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SUNSET HOUR

I love the sunset hour of rest
When day still lingers in the west,
When with my daily work at end
My evening prayer to God I send.

Have I been true and found a way
To serve a noble cause today
Then stars come smiling through the sky
And lift my heart to God on high.

But if I served a selfish aim
I look not up, but down in shame,
The rising moonlight seems so cold,
The gloom of night is in my soul.

O, when my day on earth is done,
My God and Father, gracious one!
Let thy bright guiding star lead me
Through deep'ning shadows home to thee!

JEG ELSKER AFTENSTUDENS FRED

H. Gabrielsen By S. D. Rodholm

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A Hymn Book With Stories And Pictures

This morning the thermometer is standing at 21 below and snow is falling outside, but my study is warm and cozy. I may be permitted to stay in most of the time today. Yesterday I paid a visit to a little sick girl and also went to town. In the mail was a book that has already given me much pleasure, and if I had had it with me when I saw the little girl, I would surely have shown it to her. But now I shall tell the readers of "Lutheran Tidings" about it.

First we have the name, "Famous Hymns: With Stories and Picture." By Elizabeth Hubbard Bonsall. The front cover is decorated or illustrated with Corregio's famous painting, "Holy Night." When we turn the first page we find that the book is "Dedicated to my children Betty, Ann and Mary, who love these hymns and stories." In a foreword we are told how the hymns and pictures were collected, a few at a time, for her own children. And then we have the following statement: "It is truly a mistake to think that children do not enjoy and appreciate the best. They do, especially if it is presented within the range of their understanding. And there is nothing that excels our hymns. Our greatest poets, such as Longfellow, Lowell and Whittier, have given us some of their finest works in the form of hymns, and our most famous musicians, as Handel, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven, have written music which has been most fittingly adapted for use as hymn tunes. It is surprising how the spirit of the hymn has been carried

out in paintings by the great Masters. Raphael, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Corregio, Murillo, Millet and many others found their greatest inspiration in religious subjects, such as expressed by hymns. It has been a fascinating study to select, from among so many, the very best picture for each hymn. I think we all agree with E. H. B.

"Hymns and Pictures" contains 58 hymns, the Commandments, and The Doxology. Of these hymns we find 29 in "Hymnals for Church and Home." Ten are written by women. "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (Mary Anne Lathbury). When she was a young girl, she showed unusual ability in writing poetry. One day she seemed to hear a voice saying to her: "Remember, my child, you have a gift for writing verse; consecrate this to me, as you do your innermost spirit"; and from the number of splendid hymns she has written, we can see how sincerely she answered His call. (E. H. B.)

"Father we thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light
For rest and food and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair."
(Rebekka J. Weston.)

"I think when I read that sweet story of old
When Jesus was here among men
How he called little children as lambs to his fold
I should like to have been with them then."
(Jemima Luke.)

This hymn was written while Jemima was traveling a stagecoach we are told:

Jesus loves me! This I know
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong."

It was written by an American woman, Anna Warner, who lived with her sister on an island in the Hudson river near West Point. These two sisters were very busy writing stories for books and magazines, and teaching Bible classes. But they will be remembered by this little hymn, more than by anything else. The pretty little tune which goes with it has undoubtedly helped to make it popular. It was written by William B. Bradbury, who has been called the Father of Sunday School Music. (All such incidents E. H. Bonsall tells us in connection with the hymns.)

"Jesus tender Shepherd hear me,
Bless Thy little lamb tonight.
Through the darkness be Thou near me
Keep me safe till morning light.
(Mary Lundie Duncan.)

Mrs. Mary Duncan, the wife of a Scotch minister, wrote it just for her own children.

"Nearer My God to Thee."

It is so well known and so is also Sarah Flow Adams, who wrote it, that further explanation is not needed.

"O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown Thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."

(Katherine Lee Bates.)

"Traveling across the continent, she was remarkably impressed with the beauties of our great country." (E.H.B.)

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep over the erring one, lift up the fallen
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."

(Fanny J. Crosby.)

(Fanny was blind all her life, but always cheerful.)

"Work for the night is coming!

Work through the morning hours."

The author, Anna L. Caghill, was a Canadian woman.

"Who is on the Lord's side?

Who will serve the King?"

This magnificent hymn was written by Frances Ridley Havergal, perhaps the greatest woman hymn writer. Well known is her hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

The hymns we find on the left hand page in the book with the melody, the name of the author, of the composer and some explanatory notes. Then on the right hand page we see the illustrations by some of the greatest artists. We will just look at a few of these. As an illustration to the morning hymn, "Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," we have "John and Peter running to the Tomb," by Eugene Burnand. Underneath these explanatory notes: How fast these men are running! They are putting every bit of strength they have into the race. The wind is blowing through their hair and they are breathing hard, but they do not mind. John is going ahead for he has youth in his favor. See how he is clenching his hands together as he bends forward in his eagerness. Peter is struggling to keep up though his heart is fairly pounding with the strain . . .

