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IT NEVER YET HAS FAILED

By Ruby Dell Baugher

The sap will rise again, I know, when Spring
Lifts up the lid that Winter has clamped down,
Leaves will be tethered where the tendrils cling
And fruit and grain will grow for Summer's crown.
I cannot see the sap nor hear it flow,
But Winter never has its course derailed
Nor held it down when its time came to go;
Spring may come late, but never yet has failed.

Peace will come back again to bless the land;
New grass will grow to hide each war-torn mark
And heartbreaks will be mended by the Hand
That starts the living sap up through the dark.
I cannot see sweet Peace nor feel her glow;
She to this troubled world is deeply veiled.
But God still lives, immutable, I know,
And Right will win; it never yet has failed.

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Does the Church Really Welcome Sinners?

By Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa
(From "The Lutheran")

It is a great question whether we welcome sinners after the manner of Jesus. I am not thinking of the respectable sinners among the Pharisees and scribes whose sins are unmistakably clear to themselves. That is the only group that is actually in position to receive and to understand what it means to hear a message of welcome to sinners. Not to hear such a message is tantamount to saying that we do not receive sinners after the manner of Jesus. If we actually are failing here, I am inclined to believe that it is because we start with that which is **not** the gospel; we insist on preparing the way for the gospel rather than on letting the gospel prepare the way for us. So we add repentance as a pre-requisite to the gospel. Pharisaism and legalism, whether Jewish or Christian, both refuse to welcome sinners until they show signs of repentance, or, to state it differently, until their ways and practices become those of Pharisaism and legalism in some degree. The scandalizing effect of the gospel upon those who believe it is that it makes all of them sinners. Jesus heralded a gospel! If He ever struck the note of repentance, it is definitely certain that this note gradually gave way to something unheard of before, namely, Believe in the gospel! Jesus never returned to strike the note of repentance again, and that marks not only the difference between John the Baptist and Jesus, but between the old and the new.

Construction, Not Destruction

It sounds easy to say, "Believe in the gospel," but the trilogy of parables of grace in the fifteenth chapter of the gospel of Luke indicates how difficult it is for respectable sinners to accept it. The elder brother apparently did not understand. There is no reason to insist that the so-called Christian nations understand the gospel as long as we believe, or are urged to believe, that we by might can save either civilization or Christianity. Luke 15 speaks about complete rehabilitation; the world things in terms of crushing defeat. Luther retains the gospel when he sings:

"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.

What tho' they take this life,
Goods, honor, child and wife?
Their hatred still is vain,
They have no lasting gain;
We still possess the kingdom."
"The word of God shall stand secure;
They cannot work their pleasure.
The Spirit, with His gifts so pure,
We have in fullest measure.

To carry the gospel into action to the extent of which Luther sings is a step that the majority does not dare to take. The gospel gives that sense of release and assurance of freedom for the want of which the world today is in excruciating pain. The urgent message today is to declare in unequivocal terms that the gospel is not synonymous with totalitarianism, democracy, culture or civilization. The common custom of using the name Christian as widely as we do, hyphenating it with almost any term and name, may well be questioned seriously.

The Prodigal's Error

When it is possible for men to read the parable of the Prodigal Son wholly unconcerned of any personal or social application, one cannot but make an attempt to explain this situation. We are apt to make the son's request the point of separation between the son and the father. However, the point of separation is not the request nor the departure from home, but the son's conformity to the ways and practices and thoughts of a strange people—a people that did not know the ways and thoughts of his home because they did not know his father. How far he is from his true base is antithetically expressed in the words: "He came to himself." This implies that he from the point of view at home had lived as one who was beside himself. This brings the Prodigal Son nearer all of us; it shows us the enormous abnormality of our nature when we drift away from our true base; that is, from God, and allow other powers to dominate life. Sin is not a curse biologically transmitted, nor is it merely forces inherent in environment: it is the impingement of the terrible powers of evil upon our nature. The sinners whom Jesus welcomed knew something of the powers of evil; they did not attempt to mitigate their sins by the argument that all are sinners.

It is precisely because sin in its essence comes from within that salvation is possible. There lies also the hope of the world in this tragic hour in which the forces of evil seem to

have eclipsed the power of the gospel. A race astray from its Creator might still cry out, "I am beside myself," and come to its senses; especially if it might hear the clarion call of Jesus: "Believe the gospel." But a race astray from God will not hear the gospel if the gospel that is preached must depend upon human strength for its preservation or if the way must be prepared first before the gospel can be received. In this parable the gospel is described rather than explained. "While he was yet far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.... Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring the fattest calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry." That is the way in which the gospel brings about a sinner's reunion with his heavenly Father.

Jesus is appealing to the experiences of men in this parable, even as He does in the two other parables that together with the parable of the Prodigal Son constitute the trilogy of parables of grace. On the basis of our own experiences in regard to the value which we attach to the things we possess, He asks: Does God care less? Some men care less than others, as we see in the different attitudes between the father and the elder brother toward the returning son and brother. But God is not arbitrary. The elder brother's place in the heart of the father is beautifully expressed by Jesus when He says, "Child, thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine." What a remarkable saying this is in the light of the antagonism between Jesus and the Pharisees! The place of the two brothers in the heart of the father is unquestionably equal; but the one needed to experience the forgiveness and love of God, the other to come to an understanding of the worth of one human life in the sight of God. Both were the object of the love of God and in need of that divine forgiveness that reconciles man with God and man with man.

