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DREAMS

Dare we in a cold December
Summer dreams of May recall,
Happy morning hours remember
While the evening shadows fall?
When sweet memories remind us
Of what once we hoped to gain,
Do they bring with tears that blind us
Anything but bitter pain?

Dare we, in a world where evil
Ever threatens to destroy
With deceit and war's upheaval
Goodness, beauty, truth and joy,
Call to mind prophetic visions
Of an age when nations forge,
Freed from hate and dark suspicions,
Into ploughshares, spears, and swords?

In this land we love and cherish,
Where we have our roots, our life,
When we see its treasures perish,
Wrecked by greed and sordid strife,
Dare we hail old dreams returning
Of a land where right is might,
Where we keep the home-fires burning,
Liberty our harbor-light?

When in worship we assemble,
Dare we sing our mighty hymns?
We must bow in shame and tremble
While for tears the vision dims,
When we see how far we wandered
From the simple, saving truth,
When we think of what we squandered
On the road that's wide and smooth.

Worldly wisdom will advise us:
"Come, forget your morning dreams!
"Wise is he who realizes
"Only fools will fight the stream!"
—But can we forget the great ones
Who were fools if that is true?
Upstream lies the world's salvation!
This the greatest of them knew.

If we trust that human nature
Saves itself somehow, some day,
If we look for nothing greater,
Let us throw our dreams away!
But with Him who reunited
Man with God, so far apart
Dare we keep our beacons lighted,
Though our dreams should break the heart.

S. D. Rodholm.

(Suggested by and written to the melody of N. F. S. Grundtvig's: Tør end nogen ihukomme.)

A WELCOME

"And lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." These blessed words came from our Lord and Saviour's lips, when he first sent his few disciples out to preach the Gospel of Peace and Love, and with His assurance they started out on their difficult task of bringing a new teaching to all the people. A teaching of Love instead of Fear. A teaching of "gathering up treasures in heaven" instead of treasures on earth. And because they were faithful, although often through peril and persecution, we have heard that glorious Gospel of a living personal Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we have learned that this world, in which we live, can not give us the peace and happiness that God wants us to have, but only through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, can it be obtained.

Round about us we see the handiwork of the Lord. The snowclad mountains that majestically point up

to heaven, the green fields that yield the food to our earthly need, the many small and large rivers that, as silver threads, wind their ways through the countryside, etc., etc. Everywhere we turn we see the might of Him, who created Heaven and Earth.

In the midst of such beauty we bid you most welcome to our National Convention in Troy, and we ask you to take time off for a trip through the rolling hills of New England, to visit our congregations from the rocky coast of Maine to the busy city of New York. Everywhere you come, you can not help but see God's grandeur, whether it be in the Nature or the ingenuity of His creature, the Man. And everywhere, we assure you, will you find the true New England hospitality, yea even better, true Christian Fellowship.

Swen A. Baden, Dist. Pres.

WELCOME to Troy!

Many years ago before it ever had been my privilege to attend one of our church conventions in the Danish Church in America, Mrs. L. Henningsen, now in Solvang, California, said to me: "Wait till you attend the church convention, there you will hear words spoken which burn themselves into your soul." I had just attended the first young people's convention and was quite enthusiastic over it and thought if anything can be much better than that I must attend (that was before we had baseball contests at our Y. P. S. conventions) and so next year I attended. I did not miss a single discussion or address and became acquainted with many of our ministers, our institutions and various phases of our work. Gradually the church of my forefathers became a part of my life, and with it was also awakened an interest in the humanities which are so closely related to the Christian gospel. From attendance at many conventions I have learned that one can never fully come to love that which remains partly distant; "without knowledge no love."

The Eastern district of the Danish Church in America has for 64 years, looked at many things in our Synod from a distance. We have been faithful to our local congregations; the willingness to sacrifice has undoubtedly not been less here than in other parts of our church, but our contacts with our men and institutions has not been as extensive here as for instance in the middle west. Our daily occupations and emphasis has been different and our out-

look has been more shaped by circumstances than is the case in a number of our congregations. Our concepts of culture and things religious is undoubtedly also different; but in spite of all these differences, there have always been some on the Pacific coast, some in the middle west, some in Canada, some in Texas and Mississippi and some in the Eastern District whose feelings have been stronger than their reasoning and therefore have insisted with means and time that we carry on our work together in the spirit of love and unselfish devotion.

No doubt many in our Eastern district have looked forward to this convention. We know that our circle of acquaintances is going to be enlarged, we are going to know many more of our ministers, more about our institutions and our common work. May we come to see clearly that nowhere in the christian world is a love for our own local church only, much more than a modern form of paganism. We are only leaves upon a branch of the church which was given the call to go into the whole world and make disciples.

We pray that our fellowship and experience in being together these five days shall be helpful in breaking down provincial and social barriers which we are facing in the Church as well as the nation today. In Christ there is neither East nor West but only that bond of unity which individuals and nations need.

With a sincere welcome to all our guests, delegates and ministers!

L. C. Bundgaard

Let the Convocation Remain Holy

Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

I attended a Service some months ago, where this translation of Ingemann's Hymn was used. It made a lasting impression. It did something to me then. It does something to me now. I can not say what. I can only respond to what it calls forth.

Throughout our church, thoughts are centering on the convocation to be held in Troy. We will not all be present. But as the time approaches, we are many who will pray for those who leave for the meeting, that they may arrive safely and later on, return safely to their homes. We are many who will pray for the men and women who are to act as representatives of the congregations. We are many who will pray for the men who are to speak as well as those who are to lead the many deliberations which will come before the assembly. And our prayers will hopefully be, that the Will of God may be done through His children.

For some of us, yet considerably this side of forty, the Church assembles in a "night of doubt and sorrow"; darker than any that we have known. We look to the Church for a song of expectation not only for life beyond the grave, but for life here and now! We look to the Church to pierce the darkness with "the Word that dwelt among us," that it may gleam and

burn as "the guiding light." We want to step "fearless through the night," that at the dawn, we shall be ready for bigger things.

We are not sentimental nor romantic, as this terminology is commonly understood. Neither do we believe that we are impractical. We view life realistically. We confess our sins. We subscribe to the statement, "... confess our sins. We subscribe to the statement, "... my heart believes the wonder of Thy Cross, which ages ponder." But we feel, that the world is too preoccupied with wondering about "the wonder." We would explore the mystery of that Cross, and discover that its Way can be lived. It is sufficient unto life! We have read of those who have given of themselves to that which our age, too, is pondering. They have immersed themselves in its challenge. Though some of these men have passed on long since, their work lives! It was of God; therefore it remains. We elect their guidance. We reject the wisdom of our time. It shall be proven "foolishness with God."

The world is a battered hulk. It suffers and is bleeding from internal injuries. It prescribes its own treatment; a sort of "home remedy," which is quite ineffective ... for the good. It serves only to deepen the wound and to increase the flow of blood. Yes, the world ponders the wonder of the Cross, but it will not, in the Spirit of Christ, pray unto God. It can not, then, learn of His Peace. Thus, it can not know that only His Peace has the power to alleviate pain and suffering; only His Peace can heal and "close up" the incisions which are "potting" its face into ugliness and ungodly cruelty.

The Church as a human institution is now doomed.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

Troy, N. Y. — June 26 - July 1, 1941

Thursday, June 26

8:00 P.M. English Service and communion; Rev. Viggo M. Hansen, synodical secretary and Rev. L. C. Bundgaard.

Friday, June 27

9:00 A. M. Morning devotion and Bible Hour (Danish) led by Rev. John Pedersen, Portland, Me. Welcome to Troy. For the district, Rev. Swen Baden. Organization of the business session of the convention.

2:00 P. M. Address: "The Church Confronting World Crisis" by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, As. Secy. of the World Council of Churches, New York City. Business session continued.

8:00 P.M. Program in charge of President A. C. Nielsen of Grand View College, Des Moines, Ia., assisted by Prof. A. C. Ammentorp and possibly others. Rev. O. S. Jorgensen of Cedar Falls, Ia. will preside.

Rev. Holger Strandkov, Tyler, Minn., will speak in Danish at the other meeting. Subject: "Staar, om end Taarnene falde."

Saturday, June 28

9:00 A.M. Morning devotion and Bible hour led by Rev. S. Marckmann, Bronx, N. Y.

Followed by an address: "Christianity's Conflict" by Dr. Ralph H. Long, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran Council.

2:00 P.M. Danish American rally addressed by His Excellency, The Danish Minister to America, Henrik Kauffman, and C. H. W. Hasselriis, representing The American Friends of Danish Freedom and Democracy. Business session continued.

8:00 P. M. Danish Women's Missionary Society. Speakers: Rev. Edwin Hansen, Marlette, Mich., Rev. J. K. Jensen, Pasadena, Calif., and Rev. Harald Ibsen, Lake Benton, Minn.

Sunday, June 29

9:00 A. M. Ordination service in charge of Rev. A. W. Andersen, Chicago, Ill., ordinator of the synod, assisted by Rev. Harris Jespersen, Viborg, S. D. and others.

10:15 A. M. English Service and Communion, Rev. Alfred Sorensen, Seattle, Wash., and Rev. F. O. Lund, Dwight, Ill.

10:15 A. M. Danish service and communion, Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen and Rev. Alfred Jensen.

3:00 P. M. Meeting at the Saratoga Battlefield Park. Speakers: Rev. B. A. Helland, "Missions in our Generation"; Rev. Johs. Knudsen, Hartford, Conn. "Vor Tids Konflikter i Aabenbaringens Lys."

7:30 P. M. Union Choir concert, led by Rev. F. O. Lund.
8:00 P. M. Youth Rally, in charge of Rev. M. Krog, President of DAYPL, assisted by Rev. Harris Jespersen, Viborg, So. Dak. and others.

Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Dean of the Seminary, will speak at the other meeting place on "Grundtvig's Salmedigtning."

Monday, June 30

9:00 A. M. Devotion and Bible hour led by Rev. P. C. Stockholm, Grayling, Mich. Business session cont.

8:00 P. M. Santal Mission Meeting, under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Aaberg, Minneapolis, Minn. Speakers: Dagmar Miller, and Rev. B. A. Helland.

Rev. Edwin Hansen, Marlette, Mich. will speak at the other meeting place on the subject: "The future of the home mission of the Danish Ev. Luth. Church in America."

Tuesday, July 1

Morning devotion, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Clinton, Ia. Business session cont.

