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Dr. Martin Luther

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A mighty fortress is our Lord
A sure defense to save us!
He frees us with His trusty sword
When trouble would enslave us.
The foe of all mankind
Great evil has designed;
His cruel weapons still
Are force and cunning skill;
On earth is not his equal.

Martin Luther

The Church Today

In these critical times when Christians of all lands are torn between loyalties, subject to emotional strain, and confused by propaganda, the Lutheran Church in the United States calls upon all its members and, wherever its voice may reach beyond the seas, upon members of the Lutheran Church in every country, to unite in prayer to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom we have unity and fellowship despite every force which tends to divide and separate us.

Before His throne of grace, whither we have been led by the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in our Lutheran congregations throughout the earth, we are

mindful of the deepest of all loyalties—allegiance to Jesus Christ, even the Christ of the Cross. At His feet we confess the sins of ourselves and of our peoples which have brought upon us all the judgements of this hour. We find that our unity is one of penitence, in which we unitedly cry for His mercy.

Let us in these days of sorrow, plead with Him who still weeps as He seeks to gather His scattered children in one spiritual home, to cleanse our hearts from hatreds of our fellowmen, whatever be their race or creed. Whatever be the sins of classes or peoples, the Christian's prayer must still be one for forgiveness and redemption. No national bonds or racial traditions can be allowed to alienate the people of God from each other.

As citizens of our nation we are loyal to our government even as we seek to conform our laws and policies to the will of God. War is a judgment of God which we cannot escape, except as we can bring our national and international policies into conformity with a God who wills righteousness and justice, and consequently, peace. Even in the working out of the judgment of war, the Christian will seek for a condition which will contribute to the elimination of war. Unitedly our prayer is for a peace which recognizes the grace of God unto all people.

The ministry of mercy is the peculiar ministry of the Christian Church in wartime. It is a ministry of reconciliation. It is a ministry of alleviation of misery. Unto the Church comes the cry to help the needy, to heal the wounded, to care for the dispossessed. Christ came into a world of sin and war to fulfill His ministry. It is in such times as these that His Church can show forth its works that mankind may glorify the Father in Heaven. The supreme mission of the Church today is to be the Church of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Judge of nations, the Redeemer of all men, the Eternal Hope of humanity.

—Conrad Bergendoff

President of Augustana College &
Seminary, Rock Island, Ill.

Third District Convention

September 28-29, 1940

Saturday morning, Sept. 28, the pastors of District III met in Trinity Church in Chicago where Rev. A. W. Andersen read a well written paper on "Christianity, the Church, the Congregation." An interesting and lively discussion followed.

At noon Mrs. A. W. Andersen served a fine dinner in the parsonage. All the pastors, their wives, Mrs. E. Romer excepted, and two delegates were served.

The business meeting of the convention was opened at 3 p. m. Rev. V. M. Hansen of Chicago read a portion of John 15 and led the devotions. Addresses of welcome were given by Rev. A. W. Andersen, pastor of Trinity, and Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, district president.

The following delegates were registered: Clinton:

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holgaard, Mr. Holger Petersen, Mrs. Dagmar Magnussen, and Mrs. John Petersen.

Dwight: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritsen, Mrs. Wilma Jensen, and Mr. M. Jensen.

Chicago, St. Stephen's: Mr. Martin Knudsen, Mr. Jens Mikkelsen, and Mr. T. M. Jensen.

Chicago, Trinity: Mr. Walter Andersen, Mr. S. N. Nielsen, Mrs. Birgitte Jorgensen, Mr. Martin Jensen, and Mr. A. C. Christensen.

Marinette: Mrs. Agnes Maske.

Menominee: Miss Christine Jensen.

Racine: Mr. and Mrs. Th. Andersen, Miss Olga Christensen, Mrs. Elmer Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lange, and Mrs. Viggo Sorensen.

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer was read and approved. The district treasury showed a balance of \$34.82. Reason for the small balance: some of the congregations has neglected to send in their district dues. The convention ruled that at the beginning of the new year statements or reminders must be sent by the district treasurer to all the congregations.

In his report the district president revealed that the call of Rev. Einar Romer had been extended indefinitely.

The district president also called attention to our synodical papers, especially "Lutheran Tidings," which does not have the number of subscribers it ought to have.

Rev. A. C. Kildegard had visited all the congregations in the district and had observed that the use of the Danish language is decreasing and that in some places it soon would disappear.

The number of communicants is a good barometer the spiritual life of a congregation. We need to go to communion oftener.