Jesus gloriously changed the lives of men and women by His gospel. Therefore we ought to reiterate to the same end: "Believe in the gospel." We ought to do it with all the might the Holy Spirit gives us because it reveals the heart of God. And the thing that matters today is that we may believe that God is. That is the Church's message to the world through the heralding of the gospel. In that lies the hope of the world, we believe. "As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become the children of God" (John 1:12).

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CHRISTUS LIBERATOR

Faith can never yield to pressure,
Force can not the heart subdue,
Creeds enforced are empty gestures
Worthless flow of words untrue,
Cowards may to hell be driven,
Free is every step to heaven,
Truth must die when freedom ends!

Man's old foe is still the living
Author of all slavery;
Christ, our life, the all-forgiving,
Says: "The truth shall make you free!"
Bears our burdens, seeks the straying,
To the homeless outcast saying:
"Come! the door is open now!"

Why must still the Lord remind us?
"I am always freedom's friend,
Why remain in total blindness,
Bear false witness unto men?
My true church is not a prison,
Driving slaves is not my mission,
Truth must die when freedom ends!"

N. F. S. Grundtvig
by S. D. Rodholm

(Tvang til Tro er Snak i Taaget)



Lutheran World Action
39 EAST 35th STREET, NEW YORK
Letter To Our Pastors And People.

Dear Brother:

Somebody is lying down on the job! Is it you? For over five months an intense and widespread appeal in behalf of our distressed brethren in the war-orphaned missions has been presented as an official project of the Lutheran Church. The result? To date, about \$267,000, or slightly more than half of the minimum amount needed to support them on a bare existence-level for the year of 1941.

Nowhere to our knowledge has the validity of our responsibility been challenged. Everywhere Lutheran World Action has been publicly endorsed, praised and apparently given full support. Yet for the first time we are forced to face the fact that unless those congregations thus far untouched by the appeal or only partially responsive to it, come to the rescue and do their full part, we shall fall at least \$100,000 short of the minimum requirement of \$500,000.

Your regional directors have received an endless list of excuses. Of course there are other appeals—Community Chests, March of Dimes, building projects, debt reductions, etc.—but none of them are substitutes for our respective shares in this matter which is the sole responsibility of the Lutheran Church. Few if any of them can claim the emergency, life-or-death character which is clearly recognized of Lutheran World Action. They are feeble, unconvincing, and lame answers to be offered to our generation, which will wonder skeptically how a single Lutheran today will justify his failure to set aside a mere twenty-five cents for a cause so grave and vital to his church.

At the start, we did not set quotas. Probably in this we made a mistake. We were dissuaded because the figure seemed so small. In view of the results thus far, together with the continued plight of our brethren for whom we plead, we are now bold to say, "If your congregation has not sent an offering equivalent to twenty-five cents a confirmed member, it has not done its share." It is so little to ask! The few legitimate excuses we have heard have been more than made up by congregations which have averaged as high as a dollar a member. One of the finest offerings we have had came from a congregation with a fifty thousand dollar debt.

In Madagascar, Missionary Strand died last month—apparently from worry and strain. He was a big, strong, energetic man in his early fifties. At a Syrian Orphanage, scores of little children are holding fast to the fence about the grounds, peeking through and hoping for the word of further support which will permit them to return to the only love and adequate care they have ever known. In the Sudan, Missionary Matthiesen is slowly dying, waiting for boat fare which will take him to safety and health. In India, confused, perplexed people are at bay amid opposing forces, leaderless, like sheep without a shepherd. The fruits of generations of Lutheran missionary endeavors totter in the balance. The Lutheran Church faces its most serious condition since early Reformation years.

What is needed? Twenty-five cents from each of your members. Have you told them? What one would turn you down if he knew his quarter was the crucial one? It is the crucial one, for the chain needs every link.

Dear pastor, we dare not fail! Even if we care not that
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BOOKS

HE STARTED FROM NOWHERE, by W. R. Siegart. United Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia. \$1.00.

This book is a collection of very short stories written by Mr. Siegart—or rather should I say story sermons—written in very simple style and language. Perhaps they were especially intended for children; at least they can be understood by children. But they may be of use also to anyone who works with children in Sunday School or Vacation School.

Now these stories do not belong to the type of superficial and immodest stories of ready-made conversions. They are not stories of conversions at all—rather illustrations from life and the workings of God in nature and man.

A very useful book.

C. A. Stub

THE PARABLE OF THE EMPTY SOUL, Edited by Paul Zeller Strodach. United Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia, \$1.75.

Now that we are entering upon the season of Lent, this volume has especial significance. It is a book of Lenten sermons on the regular Lenten texts. The sermons begin with Sunday Septuagesima and follow right through holy week with a sermon for each day during that week.

I have read most of these sermons and find that they are good words to read, some of them better than others. Each sermon is written by a different man.

At the end of the book is a series of sermon outlines. They may be of use to some; but I do not like them. I get from them the impression of a juggling with words, which to me detracts from a true spirit of worship and devotion. This observation does not apply to the sermons, however, some of which seem to me to be endowed with that solemn and quiet spirit. Therefore I consider this book well worth reading.