8:00 P. M. Closing meeting in The Immanuel Church with Rev. V. S. Jensen, Brayton, Ia. speaking in Danish and Rev. John Enselman, Tacoma, Wash. speaking in English, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Kimballton, Ia. concluding the meeting.

Annual Meeting of the Santal Mission

Only a comparatively small group of Committee Members, Missionaries, and other friends gathered in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisc., to take part in these ever so well planned and worthwhile sessions May 22-25.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg, preaching the opening sermon Thursday evening, was blest in giving an Ascension message provoking comments such as: "How truly edifying this message," and from another, "Were we not drawn close to Him who opened to us the Ascension way."

The convention was then opened by Rev. M. C. Dixen and we were welcomed by Rev. N. B. Hansen of Immanuel's church.

Friday morning during the powerful hymn-singing one felt you were in the Courts of the Most High, also while listening to the Rev. A. W. Andersen's suggestive and admonishing Bible hour on James 1: 19-27, particularly v. 22: "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" was expounded. Among other places to hear God's Word, let us seek the Sunday services prayerfully. That we hear our Lord speak unto us and go out to live accordingly thus becoming Hearers and Doers of the Word.

Following this helpful Bible discussion Rev. V. Bagger, recent returned Santa! Missionary, spoke on the topic so near and dear to his heart: "Lepers." The Baggers are one of the families unable to go to Denmark on furlough invited to come here to U. S. where they reside in Luck, Wisc.

It seemed the keynote of the meeting as I found it, had now been touched: **Amid the terrors and strife, come ye for a while apart. Lo Jehovah is still God.**

At the afternoon session Rev. B. A. Helland gave us a vivid picture of the importance of Education in Mission Work. Later Rev. Bagger continued the matter with regards to education in the Soldoha Leper Colony, and additional remarks by Dagmar Miller on the subject of Schools in Assam concluded the afternoon meeting.

The program was followed as outlined excepting changes necessitated by absences and the three missionaries present were happy to relate experiences regarding progress in the work and to give testimony to the saving Power of Jesus as manifested among the Santals, Boros and Bengalees.

Saturday morning devotion and Bible hour was conducted by Rev. James Petersen Kenosha, who forcefully brought to us the admonition by Paul to be on the alert against toning down the Gospel truths.

The business session then lasted until noon.

Saturday P. M. when Prof. A. Helland, Augsburg Seminary, spoke, it grew on us how very urgent it is that we not exhaust our strength in being anxiously discussing those matters which ultimately rest with God and which be in no wise changed or improved by our anxiety, such as the outcome of the war, but that we all as Christians be seriously and profoundly concerned about the life and conduct of those whom we might influence that through Faith in Jesus Christ we be vigilant in pointing out the Way.

Following this was a talk on Missionary Women

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Synod President's Report

To the 64th Annual Convention of the Danish
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Held
at Troy, New York, June 26 to July 1, 1941.

Dear friends and fellowworkers:

This year is the first time the Danish synod meets for its annual convention in a congregation belonging to the Eastern district of the synod. The reason for this unique event is to be found in a growing realization among the members and congregations of the synod that it is of extreme value for the life and work of the synod to have its different sections meet and through personal contact gain mutual understanding and confidence. In that way the members will become associated in a closer and more intimate fashion and the pastors, individual members as well as the leaders of the various synodical enterprises will experience a deeper sense of belonging together than would otherwise be possible.

The convention of the Danish synod is not only its annual business meeting. The convention is also the synod's lawmaking assembly as well as its highest law enforcing body. But it is even more than this. It is also a Christian friendship meeting, where God's Spirit and Word, the hymns and prayers of the church, the blessing and sacraments of the Lord combine to enliven and enlighten us, individually and collectively, that we may serve more faithfully and with more sincerity and charity in the sphere of our human calling as well as in the Kingdom of God, no matter where He may have placed us in a position of trust and stewardship in the Danish synod. We exemplify the live coals on the fireplace, scattered they lose their glow and heat, gathered together they become a blazing fire. Likewise we do seek and experience a stimulus and an inspiration when meeting for our convention and we are helped thereby to trust in the grace of God and strengthened to carry on the good work. May God richly bless our convention for His Name's sake.

Our Relationship to Denmark

Our Danish background is so close to most of us that we often retreat in memory to its spiritual values to find encouragement and admonition. For more than a year the country of our fathers and of our father's church, including many of our friends and relatives, has been in the grip of the enemy and unable freely to communicate and have intercourse with other countries. What happens to Denmark and how our brethren over there live through these agonizing times now upon them is of vital concern to us. We are thankful to Dr. Joseph Simon for the greeting he brought to many of our congregations last winter from Denmark. We gathered from his presentation the understanding that the exigency of the present situation in Denmark has awakened its people to a more serious attitude, has brought unification in spirit and aim and also straightened and strengthened the will of the Danish people to guard its ancient heritage.

We fervently hope that the church of our fathers may be able to guide the Danish people in these dark days to rely upon the almighty God who also in these troubled times keeps watch over the destiny of the nations. We pray that the day may soon dawn when the world will see an end to oppression and violence and when we again may share the fullness and joy of life with our kindred in the land of our fathers.

A short time ago I received the following letter from Pastor M. F. Blichfeld:

Julius Thomsen's Plads 2
København V, May 15, 1941.

Dear Friends:

The committee for Danish American Mission work sends its most cordial greeting to the Danish synod including all its congregations and coworkers. God bless the life and work of all of you. He will protect you and us that we may be faithful in His service. We share with you the conviction that our fellowship in the Faith and Folklife will continue through all the seriousness of our times.

It is with regret that I tell you of the passing of Pastor E. Wagner today after an extended illness. We feel the loss of his faithful and understanding love of church and people in America keenly.

Greetings of love from the committee in Denmark.
(signed) M. F. Blichfeld.

The Danish synod shares the sorrow occasioned by the passing of Pastor Wagner and we will remember with gratitude his life and work among us about 30 years ago as well as his helpfulness through many years as a member and chairman of the committee in Denmark. God bless his memory among us.

Our Relationship to the Times

It is unnecessary for me to call the attention of the convention to the present world situation and our position relative to this. We are all either directly or indirectly influenced by the wars and conflicts raging throughout the world. Our own country finds itself as near actual warfare as possible without being at war. I am not going to recommend that the convention pass resolutions for or against more or less involvement in war. It would only lead to unnecessary discussion and to disagreement about questions none of us could answer satisfactorily. Likewise I am not asking the convention to declare itself on the question of conscientious objectors. Many young men from our congregations are being trained in our military camps to become soldiers and sailors in the armed forces of our country. Others, most likely only a few, have taken their stand as conscientious objectors. According to the laws of our country concerning military service, both positions are granted equal legal recognition as altogether satisfactory. It has been declared a matter of individual judgment which position to choose. I want to express gratitude that the selective service act has been thus written. The responsibility for what each individual shall do in this matter must be assumed by and find its answer in the home and church from which the individual hails.

Therefore, we are called upon to carry out our task in every church and church service, Sunday school, confirmation classroom, and Young People's meeting with the utmost sincerity and conscientiousness. On those occasions no convention resolutions and confessional programs carry great weight, but the emphasis is upon the faith and conviction of the pastor, the parents and the youth as well as upon their life with God. The worldliness of the times which frequently borders upon paganism, confronts us on every hand. It is not only the god of war, but also the money god, the god of sensuality and the god of pleasures, which tempt us. "Hold fast that which thou hast that no one take thy crown" we read in the book of Revelation. More than at anytime else are we called upon to preach salvation from sin through faith in the grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ. It has always been this gospel which has brought comfort and peace to troubled souls in times of serious stress. God grant that the Danish synod may be able to teach and preach, to admonish and influence, so that it may be found building upon the only true foundation which is in Jesus Christ.

External Aspects of Our Work

According to report made to last year's convention and approved by that body, I have cooperated with the National America Denmark Association. It is not a great deal which this association has accomplished. As far as I know 28 congregations have joined as active members, I hope that many more will follow their lead. Through this association it will be possible whenever the actual demand is raised that help and support can be rendered in order to insure the future welfare of Denmark. At this time there are no less than 300 churches, societies and lodges participating in N. A. D. A. Perhaps the creation of Red Cross units will give us some-

thing to do for the moment. Thousands of Danish seamen and others are fighting for Britain. It would be a helpful task to supply these with the ordinary Red Cross material.

We rejoice that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Danish Minister to Washington, Hr. Henrik Kauffman, to the convention as its guest and speaker Saturday afternoon. Although Hr. Kauffman is not in the grace of the present nazi controlled government of Denmark, we nevertheless look upon him as the true expression and symbol of Denmark and the will of the Danish people during the present unpleasant circumstances. A most cordial welcome to Minister Kauffmann.

I also take pleasure in welcoming to the convention Mr. C. H. W. Hasselriis as representative of American Friends of Danish Freedom and Democracy. This association has in several ways served the cause of Denmark with distinction since its inception a little more than a year ago.

Common Lutheran Objectives

The result of the drive for funds for Lutheran World Action amounted to \$1870.00. This was not the \$3000.00 we ought to have raised for this purpose or the \$.25 per confirmed member. Shall we make yet another attempt to reach the goal? The objective is to provide support for the orphaned Lutheran and particularly Danish missions. It seems to me that we are leaving to other Lutheran synods, which are not nearly as closely connected with these missions as we are, the task of caring for them. It is quite true that our little synod is not well to do, but I do feel that we refuse to carry our share of the burden unless the convention finds a way in which to remedy the defect caused by the poor response to the drive. In answer to an invitation Dr. Ralph H. Long, the leader of Lutheran World Action will address the convention Saturday forenoon and perhaps he will undoubtedly be able to make us understand the situation. I extend a most hearty welcome to Dr. Long.

Dr. Long will also be able to enlighten us with respect to the present status of the Lutheran Service Men's Division, directed by Dr. Ylvisaker under National Lutheran Council's auspices. Our congregations did not collect the funds for this purpose on the first Sunday in May because the synod board decided not to have the drive just then. I have had information since then, that it will not be necessary for the L. S. M. D. to erect buildings of their own for meeting purposes, but will be allowed to use the buildings constructed by the government and placed at the disposal of the United Service Organizations. Dr. Long will no doubt be able to throw light on this situation.