The pastors' institute in Des Moines was also mentioned, and the congregations were urged to send their ministers. The congregations will benefit indirectly by having the pastors attend.

Later, upon motion of Rev. A. W. Andersen, the following resolution was passed: "The Third District Convention recommends that each congregation makes it possible for its pastor to attend the next pastors' institute in Des Moines."

A lengthy letter from the synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, had been received by Rev. A. C. Kildegard. It was read. Because of this letter and another from the business manager of Lutheran Tidings, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, the following eight points were discussed:

1. The syndical debt. Last year the congregations of our district raised close to \$822.00 toward the debt of the synod. However, a number of congregations throughout the synod did not contribute, and we still need \$1,200.00 to fulfil our obligations. According to the synodical treasurer, Mr. Axel Thomsen, the deficit on our general account is at present about \$3,000.00. If all the congregations would pay their assessments in monthly installments, the general account would not be in the red.

2. The Santal Mission. As agreed at the national convention at Cedar Falls, some of the congregations already have taken up extra offerings for the Santal Mission, which because of the war has lost its support from Denmark and Norway. The congregations which had not given an extra offering were planning to do so. The Santal Mission may receive about \$25,000.00 from

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"Comparisons Are Odious", But—

We will all unite in paying billions of dollars for defense. This is the constraint of law, of self-preservation.

Norwegians in America have set a goal of a million dollars for Norwegian relief. They are not a large group, but half of that amount has already been raised. This is the constraint of love, arising through ties of blood.

2,300,000 Lutherans average about ten cents apiece in responding to the Emergency Appeal of their church. Was this a relative indication of the power of the constraint of the Gospel in them? To relieve their brethren in Christ and save their World Missions from abandonment? Surely not! For such a cause, with such a motive, \$500,000 is but a mere fraction of the potential response of Lutherans in America! Let's remember, this time: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Our Foreign Missions

Address delivered over radio station KSO, Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, Oct. 20, in behalf of Lutheran World Action.

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Some years ago, I made the acquaintance of a fine young man. I attended one of the large mid-western universities at the same time that he did. He told me that he had dedicated his life to foreign missions. When he had completed his preparatory work he went into the University Medical College. He did well. As time for graduation approached he received flattering offers to join medical staffs. These offers must have caused him to pause and reflect. It would mean home, comfort, luxury, and prestige so near to the human heart. But he did not change his course. He remained true to his calling. Today he is one of our medical missionaries to India.

In the mission fields there are thousands of men and women like him, people who had dedicated their lives to the service of God and man. They have asked God to permit them to serve Him and to bring aid to those who are sick in body and soul.

Today hundreds of these men and women and the good work they are doing in Lutheran Mission fields are in grave peril. They have been cut off from their supplies from home. You ask, "How did this happen?"

A little more than a year ago, a cruel and devastating war broke out in Europe. Since then country after country has been invaded and involved. Lutherans in Germany, Denmark, Norway, France, Holland, Sweden, and Finland are not permitted or able to send money to their missions in the various lands about the globe.

These devoted men and women in hundreds of

foreign missions are now stranded, cut off from their source of supply. How are they going to work and live? Who will help them now that their Lutheran Churches at home are no longer able to? What is to become of the work of peace and love that they have begun in a world of strife and hatred?

To give the listeners an idea of the extent of the work carried on by these stranded Lutheran Missions, let me say that they include missionaries and people in forty-seven Lutheran Missions. They are found in such widely scattered areas as East, South, and Central Africa, Armenia, Syria, Arabia, Greece, in India and New Guinea, in China, Manchuria and Japan. Together they have staff members totaling 2,005 and a church membership of 801,000.

Must these people give up their work and come home? Must the work for our Savior started in many fields now be left to perish because the leaders must go home? To a very large extent Lutherans in America will have to answer these questions.

Friends, the Lutheran World Action is asking for a total of \$55,000.00 for this cause. Last winter a sum of about \$240,000.00 was raised, but that has nearly been used. There are approximately 4 million Lutherans in this country. If we all help in this cause we can easily raise the needed \$500,000.00.

This money will go to keep these stranded missions going and permit devoted men and women to continue their work of mercy. It will also go to help and rehabilitate Lutheran refugees who have been forced to leave their mother country and have found a haven in the United States. In time these people will be able to shift for themselves, but right now many of them need help.