"Faith of Our Fathers Living Still" has an illustration, "Departure of the Mayflower", by Bayes. In the picture we see the little group after they have waved their last farewell to the ship which brought them safely across the ocean. The tall man in the center of the group must, we are sure, be Elder Brewster. He has probably just offered a word of prayer for several are still on their knees . . .

It will be impossible for me to mention all the hymns and also the illustrations, but there is one I wish to close with.

"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!"

The authorship of this hymn is not known, but the illustration is by a Norwegian artist, Alex Ender. Of him we read as follows:

"The painting itself glows with color; the vivid garments of the women in the background of the cave serve to bring out in striking relief the white clad Angel with glorious golden hair. Like nearly all other artists, Ender has painted the features of the people with whom he is associated, and we find in these women and in the Angel, a decided Norwegian expression. The women, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Salome are sorrowing together, when suddenly they enter the tomb to find Jesus gone and the Angel vision there!

Salome, in the entrance, has not yet seen the

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An Appeal to Every Young People's Society in D.A.Y.P.L.

There is a mountain of details to be moved in order to clear the track for our new songbook. That does not mean defeat. Your committee has faith enough to get the mountain moved. And not only that, but we are almost at the point where we believe that we are about to publish the best songbook ever known in the American language. What with the following remarks made by a connoisseur of songs: "I have never heard a group of people sing like you Danes." "What dignified songs you people have compared to most other nations." "— It may seem an endless task, (to get the book out) but I am sure singers yet unborn will be grateful for your diligent and sacrificial efforts." Need more be said, as to the quality of the songs we have? And these words are not mere American flattery, the man, whom we quote, is not only an exceptionally sincere person; he is also a professional collector of songs of all nations. That gives weight to his words.

The task of publishing the new songbook is perhaps the biggest our organization ever tackled. Certainly, it is one which has great cultural value for ourselves, as well as for the folk-life of the American people. It is **our great contribution to the nation we love**. But it takes funds to put the project across. The meter of estimates points to the neighborhood of \$2,000.00. We have already been fortunate enough to raise a nice part of that sum, as will be seen in the list of receipts elsewhere in this issue. But there is yet a long distance to travel before we reach the \$2,000.00; and this is where we turn to you, young people, to ask for your assistance. We know you will want to have a share in this work. It would be a shame, if the chance to share in it were not offered you, and a still greater shame, if you should refuse to have anything to do with it. We must get our song-treasure placed within reach of the American people. Will you help us?

Individual donations are of course welcome, but we also have a plan which will be offered to every one of our young people's societies, a suggestion as to how they may co-operate. A songbook program is under preparation. We hope to have it off the mimeograph and ready to send out by the middle of February. It is hardly a full evening's program. Several numbers may be added on local initiative. The program which we offer is a one-act stage play entitled, "Singing We Pass Along." About 50 typewritten pages; requiring a dozen actors or more. It depicts an evening at a typical young people's summer camp. As the title indicates, there is plenty of singing all the way through. The songs, which are used in the play, are a fair cross-section of the new songbook; some are new, some are known, some are serious and some are—rather informal. Music for them all will be found in the back of the book. There is no charge for the books, of which a supply will be sent to every society. We ask that the play be rehearsed and the proceeds from the performance be sent to the songbook-treasurer, (this writer) as soon as possible. We are sure that the actors selected for the task will enjoy working with the play, and we trust the audience

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65th Anniversary of St. John's Danish Lutheran Church at Clinton, Iowa

January 17th and 19th were festive days for members and friends of our Danish Church in Clinton. For even though more English is used than Danish, and although we have many members who do not understand Danish and few if any who do not understand English, we are still known as the "Danish Church."

On these festal days memories of olden times came back to our minds. The days of newcomers in a strange land, who were not satisfied with jobs and the earning of daily bread, but who felt the spiritual need as well. Therefor they gathered with each other as often as a visiting pastor could come. On Sunday, January 16th, 1876 Rev. I. E. Hejberg came here and they gathered again for services in the forenoon, where there was baptism of a child and 29 guests partook of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon was held a meeting, which was to make this a memorable day, our congregation was organized with 21 charter members.

Less than a month later a building lot was purchased, and in April the erection of our Church was begun here where it has stood all of the 65 years since then. A call was sent to Pastor L. M. Gydesen of Portland, Maine. He accepted and came here in October, 1876, thus he became the first pastor here. His successors have been Pastors L. Hansen, F. L. Grundtvig, A. Faber, Carl

Hansen, P. Gotke, J. A. Holst, J. C. Kjær and A. C. Kildegaard.

For the 65th anniversary it was decided to invite the two of these living in U. S. A., Pastors J. A. Holst and J. C. Kjær and ask them if they would come to help us in our rejoicing at our celebration. We are thankful that they both accepted, we were happy to welcome them and to hear the messages they both had to bring.