The Danish synod joined the National Lutheran Council in 1936. According to the wishes of the synodical board and the convention, Pastor A. T. Dorf has since that time represented, and undoubtedly very efficiently, the Danish synod at the National Lutheran Council meetings. However, I believe, that it will mean closer and more efficient cooperation between the National Lutheran Council and the Danish synod if the synodical president represented the synod on the Nat. Luth. Council. This procedure is followed by nearly all other Lutheran bodies having membership in the Nat. Luth. Council.

Our synod decided at the convention at Withee in 1939 to accept the invitation to join the World Council of Churches although it did not have much information about this council and its aim. The convention is scheduled to listen to the secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Friday afternoon. His work has brought him into close contact with men and events on the European church front during the critical years preceding the present war. I rejoice in welcoming Dr. Leiper as the guest and speaker of the convention.

The Seaman's Mission, under the able direction of Pastor Dorf, belong to the category of the activities that are supported by, but as far as I know, do not belong to the Danish synod. The report of Pastor Dorf about the Seaman's Mission during the last calendar year testifies to the unstable circumstances under which the Danish seamen live. For that reason a greater amount of food and clothing was necessary for their comfort. It is a source of satisfaction that Pastor

Dorf was able to obtain this additional amount of money needed for that purpose from a great many sources. The Ladies Aid Societies and congregations of our synod contributed according to ability.

My purpose in calling the attention of the convention to the Seamen's Mission is, if it would not be possible to find a special meeting place for these Danish seamen, a place where it would also be possible to bring them a greeting from the Danish Church, have service and altogether carry on spiritual work among them. Our synod formerly had a pastor for seamen. I do not doubt that Pastor Dorf is doing all in his power to alleviate the need of a seamen's pastor. But it does seem to me, that his report, published in Dannevirke sometime ago, testifies to this particular need.

I have read about how wonderful the Norwegians take care of their seamen, both as to Seamen's Churches and Seamen's Homes. If there is any possibility that we can do something toward this end I wish the convention would take it under advisement.

I also want to touch upon the subject of the Santal Mission, since it ought to command our wholehearted interest and support particularly because it is our only real missionary effort, and we ought to take very good care that it shall not be compelled to close part or all of its activities. I would not regard it as unreasonable if the Santal Mission asked for special support from the synod. According to the proposal from the joint meeting of the synodical board and district presidents it is the intention to place both the Seamen's Mission and the Santal Mission on the synodical budget. In this way even greater support can be had. We are happy to have the opportunity to hear Missionary Bernhard A. Heland at the convention. I bid him as well as Dagmar Miller and Missionary Bagger welcome. I do not know if both of these last mentioned will find it possible to come.

The secretary of the synod who also is treasurer of the Lutheran Home Mission Council Board, will place rules for Lutheran Home Mission Regional Councils before the convention for ratification.

Internal Aspects of the Work

The reports of the district presidents present a very complete picture of the work in the congregations of the synod. I shall not repeat or at least repeat very little thereof. The changes of pastorates will also be found accounted for in those reports. It is my impression that as a whole a fine and faithful work has been done by the congregations during the year according to means and ability.

I want to take this opportunity as president to state that there is a steady increase in the amount of help coming from the district presidents. Their understanding of the responsibility increases also. The collection to the budget of the synod likewise finds greater support than formerly thru the work of the district meetings and district presidents. The joint meeting between these and the synodical board is a step in the right direction and ought to be continued. Perhaps the synod ought to pay some of the expenses relative to this meeting.

As the use of the English language is on the increase in the work of our churches, the demand for greater help to the teaching in the various schools increases. Besides this it remains important that we gain access to our homes with periodicals and books in the English language. It is no longer a sufficient solution of our literary mission to refer to "Dannevirke" and "Kirkelig Samler." Danish books are not bought and read to the extent that they were some years ago. We find ourselves definitely in the period of translations and it is a source of joy that so many of our incomparable Danish songs for children and for adults as well are being made available for our English speaking children and youth. We are grateful for this and hope for more translated songs from our precious inheritance of Danish songs.

But there is a call for something besides translated songs. The Council for Elementary Religious Education has felt this. Upon request by this council Pastor J. L. J. Dixon has written a history of our Danish Lutheran Church in America designed for use in confirmation classes. Pastor J. C. Kjær, the president of this council, has written a Denmark's Church

History in English. I also want to call attention to Prof. Ernest D. Nielsen's translation of Prof. I. P. Bang's: "The Nature and Function of the Church." The D. A. Y. P. L.'s songbook committee has asked the synodical board to publish a songbook in English for children consisting of songs translated and original, and found in the large songbook this committee is publishing. There seems to be good reason for starting a publishing business, something our synod has never ventured to undertake and wherein it differs from all other synods in the United States.

The synodical board has not been willing to assume responsibility for commencing such an undertaking. There was considerable doubt in the minds of the board members whether or not the board had sufficient authority to attach the name of the synod to these books without first having obtained the assent of the convention to do this. After giving serious thought to this matter I will recommend that a publishing committee of five members, of which perhaps the synodical board appoints two from among its membership, be selected by the convention. Such a committee should be responsible to the annual convention and have a certain sum appropriated for its activity.

For the first time in the history of the synod the president of the Danish American Young People's League submits a report of its work to the annual convention of the synod. I am very grateful to Pastor Krog for his willingness to respond to my suggestion that this be done. It is very important that the work being done under auspices of the DAYPL in many of our churches is brought to the attention of the convention. I shall ask the convention to accept the request for aid in publishing the book of English songs with favorable attention. The report of the activities from the young people's camp as a whole is deserving of commendation. It is of utmost importance that the relationship existing between the young people and the church into which they were born and baptized and in which they also are to be full fledged cooperating members shall be characterized by the absence of restraint and the appearance of natural and voluntary obligations.

For the Improvement of Our Fellowship and Cooperation

In his letter to the church at Ephesus by the Apostle Paul we read the following: "Give diligence to keep the unity of spirit in the bond of peace." This apostolic admonition we very often need to remember. The pastors and lay members of the Danish synod are no exception. Paul does not ask uniformity in thoughts and views, but he knows that only God's Holy Spirit ought to rule in the hearts of men.

The pastors of the Danish synod have greatly divergent views of how the work in the congregations should take shape, how divine services should be conducted and how practical and purely human relationships should be arranged. Also the congregations differ greatly with respect to their ways and views. All these differences go to make up a multitude of views and messages, of conduct and attitudes, which can only become a blessing when they are being proclaimed and practiced with due regard for the common welfare. This does happen when the words of Paul are remembered.

I do believe we have a unity of Spirit in the Danish synod underlying the apparent multitude of differences. But do we always diligently preserve this unity of Spirit in the bond of peace? How often have we not witnessed that this bond of peace was broken. It is a sad story when this happens no matter what the reason may be. I am going to interpret the bond of peace as our rules and laws for our fellowship and cooperation, or perhaps I should state it this way: the mutual will to live and work together which is the foundation for our rules and laws.

According to our constitution the synodical president is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of the constitution and the decisions of the annual convention. This task is and has always amounted to more than the president could successfully discharge. The pastors and churches of the Danish synod do not submit to any kind of external authority. Only if they can be convinced it is to their own good, and if they find it appropriate do they to a certain extent conform to our own provisions and the decisions of the annual conventions. I do not hold to the view

that the president is to be a police officer. He should lead, guide and exhort.

The real and final authority is lodged with the annual convention. However, it has become the habit, and has been the habit as long as I can remember, that if a pastor or a congregation deviates in conduct and practice from the mutual will to live and work together as expressed in the laws and rules of the synod, this matter is brought forward as a topic for discussion in "Dannevirke." This particular act very often assumes the character of a personal attack. The ensuing discussion conceals usually more than it reveals the real situation and the whole affair generally ends where it started as far as any correction and improvement for the better is concerned.

It is far from my intention in writing this to counsel against objective and realistic discussion of questions relative to our church work. But as a forum for attack upon supposed transgressors of synodical laws and rules and the right relationship to the synod, our papers should be counted out. The intention undoubtedly is to appeal to the public opinion or the Christian spiritual sense of values residing among the members of the synod when such a matter is advanced for discussion in the papers. But no judgment can be assured in this way. It is in vain to expect any exercise of authority and decision through that procedure.

If on the other hand it became the habit to proceed according to the manner prescribed by our laws, first to the president and if he fails to clear up the matter, then ask that the annual convention take charge, a great deal more respect for our mutual will to work and live together as expressed in our laws would be created. Besides, we would not be using "Dannevirke" for what is called by no flattering term for "Præstekævl".

As a practical example of what I consider the correct procedure I shall advance the following. The congregation in Omaha revised its laws last winter and sent a copy for my approval according to the laws of the synod (which on this point hardly ever are observed). According to my judgment paragraph 2 of the revised laws of the Omaha congregation deviated so seriously from the confessional paragraph of the synod that I could not approve of it. Since the Omaha church thought otherwise they asked me to bring it to the convention for its decision. I do this gladly because I think it is the proper way in which to come to a decision.

The paragraph concerned reads as follows:

Article 2—Confession

Par. 2. As a part of the Holy Christian Church we, in conformity with our mother church, the Church of Denmark, subscribe to the Apostolic Confession, in complete agreement with The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which synod this congregation is a member.

The delegates and pastors of the convention will have a copy of the constitution of the synod in their possession and can determine for themselves if the above paragraph is in proper agreement with the confessional paragraph 2 and 3 or otherwise.

The Home Mission

PASTORAL SERVICES:

The reports of the district presidents give detailed description of this question. I shall only summarize: Without regularly called pastors are the following congregations: Withee, Dannevang, Dagmar and Volmer, Marquette and Nysted, Rosenborg, Bridgeport from July 1, Manistee from August 1. Enumclaw has not called a pastor but is served by its former pastor, Jørgen Nielsen, and the pastors from Tacoma and Seattle. Newark and Wilbur are asking for its own resident pastor. Ronald Jespersen graduated from our theological seminary and will serve Cordova and Davey upon ordination at the convention. Two seminary students, Axel Kildegaard and Ove Nielsen, will serve during the summer months the churches at Bridgeport and Dannevang respectively and the synodical president has licensed them to perform certain ministerial acts. Pastor J. L. J. Dixon serves the congregation at Withee while Pastor H. Plambeck through

the spring and early summer has served Dagmar, Volmer and Flaxton.