C. A. Stub

Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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The Sunny Side of the Sick Room, by Joseph Taylor Britan, Chaplain at The Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia. 128 pages. Cloth \$1.00.

Where can we find a good book for a sick friend? Dr. J. T. Britan has given us the answer in his "Sunny Side of the Sick Room". In 24 short chapters, each preceded by a key-noting poem and concluded with a prayer, the author treats the problems of Health, Healing, and Happiness.

Christ is pictured as the great healer of sick bodies, sick minds, and souls, and the Bible as our store-house of inspiration and help. Vexing questions of the sick-bed are here treated by one whose long experience in the sick-room and whose training and faith make him particularly qualified for his task.

A good book to read to give to a friend.

Not By Bread Alone, Wheaton College Chapel Talks. Edited by Carl F. H. Henry. 153 pages. \$1.00, in cloth.

These twenty-one chapel talks were delivered by leading educators to the students at Wheaton College, Ill. Even though these addresses primarily are intended for college boys, they deserve to be read by others. Each address has a positive, Christian message. Most of the authors are conservative thinkers and orators.

Guess My Name, by Mabel H. Hansen. 44 pages. 25 cents.

This is a "quiz" which takes one through the Old and the New Testaments. Used properly these contests may help to enliven Young People's meetings and certain sessions in our

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Winter Meeting at Dalum. Feb. 13-16.

Slightly doubtful of the weather, as there had been quite a gale during the night, I lifted the blind and peered out to see what kind of a day Mother Nature was giving us. This was the first day of the annual winter meeting which was being held by the Dalum Congregation. It has become a tradition to these people—may it never be broken.

I had 17 miles to go, and although others had less, weather conditions still played an important part as the country roads can become quite impassable. However, during the whole time of the meeting we were favored with mild weather and good roads. The attendance was therefore good throughout.

With the exception of Sunday afternoon, the sermons and lectures were given in the Danish language. The people of Dalum are still Danish at heart. And as one of the guest speakers expressed his opinion he said, "Rarely have I heard such singing of the old Danish hymns."

Rev. Rasmussen, the residing minister, delivered a message of welcome to the two guest speakers, Rev. Schultz from Olds, Alta., and Rev. Torslev from Dickson, Alta., as well as to the congregation. These two ministers belonging to the United Danish Lutheran Church, have recently come to Alberta. It is the first time either of them has been at Dalum.

It was therefore, as Rev. Rasmussen pointed out, with expectation we started this meeting. As an illustration, he said life was like a book. It was up to each one of us to make its contents valuable. Here was an opportunity to gather gems which could be written in our book with golden letters.

Now that the meeting is over I have been quite frank in my inquiries in an attempt to find out what impressions and effect it has had on people. Let me quote a line I read once, "There are no roses without thorns, but aren't the roses lovely?"

It is time I get on with the morning session.

Rev. Schultz's topic was "Joseph as a servant by the Grace of God". He followed the Biblical story from the parting between Laban and Jacob down to the reconciliation with Joseph and his family in Egypt. I felt sure I knew this story and yet Rev. Schultz pointed out things I had never thought of before.

Now it was lunch time. The women had prepared a very appetizing lunch at home and soon it was spread out on long tables in the church basement. How we Danish people do enjoy a good cup of coffee and "smørrebrød".

In the afternoon Rev. Torslev, who was formerly in St. John, New Brunswick, told us of his mission work field there. Conditions were difficult, but the need for friendship, the desire for sharing was prevalent and therefore brought people closer to each other and to God. He told of a religious experience he had witnessed at the death bed of a youth. This strengthened me in a thought that has been predominant in my mind. We speak of how difficult it is to die—but is it not much more difficult to live? Surely death would be simplified if living had been in accordance with Life (God).

Upon arriving at the church Friday morning I saw that our neighboring minister, Rev. Kristensen, who has been sick for some time, had been able to drive over to spend the day with us.

As I came into the church I noticed that the large bronze "seven armed candlestick" which stands on the altar was placed on a table beside the speaker. It was the object for Rev. Schultz's lecture. Very ably he described what the general pattern represented, the significance of the number seven and what it symbolizes. The candlestick represents the living congregation. It is not sufficient to be a paid member of a congregation. Christian membership must become a personal issue to grow to maturity as the candlestick and carry the light which is Christ.

We began our afternoon meeting by singing "Herre, lær

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EDITORIAL

"America and the Famine in the Five Little Democracies" was the title of an address given some time ago by the Honorable Herbert Hoover in the state of New York. With this address Mr. Hoover presented the plight of about 37 millions of children, women and men in the five small democracies, Finland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Central Poland. He emphasized that we as an American people have a moral responsibility towards the impending suffering in these countries.

As a result of the efforts of Mr. Hoover and others a "National Committee on Food for the Small Democracies" has been organized. The committee has been formed "so there might be an opportunity for expression of American feeling that steps should be taken to prevent starvation in Finland, Norway, Holland, Belgium and Central Poland."

There can be no doubt as to the impending disaster. Finland and Central Poland are already suffering because of the loss of agricultural areas to Russia and the destruction from war. The other countries have always imported a large portion of their bread grains from overseas. Now due to the blockade there has been no import the past year or more.

We have vast surpluses of food in the United States. Our government is offering to sell this food abroad at less than our domestic prices. And South America has equally large surpluses on hand.