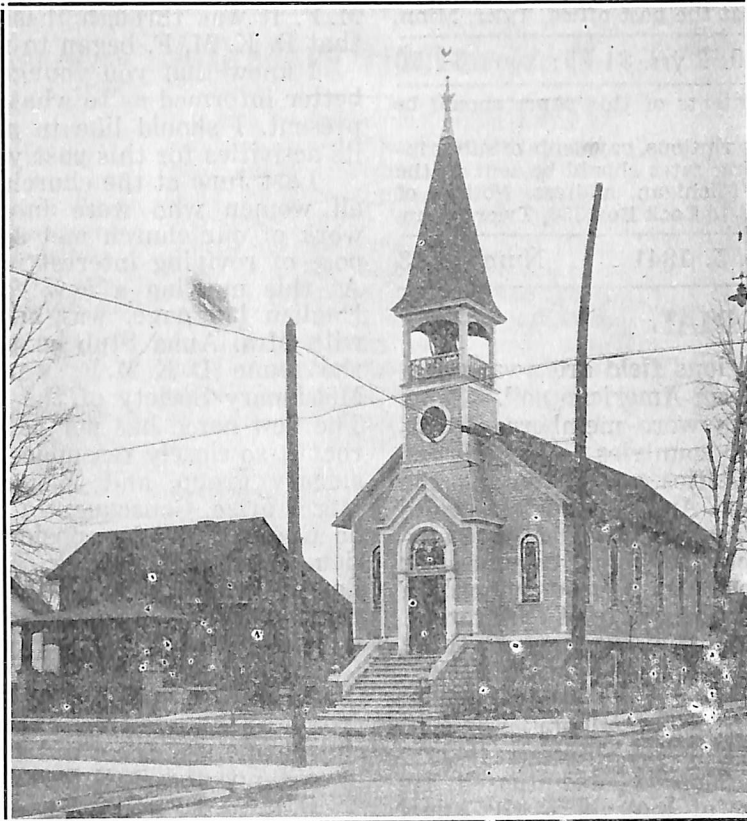
Our festival began with a service in the Church Friday evening, Jan. 17th where Pastor Holst preached in Danish and I in English. This as well as all the following meetings was well attended. After the services the large gathering filled the Church Basement, where nicely decorated coffee tables awaited us. Here old friendships were renewed as a social fellowship hour was enjoyed.

Sunday morning the pealing of the Church bell with its deep and beautiful tones called, and as the congregation filled the church it found this adorned with roses and palms. There was an English service

at nine at which Rev. Kjær preached, this was followed by a service in Danish, at which Rev. Holst preached, and I served Holy Communion.

In the afternoon we assembled in "Dannevirke" Hall and at five P. M. we were seated at the beautiful

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BOOKS

THE CONFUSION OF TONGUES—A Review of Modern Isms—by Charles W. Ferguson.

Zendervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 464 pages, Price: \$2.50.

America is known as "the land of the free"—and consequently also in the realm of religious views America has become the stamping ground of many various amazing cults.

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ern religious oddities in America. He presents a clear historical setting of each of the cults. And at the same time he gives a keen critical analysis of their teachings.

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"The Confusion of Tongues" has met with the endorsement of authorities. It is regarded as the only full-length picture of America's outstanding cults.

A valuable book in any library in our present day.

Holger Strandkov.

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EDITORIAL

Most workers in the religious field are aware of a great number of sects found on American soil.—Some of America's earliest settlers were members of outlawed religions from other countries. As early as 1653 five families of Mennonites settled among the Quakers on Gravesend Bay.—And if religious cults have sought our country as a sanctuary, we have ourselves made the most of our religious freedom.—A number of these religious oddities have developed in America and have spread to other parts of the world.

One of the most active and contemptuous of these at the present time is the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses". They have been known by several other names: "Millennial Dawnism", "Russellism" and also as "International Bible Students".—Their great prophet was the late "Pastor" Charles Taze Russell. He did not hesitate in speaking of himself as the angel that is mentioned in the Book of Revelation 7, 2: "And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God."—And further when in the vision, Revelation 10, 3, was heard "seven thunders uttering their voices" and the voice said: "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered"—then these seven thunders, according to Russell, are his seven volumes of "Studies in Scripture".

The present leader of the cult is Judge J. F. Rutherford, who acknowledges full allegiance to the former "saint", Charles T. Russell.—Their teaching is a counterfeit which seeks to have itself accepted in the place of real Christianity. It distorts or denies the doctrines of the Christian Church. And still it insists that the materialism and anti-Christian doctrines which it sets forth are the very teachings of the Bible.—Let me give one example of their teaching: "Never was there a more deceptive doctrine advanced than that of the trinity. It could have originated only in one mind, and that the mind of Satan the Devil." ("Reconciliation" p. 109)—One more quotation: "Jesus is only a creature of God, and not the Son of God from all eternity; and now since his death, the God-man no longer lives."

The most tragic feature of their teaching is their constant contention that they are the 144,000 (Book of Revelation) and they only that will be saved. Judge Rutherford makes this statement: "The word 'Christendom' is a misnomer. It is intended to be used to represent Christ's Kingdom, but is in fact a subter-

D.K.M.F. As I See It

Through "Lutheran Tidings" I should like to share with you younger women of our church my happy experiences and contacts with D. K. M. F.