Pastor John Enselmann, who has served the church at Tacoma a little more than a year, has applied to the convention to be admitted to membership in the synod. The convention at Withee promised him that he would be allowed to make such an application to the annual convention provided he satisfactorily served a church for one year. I think that we shall gladly approve his application. Pastor Einer Romer, belonging to the United Danish synod, has received a letter of call from the church at Manistee. Since he has informed me that he expects to apply for membership in our synod, I suppose he intends to accept the call from Manistee. Pastor Romer as is common knowledge has served the churches in Marinette-Menominee for nearly two years.

It was a severe loss to the church at Perth Amboy as well as to the synod, when Pastor P. H. Pedersen suddenly passed away last fall. It was most of all a great loss to Mrs. Pedersen and the children. Pastor Pedersen served for more than 30 years diligently and conscientiously as a pastor in the Danish synod. He was known for his skill and industry as a writer. He was secretary of the synod for a brief period. Peace be with his memory in the Danish Church.

The above sketch of the situation with respect to pastoral supply and congregations not having regularly called pastors, it will readily be seen that some churches have been without such services for some time even though they have repeatedly called pastors. It looks to me as though churches located in the cities have had more success calling pastors to serve them than those in the country. I do not know if we dare draw the conclusion from this that the pastors prefer the work of the urban congregation to that of the rural church. Perhaps pastors are like other people who take into consideration the comforts and advantages offered by the city. I have not tried to influence any pastor to choose the city in preference to the country or vice versa, but it cannot be denied that the trend is disturbing. If this situation is due to economic factors only our rural churches may very easily experience the same decline as have those of other synods. The Lutheran rural churches have so far been bright and shining points in the rural landscape. This applies also to ours. Will this be changed?

SUPPORT OF CONGREGATIONS:

The home mission budget of the synod supports the following congregations at the present time: Pasadena, Denmark, Waterloo, and Cordova-Davey after July 1. Juhl is supported by the district through the synod's home mission. The purpose of such support is that the congregation receiving it should strive to become self-supporting in the course of a few years. Since circumstances vary greatly no hard and fast rule can be laid down. If we only had the pastors to serve also some of the smaller congregations now without a pastor we would, I feel certain, also get the means with which to support them.

In the course of this last year the Church Extension Fund has granted its first loan. It was granted to Juhl congregation. The synodical board decided that the sum left to it by the sale of the old Ashland Folk High School building and grounds should be left in the Church Extension Fund. Nothing else, as far as I know, has been donated to this fund last year. Besides, I have received a letter of resignation on behalf of all the members of the board of that fund from the secretary of that body, Pastor Jens A. Holst. The reason is that there is nothing for the board to do. The synodical board can very easily take care of whatever there is. This applies to the placing of loans. I cannot imagine that the members of this board have been very much interested in the cause of church extension. To awaken interest in the extension of the field of operation of our synod, also by building and improving church property and by collecting funds to be used for this purpose is an immediate and pressing task. I hope that the president of the board, who will be present at the convention can explain if any other motives have prompted the resignation.

Perhaps the church extension fund ought to share in the budget?

THE CANADA MISSION:

Our papers recently carried the story of Pastor Vilhelm Larsen's final acquisition of the car for the most part donated to the cause of the Canada Mission by the women of the synod. The price did exceed the sum of money collected for that purpose although it was bought at cost. But the women promised to pay later on what is lacking now. The report of Pastor V. Larsen furnishes us with a clear conception of the condition prevailing in the four congregations or districts in Northern Saskatchewan. I hope that the convention approves the action of the board to let Pastor Larsen continue in the work and also to praise him for his untiring efforts in the service of the congregations. It is hopeless to expect any progress in external matters as long as Canada is at war. The purchase of a parsonage by the Canwood congregation does mean progress but people are not moving in, the contrary being the case.

It was with a good deal of satisfaction that I arranged a lecture tour for Pastor Clemens Sørensen, Vancouver, last fall. In this way he became acquainted with a portion of the Danish synod and received a good impression besides making a lot of friends. We are grateful to Pastor Sørensen for his refreshing and strikingly Danish presentation and language. This spring I had the pleasure of visiting both pastor and congregation in Vancouver. It was a joy for me to speak in the beautiful church and to meet Danish Christian friends. I hope that the bonds of fellowship between the Danish synod and pastor and congregation at Vancouver, may endure through the years to come.

I shall not repeat what the district presidents report concerning jubilee celebrations, improvements of church properties, only emphasize this bright side of the work. The report about the progress of the work at San Diego should give cause for rejoicing. We wish Pastor A. E. Jensen God's blessing upon his efforts.

The Institutions of the Synod

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE:

With the many vacant congregations in mind it is worth being thankful for a large theological class in the seminary and also in the preparatory department. I hope this condition will continue to prevail.

In the course of the year it has been made possible to collect \$1835.00 for the loan fund for needy students I recommended the last convention to establish. For this fine result we especially owe a lot of thanks to Mr. S. N. Nielsen, Chicago, although several other good friends of our school have contributed large gifts. Besides, President A. C. Nielsen and I asked several business houses in Des Moines for contributions and received also in this manner some support. Rules for the loaning of the money in the fund have been written by a faculty committee and approved by the synodical board. At the present time \$504.00 are loaned. Because the repayment of these loans necessarily will extend over several years we will always need to seek an increase in the fund. For that reason I will ask that persons who have money at their disposal for such a cause will remember this fund with donations in order that we may find it possible to help needy students to go to college. The theological students will have use of the fund more than anyone else.

The board of education has made the synodical board acquainted with certain plans for a possible construction of a new gymnasium including a new chemistry laboratory in the basement. It was the opinion of the synodical board as well as of the board of education that the realization of these plans would be highly desirable but in view of the uncertainty of the times when so many of our young men must enter military training instead of going to college no more has been done concerning these plans. In a not so distant future we shall celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the college. Would it not be fitting if the convention discussed the desirability of starting a collection having as its aim the above mentioned improvements?

Again this year the Grand View College reports an increase in the number of students over that of the previous year. This is cause for rejoicing. It will always be of the greatest interest to the synod how this institution succeeds. Those

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EDITORIAL

"A World of Song" — We welcome the announcement of the new song book published by our Danish American Young People's League. The Danish immigrant and many of us who are of Danish descent have cherished and have sung the well known Danish songs. We have found in these old songs a means of expression of our faith, our hopes and our ideals.

For the first time in the history of our Danish American group, an attempt has been made to replant this treasure of song in the American soil, in the language of our country. The committee submits the following announcement: "Now that the Danish immigrant home with its old-world traditions and language has all but disappeared, the American born youth of Danish descent have taken steps to have their great treasure of song translated into the language of this country. They have done this, not only to preserve their heritage for use within their own groups, but also to make this treasure available to all song lovers in America." — "The choice of songs for the new song book was not limited to the old immigrant songs. The children of Danish descent have come to love the songs of other lands also, and thus their treasure has become a veritable world of song. The new song book, therefore, includes a wealth and variety of about three hundred lastingly lovable songs: folk songs, folk-life songs, hymns, spirituals, graces, informal songs, morning and evening songs, songs of peace and native land, children's songs, rounds, and bugle calls."

Many of our American co-workers in Youth groups are anxiously awaiting the publication of our song book. Several of our songs translated into the English language have found hearty recognition in various American groups. Lynn Rohrbough of Delaware, Ohio, a nationally known Youth recreational leader, has greeted the forthcoming song book with the following recognition: "Hardly once in a generation will so many fresh, usable and artistic songs appear at one time. Selected from a rich storehouse of a thousand Scandinavian songs in the original languages, translated and arranged by a group of scholarly and musically competent Americans of Danish descent, the forthcoming "A World of Song" will be a whole continent to explorers in community music."

The song book will be published in ten units, each unit can be purchased separately. All ten units will be contained in a durable, flexible loose-leaf cover. Most of the songs have a full music score.

We heartily recommend the song book to all our groups.

Holger Strandskov.

The 64th Annual Convention

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will convene for its 64th annual convention at Troy, N. Y. from June 26 to July 1.

The convention will open with Divine Service and Holy Communion in the Immanuel Danish Lutheran Church at Troy, N. Y. Thursday, June 26 at 8 p. m. The business session commences Friday, June 27 at 9 a. m.

All congregations of the synod are asked to send delegates to the convention and all pastors are asked to be present in order to make the convention reflect the interest and purpose of the entire synod.

Due to the convention location being far east congregations wishing to do so may combine in selection of delegates. However, no delegate can represent more than three congregations and all delegates must bring written credentials from any and all congregations represented. Congregations located east of Chicago are exempted from this privilege being considered next door neighbors to Troy. May I urge all possible attention so that all congregations be represented at the convention.

Proposals may be submitted for discussion and action at the convention by any member or congregation belonging to the synod provided, however, that such proposals have been published six weeks prior to the convention in our synodical publications. Please, send such possible proposals to reach me not later than May 11.

Kimballton, Ia., April 7, 1941.

Alfred Jensen,
President of the Dan. Evang.
Luth. Church in America.

The Immanuel Danish Lutheran Congregation, Troy, New York, invites friends and members of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to participate in our annual convention from June 26 to July 1. To assure lodging for all we ask you to send in your reservations as early as possible and preferably not later than June 15. Send reservations to Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, 508-7th Ave. No., Troy, N. Y.

Johannes Jensen,
President of Church Council.
L. C. Bundgaard, Pastor.

Proposals to the Synodical Convention:

All business sessions of the national convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America must use the English language.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Dwight, Ill.
Alvin Søndergaard, Secretary.
Charles Lauritzen, President.

Paragraph 14 of the Synodical by-laws to be changed to the following:

"If a district is situated at a distance of more than 900 miles from the meeting place of the convention it shall have the privilege of electing a delegate at the district convention to represent the district at the synodical convention. This delegate can have only 3 votes. If individual congregations belonging to such a district desires to send delegates they may do so. However, the aggregate votes of all such delegates including the district delegate must not exceed the number of congregations belonging to the district."

Delegates must bring written credentials either from the district or from the congregations which they represent.

Ansgar Danish Evang. Luth. Church,
Pasadena, Calif.
Meta Geertsen, Sekretar.
Karl J. Møller, President.

"It is moved that the president of the Danish Church uses his time exclusively to carry out the duties of the president together with the office, which the late H. P. Rasmussen was elected to fill.

The salary for this office is provided directly by the synod."

Valdemar S. Jensen

T. G. Jensen



Grand View College

We have now closed another school year at Grand View College. When the report of the board of education is made by its secretary at the convention, I am sure that you will say that it has been a good year.