The first suggestion made by Mr. Hoover and his Committee is to create an opinion in the American people demanding an agreement from the fighting nations permitting an import of food through the British and German blockades. It seems that all of these small countries have a certain amount of liquid resources safely outside of their own borders from which they should be able to pay for their food; and they can possibly also provide their own ships.

England's first refusal to the request from America that food be allowed to pass through the blockade to the starving nations is rather disheartening. However, as England will depend more and more in her tragic fate on the friendship and help of the American people, it seems likely that a unanimous demand from us to the effect that the blockade be opened for relief ships, will eventually be heeded.

It may be well to remember what the British said about the Belgian relief more than twenty years ago. Prime Minister Asquith said, "We are convinced that this relief food reaches the Belgians and French, and reaches them alone—it is one of the finest achievements in the history of humanitarian and philanthropic organizations."

The needs of these people in Europe are evident. We believe the American people will voice a determined demand that food be provided.

Holger Strandkov

Lutheran Leaders Meet In Columbus, Ohio

January 20th, 1941.

It was indeed an interesting experience to attend this meeting of representatives from all Lutheran groups in U.S.A.

American Lutheranism representing 4,500,000 Lutherans throughout the United States had gathered its respective leaders for a meeting at Columbus, Ohio, on January 20th. Never before in the history of the Lutheran church in America have so many leaders of so many different national groups attended one meeting to discuss common problems. The meeting was not empowered by the respective church bodies to take any definite action on the subjects discussed.

The first subject before the meeting dealt with the problem of the foreign missions that have been "orphaned" by the war. That, in fact, was the real purpose of the meeting. Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, is responsible for the gigantic task of directing the much needed aid to all these foreign missions. There are 54 orphaned Lutheran Missions with approximately 3000 missionaries. These missions are scattered all over the globe, and because of the war conditions it is very difficult to make contacts with all of them.

Dr. Long reported that during the year of 1940 a sum of \$349,112.60 had been collected for this purpose. From this had been distributed: Missions in Africa \$45,090.50; in Asia \$117,263.58; in the Near East \$16,428.36; in Finland \$43,982.

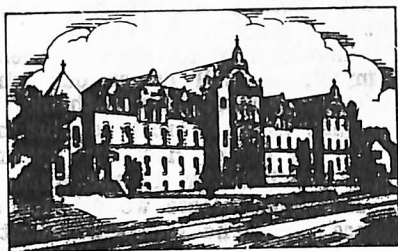
In the recent Luth. World Action drive \$162,000 had been collected up to the time of the meeting (this had by Febr. 4th reached the sum of \$266,000.) Many congregations have not yet completed their solicitations, so much more is expected. Dr. Aasgaard reported that the Norwegian Government, now located in London, had decided to support the Norwegian Missions with a sum of \$200,000 for the coming year.

As the people and Government of Denmark are unable to do anything for all their foreign missions, we who live in America are called upon to give our utmost support. I am really surprised to learn that a number of our congregations have taken no action on this matter, although pamphlets and envelopes have been supplied to all our groups. The last report from our synod treasurer showed that only \$1300 has been collected from our churches for this purpose. It would seem an easy task for us to give the expected 25 cts from each confirmed member. This would indeed be to give our friends in Denmark a helping hand as they are unable to do anything at the present time.

Dr. Long proved himself a very efficient leader at this meeting. He led us also, spiritually speaking, into the future to visualize the task before the Lutheran Church, especially in the countries of Latvia, Esthonia, Lithuania, Finland, Germany, Norway and Denmark.

One object of this meeting was to find an avenue of cooperation from the Missouri synod in the orphaned mission work. It was the first time in the history of Lutheranism in America that representatives from the Missouri synod had assembled with such a group of Lutherans from all other synods. The result of this attempt in cooperation was that Dr. J.W. Behnken, President of the Missouri Synod, promised in behalf of his synod that they would take the responsibility for the German-Lutheran orphaned missions. It would be, he said, impossible for them to consider to function on the same program with others as long as we have not reached "doctrinal agreement".

Furthermore, the new problem of taking care of thousands of Lutheran young men in the training camps was discussed. Dr. C.E. Krumbholz, secretary of the Department of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council, and Dr. N.M. Ylvisaker, president of the U.S. Army and Navy Chaplain's association, reported to us on the present conditions in the camps and on plans that have been formulated for the future. As Dr. Dorf, who is our representative in the National Lutheran Council, attended the meeting of this body, I expect him



Grand View College

From Tuesday 18th to Sunday 22nd February we had the pleasure of Reverend Marius Krog's company here. He gave four lectures to the students and a lecture Thursday night to which the local congregation was also invited. Sunday Rev. Krog preached in our church.

In a lecture on fairy tales Marius Krog brought up the attitude which dismisses fairy tales because they are lies, and said that a lie was "an attempt to convey a false impression", and that a fairy tale is relieved of dry facts but that there are great truths behind most fairy tales, which he illustrated with some fine examples.

Another lecture concerned adolescence which he characterized as an age in which the body gets ahead of the mind. In his opinion our educational system is harmful to most young people. He advocated that children quit school at fourteen and learn a trade, do some creative work, something they like, and then go to school afterward, if possible something like the Folk High Schools, instead of most young people—whether they have the inclination and ability or not—cramming all theoretical knowledge into a dozen years of school and then suddenly land in practical life, most of them never to go to school any more.

