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Troy, N. Y., The Convention City

Troy, N. Y. is situated on the east bank of the Hudson river at the head of tide-water navigation. The Erie canal connects the Hudson at this point with Buffalo, and the Champlain canal gives water communication with Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence. Steamers from New York City, canal boats from the shores of Lake Erie, and the canal boats from Canadian waters meet here, and naturally creates quite a commercial center.

The city occupies a narrow plain, extending several miles north and south along the Hudson river with bluffs in the rear.—Troy lays claim to an early industry that gave rise to the expression "Uncle Sam." The current account runs that "Uncle Sam" Wilson furnished the American army with beef during the war of 1812. It was packed in white oak barrels and was spoken of by soldiers as "Uncle Sam's" pork. From this start all supplies furnished by the United States became known, according to this tradition, as "Uncle Sam's."

A visitor will soon discover that he has entered one of the oldest settled sections of the U. S.—The late Pastor R. Andersen of New York was known as an ardent student of the early history of the Danish people in America. He has contributed an interesting account of the early Danish immigration to the State of New York in the well known "Danske i Amerika." He relates there that the Bronx, the northernmost of the five boroughs constituting New York City, was named after the Dane from "København", Jonas Bronck. Quoting from the inscription on the painting: "Signing of the Treaty," we read: "Signing of

Treaty with the Wiskwaskeek Indians in 1642 at the House of Jonas Bronck, for whom Bronx River and Borough were named. From the Historical Painting by John Ward Dunsmore. Owned by Title Guarantee and Trust Company."—Jonas Bronck was a member

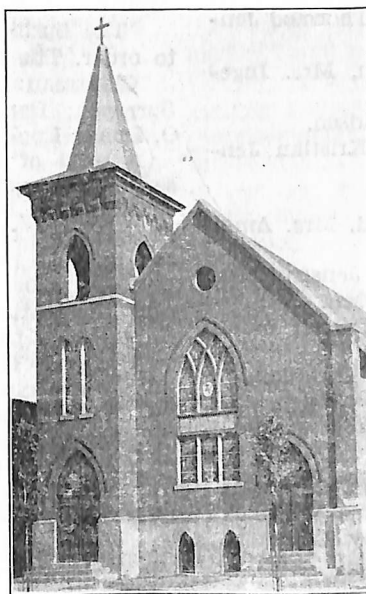
of the Lutheran Church. He became the owner of the app. 500 acres between "Great Kill" (Harlem River) and "Ahquahung" (Bronx River) and was the first white man to settle here. He built the first home here and named it "Emaus."

He had crossed the Atlantic in his own ship, "Fire of Troy". It is known that he made several journeys up the Hudson, but it is not evident that he had any connection with the naming of the city of Troy.—However, a pastor, Robert Bronck, a descendant of Jonas Bronck, was the pastor of churches in Water Vliet (now a suburb of Troy) and West Troy for a period of 21 years, 1813-34. He was one of the first pastors of Danish descent to be ordained in America.

Danish immigration to the Albany-Troy area was very active during the sixties and seventies of the last century. North Troy, as it is known now, was a strong Danish

center, known as Lansingburgh. The early history of Tyler and likely other midwestern Danish colonies reveals that Danes came from Lansingburgh, N. Y. to settle here. — In 1901 Lansingburgh was annexed to the city of Troy, and is now known as North Troy. An interesting old city, — the old cemetery on the top of the bluffs revealed much in historical data,— and the Danes of Troy proved themselves to be first-rate hosts to our Convention.

Holger Strandskov.



Immanuel Church

Troy, N. Y.



Church Convention in Troy, New York

The Immanuel Danish Lutheran Church of Troy, N. Y. was host to the annual convention of our synod, June 26 - July 1, 1941.

Throughout the day of Thursday, June 26th, guests arrived at the convention church, and were registered and assigned to their respective places of lodging. A total of 220 guests were registered during the convention.

A worship and communion service was held in the Immanuel Church on Thursday evening. The Rev. V. M. Hansen of Chicago preached the sermon and the Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, pastor of the church, was in charge of the communion service.

Friday morning, June 27: Pastor Joh's. Petersen of Portland, Me. led us in the morning devotion and Bible hour. Mr. Fred A. Bech, of Troy, chairman of the Convention committee, greeted the guests with a word of welcome. Pastor Sven Baden, President of District I, expressed in behalf of the district his hearty welcome.

The president of the synod voiced, in behalf of the convention, our appreciation of the words of welcome, and declared the 64th annual convention of our synod opened in the name of the Triune God.

Pastors and Delegates at the Convention:

District I

DELEGATES: Brooklyn—Marius Andersen, Thormod Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Torsleff.

Bridgeport—Viggo Nielsen, Mrs. V. Nielsen, Mrs. Ingeborg Petersen, Mrs. Kamma Kristensen.

Bronx—Gunnar Knakkegaard, Christian Madsen.

Hartford—P. A. Hansen, Holger Hatting, Kristian Jensen, Miss Inger Johansen.

Newark—Mr. and Mrs. C. Torp.

Portland—Ole Christensen, Anton Haugegaard, Mrs. Amalie Thomsen.

Troy—Mrs. Agner Larsen, Mrs. Wilhelm Jensen, Mrs. J. A. Madsen, Mrs. Agnes Sitzler, P. C. Rasmussen.

Perth Amboy—Axel Olsen, Mrs. A. Olsen, Miss Marie Nielsen, Mrs. F. Hansen, Mr. Hans Sørensen.

PASTORS: A. Th. Dorf, Swen Baden, S. Marchmann, Joh's. Knudsen, J. Pedersen, A. J. Tarpgaard, L. C. Bundgaard.

District II

DELEGATES: Muskegon—Chris Jensen, Mrs. C. Jensen. Ludington—Mrs. Chris Rasmussen, Mrs. Anna White.

Manistee—Thomas C. Knudstrup, Mrs. Seeley Knudstrup.

Greenville—Miss Rita Petersen, Miss Harriet Thomsen, Mrs. Chr. Fredericksen.

PASTORS: John Christensen, C. A. Stub, Edwin Hansen, P. C. Stockholm.

District 3

DELEGATES: Chicago (Trinitatis)—J. K. Jensen, Mrs. J. K. Jensen, Miss Lilly Berntsen, Mrs. A. W. Andersen.

Chicago (St. Stephan's)—Mrs. Marius Krogh.

Clinton—P. J. Magnussen, Mrs. P. J. Magnussen, Mrs. A. C. Kildegaard.

Dwight—Charles Lauritsen, Chris Riber, Mrs. T. O. Lund, Carl Jensen.

Racine—Viggo Sorensen, Mrs. V. Sorensen.

Marinette—Mrs. Agnes Maske.

Menominee—Miss Ellen Thomsen.

PASTORS: A. W. Andersen, M. Krog, A. C. Kildegaard, F. O. Lund, V. M. Hansen.

District IV

Cedar Falls—Julia Madsen, Margarethe Michaelson.

Hampton—O. J. Grau.

Kimballton—Mrs. Caroline Jorgensen, Mrs. Palm Sorensen.

Fredsville—Nels Olsen, Mrs. Nels Olsen.

Ringsted—Agneta Jensen.

Des Moines—Arthur C. Ammentorp, Mrs. A. C. Ammentorp, Mrs. Marie Rodholm.

