Garred, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Verner Hansen, Chicago.

Indications are that a comparatively large enrollment can be expected in the entire school. Both the faculty members and the senior student group realize that this will mean a greater responsibility for everyone, but also a greater possibility for a rich and worthwhile fellowship.

The faculty members for the year are: President Alfred C. Nielsen, Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, A. C. Ammentorp, Peter Jørgensen, Harald Knudsen, Erling Jensen, Herluf Nielsen, Miss Laura Ibsen and Mrs. Helvina Mailand.

It is the hope and prayer of many that the coming school year may be an enriching experience to the group of young people from the many homes of our Church.

### 5th Dist. Annual Meeting

The Danish Lutheran church of Alden, Minn., cordially invites Pastors, members and friends of our church to attend the annual meeting of district 5 September 27-29.

A special meeting will be held for our Sunday school teachers on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Delegates and other guests are requested to register in advance.

**Jens A. Holst**, Pastor,  
Alden, Minn.

**Johannes Pedersen**, Pres. of Church  
Board, R. 2, Alden, Minn.

#### Program

Friday:

8:00 p.m. Opening Service, Rev. J. L. J. Dixon.

Saturday morning:

Bible Hour, Rev. M. Mikkelsen

Saturday afternoon and evening:

Sunday school teachers institute conducted by Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, Des Moines. (English). Sunday school teachers of our district are urged to attend this institute.

Sunday:

10:00 a.m. Danish service, Rev. J. Andresen.

11:00 a.m. English service, Rev. J. C. Aaberg.

Sunday afternoon:

Lecture by Rev. Mikkelsen or Rev. P. Rasmussen.

Sunday evening:

Closing meeting.

**M. Mikkelsen**, District Pres.

Askov, Minn.

### Dist. 4 Annual Meeting

The Iowa District 4 of our church will hold its annual meeting at St. John's Church near Hampton, Iowa, September 27 to September 29. The opening meeting will be Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, and the closing meeting will be Sunday evening.

Pastors and delegates from all congregations should be present, bringing reports from the churches. All members and friends of our churches in District 4 are cordially invited.

Registrations should be sent a week in advance to Rev. H. Juhl, Route 2, Hampton, Iowa. The church is located about one mile east of Coulter, Iowa.

**Svend Kjær**, District President

### District 6 Meeting

District 6 of our synod will meet at Viborg, South Dakota, on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. We invite all who are interested in our work to attend. Our congregations are asked to send delegates.

**Holger Strandkov**, Dist. President

Our Savior's Danish Lutheran church of Viborg extends its invitation to all members and friends of our district to attend the annual district meeting on the above-mentioned days.

Registrations should be made in advance, please.

**Knud Knudsen**, Viborg, S. D.,  
President, Church Board

**Harris Jespersen**, Viborg, S. D.,  
Pastor

#### Program

Saturday:

10:00 a.m., Pastor's meeting.

2:00 p.m., Rev. Harald Ibsen (English)  
Rev. Rasmus Jensen (Danish)

8:00 p.m. "Our Religious Education"  
Rev. Harris Jespersen: Our Sunday school work.

Rev. Holger Strandkov: Summer vacation schools and confirmation classes.—Discussion.

Sunday:

10:30 a.m., Danish service in the church.  
Sermon by Rev. Harald Ibsen  
Communion service: Rev. Rasmus Jensen.

English service in Parish hall  
Sermon by Rev. Vagn Duus

2:30 p.m., Lecture (English): Rev. Holger Strandkov

3:30 p.m., The Business meeting

8:00 p.m., Lecture by Rev. Harris Jespersen.

Closing remarks.

### District 7 Meeting

The annual convention of District 7 will be held in Cozad, Nebraska, September 20 to 22, inclusive.

The congregations, pastors and friends of our district are cordially invited to attend.

**Erik K. Moller**, Dist. Pres.

To the above announcement St. John's congregation adds its cordial invitation to all friends, congregations and pastors of our district to be its guests during the meeting.

**W. A. Christiansen**, President

Guests are asked to send reservations to Rev. Erik M. Back, Cozad, Nebraska.