Relaxation was the topic of another lecture. He pointed out the importance of relaxing and a variety of ways to

to report on the final action taken there on this phase of the work.

Dr. E. E. Ryden of Rock Island, Ill., president of the American Lutheran Conference, presided at the meeting. Before adjournment Dr. Ryden was authorized to call another meeting in the future to which all Lutheran bodies would be asked to send their representatives. It was suggested that this meeting should consider the doctrinal differences of the various Lutheran groups and, if possible, to reach a doctrinal agreement. What the results of such a meeting would be is difficult to determine at this time. But it does seem questionable whether anything will be gained in endeavoring to iron out differences due to our various spiritual heritages. Often the peculiarities in life are special gifts from God and as such a blessing to us.

Alfred Jensen.

"exercise" it. Do not confuse relaxation or even "Magelighed" with laziness.

The Thursday night lecture was on Heredity, a fascinating subject. Marius Krog told of a theory that the blond or fair "race" is the newest addition to mankind, and that it is trying to assert itself (no, he was not thinking of a temporary tumor like Nazism with its corrupted idea of the Nordic race) which can be seen by the fact that most people who are born blond become darker with age. The blond people are the children of mankind. Of course, as he remarked, children are ignorant.

The last lecture was on the deep and difficult question of the sub-conscious mind, a very interesting survey which naturally had to be rather general. I am sure Reverend Krog won the hearts of those students who did not already know him.

W. R. G.

Obviously, the geographic location of our community does not permit an intimate, day-by-day relationship between the constituents; nevertheless, as in most Danish communities, there are many who are genuinely interested in our school's activities, and these supporters, moral or otherwise, are yearly increasing in numbers.

There are many who wonder why we would travel so far to attend school. Although there are some from our midst who have employed the more primitive methods of travel—model T and such—the distance is, of course, no longer any great obstacle. But, why Grand View? Because it is one of the few places where one can receive his formal education in a wholesome, co-operative atmosphere and at the same time learn to recognize and facilitate the benefits from his Danish heritage.

I believe our community is becoming more Grand View conscious. The newly organized unit of the Alumni association is swinging into action and I'm looking forward to joining them in the near future.

Otto Larsen
Junction City, Oregon
at Grand View College.

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Grand View College is, as we all know, physically isolated from the West Coast, but spiritually the two are bound close together. All the Danish Lutherans of the Pacific slope know of Grand View and the fine work that it is doing with the young people of our faith, but nevertheless, the personal touch is somehow lacking. Of course, there are other Junior Colleges of the Lutheran denomination on the coast, but Grand View has the only seminary in all our synod and it is this seminary that supplies our entire synod with pastors. The problem is, therefore, how to bring the West Coast and Grand View closer together. The one way of course is

G. V. C. Homecoming

Preparations are in progress for the 1941 "Studenterfest" at Grand View College. The homecoming will be celebrated on the fifteenth and sixteenth of March.

Seven students are hard at work on Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler". The tragedy is being directed by Mr. Jimmy Tucker of Des Moines. Emily Feldtmose of Askov, Minnesota has been cast as Hedda. Supporting members of the cast are Herdis Aaberg, Muriel Nielsen, Isabelle Petersen, Holger Andersen, Verner Hansen, and Axel Kildegaard.

Other features of the coming event include exhibitions in Folk Dancing and gymnastics, a concert and speaker Sunday afternoon, and a banquet on Sunday evening. On Sunday morning there will be services in Luther Memorial Church. Supt. of Schools Otto G. Hoiberg of Askov will be guest speaker at the Homecoming.

An added event this year will be the first annual meeting of the newly formed Alumni Association. This meeting will be held on Saturday.

A number of former students are expected for the event.

for the West Coast to have more of a representation here at G. V. This would no doubt be hard to do because of the isolation, one from the other. However, this distance in miles can easily be taken care of; it is the distance of the minds of the peoples that must be remedied. This can be done through education of the peoples of the Coast as re: the value of G. V. C. and their obligation toward it. The word "obligation" is perhaps not the right word but advisable under the circumstances.

Martin Sorensen
Seattle, Wash.
G. V. C. Seminary

Many of the old and young people on the west coast have attended Grand View at one time or another. From them one hears only favorable reports about the college. Since Atterdag College at Solvang unfortunately is not running any more, the young people have traveled two thousand miles to attend a folk school such as this. I'm sure I can safely say none could have found a better place in which to gather knowledge as well as gain from the social spirit prevalent at Grand View.

All in all Grand View is the place and I believe in these words I express the feelings of the people at Solvang and vicinity.

Ruby Petersen
Solvang, California
At Grand View College

65th Anniversary Dwight, Ill.

Sunday, the 23rd of March, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., will observe its 65th anniversary. It is a festive day which fills our hearts with thankfulness for the years past and we feel we want to share our thankfulness by extending an invitation to our friends in neighboring congregations and vicinity to be our guests that day.

English morning service, 9:15, with Holy Communion. Rev. J. C. Aakeg will preach.

Sunday school, 10:45 a. m.

Dinner will be served in church dining hall.

Afternoon service, 2:30. Rev. Svend Kjar will speak in Danish.