In London and Berlin men have again returned to the caves. Destroy, destroy is the order of the day. Let us help to build by giving our money to those who are doing work of mercy in this weary world. Our Savior wept because Jerusalem rejected him. My fellow Lutherans, let us not miss this opportunity to help where and while we may. Please consult your Lutheran pastor about this good work, and he will supply you with information.

In closing let me quote a few lines of the beautiful hymn by S. Matheson. We too must permit ourselves to be held in a firm grip by His divine love.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Alfred C. Nielsen, President
Grand View College

District 9 Convention

WILBUR, WASH., AUG. 30 to SEPT. 1

By Jorgen Nielsen

It is a pleasure to meet with the people of Wilbur, Washington. As soon as we meet we feel the spirit of friendliness and hospitality. And it remains all through the stay and is present even in the handshake as we bid them goodbye before we leave.

Friday evening, August 30, we gathered in the



BOOKS

FREDERICK L. GRANT: THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM. The appearance of Form Criticism in New Testament study is in many respects revolutionary. It necessitates a complete revision, not only of the study of the forms of the gospel material but also of the content. Between source criticism and textual criticism we must inject a new type of investigation, shall we call it a "unit study", which considers the various gospel stories as units.

Form Criticism has probably been overemphasized, but we cannot ignore it. It forces us to reconsider many things which we have taken for granted, and this is in itself probably a good thing. It doesn't mean that our conclusions necessarily will be changed, but we must make them on the premises of the new investigations, insofar as we are convinced of the validity of these premises.

We must, for instance, make a new study of the life and message of Jesus. Professor Grant is one of the first who attempts this in a comprehensive survey. The result is not too satisfactory. The most valuable contribution is the analysis and evaluation of contemporary influences, and Grant refutes many modern theories regarding apocalyptic and Messianic ideas, but he also emancipates the picture of Christ from the additions of the Church, made even before Mark wrote his gospel, and he rejects the creedal and dogmatic structure as a basis for understanding Christ. He claims that Jesus is "unique" and "divine" but in a different way than the orthodox concept.—Prof. Grant deserves credit for probing an old field with a new method, but it must be said that the results show the newness of the attempt, and the suspicion lingers that pre-conceived ideas are too easily affirmed.

If we had to base our faith on the results of critical research and the application made by learned scholars, it would have to assume a rather chameleonic character. And even though a comparative agreement could be reached, Grundtvig's old argument against "exegetical papacy" would be very appropriate. A reading of a book like Prof. Grant's therefore only convinces me of the necessity of a basis for the faith "beyond the sacred" page from which we can interpret the message of the New Testament. This basis we must find in the covenant of our baptism, in the ancient confession of the earliest church. By his shortcomings Prof. Grant indirectly verifies the value of Grundtvig's great view.

BERYL D. COHON: THE PROPHETS. A fascinating and easily read survey of the Old Testament prophets and their message, written, evidently, by a Jewish professor. To quote the preface: "Most of the present volume has grown out of the author's experience in teaching the prophets to lay classes and the undergraduates. He has, therefore, avoided the technical and the academic, and emphasized the moral realities as embodied in their personalities and words".

Johannes Knudsen

church and the district president, Rev. Holger Nielsen, bade the guests and delegates welcome after which he

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EDITORIAL

October 31, 1940.—Throughout our land and in other countries many will today look back to the eventful day, the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation as it was instigated by Dr. Martin Luther in Wittenberg, Germany, October 31, 1517.

The spirit of the great reformer and apostle, Martin Luther, opened new avenues of life in the social, the cultural, but most of all in the spiritual world. Under the battle hymn of "A mighty fortress is our Lord" Christianity was revived and made a reality in the lives of many in Germany, throughout Europe, yes unto the remotest corners of the world. The late Archbishop of Sweden, Soederblom, once said of the Lutheran Reformation that it put windows into the thick-walled, dim structures into which Christianity built itself during the Middle Ages. The light was enabled to enter in.

Truly, many of the children of the Reformation throughout the world are found in despair today, as they witness the dark shadows that tend to cover the windows through which the light from God had entered into the lives of millions. As the spirit of Evangelical liberty had radiated from the life of the great leader, Martin Luther, and others of his day, and this spirit marched to conquer the world, so today a spirit of religious oppression, of hatred, brute force and selfishness marches beneath blazing banners to "conquer the world".

It is undoubtedly true that we are facing a paganism far worse than that which threatened the world four hundred years ago. There are shadows today that to many may seem impenetrable to all light.—And yet as Martin Luther discovered, through his faith in God, windows in the thick walls of his day, so the same God will help us to find the windows through which His Light, His Love, His eternal Fellowship with His children will prevail.—

Neither the Catholicism which Luther opposed nor the totalitarianism of present day dictators can obscure the Love of God for His children. We are indebted to Martin Luther for his great contribution to the Christian church. By the Grace of God we still march forward singing.