Oak Hill—Mrs. Valdemar Jensen.

PASTORS: O. S. Jørgensen, H. Juhl, A. Jensen, S. D. Rodholm, V. S. Jensen.

District V

Minneapolis—Paul Steenberg, Mrs. Paul Steenberg.

Alden—P. N. Ravn, Mrs. Carl Mathiasen.

Hutchinson—Mrs. Chr. Juhl.

PASTORS: J. C. Aaberg, J. L. J. Diken.

District VI

DELEGATES: Diamond Lake—Mrs. Alma Nielsen.

Ruthton—Sigurd Pedersen.

Tyler—Soren Holm, Wm. Holm, Mrs. Wm. Holm, Mrs. Marietta Strandskov.

Viborg and Gayville—Nels C. Jespersen.

PASTORS: H. Ibsen, H. Strandskov, H. Jespersen, Vagn Duus.

District 7

DELEGATES: Omaha, Cozad, Marquette—O. C. Olsen.

Brush—Miss Magda Hansen.

PASTORS: M. Jørgensen (Ebenezer), Ronald Jespersen.

District VIII

Pasadena, Los Angeles, San Diego—Karl J. Miller.

PASTOR: J. K. Jensen.

District IX

PASTORS: John Enselmann, A. E. Sørensen.

The privilege of voting also held by: Axel Thomsen, Herluf Hansen, Alfred C. Nielsen, Mrs. C. A. Stub, Dagmar Møller.

The business session of the convention was now called to order. The following presiding officers were elected:

Chairman: Joh's. Knudsen; Assistant Chairman: Alfred Sørensen; Danish Secretary: Swen Baden; Ass't. Sec'y: F. O. Lund; Engl. Sec'y: H. Strandskov.

A total of 90 votes were present for the first business session. Later this increased to 127 votes. Present at the convention were 84 delegates, 30 pastors and 8 others who had the privilege of voting. Two delegates had each 3 votes and one delegate had two votes.

All major reports to the convention had been printed, and in due time sent out to all pastors and delegates. The president of the synod was asked to read his report to the convention. (This report was printed in the June 20 issue of Lutheran Tidings.)

Friday afternoon: Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Assistant Secretary of the World Council of Churches, New York City, addressed the convention on the topic: "The Church Confronting World Crisis." Our synod is a member of the World Council. Dr. Leiper's address was a profound challenge to the church, as we find ourselves in the midst of a war-scarred world.

Pastors and delegates from each of the nine districts had during the noon hour chosen their respective members on the Committee on Nominations.

District I: Pastor L. C. Bundgaard; Axel Olsen, Perth Amboy.

District II: Pastor C. A. Stub; C. Jensen, Muskegon, Mich.

District III: Pastor A. C. Kildegaard; Chas. Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill.

District IV: Pastor H. Juhl; Oscar Grau, Newell, Iowa.

District V: Pastor J. L. J. Diken; P. Raun, Alden, Minn.

District VI: Pastor Harris Jaspersen; Wm. Holm, Tyler.

District VII: O. C. Olsen, Omaha, Nebr.

District VIII: Pastor P. K. Jensen; Karl Møller, Pasadena, Calif.

District IX: Pastor Alfred Sørensen, Seattle, Wash.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Committee on the President's Report were: Pastors A. C. Kildegaard and V. S. Jensen; Delegates Viggo Nielsen (Bridgeport), Karl J. Møller (Pasadena) and Wm. Holm (Tyler). This Committee now presented its findings:

No. 1: The comm. urges the convention to express its sympathy with our Mother Church in Denmark, now subjected to enemy domination. We also recommend that more congregations join the N.A.D.A.

A standing vote of acceptance.

No. 2: The comm. expresses appreciation of the contribu-

tions given to Lutheran World Action and hope that our synod will continue active support.—Discussion on this was taken up after Dr. Long's address. Moved: That the delegates pledge their respective congregations to solicit 25 cents per confirmed member for the Lutheran World Action, where this has not been accomplished. Motion adopted.

No. 3: Recommended that the President of our synod be delegated to represent our synod in the National Lutheran Council. Motion adopted.

No. 4: Our synod's relationship with the World Council of Churches approved.

No. 5: The comm. finds that much is accomplished through the Seamen's Mission in New York and appreciates Pastor Dorf's efforts in this field. Would suggest that Pastor Dorf report more often to our synodical papers.

No. 6: The comm. moves that the Dist. President's meetings be continued and that the traveling expenses of the Dist. Pres. be paid by the respective districts. After some discussion, motion was adopted.

No. 7: The comm. moves that the convention elects a publication committee. We appreciate the work begun by three of our pastors: J. L. J. Dixen, J. C. Kjer and Ernest D. Nielsen; also the work of the DAYPL songbook committee. We hope that this work may be continued. We recommend that this work be given financial aid from the synod.

Amendment: That a publication committee of 5 members be elected, 3 to be elected by the convention, and 2 members to be appointed by the synodical board. Motion adopted.

No. 8: We are happy that DAYPL has submitted a report of its work to the convention and hope that this procedure be adopted in the future. Later, a motion by O. C. Olsen: That \$200.00 be granted to DAYPL for the new songbook. Unanimously adopted.

No. 9: The comm. regrets that the President of our synod finds it beyond his power to enforce the rules and regulations as stipulated in our Constitution. The committee, however, maintains that such instances as indicated by the president, should be challenged by him. Furthermore, the committee regrets that the president has found it necessary to state that the ministers and congregations of our synod do not submit to any external authority; we find this statement to be exaggerated.

A discussion followed. The following amendment was adopted: The convention wishes to emphasize that in order to promote peaceful and fruitful cooperation for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, it is necessary that pastors and congregations submit to rules and decisions as found in our Constitution and By-laws, as well as in our recognized rituals. If, in any manner, departures from same are made, said departures should be submitted to the synodical board and if necessary eventually to the annual convention for a final decision. Motion adopted.

No. 10: In the matter relative to the congregation in Omaha, we approve the president's action. Adopted.

No. 11: Having confidence in our president's recommendation, we submit the names of the two pastors: J. Enslemann and Einer Romer for membership in our synod.

The president presented the following information: Pastor J. Enslemann, formerly of the Methodist Church in Denmark, has served our church in Tacoma, Wash. the past year. It is the wish of this congregation that he may continue as its pastor.

Pastor Einer Romer of the United Danish Luth. Church has served the congregations in Marinette and Menominee nearly two years. He has now been called to our church in Manistee, Mich. The following telegram was read at this time from Dr. N. C. Carlsen, President of the United Danish Church: "Pastor Einer Romer is a pastor in good standing in the United Danish Church. He is well educated, a good preacher, an active, zealous and faithful pastor. We recommend him. Greetings to the Danish Lutheran Church. Be strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might." N. C. Carlsen.

Upon a written ballot, both men were accepted as pastors in our synod.

No. 12: The comm. rejoices that the Church Extension Fund has assisted the Juhl, Mich. congregation with a loan. We hope that the Fund may render future services.

Motion: Moved that the convention accepts the resignation of the Church Fund Comm. and that a new comm. be elected. Adopted.

No. 13: The comm. notes with satisfaction the comparatively large enrollment in the seminary. The District President's Reports reveal the need for more pastors. We wish to remind the congregations of their responsibilities in furthering a rich spiritual fellowship, that young men may be encouraged to work in the ministry.