No doubt, you, like myself have always heard more or less about D. K. M. F. through your mothers and the senior women of our church. For ever so long, I can remember paging through "Dansk Kvinder Mission's annual bulletin Frequently I read various articles, and soon I began associating such names as Mrs. Kjolhede and Mrs. Seeley-Knudstrup with D. K. M. F. It was through these bulletins and my mother that D. K. M. F. began to make an impression on me.

I know that you younger women would like to be better informed as to what D. K. M. F. is doing at the present. I should like to acquaint you with some of its activities for this past year.

Last June at the church convention in Cedar Falls, all women who were interested in the missionary work of our church met several times with the purpose of reviving interest in D. K. M. F. and its work. At this meeting a new constitution, written in the English language, was adopted; the present Board, with Mrs. Anna Stub as president, was elected; and the name D. K. M. F. was translated to "Women's Missionary Society of the Danish Lutheran Church." The new name has not been used, since it was found that it so closely resembles that used by another missionary group, and thus a great deal of confusion might arise. Consequently the new name, which is to be English, will be considered at the annual convention at Troy, New York. Here I wish to add that the Board welcomes any new-name suggestions. Such suggestions should be sent to Mrs. C. A. Stub, Greenville, Michigan, before the convention.

At the Cedar Falls meeting district representatives were also appointed. It is their privilege to promote the welfare of missionary work in their church districts. We are happy to report that many have supported D. K. M. F. in its activities.

D. K. M. F. needs the good will and the cooperation of every woman in our church. I wonder whether we younger women have not been a little too lax? I should like to quote part of a letter received from Mrs. Stub: "Missionary work seems such a natural thing for women to be interested in. It must be, since the women in some of the large church organizations in this country raise all of the many thousands of dollars used for missionary work."

D. K. M. F.'s first purpose is to support home missions. But our foreign missions are not overlooked either.

This report will help you to see what has been accomplished since the convention at Cedar Falls:

To Theological students	\$100.00
To Grand View College	100.00
Gift to Forsamlingshuset in Granly	50.00
To Seamen's Mission	100.00
Books to Theological Dept. at G. V. C.	20.00
Christmas Gift to Dr. Ostergaard	10.00
To Lutheran World Action	50.00
To Seamen's Mission	250.00

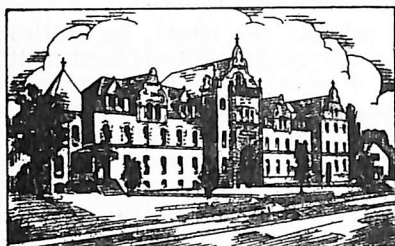
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fuge to blind the people. It is really the Devil's organization." ("Life" p. 293).

We would be tempted to smile if it were not for the tragic fact that they are intruding upon the life and faith of many also in our good Danish Lutheran homes.

Holger Strandskov

Grand View College



A week after our return from various vacation points, we had the opportunity to share in a five o'clock service in Luther Memorial church, followed by the customary sandwich supper in the basement. Having had our fill, Rev. S. D. Rodholm talked to us about his views on democracy in particular. These ideas, I believe, are important, and for that reason I want to set down here in my own words some of the thoughts he presented.

According to his point of view, democracy does not exist anywhere if it is defined as such a state where all people rule, because the majority is not awake enough to make the necessary decisions. In our so-called democracy the minority makes them by persuasion in contrast to minority rule in Germany by tyrannical methods. He continued with some thoughts about our efforts to attain freedom, which, strictly, could work only in a world of ideal men and women, and not as humanity is now. Our freedom must be limited, but by whom? The question is whether we do it to protect those who cannot protect themselves, or to the exclusion of the weak. Many people do not need someone to set a limit, for they would set up their own restrictions to the benefit of their neighbors. The men to whom this task is given, have a responsibility as a result of their privilege. To lose that privilege would not be so great a disaster as would be the loss of the responsibility, for that makes us grow and progress. Although we do not have democracy, we do have the ideal, and there in no greater force in life than such a vision. He came to the conclusion, then, that the greatest calamity would be for us to lose, not freedom and democracy, but the ideal of democracy.

We should not lose sight of this point concerning the ability of some people to limit their own freedom. Many of you are familiar with the story in which a group of people is kidnapped to a mysterious community—a place of peace and goodwill in contrast to our own war-torn, struggling world. It was strange because only one rule existed, namely, be kind to others! And of this group, one came to feel this spirit so keenly that he moved heaven and earth to return after having been persuaded to leave by those who doubted. He had a vision before him that he knew was right. It was the real spirit of cooperation that Rev.

Whitesmith spoke about Sunday, January 19, at G. V. C., in regard to the cooperative movement in Nova Scotia. There, everyone works for the benefit of everyone else; there are no high-salaried boards of directors.

Humanity would be a lot happier if it governed itself by that one rule. We can do our part to make this world a better place by starting to think, not of ourselves, but of others.