Evening service at 7:30, where both Rev. Aakeg and Rev. Kjar will speak in English.

After the service we will gather in the dining hall where coffee will be served.

Mrs. A. J. Petersen.

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BOOKS . . .

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Vacation Schools. Our Junior Leaguers were happy to use "Guess My Name" for contests at two of their meetings.

Tests and Triumphs of Armenians in Turkey and Macedonia, by Jensine Oerts Peters. 100 pages. \$1.00, in cloth.

The deeply touching life-story of the Danish girl who in God's hand became a consecrated missionary and helper among the persecuted Armenians in Turkey and the homeless refugees in Macedonia. No one can read this autobiography without a feeling of admiration for this unselfish, heroic Danish woman.

J. C. Kjar

"From Throne to Cross"—Selected Lenten Sermons. Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. Price \$1.50.

A book of thirty-six selected Lenten sermons by twenty Lutheran leaders. Each sermon is characteristic of the lenten spiritual appeal. The sermons are the messages brought to the Lutherans of Chicago who, during the Lenten season of 1940, united in a series of daily devotions held in the heart of the great metropolis.

"Faith, grasping the outstretched hand of God in Christ, is the key to peace and immortality." This statement made in one of the sermons may be taken as the central theme of the book.

These sermons will be read with devotion and appreciation by many, laymen as well as pastors.

Holger Strandkov.

When God Gave Easter by Gerhard E. Lenski. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. Cloth, 134 pages. \$1.00.

The author is pastor of Grace Luth-

Lutheran World Action . . .

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the world is watching us, how shall we answer to our God, to whom our excuses must ultimately be given? Give this letter to your Church Council; read it to your people. If you have not taken your offering for Lutheran World Action, or if your offering thus far has fallen short, please, please do your part. Be offended with us for pressing the matter upon you, if you will, but don't let your brethren in Christ down in their dark hour of need! It is not too late. Your response now will save the day.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Ralph H. Long, Director

Paul C. Empie, Assistant Director

Voices From the Orphaned Missions

From India, Rev. Helland writes:

"The largest Scandinavian mission in India is the Mission to the Santals, with 62 missionaries and about 25,000 Christians. The day of the Santals is at hand. The doors are open. New work was being planned. In addition to its old established Leper Colony of about 400 lepers, a new colony was being started in the Province of Assam. Thatch-roofed houses had been built for the missionary, for the Indian doctor, the clinic, the church, which also served as a school, and for about 35 patients. Plans had been made to build, in order to take care of over 200 patients. Then came the 9th of April, and those scores of lepers will have to continue to walk as beggars along the jungle trails.

"In the same mission a hospital took care of 32,420 out-patients last year, in addition to the 1250 in-patients. The one missionary doctor, assisted by a European nurse, two Indian doctors and a number of compounders (male nurses) cared for hundreds of patients every day. After the 9th of April he had to dismiss one doctor and several of the compounders. I visited that hospital just before coming away from India a few weeks ago. I asked the doctor how they were carrying on. 'Well', he said, 'those of us who remain have to do double duty. The men have to take extra night shifts. They can stand it for a while, but they cannot carry on that way very long!'"

Johan Torset of the Norwegian Mis-

eran Church, Washington, D. C. The twelve chapters on "Easter Day is Victory Day," "The Soul's Great Hope," etc. bring a profound and comforting greeting of the greatest Victory the world has ever witnessed. The author permits Easter to speak its own message of Hope and Victory to a troubled and defeated world.

This book would be a fine and worthwhile Easter gift to any friend.

Holger Strandkov.

sionary Society in Hunan, China, writes:

"I hereby beg to send on behalf of myself as well as of our whole mission, my most hearty thanks for your gift. It is a great comfort and joy for us to see how our heavenly Father provides for us and sends us His help even before we ask for assistance . . . The European situation seems to become more gloomy as time goes on, and we shall probably not be able to get money from home as long as the war lasts . . . Praise God, we may look, not only around us, but upwards to the heavenly throne and to the Almighty One who is on the throne. He is our Father, and the work is His, and He has promised to be with us and not to forsake us. We trust His promises, as we have seen they never fail. Hardships and difficulties often are the tools He has to use to draw us closer to Him."

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DALUM MEETING . . .

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mig ret at blive lille". I must mention this song as it carried the theme of Rev. Kristensen's message to us, which was delivered with such vigor and sincerity that the truthfulness thereof became more of a reality to me. Man desires greatness, but greatness may be either true or false. In the eyes of God it is one thing, in the eyes of the world quite another. He pointed out what "greatness" was in the light of God. One of the greatest achievements is to be a faithful servant. Remember what the son of God did for us. To live, so that when you have passed away, others may thank God for your presence in Life is a greater achievement than to have a large monument placed on your grave.

Following this Rev. Torslev gave his own interpretation of the opening prayer used at the Danish Lutheran services. As often as I have heard this prayer it has never been as clear to me as it is now that the church is our Lord's house, he is the host and as a guest we accept and receive. One of the greatest needs today is the realization of God and the acceptance of Him.

In the evening people met again but this time a private home, the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Schultz. The evening meetings are always quite informal, more or less sociable affairs with singing, talking and, of course, "kaffebord."

Saturday was a free day but in the evening people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jorgensen.