No. 14: The comm. recommends that Lutheran Tidings be made a weekly and, also a membership paper as soon as possible. Discussion postponed until the comm. on our papers reported.

No. 15: The comm. recommends the publication of pamphlets as proposed from the District President's meeting last fall. Approved.

No. 16: The comm. recommends the proposal from the District President's meeting: All contributions to the activities recognized by the synod shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the synod, but do not deem it advisable to include the Seaman's Mission or the Santal Mission on this unified budget. Adopted.

No. 17: The comm. emphasizes the president's acknowledgement of gifts bequeathed to the various institutions of the synod, and would further encourage such bequests by members and friends of our work. Accepted.

No. 18: The comm. supports the president's motion regarding a change of the By-law No. 41: "The President and the treasurer shall each receive a salary of \$200.00 annually, the secretary a salary of \$100.00 annually." Motion adopted.

No. 19: The comm. recommends that the District President's Reports be accepted with thanks. We appreciate every expression of encouragement and hope, also the encouraging reports on the youth program. The reports indicate faithful work. We wish to emphasize the importance of an annual visit by the district president in all the respective congregations. Accepted.

No. 20: We recommend the President's Report be gratefully accepted. The conscientious and able work in the service of our synod deserves our sincere appreciation. A standing vote of acceptance.

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Condensed from District Presidents' Reports

District I — Pastor Sven Baden, President

The work in District I shows no great progress, but neither is there decline. The Danish language serves equally with English in the district as a whole; however, Hartford, Conn., has recently decided to have only one Danish service a month; Troy, N. Y. has two Danish services a month. Bridgeport, Conn. has both English and Danish services every Sunday. Brooklyn, N. Y. and Portland, Me., has two English services a month, Perth Amboy, N. J. one English service, Bronx, N. Y., Port Chester and Newark, N. J. have only Danish services.

The sudden death of Pastor P. H. Pedersen, Perth Amboy, N. J. was a shock to all. He was able and conscientious and we mourn his departure. Pastor V. C. Mengers of the United Danish Lutheran Church has served Perth Amboy since July 1. Pastor Sven Baden will take over the work there. This will leave a vacancy in Bridgeport, Newark and Port Chester. Student Axel Kildegaard, G. V. C., will serve Bridgeport during vacation. Pastor Leo Broe, who is planning advanced study at Gettysburg Seminary may serve Newark while there.

Hartford congregation celebrated its 50 year jubilee June 1, 1941.

The District President visited most of the congregations of the district the past year, and was happy to note the faithful efforts, but regrets that the district was unable to reach its quota towards the synodical budget, especially in view

of the fact of increased earnings and little unemployment in the East.

District II — Pastor E. Hansen, President

The progress noted in the district is of main interest. Mention is made of the change of emphasis in congregational work towards a more "Gospel-centered" activity. This manifests itself in a growing mission interest, directed toward training for church membership.

The District II convention at Trufant, Mich., with its unified program centered about the theme: "The Challenge of My Church to Christian Service" proved well worth while.

The Michigan district was proud at having practically doubled its contribution to the synodical budget in 1940. However, the apportionment was raised \$300 this year, but the district is making an effort also to reach the 1941 quota.

The only change in pastorate is the resignation of Pastor Leo Broe, who has faithfully served the Manistee, Mich. congregation the past 6 years. May happiness be his, in the pursuit of advanced study in the field of theology.

Considerable improvement of church property is noted. A week-end Sunday School Institute in conjunction with a young people's camp is planned for July.

Miss Dagmar Møller and Mr. B. A. Helland, Santal missionaries, have visited the district. A genuinely fervent and active interest in foreign missions contributes a healthy stimulus toward aggressive spiritual work in the local congregations.

District III — Pastor A. C. Kildegaard, President

Several festive events have taken place the past year as the 65th jubilee of the Clinton, Iowa, and the Dwight, Ill. congregations and the 45th jubilee of the church in Racine, Iowa.

The District Meeting at Trinity Church, Chicago, was well attended. Interesting discussions, worthwhile talks and good listeners added to the joy and fellowship.

Pastor Einar Romer has resigned his pastorate at Marinette, Menominee. Pastor V. M. Hansen resigned at St. Stefan's, Chicago, this spring, and was installed in Marinette-Menominee June 8th. Pastor Marius Krog, Marquette, Nebr., was installed as pastor of St. Stefan's, June 1st.

District IV — Pastor Svend Kjær

District IV comprises 11 congregations in Iowa served by 10 pastors. The most important event of the past year was the installation of Pastor Arthur Frost, Dannevang, Texas, as the resident pastor of Waterloo, Iowa. Waterloo has been served from Cedar Falls heretofore. The district will support this project with \$200 annually.

Fredsville, Iowa, celebrated its 70th jubilee Sunday, March 16, 1941. This congregation is the oldest in the district and the third oldest in the synod.

Sunday School Institutes were held 3 places during the past year. These were so successful that it is hoped to continue them this year. Three of our congregations have Danish classes in Sunday School.

Two of our congregations have only Danish vacation school; two have both Danish and English vacation school; three have only English school.

A new feature of young people's work was a senior camp at Lake Okoboji. This will be continued.

District V — Pastor M. Mikkelsen

There is not much change to report in the district. There are many projects waiting for a solution; there is still much to gain and if our love is great enough, all obstacles can and will be overcome.

There has been no change of pastorates. Pastor H. Ibsen was a guest speaker of the district this March, and conducted a two days' mission meeting at Askov, West Denmark and Withee.

The district mourns the passing of Mrs. Else Aaberg of Minneapolis. May God help Pastor Aaberg in his sorrow.

District VI — Pastor Holger Strandkov

Events of interest the past year were the dedication of the church at Gayville, S. Dak., July 21, 1940; the district meeting at Viborg, S. Dak., Sept. 21-22, and the DAYPL Dist. III convention at Hetland, S. Dak. last summer.

The confirmation of 22 young people at Viborg, and the

baptism of 7 of them the same day, was a cause of rejoicing in that congregation, where Pastor and Mrs. Jespersen have worked hard and faithfully for many years.

There are several indications of fine cooperation between Pastor and Mrs. Vagn Duus and the congregations of Hetland-Badger, S. Dak. There is some talk of combining their properties into one plant at Badger. The plan has many advantages.

We are happy to report that Pastor R. Jensen, serving White, S. Dak. is again in active service after some months of illness.

Pastor H. Ibsen of Diamond Lake and Ruthton reports increasing membership. The Diamond Lake congregation is trying the "Lord's Acre Plan" this year and expect to make improvements on church property with this added income.

In Tyler during the past 11 years, approximately 100 of the older members have been laid to rest. It is a challenge to the younger group to fill the ranks. 41 young girls attended the summer session at Danebod Folk School last summer. Most of the congregations conduct vacation schools, most of them in the English language. In Tyler both English and Danish classes are held.

District VII — Pastor Erik Møller

The drought is broken, apparently, in Nebraska, which causes many to rejoice. There are, however, still 5 congregations without a resident pastor. Two pastors have recently removed from the district, namely, A. E. Frost and M. Krog. Cordova and Davey, who have been without a resident pastor for many years, look forward to welcoming Ronald Jasper, who will be ordained at Troy, N. Y. The 4 remaining pastors have fairly regularly visited the congregations of the district. Three new Y. P. societies have been organized.