Grand View College is not just another college. It is our college, the college built and sponsored by the people of the Danish Lutheran Church in America, to foster in young men and women the spiritual and moral values that we are striving to perpetuate and make grow in the hearts of men and women.

The college is accredited. The cost of board and tuition is very nominal.

The members of the faculty are well qualified to instruct in the arts and sciences. They are strong Christian leaders primarily concerned with the moral and spiritual life of the student.

We owe it to America to make available, as much as possible, the best of Danish Songs, Literature, Art, Culture, History, and Folklore. It is not enough that much of this has been translated into English. It must in greater measure become familiar to our people. There is available in either Danish or English instruction, in the things we call our Danish Heritage. I believe that Grand View College, better than any other institution in our land, can present these subjects to its students. At Grand View one may take two years of college work, and other courses, as shown in the catalog, under well qualified instructors. For young men who may desire to enter the ministry, there is the Theological Seminary. The contact of the college student with the seminary may encourage young men to take up the ministry. In this small school the student may have the counsel and guidance of faculty members who are very much interested in each individual student.

It seems to me Grand View College presents several definite advantages to students who wish to take one or two years of work to broaden their education, but do not intend to complete a full college course. The Christian background and the counsel of the members of the faculty who have an interest in the individual, should be particularly valuable to those who wish to complete a full college course

DAYPL Dist. 2 Convention in Portland, Maine

June 6-7-8 district 2 of the D.A.Y.P.L. met for a convention in Portland, Maine. Portland is quite far from the other churches in the East, so we were afraid not very many would attend, but in spite of the distance, we had about 60 young people from other societies present. They all came with a good spirit, and we had a very fine and inspiring meeting.

At the opening meeting Friday evening, Rev. Johannes Knudsen from

and prepare themselves for a profession.

To accomplish in fullest measure, the purpose that we hope to, with our college, it must have all the students that it can accommodate. I am sure that if the people in our individual communities will inform themselves of what the college has to offer in the way of contact and activities in addition to the regular studies, and bring that to the attention of young people intending to go to college, we will, in the near future, have to increase the facilities. That will not be difficult when it is for the purpose of accommodating more students.

Jens G. Thuesen.

Quiet reigns throughout Grand View College. The echoes of laughter, singing, music, etc. that have been heard throughout the past school year grows fainter and fainter as time goes on.

The building is now being cleaned, and repaired to receive the group of young people that will be coming here this fall.

The Library is the only part of the building that has escaped and still retains its dignity and does not look dismantled. While the spirit of laughter and frolic was not the library's contribution to the student body, the library, I am certain, was of real value to those who made use of the references available, and the comparative quiet for concentration and work.

In the rapid changes and developments in practically all fields, at the present time, it is no small task to keep a library up to date, unless one has unlimited funds to spend.

The college has been fortunate in receiving allotments of books on current event topics from the International Relations Club for the past several years, and also several new books from individuals.

The faculty members have added up-to-date materials as to references for their classes. Last year 106 new books were added to the library.

The latest addition is Sandburg's "Lincoln," in 6 vol.

Helvine Mailand.

Hartford spoke about the "Unhappiness of Youth", an inspiring lecture in which he showed the causes for the unhappiness of young people. He also advised them where to go in order to find a happy balanced life. Such a life must be founded on God.

Saturday we had our business meeting. The meeting opened with song and prayer, and organized with Rev. Bundgaard as chairman and reports from the different societies were given. Brooklyn had organized a Junior society and they applied for membership in the D. A. Y. P. L. district 2.

In Hartford they used to have two societies. They had lately dissolved, and a new society was formed, also that was accepted. The paper Ungdom was up for discussion as to what could be done to get more subscribers. Ester Nielsen, Bridgeport, represented the district, but she resigned, and Rev. Knudsen was elected. The meeting voted to give 25 dollars to Ungdom.

The president, Ejnar Rasmussen gave information about the work that had been done for the new songbook, and it was decided to give 25 dollars for that, too.

The following officers were elected: Ejnar Rasmussen, president (reelected); Miss Johnson, Hartford, secretary; Walter Christensen, Portland, treasurer; Rev. Johannes Knudsen, representing "Ungdom."

In the afternoon we took our guests out for a ride and showed them Portland and vicinity.

In the evening they had the usual social. A hall was rented for that purpose. The musical and dramatic talents of our congregation furnished the entertainment.

Sunday morning was the high spot of the convention, the church was full and Rev. Bundgaard delivered the sermon. He spoke about "wonders" and pointed out that our materialistic inclined age had lost the gift of wonder and inspiration. Nothing seems to impress people any more although we have so many things we ought to wonder about. He pointed to some of the glorious things God had done in the past, and the things he is still doing for men. There is enough to wonder about if we can only see it.

Rev. Knudsen and Rev. Pedersen officiated at the communion table. It was a joy to see all the young people who took part.

In the afternoon we had a softball game, where the different societies competed. Hartford won again this year, and the cup was presented to them.

We closed the convention at the supper table, our guests from Brooklyn, Bronx and Perth Amboy had al-

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of us who from time to time have an opportunity to visit the college know that the faculty of the college employs all its ability toward carrying out the plan of education approved by the board of education. The meetings of this board always present some example or other of how many improvements are needed. Also that these improvements cost money to realize. Such necessary means of expansion cannot be expected to be obtained merely through increased tuition. The bigger an educational enterprise is the more money it must have to support it outside its own organization. We do have a very fine assistance toward keeping the college going thru the income furnished by the endowment fund of the college. But even this is not enough if it becomes necessary to employ additional experienced and well trained teachers. Let me express the hope that whenever the board of education presents plans for increased financial assistance on the part of the synod the convention will receive these plans with favorable attention.

The Old People's Home, the Childrens' Homes and the Pension Fund have their own reports presented to the convention and as these will be separately dealt with I shall not repeat. Perhaps I may be granted the privilege of supporting the recommendation made by the chairman of the pension fund that the list of pastors of the Danish synod be divided into two lists, one for those in active service and one for those not active.

OUR PAPERS:

We have very satisfactory reports from the synodical publications also. I do wish to express the opinion that Lutheran Tidings should have either an additional number of pages or be published weekly or both. If we expect to use Luth. Tid. as the paper we are going to depend upon as the chief medium of exchange of ideas and news in the work of the synod it should be published weekly. It would be a fine thing if many congregations would do as the Des Moines congregation has done and make Luth. Tid. a membership paper. If this was done it would be possible to keep the subscription price low. It would be a paying proposition for the synod to assume the deficit. The object is mainly to have the paper read by our members.

The Financial Position of the Synod

THE COLLECTION FOR THE BUDGET:

The treasurer reported \$11,768.21 collected for the budget this year. Besides this, \$173.50 were received too late to be included in the distribution and \$148.00 were received for the payment of our debt. This makes an aggregate sum of \$12,089.71 which it is true was less than collected last year but nevertheless enough to allow the treasurer to wipe out the current debt remaining from last year besides paying some of the debt owed on notes. The board has been given fine aid in the collection for the budget by the district presidents as well as by many faithful friends among the board members of the various churches and for this we are grateful. It is to be hoped that many members of our synod will take time to read about and to understand the complete financial condition so clearly reflected in the treasurer's report.

I want to warn against any attempt to interpret the existence of a cash balance in the treasurer's general account as an indication that we are getting to be well to do and therefore need not work very strenuously any more. The treasurer's balance sheet shows that the greater part of the money in the general fund belongs to the Church Extension Fund and to the Student Loan Fund.

It is evident that many congregations make a greater effort than formerly to assist the synod financially and many congregations, even districts have contributed what could reasonably be expected. Nevertheless there is good reason to carry on intensive work in order that the responsibility for keeping the activities of the synod forging ahead through money donations may be developed.

The joint meeting of district presidents and the synodical board discussed and decided to recommend the use of printed, illustrated folders which in an easily grasped fashion

pointed out for which purposes the synod needed the money to be collected, as well as giving a birds-eye view of its activities and aims. The synodical board has not filled the position of field secretary as it was empowered to do by the convention at Withee. The person chosen was not granted the privilege of serving. Other persons who could be useful for that purpose have not come to the attention of the board. Whether or not the plan proposed to the convention this year leads in the right direction is a matter for the convention to discuss and decide.

Since the treasurer undoubtedly brings in detail a list of all contributions made during the year to all the activities sponsored by the synod I will only state that according to the figures available to me the sum total of all donations have risen from a little more than \$26,000.00 to somewhat more than \$31,000.00. This increase is especially due to the increase in donations to the seamen's mission, as well as to the collection for Lutheran World Action and the Student Loan Fund. There is ample reason to be grateful to God and to the many contributors for this result. May we prove to be faithful stewards of the means entrusted to our care.

Above mentioned joint meeting discussed the question of placing all the activities of the synod on the budget and to have all contributions made to this sent to the treasurer of the synod. There was complete agreement on the advisability of realizing this change. The following recommendation to the convention was passed:

1. The budget shall include all the activities recognized by the synod.
2. All contributions to these activities shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the synod.

Note: Above recommendation or proposal includes the seamen's mission and the Santal Mission as branches of the synodical work.

If this is passed by the convention our budget will present a complete picture of all the sums needed by all the activities of the synod during the year. The budget of the synod will accordingly be allocated to each district and congregation in order that each one of these shall know exactly the part expected from each one. Upon this each congregation and affiliated Ladies Aid societies, men's clubs, mission societies, Sunday schools, etc. may forward to the synodical treasurer whatever they decide to contribute in order to make up the share allocated to that particular congregation. It will be possible to contribute to certain designated activities just the same as it is now and none need to fear that the money contributed will not reach the designated activity. I will recommend this plan to the favorable attention of the convention and I hope it will find it possible to follow the recommendation of the joint meeting.

THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

We have been able this year to enjoy a rather liberal income from our funds, the larger income from the funds sharing in the reimbursement fund. We have accepted with gratitude gifts from the estate of Mrs. Maren Lund, Dwight, and Augusta Petersen, Waterloo. Even if the sums are not very large, it is very welcome evidence of the solicitude with which our institutions are remembered by their friends. The Pension fund and the Old People's Home endowment fund received the above mentioned gifts. May I ask friends of our synod to remember its various functions when they write their last will and testament. A more worthy object can hardly be found.