#### Program for District 7 Meeting:

Friday:

8:00 p.m.: Opening Meeting: Rev. Erik Moller

Saturday:

9:00 a.m.: Morning Devotion: Rev. J. J. Lerager

10:00 a.m.: Business meeting

12:00 m. to 1:30 p.m.: Dinner

1:30 p.m., Business meeting

3:00—3:30 p.m., Rest period

3:30—5:00 p.m., Lecture and discussion: Rev. Marius Krog

8:00 p.m., Evening meeting: Rev. Elbert C. Nielsen

Sunday:

10:30 a.m., Church services

Sermon: Rev. Elbert C. Nielsen

Communion: Rev. Erik M. Back

2:00 p.m., Lecture (Danish): Rev. J. J. Lerager

3:00 p.m., Rest period

3:30 p.m., Lecture: Rev. Marius Krog

8:00 p.m., Closing meeting: Rev. Erik K. Moller and others.

### District 1 Meeting

District 1 will meet for its Autumn and District meeting in Perth Amboy, N. J., September 27, 28 and 29. Members and friends of our church are invited to attend.

Registrations should be made in advance to Rev. P. H. Pedersen, 99 Broad Str., Perth Amboy, N. J.

**John Pedersen**, Distr. Secr.  
Portland, Maine

## OBSERVATIONS

by Bundy

**A BIT OF HEAVEN.** We had motored to Cooperstown for the song and music festival called "Community Sings." The day was ideal, the sun shone through silver lined clouds, the country side smiled in all its Eastern glory, the smell of clover and the eternal hills wrapped all its kindness around us as we rolled over the curvy roads. The scenery is heavenly around Coopers-town. At the south end of Otsego Lake, nestled between majestic mountainlike hills that are covered with God's most glorious decorations of rock, earth and trees, lies the city and before it the lake like a glass bottom in an eight mile long bowl.

Near the shore of the lake is the bandstand. More than 25 skilled musicians played choice music. The most touching to me was "The Idyl of a Musician Lost in the Woods." Against the background of a large girls' college building we sat, about three thousand of us.

In front of us were the motor and sailboats upon the lake, and over yonder the golf-players—too busy to listen. The second part of the program is singing of a number of folk songs and hymns by the vast audience and how well a Dane feels at home in that atmosphere. Is it the poetry or the words of Sibelius' "Hills of Home" that chokes my voice? No, I believe it's the thought of these that makes me think that in such a grandiose setting there is a foretaste of Heaven.—And—that "the hills of home" are blasted by bombs and the might-be singing voices of mankind are choked by materialism. There are—true enough—3,000 of us here today; but there are so many—and I am thinking of some that I love, engaged in other activity which mars the suggestive sublimity in a glorious Sunday afternoon. Shall they never become active in the things that touch the strings of the instrument that the ages has called a soul? There were no dime songs on the sheet handed us; there were only songs true to the sentiments of people who know what humanity is at its best.

From the college balcony behind us, the large male chorus, representing the best from three cities, sang some of the same songs that later concluded the community singing. I like the word "community singing"; it expresses some of the meaning in the danish word: "Folkesang."

A wealthy lady financed the whole program; it's to be repeated two more Sundays. We began to sing after the last war. Must we have another war to call out the latent soul-potentialities of America?

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**THE DOWNFALL OF FRANCE.** If we would believe that we might learn from past history then we would not be so surprised at the downfall of

France. In 1917, James Gerard, United States Ambassador to Germany, wrote in his book, "My Four Years in Germany", that that nation planned a war against France and unless Germany was defeated, "the whole world will become an armed camp." France was to be attacked first because "it's a weak nation", corrupt and rotten people. Do we remember that some years ago the leaders of France exiled God from their schools and their government? Hitler has also said that France is a weak nation; and he became the eagle to swoop down upon the carcasses.

A lady with international knowledge writes to me: "Vices of a horrifying nature thrived in France—with police protection. A couple of years ago a Dane was in Paris and saw with his own eyes child prostitution protected by the police." We seem to have known nothing about it and even if we had most of us would hardly believe it. We have eagerly grabbed every style coming from Paris including the new moral emancipation of women.