Herluf Nelson.

A Greeting From D. W. M.

It has become a custom in many of our churches to have midnight services on New Year's Eve. And what could be more appropriate for Christian people than to gather in the church on the hour of a new year. Many are the thoughts which pass through our minds as the hour draws closer. Some think of friends lost since the last beginning of a year, some think of hopes shattered or fulfilled, but all look forward to the new year with renewed hope and with resolve to make as much of it as possible. Thus in every phase of life there is a thankfulness for what has been and a belief in the future.

The Board of the Danish Women's Mission work is sincerely grateful to the many, many friends who so liberally contributed to the extra collection asked for to the Seamen's Mission. We were able to send \$250.00 besides the \$100.00 contributed directly from the treasury early in the fall. Is there not reason to be thankful?

Besides this gift D. W. M. has been able to help many other places in the past six months. A list of our disbursements has recently been sent to the District Representatives who will send the information further on. It has been a good year and we must appreciate the opportunity to give and to do this work. May D. W. M. always be ready to support the Synod in its various tasks, and may it always receive the willing contributions which this help will need!

Ellen Knudsen,
Secretary.

HYMN BOOK . . .

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Angel, but the faces of the others express amazement and wonder. Mary Magdalene starts back half afraid putting her hand to her throat as if to make sure that she is not dreaming. Jesus' mother beside her, though, fearfully grasping her hand, bends forward to hear every word of the message. "He is not here, for He is risen."

No wonder the Norwegian artist chose to paint the story of the Resurrection. After the long, dark winter in the Northland, the spring time is especially welcome and Easter brings a double message of joy.

P. Rasmussen.

65th ANNIVERSARY . . .

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fully decorated tables where a banquet became the closing part of our celebration. It fell in my lot to act as toastmaster here, where talks were given by the visiting pastors and several others, all of which was enjoyed by all.

We had the pleasure to have with us one who was present at the above



REV. KILDEGAARD

referred meeting January 16, 1876. our old beloved Mrs. J.C. Evers. In 1876 she was a young girl of 15, now she is a young lady of 80. She was asked for a speech or at least to say a few words, but she gracefully declined. However on request she stood up before the audience. She was shown honor and respect by all those present.

At the banquet a report was given by our organ committee appointed a few weeks before. They reported a very successful campaign and that a sufficient amount had been given as a birthday gift to our Church, to make the purchase of a new organ a certainty. Yesterday, January 30, this was done. We now have it, an "Orgatron" in our Church as our own, and it is paid for in full by birthday gifts to our Church's 65th anniversary.

It was our Church's 65th birthday and the idea came to us, to ask for birthday gifts in multiples of 65. 65 nickles, 65 dimes, 65 quarters, 65 halves or 65 dollars. People supported this idea wholeheartedly and gladly; the results were far beyond expectation, and the fine tones from the "Orgatron" now aid us in our services to the joy of man and to the glory of God.

The anniversary closed as it began with praise, thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty and most gracious God. We felt that His rich blessings had been over us and that our efforts had not been in vain.

A. C. Kildegaard

D. K. M. F. . . .

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Christmas gift to Dagmar Miller	2.50
To new Seminar Room at G. V. C.	100.00
Porto Novo Mission	50.00
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	\$832.50

You can see that contributions have been sent to a varied number of places.

When we consider what a small organization we really are, I think a remarkable piece of work has been done. Without the contributions of its generous supporters, D. K. M. F. could not have accomplished this.

We are anxious to have the support of the younger women in our church. Again I quote our president: "What D. K. M. F. needs more than anything else, is the cooperation and the good will and confidence of the younger women in our church." And that is what I should like to ask you younger women to do—support D. K. M. F.

Also D. K. M. F. would appreciate it, if you would send your contribution to the treasurer, Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and designate what special institution you wish to aid.

Each time that our Board letter comes and our president suggests that we give a contribution to a certain mission, I marvel at the way our funds continue to go around. We realize that it is through the generous cooperation of our contributors that this has been possible, and we are grateful. Again I should like to urge the younger women to support D. K. M. F. You are needed and you are wanted.

Olga Ostergaard
St. Paul, Minnesota

NEW SONGBOOK . . .

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will enjoy the performance. Incidentally, by giving this play, you not only help to advertise "the best songbook," you also help to advertise your district summer camp. It will be almost like inviting the older people to come and spend an evening at a summer camp.