STATISTICS OF THE SYNOD:

The statistical survey of the membership total of the congregations, the ministerial acts, the financial status as well as last year's income and expenditures do not show any great difference from that of the former year. The congregations of the synod have according to the last report:

Baptized members	18,408
Confirmed members	13,375
Contributing members	6,059
Voting members	9,040

A decrease in the number of baptized and confirmed can be traced and the attendance of the Sunday schools also is on the decrease. I recommend that the report of the very

complete and detailed report of the statistician be studied.

Proposals and Amendments to Our By-laws

The convention last year passed a resolution that the secretary of the synod is to be paid a salary of \$100.00 annually. I recommend that this resolution becomes a part of our by-laws in this way that paragraph 41 is amended to read as follows: "The president and the treasurer shall each receive a salary of \$200.00 annually, the secretary a salary of \$100.00 annually."

It should be borne in mind when proposals by individual members or by congregations are placed before the convention that if the passing of such proposals requires a change in existing by-laws they should be put in the form required to accomplish the desired change.

The congregation in Pasadena thought of this when proposing a change in par. 14 of the by-laws. The proposal made by the congregation in Dwight contradicts par. 5 of the by-laws. If this proposal is rewritten it can be passed as an amendment to the par. 5 and will in that way become a limitation upon the extent of that paragraph.

In Memoriam

It is both in the spirit of sorrow and joy but most of all with gratitude that I every year mention well known names of persons who in the past year have departed from the church of God on earth and have moved across to the land beyond. We take leave here but hope to greet them again in the hour of God's choosing.

I have already told of the passing of Pastor Wagner and Pastor P. H. Pedersen. Three former pastors in the Danish synod have in the past year passed away. They are Pastor Peder J. Madsen of the Danish People's Church of Denmark, Pastor A. V. M. Mortensen (1883-1895) and Pastor Jens C. Petersen (1897-1906). We will keep their contribution to the Danish synod in hallowed memory.

It was a serious loss to Pastor Aaberg when early this spring Mrs. Else Aaberg passed away. We want to express our sincere sympathy to Rev. Aaberg and the children in their deep sorrow and we are thankful for the memory of a dear fellowship in God's Kingdom on earth.

We also want to remember the friends of the cause of the Danish Church hereinafter mentioned. Most of them have repeatedly participated in our synodical conventions and they will be missed both at these and in their home circle. We believe that they have closed their eyes believing in Him who in God's appointed hour shall call them forth to share life everlasting in the Kingdom of God.

Peder C. Madsen, Erik Knudsen, H. P. Danielsen, J. P. Ibsen, Viborg; Jørgen Jørgensen, Mrs. Poul Mouritzen, Mrs. Maren Jacobsen, Dagmar; Jørgen Pedersen, H. C. Hansen, H. P. Hansen, Withee; P. C. Bodholdt, Newell, formerly a member of the synodical board; Thorvald Bentzen, Troy; Maren Lund, Gregorious L. Smith, Dwight; Mads Bollesen, Ejler Thomsen, Tyler; Mrs. Christine Jørgensen, Portland; Niels H. Nielsen, Mrs. Christ T. Clausen, Kimballton; Eans K. Bodholdt, Waterloo; Mrs. Eline Sørensen, P. A. Møller, West Denmark; Peter Nielsen, Anders Eskildsen, Sophus V. Olsen, Mrs. Jens Pedersen, Easton; N. P. Jensen, Niels Olsen, Askov; Hans Peter Nelson, Cordova; Ole Hansen, Davey; Jens Holm, Hampton; Johannes Petersen, Exira; Niels A. Nielsen, Manistee; S. H. Abrahamsen, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen, Maren Andersen, Jørgine Damm, Mrs. Metta Holmgaard, Hetland; Mrs. Anne Marie Løding, Greenville.

Former superintendent of Danebod Folk School, Ole Stevns passed away in Denmark. We recall with thanks his great love for the Danish Americans. We also want to express our sympathy with Rev. and Mrs. Erick Back in the loss of their oldest son who died while bathing in an irrigation canal.

Before I close this report I want to bring my thanks to all those who in the course of the year have helped me with the work. This applies most of all to my fellow board members who in so many different ways have done their part in carrying on the work so far. Thanks is also due my home congregation which I have not served as I ought to have done. I also want to thank every one who has offered sug-

gestions and advice and has extended the hand of help and fellowship. It is only to a very limited extent that I have been able to take care of the duties of the president, but the blame for this is my own.

I want to close this report with thanks to God for his abundant grace and rich blessing poured out over the Danish synod, its homes and congregations in the past year. We also want to express our appreciation for being allowed to live and work freely and under favorable circumstances in this great, rich and free country. May we experience the joy of the Children of God when we meet at Troy for the spiritual home we have in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimballton, Iowa, June 12, 1941

Alfred Jensen.

The Reports to the Convention

It has been possible this year to a greater extent than formerly to have printed and forwarded the reports to the convention of the synod to the delegates and pastors of the churches. I sent copies of about seventeen different reports Saturday to all these pastors or in case where there is no pastor to the president of the churches. I hope that these will give delegates a chance to examine these reports. This will greatly speed the work of the convention.

Rev. Bundgaard has helped all those traveling from the west to the convention very much by his published directions and advice in Dannevirke and Luth. Tidings. It is reported that there are 140 enrolled now among whom are 90 voting delegates and pastors. The program is about completed in all details and I know that there will be speakers from both outside and inside our own synod who will have a message to bring of interest to the convention.

May we all reach Troy safely and with receptive minds and sincere desire to work to approach the task which confronts us at this convention.

Alfred Jensen.

Kimballton, Iowa, June 16, 1941.

Annual Meeting of the Santal Mission . . .

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by Miss Dagmar Miller and the business session of the Committee finished leftover business.

Saturday evening about 200 people took part in the program given at the fellowship meal or banquet in the church parlors.

On Sunday morning Pastors and Missionaries talked in the various Lutheran Churches and Sunday Schools. Rev. O. Gornitzka, President of the Santal Mission Comm., preached the sermon in the convention church where among other highlights was stress—redeeming the times.

Sunday afternoon and evening was given to short messages and testimonies.

Friday evening the Mission talk and explanation of Santal reels were given by Rev. B. A. Helland.

Truly the Santals, Boros and Bengalees were brought close to the life our people. Are we throughout our churches responding as is pleasing unto the Lord? He has permitted even such as we to have a share in that service: to bring to India the Gospel of Salvation. Do you really appreciate this? Are you a faithful steward?

This is not a report but my own recollections of the meeting. To me the convention was a profitable one indeed.

Thanks be extended to each one shouldering it to make it a success.

May we through Christian fellowship help and be helped while we are yet on our way.

Dagmar Miller.

Let the Convention Remain Holy . . .

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Its "humanity" will take care of that! But the Church as an instrument of God on earth, where "the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments rightly administered," that is another question. Our Lord, in His last discourses stated: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Let us not be afraid, let us not be troubled. Let us give ourselves to His peace. It will last!

Our Church may be as a "voice crying in the wilderness." But it is not alone, on that score. As a body, we can not stem the tide lapping our shores and brewing into a storm which, if unleashed, shall leave wreckage not only on either coast, but into the very center of the land as well. As a body, we can only consecrate ourselves and our convocation to God. Let us determine to do that; those of us who are present, as well as those of us who are absent.

The gathering will be opened "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." That Trinitarian Formula is Holy! It is, and ought to be, more than a liturgical expression. And in the power of God, it can be! We may not experience much difficulty with the first and second articles of the Creed. But the third person and the work He shall do, is something which we fail to comprehend. For though we open our meeting in the name of the Triune God, we are too often apt to forget Him and particularly the work of the Third Person, until the time comes too close, and by then much damage has been done.

Let the convocation remain Holy! How? By letting the Holy Spirit guide us "into all truth." He will not fail us. We must not part company with Him. We must use our heads, yes. Nevertheless, let us also realize at once, that we must also use our hearts. We shall then learn, that if it is our honest and heartfelt desire, the Holy Spirit will Sanctify us in the Truth.

The nature of the opening Service, commands our attention. We assemble, presumably, to further the work of the Kingdom of God. We must want to deepen our relationship with Him. As children of God, we have become "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." All of us fall away from that relationship. We would partake more constantly, of our heritage, but fail. We would do good; we do evil. We shall carry these characteristics with us, and they shall burden us and hold us from the Truth.

It is therefore well, that at the very commencement, we are given the opportunity of receiving a transfusion of blood which is Holy, which shall cleanse and which shall make pure. Let it be sacramentally received, and the possibility of doing things in remembrance of Him, shall be multiplied. In Him, we shall be granted grace to "preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." May that be an endeavor to which we consecrate the doings in Troy. Such shall be the honor and glory of God. Nothing less will do!

Onward, therefore, pilgrim brothers,

Onward, with the Cross our aid!

Bear its shame, and fight its battle,

Till we rest beneath its shade!

Soon shall come the great awakening,

Soon the rending of the tomb;

Then the scattering of all shadows,

And the end of toil and gloom. Amen.

Leo B. C. Broe.

OBSERVATIONS

By BUNDY

Peace—Peace—Peace! If peace came now suddenly what would we do with it? I am not afraid to assert that when 50% of our people shout for peace and "how horrible this war is" they care not one whit for the social and cultural fabric of our national life. They merely want to be left alone to do as their desires dictate even when that desire is contrary to all sound reasoning and preexisting fundamentals of life. America is living on a high standard of luxury and near dissipation and I would welcome almost any kind of a shock that can teach us that this kind of abundance is only satisfactory to hell-bound individuals.

Old days.—The editor of the Ansgar Lutheran asks the question: "Is this a sign of life or a sign of death" when there are no longer any disagreements among the constituents of the church? There was a time when a healthy wind of controversy blew thru our conventions and our papers. Committees and boards have stopped all of that. No doubt it was a good thing that some of the wind was broken for too often our discussions centered around personalities and not principles and ideals.

Adolph Hitler has written: "America is permanently on the brink of revolution. It will be a simple matter for me to produce unrest and revolt in the United States so that these gentry will have their hands full with their own affairs." (It looks that way now with all our labor unrest. (B)) "I shall undertake this task simultaneously with the restoration of Germany to her leading position in America.—We shall soon have storm troopers in America."