District VIII — Pastor Ejnar Farstrup

California is one of the smaller districts in one sense of the word, in another, one of the largest. Many miles separate the congregations, half of which are rural. The conflict between city and rural is frequently felt in the work of the district. It is also felt that the district is in a transitory stage, both as to methods and language. However, since the district is now fairly well supplied with pastors, it is felt that the obstacles to continued progress are not insurmountable.

The vacation school at Solvang for the children of California, and the Junior and Senior camps for youth groups are reported as interesting and growing ventures.

District IX — Pastor H. O. Nielsen, President

For conditions as a whole, I cannot make any too optimistic a report. The church work has been carried on in all the congregations as best we could. The general situation as far as ministers are concerned, has not been alleviated by the resignation of Rev. Jorgen Nielsen at Enumclaw, Wash.

At Wilbur, St. Andrews and Mansfield, Wash., they have been served once a month by the pastors in the district. But no congregation will grow, or even maintain itself under those circumstances. The time has come at Wilbur that a younger group must enter the work if there is to be any future.

Mr. Holger Jorgensen of Wilbur, Wash. is keeping in touch with the reclamation authorities both at Coulee Dam and at Washington, D. C. in regards to the possibility of a Danish-American colony in the vast Coulee Irrigation Project.

This early spring Rev. Alfred Jensen visited most of our congregations in the District. In recent years one of the members of the synodical board has visited us usually. This has helped us in no small way in bettering the understanding of the work and institutions of our synod.

August 30 to Sept. 1 the Ninth District held its annual meeting in Wilbur, Wash. There was that intangible something known as Christian fellowship.

Nov. 4 of last year we held our Sunday School Institute at Junction City, Oregon. We hope to continue this in the coming years.

Again this year the "Lenten Mission Meeting" was held at Seattle.

We hope to have a summer camp for young people at Lutherland.

Pastor John Enselmann, Tacoma, Wash., who is going to Troy this year, will represent the ninth district. We hope and ask that Pastor Enselmann will be accepted as minister in the Danish Lutheran Church in America. St. Paul's congregation at Tacoma, Wash., will celebrate their 50th anniversary this fall. They are busy carrying out needed improvements at no small sacrifice. The District Meeting will be held in conjunction with the anniversary. Seattle and Tacoma are the only two congregations that have church choirs in the whole district. Seattle and Junction City have held summer school for their children.

Report of the Board of Education for Grand View College

In times of crisis it becomes evident that the better things of life and the solutions to our problems are not built by programs and institutions but by personalities. It therefore becomes extremely important what kind of personalities are developed. As agencies of this development must be mentioned the homes, the churches, and the schools. In this report we are directly concerned only with the latter, although we recognize the significance of the two first-mentioned. With regards to our schools, it is increasingly apparent that secular education is insufficient in building life values, and this is especially true when we consider higher education. We have in our country reached a high stage in the development of skills and in the dissemination of knowledge, but our secular schools have proved themselves incapable of fostering the ideals and the devotions which the Christian church regards as vital and necessary.

It is one of the serious handicaps of Protestantism that we have permitted education to become almost wholly secularized. We try to counteract this situation in our Sunday schools and vacation schools, but when our young people are in the age when great problems and great choices confront them, we send them away from protective influences and offer them up to impersonal or negative forces. Recognizing this danger, our Synod, as well as many other churches, goes to great effort in maintaining a college where our young people can remain within the life of the church in the important formative period. Our college, Grand View College at Des Moines, Iowa, is a bulwark against the secularization of our youth, and it is our greatest single synodical enterprise. There are those who believe that it is too great an effort and who argue that we should use our funds for other purposes, but when we consider the essential character of our education undertaking, it seems that hardly any effort can be too great.

We can only hope that many more of the parents in our church will realize the importance of our college and will encourage their sons and daughters to attend it. We hear it said that the college is too far away from certain localities, but we believe that the cost of attendance is placed so low that even the outlying districts can more easily send young people to Grand View College than to most private or even public institutions. The cost in money is only one side of the matter, however. The cost in loss of faith and loss of church relationship, which very often proves to be the alternative, is an even greater item.

We are proud of our little college, proud that it has been maintained for almost half a century despite great difficulties, proud of its academic achievements and the fellowship it fosters. And we are happy that we have a Christian college where we can send our youngsters and where they can live within a living Danish heritage and in contact with the best in American life. Our report is concerned with externals. These are necessary and must be taken care of. The inner life we cannot report. It can only bear fruit in the homes and in the church.

Our college is a Junior College, that is, it offers two years of college work, but it is also a Seminary, and in certain respects primarily a Seminary. At Grand View we train the men who offer themselves for service in the ministry. If we are to retain the unique characteristics of our church, we must have a college and a seminary. Incidentally, our Junior College is invaluable in preparing young men for the Seminary and in leading them into this work.

Again this year the enrollment has increased. We are thus nearing the point where enrollment and capacity are in satisfactory balance. In some respects this point has been reached and in a few instances our facilities are inadequate. This is true of the chemistry and physical education departments. We need more laboratories and we need a larger and better gymnasium. Realizing this the board of education has caused plans and estimates to be made of a new building for these two purposes. The cost proved so large that the project was temporarily shelved, but it must be taken up again, if our college continues to grow. It might be worth while to entertain a project such as this in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the college which is due in a few years.

President Alfred Nielsen reports a large number of meetings held: the Junior Camp in August, attended by 128; the District Presidents' Meeting in November, well attended despite a severe snow storm; a Studenterfest with a record attendance, the banquet guests numbered 220; the Pastors' Conference in April, attended by thirty pastors and others. The November and April conferences attracting outstanding speakers and the students attended the meetings. During the year the president conducted weekly discussions and the Des Moines Forum had twelve weekly meetings at the college. As guest speakers were the following through the year: Rev. Marius Krog for one week, Rev. Holger Jorgensen for one week, Rev. E. Whitesmith, Rev. Enok Mortensen, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. Johannes Knudsen, Mr. E. S. Hediger, Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Ernest Ulm, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Miss Dagmar Møller, Miss Bodil Jorgensen, Denmark, Dr. Forrest Spaulding and Dr. Joseph Simon, who spoke two times. Morning and evening devotions have been held daily and the church attendance has been very good.

A cultural heritage is an intangible thing. It is hard to estimate or evaluate the extent to which the Danish heritage lives at Grand View and in the fellowship of the students. The songs, the literature, the gymnastics and the folk dances are much in evidence. We believe that they are signs of living values. S. D. Rodholm's fine translations of songs and hymns and Ernest Nielsen's translation of I. P. Bang's book: *Hvad Kirken er og hvad Kirken skal*, are important contributions. May Grand View continue to live strongly with our Danish heritage!

The financial situation is again favorable. For years the college economy has been balanced so finely, however, that major repairs have been shunned as much as possible. If we are not to incur very great expenses at a future date, we need to spend some funds on repairs, especially to the faculty residences, and all money that can be spared can find a good use here. President Nielsen expresses his appreciation for many gifts and much good will, and in this gratitude the board of education joins him. He praises, and we concur, the fine work done by our synod president in raising money for the Student Loan fund.