Sunday morning the peal of the church bell again sent out its message across the prairie—and from far and near people heard its call. A packed church—voices lifted in singing of old Danish hymns and Sunday was well on its way. The two guest speakers as well as Rev. Rasmussen participated

in the service. Rev. Torslev delivered the sermon on "The Prodigal Son."

The afternoon meeting was conducted in English. Rev. Schultz first addressed the children by telling them a story. After this he spoke to the adults on "The Time of Visitation." There is a time—may we never lose the golden opportunity to recognize it.

Sunday evening, as always, was spent at the parsonage. Topics of the present day were discussed giving way to a variety of opinions.

So once again we add a link into our chain of memories.

Inger Rasmussen Holmen.

OUR CHURCH

The Third Annual Pastor's Institute will be held at Grand View College, April 22-25. A complete program will appear later.

The Board of Education for Grand View College met in Des Moines at G. V. C. February 25-26.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Renger of Salinas, Calif. have presented the local church hall with two beautiful silk flags and stands for same.

Rev. Enok Mortensen, District President, recently visited Los Angeles and Pasadena, speaking in both churches. Arrangements were made to have the annual district meeting in Pasadena March 28-30.

Junior Camp will be held this year at Atterdag College in Solvang July 27-August 2nd. Rev. Ejnar Farstrup will be camp director. The Senior camp will probably be held this year at Big Surf State Park, about forty miles south of Carmel by the sea. The camp activities will be directed by Rev. Enok Mortensen, and the date is set for August 2-9.

"Bethania", Danish Ladies Aid, Ringsted, Iowa recently donated to the local church an Acousticon with six receivers for the hard of hearing.

Christ Aagaard, Marinette, Wisconsin was honored with a surprise party in his home a short time ago by members of the congregation. Mr. Aagaard has been treasurer of the church through many years and has also been the custodian of the church for many years. The occasion was his 70th birthday.

Lenten Mission Meetings will be held at Seattle, Wash. March 28-30th.

Bethany Danish Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisc. observed its 45th anniversary on Sunday, March 2nd. Only six pastors have served this congregation: Sick, Blickfeldt, K. C. Bod-

holdt, V. M. Hansen and the present pastor, J. C. Kjaer. Thus each of the pastors have enjoyed a long period of service.

The Annual Meeting of the Church, Clinton, Ia. voted in favor of only two Danish services a month, the second and fourth Sunday, 11 a. m. Services in English every Sunday 10 a. m.

Rev. V. S. Jensen was invited to speak in Kimballton, Ia. on Friday evening, Febr. 14th. He recently returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo. where he received treatments for his health.

A Total of \$734.48 to the Santal Mission was contributed by the church, individuals and groups in our church in Tyler, Minn. during the year of 1940.

Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines Iowa, met for the monthly "Menigheds Fest" on Sunday evening, Febr. 9th. The students from G. V. C. furnished the program for the evening.

A Winter Mission Meeting was scheduled in Junction City, Ore., for Febr. 14-16. Rev. John Enselman of Tacoma, Wash. was invited as the guest speaker.

St. Peter's Church, Dwight, Ill will observe its 65th anniversary on March 23rd (and not on March 14th as stated in last issue of L. T.).

"Studenterfest" will be held at Grand View College March 15th and 16th.

Rev. Henrik Plambeck of Brayton, Iowa will serve the congregation at Dagmar, Montana, on Easter Sunday and will remain in Dagmar for some time during the spring, giving his service to the church work there

An Adult Class for Confirmation of 10 members has been organized in Central Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. A. P. Møller, West Denmark, Wisc. died last week. He had recently observed his 90th birthday. He was one of the early pioneers of the West Denmark community and has contributed much, spiritually speaking, to the fellowship of the Danish Lutheran church in America. Rev. Aage Møller of Solvang, Calif. is one of several sons.

Lenten Services in Greenville, Mich. will be held jointly by the two Danish Lutheran churches. Several pastors from the two synods have been invited to speak. Rev. Holger Jorgensen and Rev. Edwin Hansen are two of the guest speakers.

Rev. Marius Krog has accepted the call to St. Stephens Church in Chicago and plans to move there June 1st.

Attention, Landseekers!

As there seems to be a tendency for Danish-American people moving to the northwest from the middle western states, the Congregation here named a committee, that may be contacted by mail in regards to possibilities to and around Junction City, Oregon.

Junction City, Oregon, is a city of about 1200 population, located in the upper Willamette Valley, in and around which there are a great number of Danes.

School facilities are very good. A new grade school building with enrollment of nearly 300. A new Union High School, 15 miles from the University of Oregon and 27 miles from Church where services are conducted the Oregon State College.

We have a Danish Evang. Lutheran in both Danish and American languages. Sunday School in the American language every Sunday. Danish Ladies Aid, American Ladies Aid, Men's Lutheran Club, and Young People's society.

We have a Danish Brotherhood Lodge and Sisterhood, both very active. There are several Danes in business and represented in all active groups. School Boards, City Council, Lodges, etc. as well as a large number of farm owners.

Farming consists of Dairying, Sheep and Poultry, Fruits and Vegetables, for canning as well as the various Seed Crops. Lumbering is also quite extensive. Climate and living conditions are both very favorable.

There are from time to time an opportunity for some professional men to locate as well as home and farm owners. At present there is a good opportunity for a Doctor of Medicine.