Cooperstown.—This is the birthplace of baseball, to its memory is erected a modern museum and hall of fame of the behowled heroes of the noble sport. Here lived the novelist James Fennimore Cooper. In the center of the city is the old quaint cemetery with many of the old family names upon moss covered stone slabs. One of Cooper's daughters, Hannah, was killed by a runaway horse, upon the stone slab that covers her grave, I deciphered these words:

"Adieu, thou gentle spotless fair,

Thou more than daughter of fondest cares.

Forever farewell till happier ages roll,

And waft me purer to thy kindred soul.

Oft shall the orphan and the widow'd poor,

Thy bounty fed, this lonely spot explore,

Here to relate thy seeming hapless doom,

(more than the solemn record of the tomb

by tender care inspired can ever portray

nor sculptured marble nor the plaintive lay)

Proclaim thy virtues through the value of

time,

And bathe with grateful tears thy hallowed shrine."

How sweet and firm is our communion with the past and how tragic the generations that become uprooted from it! The Cooper's sleep peacefully among the woods in Cooperstown, few seem to remember their gentle names and spirits. Moss can cover the records of the past but it cannot erase them. We have been given stones that the immortal words of the ages may live.

LUTHERAN TIDINGS REPORT

To the Convention of The Danish Evang. Lutheran
Church in America, assembled at Troy,
N. Y. June 26 - July 1st, 1941.

When the Convention at Cedar Falls, Iowa, a year ago, asked me to accept the responsibility of being editor of Lutheran Tidings, I realized that the task would be more than that of editing an eight page paper twice a month.

Lutheran Tidings had a year ago only 385 paid up subscriptions. It was being sent out in 600 copies, which meant that it was going out to more than 200 who were not paying for their subscription.

After a conference with the business manager, Holger P. Jorgensen we started the year, August 5th, 1940, with a determination to place our paper in many of the homes of our Church where previously none of our Church papers were read. We invited the pastors of our synod to assist us, local representatives were appointed, letters were sent out by the editor and the business manager to the congregations, district meetings, etc. We also inaugurated the plan of sending out special issues of Lutheran Tidings in quantities for distribution in all our congregations. A special issue on "Grand View College" was sent out August 5th, 1940, one on "Religious Education in Our Church" on Nov. 20th, 1940, and one on "Our Church on the West Coast" February 20, 1940. These went out to the regular subscribers, but were printed in 1000 - 1200 extra copies for distribution in all our congregations.

We decided to launch a drive through the spring months offering L. T. to new subscribers for the special price of 50 cts. for the first year.

The result of this "push" through the year has been that we have lifted the paid subscription list from 385 a year ago to 943 on May 15th, 1941. We are sorry that it has been necessary to cancel quite a large number of subscriptions, but we found it advisable to adopt a more strict policy of cancellations.

I have enjoyed the privilege of being editor. I wish to thank all who have given me cooperation in submitting articles, reports, news items, etc. I have found that our pastors and others have been very willing to respond to requests for material for the paper.

But our paper is too small. It is our hope that the convention will give its consent to an enlargement of Lutheran Tidings. We should like to enlarge, beginning August 5th, to a 12 page paper issued twice a month. In doing that we shall be able to bring a greater variety of content.

As it will be noted from the financial statement we have had an actual deficit of only \$9.94 this last year compared to \$239.43 a year ago. We should like to increase the size of L. T., however, without any increase in subscription price for the coming year. It may be that we shall need a larger financial help the coming year than was needed this past year, but the main object is to place our paper in as many homes as possible. We feel that an increase in price at this time would curtail our goal: "A Church Paper in Every Home."

We should also like to suggest that the July 20th issue be sent out in a 16 page size in order to accommodate a major part of convention reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Holger Strandskov.

Financial Statement of Lutheran Tidings May 15, 1940 to May 15, 1941

INCOME:

Subscriptions	\$ 707.75
From Synod Treasurer	100.00
Advertisements	20.40
Cut for Gayville, S. Dak. church	4.00
Gift from Alfred Grau	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 837.15

EXPENSES:

Deficit from last year	\$ 3.32
Total for printing L. T.	694.31

For subscriptions to paper for editor, not ex- changes for Lutheran Tidings	6.00
Postage, mimeograph supplies, letter heads for business manager	31.13
Postage, mimeograph supplies for editor	15.65

TOTAL	\$ 750.41
BALANCE: May 15, 1941	86.74
	\$ 837.15

All bills paid.

AUDIT:

The above account was audited and found correct May 19, 1941 by Mrs. Martha Jorgensen and Mr. Holger C. Jorgensen of Muskegon, Mich.

Respectfully submitted,
Holger P. Jorgensen, Bus. Mgr.

SURVEY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Paid subscriptions for balance of 1941	291
Paid subscriptions for 1942	608
Paid subscriptions for 1943	34
Paid subscriptions for 1944	10

TOTAL paid subscriptions 943

Because of the more strict policy of cancellation which I have adopted this year, we have no subscriptions more than 3 months lapsed.

RESULT OF DRIVE FOR NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Total of individual subscriptions	323
The Des Moines congregation subsc. for its membership	68
New subscriptions before the drive	127

TOTAL new subsc. for the year	518
CANCELLATIONS during the year	163

Net gain 355

ACTUAL DEFICIT:

Received from synod treasurer\$ 100.00

Net deficit 13.26

NOTE: All the above figures do **not** include the salaries of the editorial staff of \$100 each, or \$200.00.

BOOKS

What Do We Know About Life After Death?, by Dr. Ross H. Stover. 105 pages. In cloth one dollar. Zondervan.

Many Christians are unaware of what the Bible teaches concerning life after death. In this book the author, in twelve lectures, summarizes the Protestant doctrines and the outstanding scripture references with bearing on life beyond the grave. Dr. Stover answers such questions as: "What happens to souls after death?", "Is there a Purgatory?", "Shall we pray for the dead?", and "Shall we know each other in heaven?"

The author is pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and professor of Public Speaking at Temple University. It is claimed that Dr. Stover's mid-week services are the largest in the country.

Nature Sermons, by Fred Hattley Wight. Zondervan. 106 pages. \$1.00 in cloth.

Ten vital and refreshing meditations upon nature, telling us what the author sees in and the Bible teaches about our Father's World, its flowers, heavens, mountains, oceans, rocks, trees, rivers, birds and deserts.

Nature speaks in a thousand mysterious ways, and most of these sermons will open the reader's mind to a new appreciation of God's great workshop.

J. C. Kjaer.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

By these words: I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me to drink, Jesus strongly emphasized friendship. Whenever He found a man or woman or a group of people who might appreciate what He had to offer He always began by asking them if they were interested in the values of life.

If you have something to offer that will interest and satisfy people they are easily reached. If they have problems they would like to have solved, or questions to be answered, and you offer to solve these problems or answer the questions, the contact thus established might present you with an opportunity to lead them into an appreciation of the resources of life that lies beyond any question and answer originating in the human mind. Merely asking questions and answering these accomplishes very little. The answer may be good or not so good, but whether this or that it leaves the inquirer somewhat disappointed, for it is not an answer to a difficult question that is mostly needed today to solve the problems of the human race. "I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat." This is, so far, the only known relief from hunger.

God alone knows how many starving humans, young and old, the world holds today. Jesus knew what it was to be hungry himself, and he who has felt those pinchings will never let another feel them, if he can possibly prevent it. There is a simple cure, humanly possible, for any predicament; fill the world with truth and justice and love, and there shall be very little want and poverty left, and no fierce struggle for existence.

So many people will say: It is useless for us to pray for "daily bread," we shall starve anyway. And why? Perhaps because so many Christians both at home and in their churches pray for daily bread, and do no more about it. If that prayer falls short of accomplishing what it stands for the blame is neither God's nor the prayer's itself, but the Christians' who pray to satisfy their own sense of behavior.

In times like these when days make history, the suffering of humanity mounts by the hour, and the need for help grows with each passing day, it is little short of mockery to pray for daily bread, and then keep it all for one self.

Christians, when using the Lord's prayer, indicate that wherever there is sorrow they want to share it; if there is hunger they will share the pinchings of it or "give them to eat."

(From "Askov American.")

Rev. Mikkelsen of Askov, Minn. has given his consent that we may reprint his articles "Church and Home"

as they appear weekly in the "Askov American." We are grateful for this contribution, as we find his articles very timely. It must, however, be held in mind that these brief articles are written to the people of the immediate community of Askov, and as such may at times apply especially to conditions there.

Editor.

OUR CHURCH

A Teachers Training Institute will be held in connection with the District 4 of DAYPL summer camp. The summer camp will be held July 19-27 presumably at the same camp site as last year, near Muskegon, Mich. The Teachers Institute will be during the days, July 18, 19, 20. Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen will be the leader of the Institute.

District 2 of our Synod will meet for the annual District convention Sept. 26-28 in Muskegon, Mich.

District 4 of DAYPL will convene for the annual meeting at Dwight, Ill. on Labor Day weekend.

Rev. A. W. Andersen is scheduled to preach in the Bridgeport, Conn. church on Sunday, June 22. He was the first ordained Lutheran pastor to serve the Bridgeport congregation.

Rev. Swen Baden will preach his Farewell Sermon in the Bridgeport church on Sunday, July 6th. He will immediately thereafter begin his work in the St. Stephan's church in Perth Amboy.

Mr. Frede Strandskov, a former Grand View student, and a brother of the editor, was honored on June 9th with the degree of Master of Arts by the University of Nebraska.

"A World of Song," the new song-book (see Editorial) complete set of ten units and sing-binder, may be ordered before July 15th, 1941, at pre-publication price of only \$1.25, postage prepaid. (Regular price will be \$1.65 prepaid; single units 25 cts. per copy.) Order from: "A World of Song," Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

"Denmarks Day" in San Diego.—The congregation in San Diego, Calif. sponsored a "Denmark Day" at Villa Dannebrog in Balboa Park on Sunday, June 15th. Rev. Ejnar Farstrup of Los Angeles was invited as the guest speaker. He was also invited to conduct services in the newly dedicated church in the morning.

Prof. W. B. Nielsen, Dean of Music, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, will speak in a number of the churches of our synod and also in the United Danish Lutheran Church during the

month of June and early part of July. Prof. Nielsen was an eye-witness to the invasion of Denmark. His family is still in Denmark. Prof. Nielsen was for a number of years in charge of the music department of Dana College. As director of the Dana Choir he at that time visited with the choir a number of our churches.

Rev. B. A. Helland, returned missionary from Santalistan, India, is scheduled for a speaking tour in the Michigan district of our synod during the latter part of June. He is scheduled to speak in three of the churches in Montcalm county on Sunday, June 22.