"A mighty fortress is our Lord
A sure defense to save us."

Holger Strandkov

Lutheran World Action

Although much has been written about the "Lutheran World Action" drive for funds for the orphaned foreign Lutheran Missions, may I again remind all our members of the need of this concentrated action.

The method each congregation may choose in soliciting may be less important. I would, however, suggest that if your congregation has not yet acted, that the envelopes and literature sent to all pastors be distributed to all members, asking them to return their contribution to a certain Sunday service or to give it to the local church treasurer.

The total sum collected should then be forwarded to the synodical treasurer, Axel Thomsen, 230 Sheridan Rd., Menominee, Mich.

As mentioned before the drive is scheduled to terminate on Nov. 10th, Martin Luther's birth anniversary. However, wherever it is found impossible to complete the drive by this particular date, funds should be forwarded as soon as possible.

Next week we observe the anniversary of the Reformation. This drive is a symbol of the fellowship we share with all Lutherans in this hour of need.

Alfred Jensen

Kimballton, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1940.

District Presidents' Meeting

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12-14.

The convention at Cedar Falls, Ia. last June passed the motion presented by District I calling for a meeting of all District presidents with the synodical board.

President Alfred Nielsen of Grand View College has extended an invitation for this meeting to convene at Grand View College. The meeting has now been scheduled for Nov. 12-14.

Members and friends of our Church are invited to attend Tuesday evening and Wednesday, Nov. 13th.

The following program has been arranged:

Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 8:00 P.M. Church services in the Luther Memorial Church. Rev. Enok Mortensen, Salinas, Calif., will deliver the sermon. Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 9:00 A.M. Morning devotion and Bible Hour, Rev. S. Baden, Bridgeport, Conn.

9:30 A.M. Welcome greetings by the synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, and Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen.

10:00 A.M. Rev. A.C. Kildegaard will introduce the subject: "Will closer cooperation with other Lutheran bodies retard or promote a living Danish Church?"

2:00 P.M. Rev. Erik Møller will introduce for discussion the subject: "Our position with reference to the affairs of civil government."

7:30 P.M. Rev. Holger O. Nielsen will introduce for discussion the subject: "What can we do to counteract the trend toward the secularization of the home, the school and the community."

Everyone present is invited to take part in these discussions.

Thursday, Nov. 14th, will be reserved for a meeting of the District presidents with the Synodical board which will center on the more practical side of our church: In the synod, the districts, and in the local congregations.

We hope that a number of our church people and pastors will join us in making this meeting rich in true spiritual fellowship.

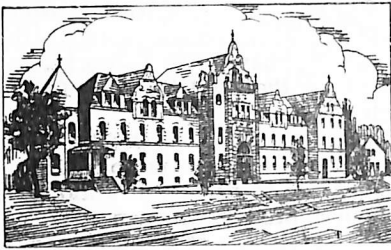
Please register in advance for night lodgings and meals with Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sincere greetings,

Alfred Jensen

Kimballton, Iowa, Oct. 26, 1940.

Grand View College



Apparently nature had made every effort that October afternoon to make the landscape beautiful with autumn tints. To be sure, the masterly work was indeed admired by the seminary faculty and students, and one junior college student, as they drove eastward toward Clinton the twenty-second of October.

But while nature in an unconscious way gave us delight, friends at Clinton had made a very conscious effort for a pleasant reception for us. Rev. A. C. Kildegaard had even prepared a "surprise", namely, inviting members of the congregation to gather with us for the evening so that we might have "dress rehearsal" of our program for the following evening at Rock Island. We were not too certain that we were entirely at ease about the "surprise". However, the hospitality and appreciation shown us (which perhaps isn't conscious in a way) soon dispelled any qualms we may have had. It was a very pleasant evening together.

Next morning, not too early but early enough, we went on to the Augustana College and Seminary at Rock Island, Illinois. We soon discovered that the Swedes are rivals of the Danes in **excellence of hospitality**. In other ways the relationship was most friendly—and so was the rivalry!

The time until noon, after arriving, was spent in seeing the seminary chapel, museum, classrooms and dormitory. One hour was spent in attending a class of our own choice. Luncheon was enjoyed with about seventy seminary students in their own cooperative dining room. Most impressive was the singing of grace before the meal, in harmony and like a mighty organ.