The attendance record is given below. An increase will be noticed. President Nielsen expresses his concern, however, for next year's student prospects. Conscription and defense efforts draw many young men. This concern should be the concern of all of us. May we help our college grow!

Attendance Summary 1940-41

Total Attendance	85
Full Year Attendance	70
Seminary	8
First Year Students	56
Second Year Students	15
Winter Session	4
Special Students	2
Students Completing Jr. Col.	8
Students Completing Seminary	1
Students from Des Moines	16
(of these 4 belong to our church)	
Total Student Months	682
Total Student Months last year	618

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The board of education has met three times, June 22, 1940, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Feb. 25-26 at Grand View college

and June 6, 1941, at Grand View college. All members have been present except at the last meeting when the secretary was absent. Ottar Jorgensen has been president of the board and Johannes Knudsen, secretary. Most of the work has been routine. The price of board, room and tuition for 1941-42 was set at \$300. All teachers salaries were raised, the married teachers to \$1700 and free house. During the depression they were cut to the bone; it is only fair that they should be increased now. The contract figures are listed below, but it must be remembered that Rev. S. D. Rodholm and Rev. E. Nielsen are partly paid by the congregation in Des Moines.

Salary Schedule for 1941-42

Pres. A. C. Nielsen	\$2,000.00 and free house
A. C. Ammentorp	1,700.00 and free house
Peter Jorgensen	1,700.00 and free house
Erling Jensen	2,060.00
Ernest Nielsen	1,475.00
S. D. Rodholm	1,700.00
Harold Knudsen	1,100.00 Plus a part-
	ment and keep for himself and family
Mrs. Helvine Mailand	600.00 plus board and
	room
Herluf Nelson, per mo., 9 mo.	65.00 plus board and
	room

FINANCIAL STATEMENT GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

Balance June 1, 1940	\$ 537.63
Total Receipts 1940-41	\$33,002.17
Less check returned, no funds	3.00
Less error in Check No. 146	.45

32,998.72

Total Disbursements 1940-41	\$33,536.35
	31,734.75

\$ 1,801.60

Bank Balance May 31, 1941	\$2,118.00
Checks Not Cleared	316.40

\$ 1,801.60

Accounts Receivable: Tuition 1940-41	818.54
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\$ 2,619.14

Audited June 3, 1941 by E. A. Kramme, L. Lind Jorgensen.

JUNE 1, 1940 to MAY 31, 1941

Cash Receipts

Athletics	\$ 262.53
Chemistry fees	305.79
Donations	
Gifts	403.00
Incidental fees	753.00
Physics fees	107.00
Radio fees	31.20
Re-imbursements	1,599.89
Rentals	204.65
Synodical Treasurer	11,000.00*
Tuition	17,228.43
Previous Tuition	1,055.68
Typing fees	51.00

\$33,002.17

* In addition to the \$11,000.00 received from the synodical treasurer the college received \$110.00 for fire loss in the coal bin.

Disbursements

Acquisitions	\$ 1,514.45
Advertising	418.39
Athletics	409.03
Bank charges	5.10
Books and Library	245.91
Chemistry	349.31
Coal	831.81
Doctor and Medicine	157.04
Gas	185.97
Honorarium	286.00

Household	6,524.23
Laundry	10.60
Light	720.77
Loan	135.00
Post Graduate Work	50.00
Magazines and Papers	63.60
Maintenance	2,580.72
Music	23.92
Office	145.41
Personnel	2,903.31
Physics	97.62
Refunds	206.58
Salary	12,608.91
Scholarships (4)	400.00
Telephone	156.53
Travel Expense	174.00
U. K.	237.00
Water	293.54

\$31,734.75

The board of education expresses its thanks and appreciation to President A. C. Nielsen for his able administration and leadership, to the faculty for splendid devotion and service, and to the personnel for faithful and capable work. It also thanks the auditors, A. E. Kramme and Linn Jorgensen, and it sends its thanks to all those who have bestowed gifts upon our college during the year. It recommends Grand View College to the continued support and good wishes of the synod.

The present board consists of Ottar Jorgensen, Jens Thuesen, Herbert Lang, Alfred Jensen and Johannes Knudsen. The term of Jens Thuesen expires this year.

For the Board of Education for Grand View College.

Johannes Knudsen, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR GRAND VIEW COLLEGE 1940-41

The Board of Examiners for Grand View College, consisting of Alfred Jensen, Ottar Jorgensen, and Johannes Knudsen, met Feb. 26, 1941, with President A. C. Nielsen, Dean S. D. Rodholm, and Professor Ernest Nielsen. The work in the Seminary, where there then were eight students, was discussed, and upon the recommendation of the faculty Ronald Jespersen was accepted as having met the requirements of the full Seminary course. The Board of Examiners wishes to express its joy at the increased number of students and its confidence in and satisfaction with the quality of work carried on by the faculty and students of the Seminary.

For the Board of Examiners, Johannes Knudsen, Pres.

Report from the Committee on the Board of Education and the Board of Examiners

1. The Committee assents to the opinion expressed in the report regarding the insufficiency of secular education and stress the point of fostering the ideals and the devotions which the christian church regards as vital and necessary.

2. Because education has become almost wholly secularized, the Com. feels that it is necessary for the school to take a firmer and more definite stand in regards to christian life and values.

3. The Com. advises that Bible study be made—not alone available for the students—but also further actively encouraged throughout the college course.

4. The Com. wishes to call the attention of the Convention to the increased enrollment in the seminary.

5. The Com. recommends that information available for building a new gymnasium be brought before the meeting.

6. The Com. further recommends that the Convention expresses its appreciation of the work of the Board of Education by accepting its report with thanks.

7. The Com. recommends that the report of the Board of Examiners be accepted with thanks.

C. A. Stub
Ole C. Christensen
J. K. Jensen
O. J. Grau
F. O. Lund

A discussion followed. Words of appreciation were expressed from several for the splendid work by the men and women in charge of the College and Seminary at G. V. C.—One or two speakers added to their words of appreciation also the challenge to the school to take an ever firmer and more definite stand in regard to Christian life and values. President Nielsen thanked all who had voiced their opinion, and said that he shared the views presented and the convention could feel assured that he and his co-workers were anxious to serve to the very best of their ability in the interest of our young people and our Church.

Pastor Ottar Jørgensen gave a brief outline as to plans for a possible enlargement of the gymnasium at G. V. C. The hope was expressed that such plans may materialize in connection with the 50th anniversary of G. V. C. The following motion was adopted: Moved that a committee of 5 be appointed to arrange plans for such a Jubilee Fund. One member is to be elected by the convention, one appointed by the synodical board, one by the Board of Education, one by the G. V. C. faculty, and one by the G. V. C. Alumni Association.

Report of the Council of Elementary Religious Education

To The Convention at Troy, N. Y., June 26 - July 1, 1941.

"A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

"... The temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul."

Hattie Vose Hall.

During the past year this council has noticed an increasing interest in our Sunday school work throughout the synod. We hope that this growing interest will result in a better understanding of the vital place of the Sunday School and in better trained, consecrated teachers.

Two Sunday School Institutes have been conducted, one at Kimballton, Iowa, under the leadership of Rev. Ernest Nielsen, and one at Hartford, Conn., under the leadership of the pastors L. C. Bundgaard and J. C. Kjær and Johannes Knudsen. We are informed that the Sunday School cause also will be presented this summer at West Denmark, Wis., and Muskegon, Mich.