District 5 of our Synod will meet for the annual District Meeting in the St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis, Minn. October 17, 18 and 19.

Miss Rigmor Ostergaard, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Kr. Ostergaard, was married to Mr. Walter F. Stone of St. Paul, Minn. on June 16th. The ceremony was held in the home of the bride's sister, Miss Sigrid Ostergaard, in Minneapolis. Rev. Holger Strandskov of Tyler officiating. Miss Ostergaard is a former Grand View student, was a teacher in "Danebod Børneskole" some years ago, and later has been teaching in the public schools of Faribault, Minn. Mr. Stone is the General Agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Co. of the St. Paul area.

Karl Rasmussen, oldest son of Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada, who has been taking post-graduate work at the College of Agriculture in Ames, Iowa, has recently been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Animal Breeding and Genetics. He will again return to Lethbridge, Alberta, where he will continue in his position as Assistant Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station.

The Young People's Home of Minneapolis, Minn., can observe its 25th anniversary this month. In June, 1916, during the Young People's Convention in Tyler, the decision was made for District 3 of D. S. U. to build and operate a Young People's Home in Minneapolis. The Home has proved itself worthy of support. Many hundred young people from our mid-western Danish communities, who have come to Minneapolis and St. Paul to seek employment have had the privilege of finding a Home here, which was more than just a place to board and room. Miss Anna Juhl (now Mrs. C. A. Stub, wife of Rev. C. A. Stub) was the first matron of the home. Many others have served as matrons and as help in the home, as well as on the Board of the Home. Miss Selma Buhl of Tyler, Minn. is the present matron. —Mr. Martin Nielsen, who a few years ago was honored by the King of Denmark as "Ridder of Dannebrog", has served on the Board of the Home during these

25 years. It is with pleasure that we every year at our youth conferences have the report from Martin Nielsen, and at the same time are given a testimony of his love for the work that is being done by the Home. —On Saturday evening during our Young People's meeting in Minneapolis this last week we enjoyed "Open House" at the Home. Two hundred people were served a buffet supper and the Home was indeed filled with the spirit of Youth.

The District 3 of DAYPL met for the annual convention in the St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis, Minn. on June 13, 14 and 15. About 150 young people had arrived from the various societies to spend the three days in fellowship. It can truly be said that the meeting was one of the best we have had in latter years. The young people joined heartily in the spirit of the meeting. — It was indeed a privilege to speak to the large audience of youth in the church on Sunday morning, and especially to share fellowship with them as about 75 young people assembled at the Communion table.

Miss Dagmar Olsen, formerly Matron of the Young People's Home in Minneapolis, and who last winter assisted Lynn Rohrbough, well known Youth Recreational leader in Delaware, Ohio, has accepted a position at a Quaker Camp in Richmond, Indiana. The camp is known as Quaker Hill Hostel and is a Refugee camp. Miss Olsen will serve as the Dietician at the camp.

Latest Reports from Convention Headquarters: Nearly 100 delegates and pastors have been registered for the meeting. Indications are that our conference will be comparatively well attended.

From Saskatchewan

Our winter program has been carried out as it was originally planned at the beginning of the winter. We have had our regular services every Sunday. This in spite of the fact that the winter was quite severe through the months of February and March. The lowest temperature we observed was 51 degrees below zero. With the exception of Mayfair, where the people are quite scattered, we had our services each month in the other congregations.

A few of our families have left us this spring. Mr. John Lidemark has moved to Winnipeg and is operating a large dairy farm there. We regret the loss of this family. They were faithful in attendance and always had something to add to the fellowship. Another family, Chris Husman, who lived 15 miles north of Canwood, has also moved to Winnipeg. They will also be missed.

From Melfort Mr. and Mrs. P. And-

ersen, our capable buttermaker and family, have moved to New Brunswick. Mrs. Andersen was doing a very fine bit of work in our Sunday school in Melfort.

In spite of the rather severe winter, the services have been well attended. One can hardly expect a farmer to drive 30 miles in a sleigh to attend a service. Now the roads are open for the automobile again, and we can again expect those who live far away.

A new automobile has now been secured for my work. As we failed to here across the border, because of the very high duty, it was sold in Dagmar, Montana. We have now secured a Ford V8 Tudor Sedan, 1941 model, purchased from C. M. Christensen of Canwood. It will now be possible for me to cover much larger areas, and to serve the many people living scattered here in Saskatchewan. I again wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who gave help in securing this auto for our work here.

With kindest regards to all friends,
Vilh. Larsen.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Rev. Dr. Paul Scherer, one of America's great preachers, returned to the air on Sunday, June 1st, for a four month series of weekly sermons over the WJZ blue network of the National Broadcasting Co. About 80 independent stations will carry this program, called Sunday Vespers, from 4 to 4:30 Eastern Daylight Saving Time. It is sponsored by the Laymen's Radio Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America. This is the ninth consecutive year that Dr. Scherer, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City, has preached this summer series of sermons.

Four Lutheran Independent Liberal Arts Colleges have been selected among the 38 institutions which will participate in a two-year program of research and experimentation, under the sponsorship of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, in the development of methods to improve the colleges' services in the training of secondary school teachers.

These participating schools are St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.; Luther College, Decorah, Ia.; Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan.; and Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.

General supervision of this entire project will be in charge of Prof. Russell M. Cooper, professor on leave from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia.

The Lake Okoboji Lutheran Bible School, conducted annually by the United Danish Lutheran Church, will be held this year August 3-10. Board in the splendid new dining hall and lodg-

ing in one of the dormitories costs only \$6 per person for the whole week.

The United Lutheran Church has 12 seminaries for a total of 388 theological students. Since 150 students attend the two seminaries of Gettysburg and Mt. Airy, Pa., the remaining 10 schools average 23 students each. The denomination requires college and seminary training for its ministers and ranks at the top in the proportion of its pastors who have both.

Toyohiko Kagawa, the internationally known church leader from Japan, is again making a tour of the United States. He has been speaking in a number of the larger cities throughout the country. He was one of nine representatives of the National Christian Council of Japan who recently met with sixteen Church leaders from the United States to "strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship so that the churches of both countries may carry on their work more effectively".

The following public message was agreed to on the last day of this meeting: "We have met under the cloud of conflict, destruction and fear that darkens the world. With heavy and humble hearts we have been constantly aware of the sorrow and suffering that afflict men everywhere. We have sought forgiveness for our share of responsibility for the tragedy of the world and have implored divine light and strength that we may know and do the will of God.

"We bear witness to you that we have found our peace in Christ Jesus 'who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.'

"We thank God for the mutual confidence and trust which have here been strengthened between the emerging Church of Christ in Japan and the Churches in the United States. We look forward to increasing strength and insight through our new associations.

"Renewed in faith by our own experience together, we express our conviction that if the problems which harass the world could be faced in conference by the leaders of the nations in the spirit of Christ, there is no obstacle that could not be overcome.

"We have committed ourselves before God to a ministry of love, forbearance and reconciliation with the people of all lands. We call upon our fellow Christians to join with us in a rededication to God's will, in confident trust that the victory will be his and that loyal discipleship in Christ is never futile. We have solemnly pledged to one another an abiding comradeship in prayer and earnestly invite our brothers and sisters in all lands to join

Stanley Jones Urges Peace.—Speaking in many of the midwestern cities recently, the well known church leader and missionary, Dr. Stanley Jones, has set himself definitely on record against

American participation in the present war. He urges that our government may mediate to secure a spirit of world cooperation. "Our role is not to take sides and go to war. It is to get both sides to change and to produce out of them a new man, so making peace." He presents as a road to peace his seven points: Equality of opportunity to minorities within America, to aliens within America, equality of access to world raw materials and to land, self-determination for subject peoples, formation of a universal federal union and cancellation of all debts owed to the United States, with the American gold reserve to be placed at the disposal of the world for purposes of reconstruction.

Unitarian Leader Renounces Former Pacifism.—Returning from Europe, Dr. Charles R. Joy, director of the Unitarian Service Committee, announced that he had been forced by what he saw there to give up his former pacifist position. In 1917 he was burned in effigy on the steps of his Portland, Maine church for opposition to American entrance into the war.

The United Danish Lutheran Church met for Convention at Cedar Falls, Iowa, June 10-15. 390 guests were registered. The meeting was held in the Riverside Park, where we were assembled for our meeting last year. Dr. N. C. Carlsen was re-elected as President, and Rev. M. Mathiasen of Sioux City, Ia. as vice-president. President L. Siersbeck of Dana College was re-elected for a period of three years. Two congregations, St. Paul's Church, Graettinger, Iowa, and Bethania Church, Pasadena, Calif. were admitted to the synod. Three theological candidates were ordained at the early Sunday morning service. The budget for the coming year, amounting to \$51,833.90, was adopted by the Convention. Several proposals for a change in the present Pension Fund program were before the convention, but all were tabled to be reconsidered at the next annual meeting. A sum of \$230,000 is the goal for the forthcoming Jubilee in the Synod, this sum to be applied on various projects in the expansion of the work of the Synod.

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Friends of D. W. F. F., West Denmark, Wis.	5.00
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Danish Ladies' Aid, Bridgeport, Conn.	10.00
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D. K. M. Group, Des Moines, Ia.	12.00
Total	\$ 72.85
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Sincere thanks for all these gifts!

Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen

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ready left. Several people had a word to say as a farewell, and all seemed to be satisfied with the convention.

We here in Portland enjoyed very much to have all these young people with us. We had been looking forward to the convention for a long time, and we were not disappointed. As one said to me Sunday night: I hate to see them leave. Yes we hated to see them leave, and we hope soon to meet them again at some other meeting. We always

have a good time and a fine spirit to our meetings here in the East. These meetings always for us become an inspiration to go home and work a little harder to keep things going the right way.

Let me close with this. The convention had this motto: "I too am going to be a contributing member of my church—now." It is nice to feel that the young people realize their responsibility that it is not enough to be a passive member of their congregation but that they must help to support that now, which will be for them a spiritual home in the future. I am glad to see that the leaders of our district organization set that as their goal, to get the young people to be active members of their churches. I know that such an effort will not be in vain and that the young people will derive a lot of blessings and benefit from it.

I want here to thank everybody who helped to make this convention such a success. Our guests for what they brought, our ladies and young people for their work, and the two speakers for their inspiring messages. We can say with the psalmist: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

John Pedersen.

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