The afternoon was spent in visiting various departments of the college, as well as the Augustana Book Concern. During the afternoon we found the Swedes to be as great lovers of coffee as the Danes! One significant statement made over the coffee was, "History will abundantly justify Denmark

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G. V. C. Students By States October 10, 1940

Iowa—24; Minnesota—20; Wisconsin—7; Illinois—5; Michigan—3; Nebraska—3; South Dakota—3; Colorado—1; Denmark—1; California—1; Kansas—1; Mississippi—1; Oregon—1; Total—71.

What I Expect From My Church

I was born and raised in the Lutheran church and have never really analyzed my reactions to it. Now I am asked to tell "what I expect from my church". I feel we receive what we expect. If we expect much, we receive much, and vice versa.

Analyzing "what I expect from my church," I find that first of all, I expect:

Fellowship, the communion with my fellow members, who think and feel the same way I do. This fellowship does not necessarily have to have a social aspect, but just a feeling of kindred spirits gathered together in kindred thoughts.

Second, **Tolerance**. I like to go to my church and feel that my pastor is too busy interpreting our creed and doctrines to tell us wherein our fellow Christians who are not Lutherans, are wrong; or wherein their beliefs and tenets fall short and hence they can't get into heaven. I have heard the latter when I have occasionally attended other churches with friends.

Third, I expect to have my **faith** developed in my church by gospel and prayer interpretations so that when troubles and disappointments descend on me, I am fortified and can come out of my sufferings a better and more sympathetic person.

Fourth, I expect **understanding and forgiveness** from my church if I and mine should go astray and want to return to its fold.

Fifth, I expect **peace** from my church. There should be a minimum of adjustment between it and me. I always feel so peaceful and rested when I enter its doors. It fortifies me for my work during the week to go to church Sunday after Sunday, even if I do nothing else but sit and let the peace seep into my soul and body.

If I had not expected my church to develop my faith, I would not have learned to pray in the right way. But my church teaches me to pray the right way and when I have prayed for the peace that passeth all understanding, it has enveloped me and steadied me in my trials.

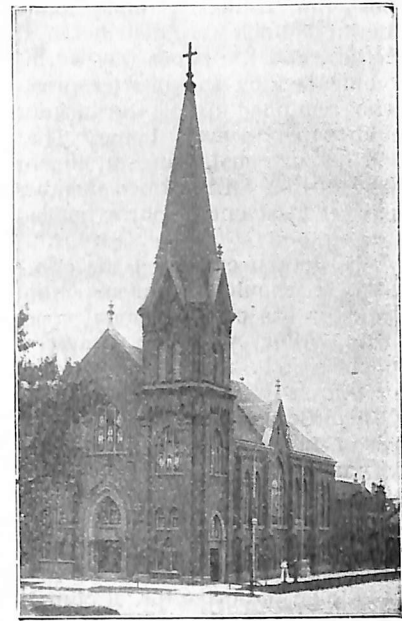
Sixth, I expect **growth and development** from my church in me, and the congregation, too. By this I mean physical growth.

I expect all these things from my church because I go to church inasmuch as I want to, and not from fear of what will happen to me if I don't.

I have used many "I's" in my telling of "what I expect from my church" but as I understand this, it was to be a personal reaction—hence the frequent use of the first person singular.

Emily Berg

Trinity Church, Chicago



3rd District Convention . . .

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Lutheran World Action, which all the congregations in our synod and in all the Lutheran synods, Missouri excepted, are urged to support to the best of their ability. Rev. V. M. Hansen, synodical secretary, had attended a meeting for Lutheran World Action and reported that the war had left 38 missions without support from their home countries, Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, etc. Lutheran World Action will attempt to raise half a million dollars for these Lutheran missions.

3. **District presidents' meeting** at Des Moines. The synodical board and the district presidents will soon have a joint meeting at Des Moines where they will discuss the work and welfare of our church. The convention voted to send our district president and to pay his expenses.

4. **Students' Loan Fund**. Only \$1380.00 had been raised for the G. V. C. Students' Loan Fund. A friend has offered to give \$500.00, if we will raise \$1,500.00. The \$500.00 are included in the \$1380.00 and we are therefore in need of \$620.00 which we hope to receive from friends and former students of Grand View College.