It is natural that you should want to know more about the new songbook. Some of you can hardly wait until it is out. Neither can we. The format of the book will be a radical departure from former songbooks. It will be published in 10 sections or units of 30 to 35 pages each; the size of the pages almost like that of a penny post card. Each unit contains a certain type of songs, and may be bought separately. These units may be in a loose-leaf cover of suitable size. Such covers may be bought with the set, if desired. The reasons for this set-up are numerous. As already stated, the book or the set will contain various types of songs. While many American groups

will be interested in getting the songs which are new to them, they would hardly wish to buy a whole songbook to get them. Whereas, they would readily buy the unit which contains what they want. Another case in point: One unit will contain children's songs suitable for use in summer schools. That particular unit may be had for a small price, whereas, the whole set would most likely be—"too much of a good thing." And most important reason of all: The number of songs, which should go into a new songbook, is constantly growing; old ones are being translated and new ones are discovered. The treasure of songs will keep on growing for years, but we need a new songbook now, and we need it badly. So, here is a loose-section songbook to which more units may be added from time to time. For there will be more units later. The committee is planning to issue a unit of Christmas songs, for instance. It can not be completed at this time, but will appear sometime during the fall. There may be another unit of Danish folk-life songs, another with songs from other nations, and perhaps one with singing games, etc., etc.

The units which will be published this spring are as follows, each containing from 20 to 25 songs:

1. Morning and Evening Songs.
2. Danish Hymns and Spiritual Songs.
3. Hymns, Spiritual Songs and Graces.
4. Danish Folk-Life Songs.
5. Folk-songs of Other Nations.
6. Songs of Peace and Native Land.
7. American Folk Songs and Spirituals.
8. Children's Songs.
9. American Songs. (Texts only.)
10. Informal Songs and Bugle Calls.

Anticipating that some people may dislike the idea of using a loose-section songbook, a number of sets will be bound in regular fashion, or to order. The handicap at this point will, of course, be the elimination of the chance to add later issues to the initial set.

It is not possible to know what the actual cost of the project will be. And the cost will naturally determine the price. But we hope to keep the price for the first ten units, bound or loose-leaf covered, below \$1.50. The price per single unit will be higher in proportion. This may seem a high price, but considering all, it is really very cheap. The book is not published for profit, or the price would be steeped still further. On the contrary, much of the cost is absorbed by the donations which we have received—and which we hope to receive. But all the songs, except for those in Unit 8 and a few in Unit 3, will be given with music, and that means a heavy expense. Yet, it is the only sensible way to publish a songbook nowadays. Some of the songs will be new to many, since they have been gathered from many different sources. If the music were not printed in the

new book, it would be necessary to have a whole library of music sources to be able to have accompaniment to the songs. Very impractical.

In printing the music, the difficulties of the committee have been multiplied. In many instances, the text and the music, which we wish to use, have been copyrighted by different concerns. And in the majority of cases the publishers are absolutely against having their copyrighted property printed by others, even when it is not done for the sake of profit. These publishers would rather stop the public from singing these songs. And moreover the law is entirely in favor of the publishers. So, as a rule, when we have gone begging, or offered an exchange of songs, the door has been slammed in our faces. "If you wish to use our song, pay here and sign on the dotted line." The royalties demanded in most instances would soon impoverish the whole D. A. Y. P. L.

In a few cases, however, the songs are so beautiful, that we feel warranted in paying the royalty demanded, in order that our young people may learn to cherish these songs. But that, of course, is a drain on the funds. There are times when we feel justified in working around the copyright obstacles; oh, we do it in a perfectly legitimate way. For instance, there is an exquisite little lullaby, Baby Owllet, which has come out of Mexico. At first, we thought it was a folk-song, and as such public property; but it was discovered that the copyright to the text, which we had, is held by a certain publishing firm. Utterly hopeless to squeeze a permission out of them. And we want so badly to have it go into our book. What to do?—

Get the original Mexican lullaby and make a version of our own. That is permissible. But who knows a Mexican who knows Baby Owllet? Ah, there is Daniel Jensen, son of Kari Jensen, and a great singer; he lives in Mexico City this winter. If anybody can get us that baby, he can. Send him an air-mail and ask him to do some quick scouting, and send us a literal translation; when we get that, we shall make a version of our own, and thus we hope to have a new baby which will be entirely beyond the reach of all copyright grabbers. In the meantime, we will have to hold the baby we have—and everything else in the songbook-program until the other baby arrives from Mexico.

Marius Krog.

LIST OF RECEIPTS FOR THE NEW SONGBOOK	
Dansk Folkesamfund, N. J.	
Nielsen, Chicago	\$500.00
S. N. Nielsen, Chicago	100.00
Mrs. N. Thomsen, Ringsted, Iowa	2.00
*"Gossipers" Young People's Home, Minneapolis	3.07
"Nordstjernen", Tyler, Minn.	25.00
"Zephyr", Hay Springs, Nebr.	7.00

Young People's Society, Ring-
sted, Iowa ----- 20.00

Total ----- \$657.07

Please accept our sincere thanks for
all these donations.

Marius Krog.

Kronborg
Marquette, Nebr.

* Some of our friends at the home in Minneapolis have developed a unique system of collecting money for the songbook. On their large dining room table they have a pig with a slit in the back. As they sit and enjoy their meals and the conversation drifts hither and thither, it may easily slip into gossip. The owner of the slipping tongue, must then let his conscience be his guide, and feed the pig out of his pocketbook. Now can anyone blame us for wishing for bigger and better gossip at the home, as long as the songbook gets the fattened pig.