Kenneth Downs, chief of the International News Service in Paris, writes in a lengthy significant article (too long to quote in full here) these words which are the key to the situation: "France was morally and physically paralyzed the way an individual under the influence of drugs can be.—It was one of the most frightening things I have seen in Europe or anywhere else. Here was a great nation with the longest history and the proudest military tradition in Europe, watching disaster approach for seven years and doing little but weaken herself before it struck.—Corruption was almost everywhere.—Leaders wrangled, laws were made but circumvented."—Curran, famous Irish statesman and jurist, said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." To this France today could add: "The price not only of liberty but of bare survival, is vigilance and preparation."

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**THE SHAME OF PROTESTANTISM.**

The recent religious census shows that there are 256 different religious denominations in the United States; to them belong 55,807,366 of our population; that is a gain of about a million since 1926. Not a great number in a nation with a population of over 130 million. With all this division it is not much of a wonder that we cannot sing "Onward Christian Soldiers". We are not doing much soldiering for the spiritual conquest of America.

We are not without religion but we are sorely mixed up on what Christianity might be. Had Martin Luther known the results of his reformation he might have tolerated the church as it was under the Roman Pope and left it to providence to effect the reform.

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**DEMOCRACY** may be weak in its discipline but life is not. The laws of life are recurrent no matter how foolishly we may make our freedom.

## Convention Report

(Continued from previous issue)

Friday afternoon the committee on the Ministers' Pension Fund reported by its secretary, Paul Stenberg of St. Paul, Minnesota, and the report in translation reads:

No. 1. The committee expresses its appreciation of the fine work done by the board of the Pension Fund.

No. 2. We regret that during the past year 41 congregations have contributed nothing to the Pension Fund. It ought to be the duty of the delegates, the pastor, and the local church council to see to it that an annual contribution to the Pension Fund be paid by each congregation in our synod.

No. 3. The committee makes the following motion:

a. All pastors in the synod pay an annual contribution to the Pension Fund. The following scale will apply:  
Of the regular salary ½ percent of the first \$800.00  
Plus 1 percent of salary between \$800.00 and \$1,200.00  
Plus 2 percent of salary over \$1,200.00

b. These contributions to the Pension Fund shall be paid quarterly in April, July, October and January.

c. If anyone is three months in arrears, the amount shall be deducted from the pastor's salary and paid by the local treasurer.

No. 4. The committee moves that the reports from the Pension Fund be accepted with thanks.

A long and rather confused deliberation followed. Action postponed to Saturday morning.

T. G. Jensen, treasurer of the Pension Fund, called our attention to the offering envelopes mailed to all congregations. He urged us to use them and pointed out that where these envelopes had been mailed out with a letter of explanation, the response had been very satisfactory.

**SATURDAY:**

The secretary of the G. V. C. Board of Education informed the convention that next year the Danish language will again be used at our seminary.

Rev. M. Jorgensen, director of Eben-Ezer at Brush, Colorado, had arrived. The president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, expressed our welcome and best wishes for God's blessing in his new work.

The director responded by expressing his gratitude to those who had elected him to his new position. He spoke of the great work at the institution at Brush and offered his co-operation to all infirm and sick people in our congregations.

Saturday is usually a very busy day at the convention. All business matters must be finished, and the elections take place during and in between transactions.

Points one and two in the findings of



the committee on the Pension Fund reports were adopted.

A motion from St. Stephen's Church in Chicago was rejected, and point three in the findings of the committee was adopted.

Point Four.—Adopted.

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Last year a committee was selected to investigate the question of incorporation of the Old People's Home at Des Moines, Iowa. The chairman, Mr. J. G. Thuesen, clarified the legal aspects of the question and after a long and well prepared explanation recommended not to incorporate the Home.

Sometimes people wish to will their property to benevolence and homes for old people. If a form for bequests were printed in our annual report, some people might will their assets to the Old People's Home. This suggestion was made by the president of the home, Mr. J. F. Petersen.