5. **The Canada Mission**. The president reminded us of our missions in Canada, to remember them in our prayers and with our gifts. At the convention in Cedar Falls a new automobile was given to Rev. Vilhelm Larsen who serves the congregations in Saskatchewan, but, alas, the Canadian authorities demanded not less than \$419.00 before they would let Rev. V. Larsen use the car. Now it is sold, and when Rev. V. Larsen finds a suitable car in Canada, he may apply the money toward it.

6. The district went on record as recommending support of the **National**

America Denmark Association. Some of our congregations have already applied for their charter.

7. Lutheran Tidings. Sample copies of Lutheran Tidings were distributed at the meetings and the paper was warmly recommended by the district president who reminded us of the slogan: "A church paper in every home." That should be our goal. An intelligent church member is an informed member who reads at least one of our synodical papers.

Mr. J. K. Jensen expressed the opinion that L. T. should be a membership paper paid by the congregational treasury. Mr. Walter Andersen disagrees. Mr. Andersen felt that L. T. should stand or fall on its own merits.

Mrs. Viggo Sorensen, Racine representative of L. T., told the convention that every member in her family is anxious to read L. T. It keeps us informed about activities in other congregations; it is interesting and worth more than one dollar a year. Mrs. Sorensen encouraged us to push the drive for "a church paper in every home."

Rev. V. M. Hansen and Mr. C. Korsgaard also discussed the merits and needs of L. T., and Rev. A. T. Kildegaard recommended to use one year's subscription of L. T. as a Christmas gift. Each congregation should have a local representative for our church papers.

8. Our contributions to the synod. District III, like last year, is expected to raise \$3,000.00 for our synod. During the discussion of our apportionments, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard proposed a new plan for the apportioning within the district. In this plan a congregation's assessment would be based on its ability to pay and not on its number of contributing members. However, most of the delegates and some of the pastors were not in favor of the plan, and the convention decided that we during the coming year (from May 15, 1940) would expect an average contribution of \$3.60 from each contributing member in District III.

The sun was setting, setting aflame the solid brass cross on the beautiful altar of Trinity Church. The convention re-elected the district officers and sent the following telegram to the King of Denmark:

"God bless you and keep you. Heartiest Congratulations." Third District of Danish Church. A. C. Kildegaard, Pres. A. W. Andersen, pastor.

At the Vesper service Rev. A. W. Andersen served at the altar and Rev. Einar Romer of Marinette preached the sermon. Rev. E. Romer took as his text "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength", (Isa. 40:31) a very suitable text during our troubled times.

Sunday morning Rev. A. C. Kildegaard preached at the English service, basing his sermon on Eph. 5: 25-27 in which Paul speaks of "The Glorious Church."

At the Danish service the King of Denmark was remembered in the General Prayer. Rev. Jens Christian Kjaer of Racine delivered the sermon, using the text of the day. His subject was "Discipelkald og Discipelkaar".

In the afternoon the convention guests visited the Children's Home of which Rev. A. W. Andersen is president. The visitors were well pleased by the cleanliness and order of the home. The board of the home and the president deserve our unreserved thanks for their noble and unselfish work.

The Sunday School is an important part of our church work. After the visit at the Children's Home a Sunday School Teachers' meeting was held in the church. More than half of the Sunday School teachers in the district were in attendance, and many local and out-of-town members were present.

Rev. J. C. Kjaer of the Council of Elementary Religious Education delivered a lecture on: "How can I learn to become a good Sunday School teacher?" Rev. F. O. Lund, editor of "Child's Friend", lectured on the subject "How to teach Catechism in the Sunday School".

Some of the participants in this meeting felt that our district ought to arrange a Sunday School Teachers' Institute, and we hope that this will be done.

After a short recess a Laymen's Discussion took place. Each congregation had been asked to delegate a representative to speak on "What do I expect of my Church?"

Mr. Viggo Sorensen of Racine maintained that the Church must develop our spiritual lives in such a manner that we hunger for spiritual food as much as for physical food.

We should not try to imitate or compete with worldly activities as nothing can be accomplished by working along such lines.

Mr. Alfred Holgaard of Clinton expected the pastor to contact and render pastor service to church members. Mr. Holgaard expected regular services to be held throughout the whole year. The Church must keep its property in good condition so that we can be proud to invite our friends to worship with us. The Church should co-operate with other churches, should conduct Sunday School, and have its members share the necessary work.

Mrs. Arthur Berg of Chicago: "I expect to get from my Church as much as I give." She expected a tolerant attitude in pastor and members and did not like to hear that "only those of our faith can get to heaven."

Mrs. Berg expected forgiveness. "It strengthens me to go to Church." She goes to Church because she wants to and not for fear of what will happen if she doesn't.