The History of the Church of Denmark is now ready for publication. It has been read and corrected by Professor Arthur Ammentorp and Rev. Johannes Knudsen, and the author, Rev. J. C. Kjær, is grateful for the help he has received from these two scholars.

The manuscript, which contains 100 type-written, double-spaced pages is in the hands of the synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jensen.

Cuts of pictures for the book have been borrowed from the Scandinavian Foundation, a number can be borrowed from the editor of "Child's Friend," Rev. F. O. Lund, some can be rented from the Holst Printing Company, and about 18 new cuts will have to be made at a cost of about eighteen dollars. If this is done the book will contain about 46 pictures.

Bids for the printing and binding have been received from three printers, and, according to the submitted bids, 500 copies in paper binding can be produced for as little as \$170.75. In cloth, with title printed in imitation gold leaf, the same number of copies can be had for \$284.00. If more copies were produced at the same printing the cost of each copy would be considerably less.

We are uncertain as to our authority to invest funds of

the synod in this undertaking and, therefore, ask this convention to define our privileges and to allow the necessary funds for the publication.

A few years ago this council asked Rev. J. L. J. Diken to write a short history of our Church in America, to be used by 12-14 year old students. Rev. Diken consented and wrote a history which the council revised and which one member divided into chapters with review questions appended. The manuscript was also read and corrected by Professor Arthur Ammentorp. After a final revision by another competent historian, this history should be of help in our Vacation and Sunday Schools.

If "Lutheran Tidings" is enlarged to contain 12 pages, we will consider editing one page for Sunday School workers.

This year we did not have a meeting with all members present; but if this council is to continue, we will have to meet at least once a year and expect the synod to pay the necessary expenses. The work of this council cannot be done per correspondence.

We wish to call your attention to the Bible Study Course and the Worship Course of the Vacation Church School Series, published by the Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn.

Each of the courses appears in three units, one for grades 1, 2, and 3, one for grades 4, 5, and 6, and one for grades 7, 8, and 9. Each unit has 18 lessons, 17-18 pictures for the primary classes, stories and work sheets for a loose leaf notebook. The courses, with pictures for primary grades, are sold for twenty cents per unit.

We invite our vacation school teachers and pastors to examine these interesting courses.

None of us are authorities on Religious Education or Pedagogy, but like other sincere workers in our churches we realize that only the best should be given to our children; and we are anxious to help and strengthen the men and women to whose loving care we are entrusting the instruction of our children and young people.

The term of Rev. J. C. Kjær expires at this convention and because he does not wish to continue as a member of this council, he respectfully requests the election of his successor.

Respectfully submitted for the Council of Elementary Rel. Educ.

Jens Christian Kjær, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on the Report of the Council of Elementary Religious Education

I (1) The committee concurs with the Council of Elementary Religious Education in the hope that a better understanding of the vital place of the Sunday school and in better trained consecrated teachers, and we recommend that annual Sunday school teachers' institutes be held in all the districts of our synod.

(2) The committee observes that there are comparatively few men teachers in our Sunday schools and urges that effort be made to induce more men to enter this work.

II The committee notes that the two books "The History of the Church of Denmark" by Rev. J. C. Kjær and "The History of Our Church in America" by Rev. J. L. J. Diken are ready for publication. Inasmuch as the committee has not had the opportunity to familiarize itself with the books it cannot make recommendations.

III The committee recommends that if Lutheran Tidings be enlarged that space be allotted regularly to the Council of Religious Education.

IV The committee recommends that the Council of Elementary Religious Education meet annually with expenses paid by the synod.

V The committee concurs with the Council in calling attention to the Bible Study Course and the Vacation Church

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EDITORIAL

It is a rare privilege to attend one of our annual Church Conferences. To the one who has never before attended such a meeting it gives an opportunity to become acquainted with the work and the spirit of the Danish Lutheran Church as possibly no other brief occasion would afford. It can often be interesting to observe such first acquaintanceship: There are many moments of surprises. There may be moments in which the new member of the "Aarsmøde" family will be shocked at the sharp remarks, and possibly what seems to be penetrating criticism. And still these meetings are characterized especially by the well fitting Danish term: "Vennemøder."

Those of us who attend the conventions year after year look forward to this profound experience of meeting and sharing richly with old and new friends through the five convention days. One of the greatest thrills is the first day or evening, as we turn the last corner to the meeting place and see the first faces of old friends. There are many new faces, but immediately we reach out a hand hoping to make new friends. And then as we enter the church the first evening to worship together, that something which can not be expressed in words, will lift us as we sing, pray and worship together, into a true spirit of Christian fellowship. And the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love has been permitted to create the beginning of a successful meeting.

The people of the Immanuel Church in Troy proved themselves to be very efficient hosts to the convention. It was their first experience, and undoubtedly when they realized that more than 200 guests could be expected, some of them wondered how they would be able to cope with the situation. If all guests had the privilege of the hospitality in the home of one of the church members, as your editor enjoyed it, this would probably more than anything else help to explain how the convention group was able to endure the intense heat during the full five days of the meeting. The food served at every meal in the large Dining hall was of the very best, yes remarks were heard to the effect that it was of the best served at any of our conventions. And possibly the spontaneous singing before and after meals in the dining room helped to cheer the ladies who worked faithfully, several of them every day of the convention.

According to reports everyone reached their respective homes again safely. The congested traffic conditions in the East worried many a driver from the West. But the privilege of a "Super-highway" such as the Pennsylvania Turnpike, etc. help to give relief from the otherwise heavy and difficult traffic.

We look forward to a new year of work in our respec-

Golden Jubilee and District Convention

St. Paul Danish Lutheran Church in Tacoma will celebrate its 50th anniversary from August 29th to September 1st. We shall give you a full program in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings, but we can already tell you this: Friday, August 29th, the arrival of guests and welcome meeting. Saturday, August 30, District Convention for the 9th district, under the leadership of Rev. Holger Nielsen, Junction City, Oregon.

Sunday, August 31, jubilee services with sermon by the president of the synod and many visiting pastors. Monday, September 1, which is Labor Day, morning meeting in church, boat ride upon Puget Sound from 1-5 p. m. and closing with a banquet in the evening.

We expect many visitors from far and near; we shall try to take care of lodging for all; the ladies of the church will serve lunch and dinner charging 50 cents a meal. If you want lodging, write before August 15, to Rev. John Enslemann, 1310 South L Street, Tacoma, Wash. and let us also know how many days you will be here.

We are also printing a jubilee program of 48 pages, and if you have been a member or a friend, you will have an opportunity to bring greetings to our little church on its 50th anniversary. By sending us your name and address and one dollar, your greeting will appear in the program with one inch over half a page.

Here is a chance to see the great Northwest, to meet friends at work and play over Labor Day. If you have a son in any of the camps near Tacoma, you could visit him and also attend our meeting.

We are sure that the Lord will give us days together, that we will always remember with thanks and joy.

John Enslemann.

BOOKS

Philosophy Education and Certainty by Dr. Robert L. Cooke and Introduction by William H. Wrighton. Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1940. Price \$2.75, 392 pages, cloth binding.