The committee on the reports from the Old People's Home presented the following findings, read by Rev. F. O. Lund, chairman of the committee:

(Translation)

1. The committee appreciates the fine conditions, which, according to the president's report, exist at the home; the committee thanks those who are responsible for this.

2. The committee favors the president's suggestion: that our members visit the home when they can.

3. The committee moves that the recommendation of the Incorporation Committee be accepted by the convention.

4. The committee moves that the president's report be accepted with thanks.

F. O. Lund, Jens A. Holst, E. Jensen, Mrs. P. Petersen, Carl Eriksen.

After a discussion which lasted till after dinner, all four points were adopted. The convention voted not to incorporate the home.

The committee on the Children's Homes reported by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard of Clinton, Iowa. This reporter does not possess the findings on the committee which were adopted.

However, both the home at Chicago and at Tyler will continue to need our good will and support.

Rev. Erik Møller of Omaha, Nebr., read the findings of the committee on our synodical papers:

I. Kirkelig Samler. (Translation)

1. The committee strongly recommends that delegates present at this convention heed the editor's request: that a reporter for news about the life in the congregation be appointed in each congregation, and also that a man or a woman be appointed to promote and secure subscriptions for "Dannevirke-Kirkelig Samler."

2. The committee moves that the editor's report be accepted with thanks.

II. "Lutheran Tidings"

1. Your committee is in agreement

with the editor that "Lutheran Tidings" is a church paper and not a newspaper, but we wish to stress that the more local news the paper can bring from the different congregations, the more will the members of our synod be interested in our paper.

2. Your committee strongly recommends acceptance of the motion of the committee on church papers elected at the convention at Withee. To wit: "That 'Lutheran Tidings' is made the official synodical publication published twice per month, (i.e. on the first and third Sat. of each month,) that as our official synodical publication it be published by the synod and sent to each contributing member or to each home, the expenses to be defrayed by the synod.

3. We recommend the grateful acceptance of the Editor's report and request that the convention show its appreciation of the retiring Editor's work by a rising vote of thanks.

III. "Child's Friend"

1. The policy which the present Editor of "Child's Friend" has followed meets with the approval of your committee; first consideration must always be that the children will want to read the paper.

2. We recommend the grateful acceptance of the Editor's report and request that the convention show its appreciation of the retiring Editor's work by a rising vote of thanks.

IV. Financial Report of "Lutheran Tidings."

1. The committee feels the financial statement of "Lutheran Tidings" shows the necessity of taking drastic measures with regard to the future of "Lutheran Tidings."

2. We recommend the Treasurer's report be accepted with thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Møller

V. S. Jensen

"Kirkelig Samler."—Points one and two adopted.

"Lutheran Tidings."—Point One.—Adopted. Point Two.—Rejected.

The committee appointed at Withee had probably foreseen that the convention would reject this proposition and had therefore written in its report:

"If this plan of ours does not meet with the approval of the convention, which we sincerely hope it does, then we recommend that our congregations individually take up the question of making 'Lutheran Tidings' a membership paper for their own congregation, and that the price in such case be given to them at the rate of 75 cents a year for each subscriber.

"Congregations which cannot do this are asked to put on a: 'Church Paper Drive' under the leadership of a local representative for Lutheran Tidings." He should co-operate with one or more local church organizations as for instance the Ladies Aid, or Young People's Society. And we recommend that such

societies be compensated for the work they do in the service of our paper at the rate of 25% for new subscriptions and 10% for renewals. Sample copies will be sent on request to such co-workers by "Lutheran Tidings" Business Manager. We recommend the goal and the slogan for each congregation: "A Church Paper in Every Home."

(To be continued)

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## Our Church

Miss Dagmar Møller who recently submitted to a major operation at the Deaconess hospital in Minneapolis is now convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sigurd Støvring in Askov; her condition is very favorable.

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The DAYPL Summer Camp at Lake Okoboji in Iowa was very well attended. 60 young people shared in a rich and happy fellowship during the four days of the camp. A group of "Minnesotans" also attended and found the climate and fellowship most ideal.