Mr. Walter Andersen of Chicago expected preaching of the Gospel and explanation of same. He expected toler-

ance toward new ideas.

"Many expect the Church to be handy when they need it, I expect it to be supported by all who derive any benefit from it." Mr. Andersen expressed the hope that we may all be co-workers as indicated on the Bulletin of Trinity Church.

Mr. Carl Andersen of Dwight expected the Church to teach us to be in the world but not to be of the world. The pastor must preach salvation.

Mr. Andersen told of a salesman who went to Church where he was impressed but surprised that no one made an attempt to get his name on the dotted line.

The speaker from Dwight believes in the value of personal testimonies "although most Lutherans don't."

Many others took part in this worthwhile discussion and the above is the result of notes taken by one of the participants and in the discussion.

Next year the lay-men may discuss: "What my Church expects of me."

At the evening service the pastors F. O. Lund and V. M. Hansen preached. Rev. F. O. Lund preached in the English language, taking his theme and text from Luke 11; Rev. V. M. Hansen delivered the Danish sermon, using as his text a portion of John 6.

The pastor of the Church served at the altar and the Church Choir, under the direction of Mr. G. Dupont Hansen, lent distinction to the services.

After the Sunday evening service our district president closed the meeting, refreshments and farewell speeches followed in the assembly hall.

The convention was the best we have had for several years. Many attended. Friendliness and co-operation marked the business meeting, and all the speakers gave valuable and inspiring sermons and addresses.

We are grateful to the people we met in Chicago, to the hosts, friends and delegates, and to our hard-working, faithful pastors.

Jens Christian Kjaer,
Secretary.

District Nine Convention . . .

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spoke using the text from Mark. 4:26.

He began his sermon by mentioning Holman Hunt's painting "The Shadow of the Cross." It portrays Jesus as a child together with his mother, but on the background of the picture we see a shadow cast by a cross. Mankind knows what that picture means today. But the Christian congregation must not despair. We must learn to wait as the farmer in the above mentioned parable knew how to wait from the time of seeding to the time of harvest.

But waiting does not mean to give up, or to become neglectful, or careless or slothful. The farmer who has sown the seed does not act that way, so why should those who believe in God's work as the life giving seed do so? The work

needs a period of quiet growth in every man. If there ever has been a period when the word needs to set deep roots in mankind it is today.

The storm that is passing over mankind has of course, caused in life a great deal of confusion but it has also brought many things into a clearer perspective. It certainly should have brought to the minds and hearts of Christians the fact that the Gospel of Love is "the one thing needful."

We also know that sin is a terrible reality. It has been truthfully said, "Mankind has made the startling discovery that the devil and his works in this world are real." And we know that we have not always listened to our prophets.

The district president ended his sermon by saying that come what may, he was convinced that a new day is dawning. We must only pray to God that the winter on earth may not be too long.

Saturday morning we met again in the church for a devotion led by Rev. Enslemann. He interpreted the temptation of Jesus and showed us that the master had determined to go through, not around the things that God had placed before him.

After the morning services we began our business meeting. There were thirteen ministers and delegates present. The meeting followed the usual procedure with reading of reports and appointment of committees. The district treasury showed a balance of more than \$20.00.

With the exception of one the congregations in district nine seem to be satisfied with the work they are doing. Though they are not proceeding fast they are going forward in the right direction. The delegate from Enumclaw was not so well pleased but expressed the determination that they were going on with the work. Sunday School and Ladies Aid are strong factors in the congregation. The report from Junction City sounded quite encouraging. The Summer School was visited by many children, not one of their own flock, but also from other churches in the city. Sunday School and Young Peoples Societies are doing satisfactory work.

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in her action (in recent events)".

In the evening we presented a program for the first meeting of the 1940-41 meetings of the local chapter of the Scandinavian American Foundation. This was our primary reason for coming. As a group we sang two Danish songs. Verner Hansen, accompanied by Peter Thomsen, played a medley of folk song melodies on the violin. Ove Nielsen delivered a paper on Danish Songs in American Translation; and Rev. Rodholm and Rev. Nielsen gave timely speeches. Our audience was very

receptive and appreciative, and when we turned homeward that evening it was with a feeling of two days well spent.

Because of our visit at a larger seminary, we did not come to wish that the seminary at Grand View should be a separate building, but the wish for a "theologue room all our own", did, however, come forth again. But then we may get that before so long.