The author of this book is professor of Education and Psychology in Wheaton College. Consequently, one is interested in reading this book which one expects to reveal something of the dominant emphasis in this well known college. Certainly, one is not disappointed in this expectation. The book is definitely fundamentalistic in its whole view on religion and its bearing upon philosophy and education. Saying this, one does the book a real service. It is a book that ought to appeal mightily to those whose theology is primarily fundamentalistic, and secondly calvinistic.

The book divides itself into two main divisions consisting of (1) rapid survey of the history of philosophy, ancient and modern, and (2) a critical survey of educational theories. The second part of this book is far superior to the first. In fact there is a masterful summary of the educational views of the modern schools of thought. In that brilliant summary lies the chief value of this book. Specialists in education will no doubt disagree with his criticism of Dewey, the progressives, H. H. Horne et al. However, it must be remembered that the book is primarily a text book, and as such not intended to be the sole source but rather a guide for the student.

The writer's contention is that the long history of education shows that men have preferred the path of non-faith in education, that men have relied on the mind of man alone. We have been too willing to allow our theories to originate from human thinkers, past and present, and refused guidance from beyond, refused to follow the path of faith.

Ernest D. Nielsen.

tive congregations. May the inspiration, the information, and the feeling of belonging to a large body of Christian men and women marching forward to ultimate victory in spite of "Conflicts", "Crisis", and all the other shadows, prevail in our minds and our hearts. What a wonderful privilege to be part of such Fellowship!

Holger Strandkov.

Dr. Ralph H. Long Addresses the Convention

One of the outstanding features of the convention was the address on Saturday afternoon by Dr. Ralph H. Long, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, on the topic: "Christianity's Conflict."

In spite of the intense heat on Saturday, Dr. Long's penetrating analysis of the conflict confronting the present day Church, was followed with interest by a large audience.

"Ever since Jesus walked on earth, there has been a conflict threatening Christianity. There are two great threats to Christianity and to the Church of today. (1) From without: The totalitarian powers. The church is threatened, but Christianity still lives. (2) From within: The idea seems to prevail that Christianity can be preserved by force. Jesus did not preserve his message by force. There is no army or navy that can keep down or destroy an idea, and much less the living power of Christianity.

"Jesus was born in humble surroundings; he had no college education, his own people disowned him, he never travelled 200 miles from his birthplace, he was nailed to a cross. And yet all the armies and navies of the world, all the kings and dictators, all the assemblies can not stop his spirit nor the proclamation of his message.

"On Reformation Day last year, 30,000 men assembled in Cologne, Germany, for a mass meeting to verify that even in war-scarred world there is interest in the work of the church.

"In the Lutheran World Action drive, we have had a splendid response, and approximately \$600,000 has been solicited in the two appeals. The Norwegian Government in exile in England granted 50,000 pd. sterling (appr. \$200,000) to our budget. It is now possible to take care of all our obligations for the balance of the year.

"How long will this crisis continue? No-one knows. Personally, I fear that the war will continue a long time. We hope, if this be true, that we may carry on with our work, and that when we again ask for help, you will be able and willing to help us.

"I now turn to the work here in our own country, our service to the boys in the U. S. army and navy. We endeavor, through the Lutheran Service Men's Division, directed by Dr. Ylvisaker to render spiritual service to all our Lutheran boys in the service of our country. Funds are now being solicited for this work.

"We will need the service of pastors in the camps where now no Lutheran pastors are serving. There are now about 135 Lutheran Chaplains in the U. S. army and navy.

"Another feature of our present program is to sponsor a Short-wave Radio Broadcasting service to Europe every Sunday afternoon. These broadcasts will be conducted in six different languages, every sixth Sunday in the Danish language."

Elementary Religious Education . . .

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School Series published by the Augsburg Publishing House.

VI The committee realizes the importance of good lesson material such as that mentioned above, but we urgently emphasize the use of the living word by the teachers.

The Danish church has in the past been no beginner in the methods of Elementary Christian Education. We have reference to the "Friskole" principle. We wish to emphasize the use of the living word in the elementary teaching which will necessitate sincere preparation and consecration.

VII The committee recommends the grateful acceptance of the report of the Council of Elementary Religious Education.

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The Report of the Council of Elementary Religious Education, and also the Report of the Danish American Young People's League were given to the committee: Pastors O. S. Jørgensen and Marius Krog; Delegates A. Torp, Newark, N.

J., Miss Rita Petersen, Greenville, Mich. and O. C. Olsen, Omaha.

This committee submitted its findings Tuesday:

It is evident from the reports that in the two fields of work among our children and our youth, we are confronted with probably our greatest challenge. Words of appreciation were voiced for the sincere and active program in both fields.

The reports were accepted by the convention.

Report from Danish American Young People's League

To The Convention at Troy, N. Y., June 26 - July 1, 1941

The president of our synod, The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, has requested that a brief report be written about the Danish American Young People's League. It is, I believe, the first time that a report about the young people's work has been included among those of the officials of the synod, it therefore seems fitting to state in summary form the nature, work and aims of the young people's organization.

In our national constitution, it is stated that the purpose of DAYPL is to build upon a Christian background and to endeavor to serve as an integral part of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran church. What that means is not as clear as it ought to be in the minds of many of the members, nor even in the minds of some of the leaders. And yet, we believe that the wording of that statement is very fortunate and entirely correct.

DAYPL is an integral part of our synod. It is more than an appendix. Neither would be complete without the other. Though we are a separate organization with an administration independent of the synod, the independence is more an indication of freedom rather than of a difference in spirit. The two organizations have worked in complete harmony ever since the young people were organized into a national group forty years ago.

Like all other church groups, the Danish Church is faced with the major problem: How may it best be of help to its young people? The trends of the world are not along spiritual lines. The young people are constantly in danger of becoming assimilated by the materialism which is saturating society. Their field of vision is crowded by enticing activities. If the church does not supply its youth with inspiration and guidance, it will have lost a great treasure.

It is said that there is one thing unique about a cemetery, namely that there are no temptations there. We do not want our young people to be reared in graveyards; neither do we wish to wrap them in cotton or keep them under glass cases in order to shelter them from exposure to temptations. We should aim, not so much to keep youth out of things, as to get them into things that are well worth while. They want to be enabled to make right choices in the casual as well as in the critical issues. They want to take their stand where visions are broader and the codes of conduct are nobler.

For this purpose our youth is banded together into local groups, not to be reproductions of the congregations, and yet, to share in the fellowship of the church and breathe its atmosphere and support its work.

The method of our young people's work is neither ascetic nor monastical. When Emerson said: "A gentleman should be a good animal," he meant, of course, that it is well for a noble minded person to be hale and healthy. So we believe that he who is taught to be richly human is also helped to live a better Christian life. Therefore our activities are not carried along on religious lines only, but on the broader scope of folk-life culture. We are ready to share in everything which is fine, true, good, beautiful and pure. But, as we strive to broaden our minds, we are not forgetful that our souls must be focused on Christ, or we shall have lived in vain.

There are at present fifty-four active societies within the DAYPL, scattered from coast to coast. These societies are grouped into seven districts. (District VI, which comprises Washington and Oregon, is at present inactive). These districts have their own boards, hold their own conventions,

and most of them have their own summer camps, activities which are sources of fine inspiration and great enjoyment to many. The national organization has its convention every third year.