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A Hail Storm ruined approximately one half of the wheat crop in Dalum, Canada, shortly before harvest. In the northern part of the Danish colony some fields were entirely destroyed.

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Our Denmark, Kansas Church reports that despite hot weather and the vacation season the attendance at church services and church school have been almost equal to the church's capacity on most Sundays.

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Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen who has served the church at Denmark, Kansas, the past months and who was accepted into our synod at the conference in Cedar Falls in June, will be installed on Sunday, Sept. 8th, by Rev. Erik K. Møller, president of the district.

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An Organ Fund is being sponsored in the Muskegon, Mich., church for the purpose of buying a new organ for the church.

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A Sunday School Institute will be held in Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26-27. Rev. J. C. Kjar and Rev. L. C. Bundgaard will be the visiting speakers. All Sunday school teachers of the Eastern District and others interested are invited to attend.

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Contributions for the Santal Mission will be solicited from all the members of the congregation in Tyler during the coming 2-3 weeks. Eleven solicitors have been appointed by the church board.

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Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Tarnow and Marie from Solvang, Calif., have been "back home" in Tyler and Hutchinson on vacation. They report a very active summer "on the western front." Atter-

dag College. 78 children had attended the summer vacation school, 56 living in the school during the entire four weeks. Later the Youth's summer camp followed by a Junior Camp.—Mr. Tarnow also had the privilege of giving a presentation of gymnastics of boys and girls at the World's Fair in San Francisco.

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**Rev. M. Mikkelsen and family** of Askov, Minn., returned recently from a vacation trip to Dannevang, Texas. Mrs. Mikkelsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Agerkov Pedersen, other relatives and friends were visited.

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**The Youth Conventions** held recently at Omaha and Ringsted, Iowa, were according to reports well attended.

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**The Seattle, Wash.,** summer vacation school received nearly a full page recognition with several pictures and a write up: "Folk School Keeps Alive Denmark's Traditions" in the Seattle Daily Times.

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**The Seamen's Mission** of Brooklyn, N. Y., under the direction of Rev. A. T. Dorf is at the present confronted with numerous demands for help for destitute seamen. Rev. Dorf reports that the

last two months he has spent \$700 on such aid.

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**Rev. Svend Jorgensen and family** spent their August vacation in the East, visiting at the home of Mrs. Jorgensen's mother, Mrs. Anders Brown in Hartford, Conn.

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### Contributions to the Santal Mission

Mrs. P. O. Nielsen, Tyler, Minn.	\$ .50
Miss Marie Nielsen, Seattle, Wash.	15.00
J. Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa	5.00
Miss S. Andersen, Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00
D.A.Y.P.L. Dist. 4 Convention, Detroit, Mich.	34.55
Sunday School, Parlier, Mich.	5.32
Danish Church, Ruthon, Minn.	2.00
E. F. New York	15.00
Ladies Aid, Fredsville, Iowa	2.00
St. John's Danish Luth. Church, Seattle	12.00
Marinette and Menominee Ladies Aids	14.10
Mrs. L. H. Hansen, Aurora, Neb.	
Danish Sunday School, Askov, Minn.	1.00

Karen Thomsen, Minneapolis	2.32
Mrs. G. G. Berggreen, St. Paul, Minn.	1.00
Church Convention, Cedar Falls, Iowa	67.73
Mrs. L. L. Henningsen, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
The Kingbrook Community Club in memory of Jørgen J. Damm, Badger, S. D.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Steensgaard in memory of Jørgen J. Damm, Badger, S. D.	1.00
St. Ansgar's Church, Pasadena, Calif.	5.33
St. Stefan's Ladies Aid, Chicago	10.00
Offering in St. John's Church Hampton, Iowa	30.00

### To Dagmar Miller's Work

Mads Frese, Buellton, Calif.	5.00
<b>To Dr. E. Ostergaard's Work</b>	
Alice Jensen, Minneapolis	5.00
Mads Freese, Buellton, Calif.	5.00
Martha Kirkegaard, Minneapolis	5.00

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