R. P. J.

Our Church

Rev. Alfred Jensen was invited to speak on Sunday, Oct. 27th in the Danish Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

A "General Danish Committee" has been organized in Hartford, Conn. One of the projects of the committee is to provide support for the National American Denmark Association. A second project the committee will sponsor is a series of five lectures on the general theme: "Our Changing World". The first speaker will be Prof. Herluf Olsen, Dean of the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College. Prof. Olsen is a son of O. C. Olsen, Omaha, Nebr.

Rev. Viggo M. Hansen was scheduled to preach at the Danish and the English services at Racine, Wisc., on Sunday, Oct. 27th. The local pastor, Rev. J. C. Kjaer, was in Hartford, Conn. as one of the speakers at the Sunday school institute on that date.

Rev. Marius Krog, Marquette, Nebr. was the guest speaker at the Fall Mission meeting of St. Stephen's church, Chicago, Oct. 18-20. He also spoke at the Reformation service in the Danish Lutheran Church at Dwight, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 27th.

Rev. F. O. Lund, Dwight, Ill., who was elected at the convention in Cedar Falls last June as the new editor of "Child's Friend" took charge of the editorship on October 1st. We wish to congratulate him on a very fine beginning!

"What I expect of my Church", an article found in this issue is one of several five minute contributions given by laymen at the District 3 convention recently in Chicago. Emily Berg is a member of St. Stephen's Church in Chicago.

The St. Stephen's Church in Chicago has elected two Lutheran Tidings representatives: Rudolf Andersen, 8548 Bennet Ave. and Paul Dahn, 7948 Perry Ave.

The Editor of "Dannevirke" had last week "caught in the wind" the news that Holger Strandkov, editor of Luth. Tidings, had been taken to Rochester

because of a recurrence of a former sickness. We are glad to inform our readers that this trip to Rochester was only a rumor.—An injury to the right knee has been overcome, and with care your editor is ready to tackle the job again.

The Rev. J. J. Bahuth, an Arabian Lutheran Minister of Minneapolis spoke on Sunday, Oct. 27th, in the Danish church in Askov, Minn.

Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Troy, N. Y. has made the announcement of "Open Forum Bible Classes" after the church services on the first and third Sunday of every month.

The Mission Study Group of Little Denmark Church of Greenville, Mich. will hold a festival on Sunday, Nov. 17 in cooperation with St. Paul's Church, Greenville, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great missionary, L. O. Skreftsrud. Miss Dagmar Miller, our returned missionary from Santalistan, has been invited as the guest speaker.

Rev. Clemens Sorensen of Vancouver, B. C. was the guest speaker at the fall meeting at Danevang, Texas, Oct. 20-27th. He will lecture in a number of our congregations according to the following schedule: St. Stephen's, Chicago, Nov. 5th; Trinity, Chicago, Nov. 6th; Racine, Wisc., Nov. 7th; Clinton, Ia., Nov. 8th; Newell, Ia., Nov. 10th; Hampton, Ia., Nov. 11th; Cedar Falls, Nov. 15th; Kimballton, Nov. 17th; Marquette, Nebr., Nov. 19th; Omaha, Nov. 20th; Tyler, Minn., Nov. 21-22; Withee, Wisc., Nov. 24th; West Denmark, Nov. 26th; Askov, Minn., Nov. 28th; Dagmar, Mont., Dec. 1st; Wilbur, Wash., Dec. 3rd.

The New Chevrolet Automobile that was given to Rev. Vilhelm Larsen at the convention in Cedar Falls to be used in his Mission field in Saskatchewan, Canada, did not reach its destination. When Rev. Larsen reached the Canadian border he was asked to pay a duty of \$395. This he considered too much, and he made arrangements to have the car stored temporarily at Dagmar, Mont. Attempts have since been made to have this duty reduced but without results. The car has now been sold for a price equal to the original cost of the car. An article from Mrs. Stub telling about the above difficulties is on hand, but lack of space prevents us from printing same in this issue.

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Cedar Falls, Oct. 28, 1940

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Total, \$623.20

Acknowledged with sincere thanks.

Dagmar Miller

Permit me to state that three letters received from India the Missionaries seem ever so hopefully trusting even in this very grave situation. It does indeed seem that we will not disappoint them. As your new treasurer I do wish to extend my thanks on behalf of our friends on the Mission field. Shall we grow in Grace and in the blessed service of giving?

N.B. In May a slight mistake occurred which I was asked to correct—\$7.58 was from Bone Lake, Wis., and not Fredric, Wisconsin.

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