OUR CHURCH

The 64th Annual Convention of our synod is scheduled for June 26-July 1st in Troy, New York. Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of the synod, recently met with the church board, Pastor and committees in Troy. At this meeting the date was fixed and other preliminary plans laid.

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Mrs. Kirsten Hansen, Charter Member, 101 years old, of the Danish church of Muskegon, Mich. died Jan. 12th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Nielsen, Greenville, Mich. She was laid to rest in Muskegon which had been her home since 1873. Mr. Hansen died there in 1899.—Mrs. Hansen enjoyed good health and was honored by many on her 100th birthday in 1939. A telegram from President Roosevelt on the occasion was cherished highly by Mrs. Hansen.

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Miss Dagmar Miller, spent a week in Kimballton, Ia. in January in behalf of the Santal Mission. She spoke there several times.

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"The Icelandic Girl, Noel" a statue from the hand of Christian Warthoe has been given to Grand View college. Mr. Warthoe, who came to America from Denmark in 1910, attended the "Minneapolis School of Art" 1919-23. He then returned to Europe to continue his studies in 1924-25. Later he was in New York City the assistant of Lee Lawrie, one of the leading sculptors in U.S.A.—His work has been given recognition on several occasions.

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Dr. Ernest Hediger, a citizen of Switzerland and formerly connected with the international labor office in Geneva, Switzerland, spoke recently to the student group at Grand View college. He had lunch with the stu-

dents at noon and then accepted an invitation to spend an hour of informal discussion with the students and faculty members. Dr. Hediger is an expert on the geography of raw materials and stated that Britain with the help from United States had resources of raw materials beyond resources of all Europe.

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Prof. A. C. Ammentorp, of Grand View College preached at two services in Clinton, Ia. on Sunday, January 26. Rev. Kildegaard, the local pastor, being in Dwight, Ill. speaking on this date.

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., will observe the 65th anniversary on March 14th. Two of the former Pastors of the church, Rev. J. C. Aaberg and Rev. Svend Kjær have been invited as guest speakers.—At a recent church meeting it was decided to extend an invitation to the synod to have the Annual Convention in Dwight in 1942.

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Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Grand View College, is scheduled to speak on Sunday, Febr. 9th in Our Savior's Church in Omaha. The Men's Club have arranged this meeting.

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The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hoiien of Ringsted, Ia. was observed on January 22nd. Seven children, 17 grandchildren and a host of friends met with Mr. and Mrs. Hoiien on the occasion.

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"The Lord's Acre Plan" as described in a previous issue of L. T. from other church groups, has been adopted by the Danish Church of Diamond Lake, Minn. The plan invites each member of the church to set aside one acre of his farm for the benefit of the church.

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"The Messenger" is a new church bulletin by Rev. Harald Ibsen serving the churches of Diamond Lake and Ruthton, Minnesota.

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Hans K. Bodholdt, Waterloo, Ia., age 80, died in his home on Monday, Jan. 27th. Mr. Bodholdt was a charter member of the St. Ansgar's Church in Waterloo and a leader in many social and civic enterprises. He was a brother of Rev. K. C. Bodholdt, who through many years was the president of our synod.

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The 70th Anniversary of the Church in Fredsville, Iowa, will be observed in the month of March. A definite date will be announced later.

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Rev. Holger Strandskov of Tyler, Minn. testified on Saturday, Febr. 1st at a public hearing in St. Paul in favor of Dr. John K. Rockwell, Commissioner of Education of Minnesota. Dr. Rockwell was temporarily suspended from his office in December, the Board of Education claiming that he was in-

competent in his official duties. One of the criticisms charged against him was that he spent too much time at his conferences in presenting other educational programs such as that of the Danish Folk School and others.—He has revealed on many occasions a sincere interest in the Folk School movement, and not least toward the possibility of a continuation of the work here at the Danebod Folk School.

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Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Dean of Theology at Grand View College observed a one-man reunion on the fortieth anniversary of his graduation on January 17th.—He was the first and only graduate from the Grand View theological department on Jan. 17 1901.—He invited the present seminary class at the college to observe the day with him.

NEWS BRIEFS

The St. Olaf College Radio Station, WCAL, has recently inaugurated a twice-weekly broadcast by Dr. Karen Larsen on the subject: "The Development of Modern Norway".

Representatives of Eight National Lutheran Groups met in Columbus, O. on Monday, January 20th, to discuss special problems confronting the Church in the present crisis. According to Rev. Dr. E. E. Ryden, president of the American Lutheran Conference, it was a particularly significant occasion because for the first time virtually one hundred percent of American Lutheranism was represented, including also the Missouri Synod.

A Report from Oslo, Norway, states that five churches have been closed because of a fuel shortage. The pastors there, however, have offered a strong protest on the ground that people are flocking to churches as never before to receive food, clothing, guidance—and most important to hear the Word of God, which has become very dear to them.