Anyone interested in locating in or around Junction City may write to anyone of the men named below and they will give good, honest information.

Chris Sand
Andrew Jacobsen
Anton Rasmussen

NEWS BRIEFS

Norway's Bishops Indict Civil Authority. Norway's seven Bishops, led by Eivind Berggrav of Oslo, recently made public a statement, which has been widely hailed as the most outspoken indictment of the existing civil authority in Norway.

The Rev. Dr. Nils M. Ylvisaker of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Chaplains Association of the Army and Navy, will be in charge of the National Lutheran Council's new program of service to Lutheran men in the army and navy training camps. In order to accept this responsibility he has taken leave of absence from his duties as

executive secretary of the Young People's Luther League of the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

Ultimatum to Oxford Groups. News has been received from Norway that the authorities of the new Norwegian regime had addressed an ultimatum to the leaders of the Oxford Group movement, to the effect that the Movement must collaborate with the Quisling government or be suppressed.

500 Churchmen Ask for Peace.—The names of more than 500 churchmen throughout the country are attached to a statement which called for "peace without victory now" and charging that "The Roosevelt administration is attempting to commit us to an all-inclusive military program leading to the ever increasing involvement in the present war." The statement is printed and distributed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which describes itself as "a Christian pacifist organization which came together in 1934."

Dana College. General Plans to raise \$200,000 in the Church include \$120,000 for a new building on the Dana College Campus. The Rev. Frederick A. Schiotz, secretary of the student service department of the American Lutheran Conference, was a guest speaker at the recent national Luther League Convention held at Dana.

Decline Exemption from Draft. Saying they wished to assume "all the responsibilities of citizenship", 28 United Presbyterian clergymen of Washington County, Pa., have adopted a resolution asking that they not be exempted from military service. The resolution further suggested that Congress "remove from the recent conscription bill those clauses that exempt ministers from military service".

110,000 Bibles have, according to the New York Times, been confiscated by Franco's totalitarian government in Spain and will be ground into pulp. The Bibles were shipped some time ago by the British and Foreign Bible Society for distribution in Spain.

District Meeting in California Pasadena March 28-30

Ansgar congregation in Pasadena invited all members and friends of our work to a district meeting to be held in the church there March 28-30, inclusive.

We begin Friday night at 8:00 with a service of worship. The president of our synod, Rev. Alfred Jensen, will participate in the meeting, as well as the pastors of the district.

Please register with Rev. J.K. Jensen, 199 So. Sierra Madre Blvd., as soon as possible.

Jens Kr. Jensen Enok Mortensen
Local Minister District President

Rev. Alfred Jensen's Itinerary in California

March 16-18—Seattle, Enumclau, Tacoma, Wash.
March 19 —Junction City, Ore.
March 21 —Arcata
March 23 —Easton-Parlier
March 24 —Oakland
March 25 —Watsonville
March 26 —Salinas
March 27 —Solvang
March 28-30—Pasadena
March 31 —Los Angeles
Enok Mortensen, Dist. Pres.

Gifts to the Children's and Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.

February 7, 1940—February 11, 1941
Peder Krogh, Tyler, \$1; Martin B. Petersen, Ruthton, Minn., \$5; Andrew Andersen's legacy, \$25; Anton Dahl, Ringsted, Ia., \$2; Christmas gifts from the following Ladies Aids: Brush, Colo., \$5; Clinton, Ia., \$5; Detroit, Mich., \$10; Hutchinson, Minn., \$10; Freds-ville, Ia., \$5; Trinitatis, Chicago, \$5; Newell, Ia., \$5; Cedar Falls, Ia., \$10;

Manistee, Mich., \$5; Ruthton, Minn., \$5; Alden, Minn., \$5; Worcester, Mass., \$5; Omaha, Nebr., \$5; Solvang, Calif., \$5; Dagmar, Mont., \$5; From Victoria Lodge No. 5, Racine, Wisc., \$5; D.S.S. Lodge, Detroit, \$5; Sunday School Class, Viborg, S. Dak., \$4.25; D.S.S. Lodge No. 2, Greenville, Mich., \$2; D.S.S. Lodge, Kenosha, Wisc., \$5; In Memory of Janus P. Ibsen, Viborg, S. Dak., Danish Ladies Aid, \$2; So. Lutheran Soc., \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Skoven, \$2; Ibsen Brothers, \$5; Sunday School, Gayville, S. Dak., \$10.27; Four Leaf Sewing Club, Withee, Wisc., \$4; Danish Luth. Church, Alden, Minn., \$7.20; Danish Brotherhood of America, \$207.59; Diamond Lake Sunday School, \$2.50; Sunday School, Tacoma, Wash., \$4.31.

Our sincere appreciation of the above gifts to our home. We have seven children and eight elderly people at the home. A new furnace system has been installed this year, and the upper part of the large enclosed porch has been remodeled and transformed into two additional rooms.

With greetings from all members at the home.

Holger Strandskov.

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Gain in Life Insurance in Force \$ 5,174,741.00
Gain in Assets 1,414,525.07

Paid to Policy Owners in 1940

For Death Claims \$213,754.00
To Living Policy Owners 517,523.68

Total Paid in 1940 \$731,277.68

Benefits Paid Since Organization \$ 5,974,294.52
Total Life Insurance in Force 74,888,463.00

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