The Protestant Schools in Spain have been closed pending an investigation of their religious teachings and politics. The importation of Scriptures into the country has also been prohibited. Evangelical meetings are once again permitted in Madrid but the 20 Protestant pastors who fled from the country during the war have not been permitted to return.

Kagawa Retires from Public Life. Kagawa has again been released by the government of Japan. His right-hand man Ogawa, pastor of the church in which Kagawa was preaching when taken into custody, has also been released. Their release is reported unconditional, and Ogawa is back in his pulpit. Kagawa will spend the next few

months in quiet, writing and studying the problems of tuberculosis from the island of Toyoshima in the Inland sea where he is trying to develop a Christian sanatorium and colony for tuberculars from all over the empire.

Conscientious Objectors will be assigned to soil conservation and reforestation projects in work camps operated and maintained by C. O. agencies, it was recently announced in Washington, D.C. by Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, director of selective service in America.

Acknowledgment of Receipts From Synod Treasurer

General Budget	
Previously acknowledged	\$1,142.77
Des Moines, Iowa Congregation	75.00
Portland, Maine Congregation	60.00
Clinton, Iowa Congregation	100.00
Omaha, Nebr. Congregation	20.00
Gayville, S. D. Ladies Aid	125.00
Moorhead, Ia. Ladies Aid	25.00
Cedar Falls, Ia. Congregation	200.00
Danewang, Texas Congregation	171.25
Hampton, Ia. Congregation	105.00
Rosenborg, Nebr. Congregation	23.75
Dalum, Wayne, Alta. Congregation	22.07
Enumclaw, Wash. Congregation	23.00
Withee, Wis. Congregation	33.25
Muskegon, Mich. Congregation	30.30
Seattle, Wash. Congregation	25.99
Flaxton, N. D. Congregation	25.00
Rev. N. P. Hald, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Ringsted, Iowa Congregation	216.00
	\$2,427.38

Missionwork, Home Mission	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 421.62
2nd District by C. W. Loding, Treas.	13.19
Omaha, Nebr. 10 annual reports	2.50
Cedar Falls, Iowa Congregation	400.00
Waterloo, Ia. 3 annual reports	.75
Hampton, Ia. 30 annual reports	7.50
Ringsted, Ia. 10 annual reports	2.50
St. Paul's Sunday School, Tacoma	3.25
Seattle, Wash. 10 annual reports	2.50
Newell, Ia. Cong. to Nat. Luth. Council	11.00
Flaxton, N. D. 2 annual reports	.50
	\$ 865.31

Mission to "Chinese Relief"	
Seattle, Wash. Congregation	\$ 2.00
Mission to Lutheran World Action	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 690.24
Ringsted, Iowa Congregation	2.00
Los Angeles, Calif. Congregation	35.28
Fredsville, Iowa Congregation	35.75
Waterloo, Ia. Congregation	3.04
Cent. Luth., Muskegon, Congregation	52.71
Withee, Wis. Congregation	43.25
Brooklyn, N. Y. Congregation	53.00
Danish Sisterhood No. 125, Detroit	10.00
Omaha, Nebr. Congregation	28.00
Tyler, Minn. Congregation	44.60
Cedar Falls, Ia. Congregation	37.10
Kimballton, Ia. Congr. additional	2.35
Junction City, O. Congregation	6.00
From a friend, Hampton, Ia.	1.00
Hetland-Badger, S. D. Congregation	30.80
St. Stephens, Chicago, Cong.	60.00
Seattle, Wash. Congregation	17.50
Newell, Ia. Cong. additional	8.25
Portland, Me. Congregation	17.92
Bridgeport, Conn. Congregation	21.50
Denmark, Kans. Congregation	16.20
	\$1,216.49

G. V. College Student Loan Fund	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 510.00
Gardner Cowles Foundation	100.00
S. N. Nielsen, Chicago, Ill.	500.00
	\$1,110.00

To Payment of Current Debt	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 96.00
Alden-Carlston, Minn.	3.00
	\$ 99.00

To Pension Fund	
Flaxton, N. D. Congregation	\$ 5.00

To Canada Mission	
Previously acknowledged	\$ 33.10
Danebod Lad. Aid, Tyler	15.00
Trinity Lad. Aid, Chicago	10.00
Cedar Falls, Ia. Lad. Aid	10.00
	\$ 68.10

**To The OLD PEOPLES HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, I also gratefully acknowledge receipt of \$200.00 from Augusta Petersen Estate, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and \$500.00 from Maren Lund's Estate, Dwight, Ill.

To The Old Ministers' Pension Fund from

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Thanks to all Contributors!

Axel Thomsen, Treasurer.

Menominee, Mich., January 15, 1941.

Acknowledgment of Contributions to Pension Fund

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A sincere thanks for all gifts.

T. G. JENSEN, Treasurer.

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For General Budget

From Juhl, Mich.: Jens Rasmussen, 1.00; Mrs. Chas. Miller, Mission Box, .50; Mrs. Hans Barslund, Mission Box, 1.51; Mrs. Marg. Kester, Mission Box, 2.32; Juhl & Germania Young People, 2.50.

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