The league has often sponsored lecture tours for prominent speakers from Denmark. With the change of language, that, of course, has become a matter of the past. A few booklets have been published by the organization and we are at present publishing a new songbook which contains a wealth of songs from Denmark, from America, and from many other lands. Some of our Danish songs have come to the attention of a number of American groups and are fast gaining a popularity which is certain to last for generations to come. In fact these songs are being considered real godsend by numerous group-leaders outside our own circles. And indications are that many more of our songs, hitherto unpublished, but now appearing in "A World of Song," will gain wide distribution and become treasured by large numbers of song lovers in America.

We feel that a cultural service of no small measure has been rendered to this country by making our song treasure available to the general public as well as to our own groups, churches, schools, camps, and homes. It has taxed our organization heavily and we have well nigh exhausted our resources, and incurred a large debt besides, in order to see the project through. We also feel that it should be of interest to the Danish synod to join with other groups who have given us financial aid, so that the publication may be carried through to a successful finish. We trust that the Danish Church will not leave us to carry the brunt of the burden alone.

We therefore respectfully request that the synodical convention assembled at Troy, N. Y., will support the publication of "A World of Song" with a donation of \$200.00.

For further information about the songbook we have a large number of small booklets which describe the details of the publication further than is possible here. We wish to place one of the booklets in the hands of every person attending the convention.

Respectfully, **Marius Krog**, Pres.

Danish American Young People's League.

8500 Maryland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Minister's Pension Fund

The Report on the Minister's Pension Fund was given to the following committee:

Pastors Edwin Hansen, Juhl, Mich. and H. Juhl, Hampton, Ia. and delegates Mrs. Agnes Larsen, Troy, N. Y., P. J. Magnussen, Clinton, Iowa and Sigurd Pedersen, Ruthton, Minn.

The committee presented its findings on Tuesday morning:

More congregations have contributed to the Pension Fund this past year than ever before. But the convention urges all congregations to give an annual contribution.

The committee expressed regrets that there are ministers who have neglected to pay their dues. Some discussion followed, but no change in present arrangement made.

The Report of the Minister's Pension Fund accepted.

Annual Report of the Old People's Home "Valborgsminde"

In this, our annual report to the Danish Church convention, we wish to express our joy at the blessing this Home is for those people, who have chosen to spend their remaining days here.

There are no expressions of discontent among the inmates. The synod has been generous in its contributions toward the maintenance of the Home.

Those men, especially C. Larsen, deceased, looked far into the future, when the Endowment Fund was begun. We are reminded of it every now and then, when a bequest comes from some estate; a bequest, which was probably the result of the words of some spokesman for the Danish Church.

Might all our institutions be considered in like manner.

The number of regular inmates was 14 at the beginning of the year. There has since been one death, but 4 new members have been added to our numbers, so at present there are 17 elderly people making their home with us.

We are happy to report that we have the same managers, Mr. and Mrs. Henrik Ries, with Miss Magdalene Diken in the kitchen. A young girl, student at GVC, has lived at the Home and helped part-time. All have served with ability and mutual satisfaction.

A bronze marker with name, birth and death date, has been placed on each grave on the Home's cemetery lot.

Pastor Rodholm continues his services at the Home, conducts daily evening devotions and reads the best in Danish literature for the members. He has also interested the theological students in visiting the Home, so every Sunday afternoon two of them gather with the old people and read, talk and discuss with them.

The audited account follows. At the end of the fiscal year the Home had an operating fund of \$8152.71. If we figure an average number of inmates at 15½ we incur an expense per year of \$319.00 per inmate.

The local board consists of the following members:

J. Fr. Petersen, Pres.

Andrew Christensen, Sec'y.

Chris Sørensen, Treas.

Thanks to all, both those living at the Home as well as all friends outside, for friendly co-operation and support.

J. Fr. Petersen.

Annual Report of the Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.

The past year at our home has been a good year; no illness, except one case of mumps and measles.

During 1940, 2 girls and one boy were taken out, and one boy was accepted, so at the end of the year, we had 17 boys and 12 girls. Since January, 7 boys have left the institution. One boy was apprenticed to a machinist and is living with an uncle; 2 boys were taken home by their mother, who now receives a widow's pension; another mother took her boy home, as grandmother could now care for him, while mother worked; one mother remarried taking her 3 boys home. At present we have 10 boys and 10 girls. Doris Nyström, who has been in the Home since 1934, took business training after graduating from high school. She has now secured a position and is leaving the Home. We will then have 19 children.

Mrs. Johanne Larsen, our matron since 1938, resigned Jan. 1, 1941. She has been a capable matron and deserves our thanks for her faithful work. It has not been easy to find one to replace her. The authorities in Springfield, Ill., and the Social Agencies of Chicago demand special social training of our matrons. A young woman from Minnesota, Miss Bertha Ellingson, of Norwegian descent, a graduate of St. Olaf's college, with 12 year's teaching experience, has recently acquired an M. A. in Social Science from Northwestern University. She served a year at a Norwegian Children's Home in Springfield, Ill. Miss Ellingson was with us last summer and has been with us now again since February and she accepted the position of matron, which we hope will prove satisfactory to all concerned. It is also difficult to secure maid service, as the factories induce our girls with higher pay and shorter hours.

The School Agencies also demand more work of the doctors connected with such an institution, such as monthly reports to the Health Commissioner, regular examination of the children, many injections and vaccinations. Dr. Jensen, a very busy doctor, could not give the time required, so in September we secured the services of Dr. Larsen Andrew Dolan. The many inspectors constantly visiting the Home, have remarked that the doctor serving the Home should have a regular salary, so in January the Board voted to pay the doctor \$300.00 per year.

In December we received a bequest of \$500.00 from the

Maren Lund estate, Dwight, Ill., and some property in Park Ridge, Ill., from the Mrs. Effie Tinen estate, which will give an income of \$4-500 per year. We appreciate the contribution of \$868.49 from the synodical budget. We hope our deficit will diminish, but we must figure with salary increases.

Last summer 24 of our children vacationed at Kimballton, Ia., and we hope our good friends there will accept them again this summer. It is a great blessing for the children to spend a summer in the country. We are very grateful to these friends, who so generously opened their homes to the children.

The lady members of our board have during the past year arranged a number of luncheons, silver teas, and suppers at the Home, which have added \$473.00 to our treasury. We are also grateful to the South Side Dilettante for the sum they contributed. The money has been used to redecorate the meeting room and the sleeping quarters.

I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Larsen for her faithful work, likewise her helpers and the fellow board members, also the Tag Day committee. God bless them and our Home.

A. W. Andersen, Pres.

Annual Report of Children's and Old People's Home at Tyler, Minn.

The number of inmates at our Home is the same this year as last. There are 7 brothers and sisters, children of Irwin Hansen, Tyler, and 7 elderly people residing at the home. Chr. Pedersen died in March after a few days illness, and on April 22 Mrs. Maren Nielsen died. She was the first of the elderly people to move to the Home about 6 years ago. For several years she has been confined to a wheel chair, but in spite of that, she had a cheery smile for us when we came to call.

About the first of November last fall, Thomas Hansen, one of the pioneers of this community, moved in. The first of June, Anton Hansen of Lake Benton moved in. Both of these men are past 80, but have comparatively good health, although Anton Hansen is confined to his wheel chair. So it seems that our Home is constantly able to serve these elderly people of Tyler, Ruthton and Diamond Lake.

The past year we have added 4 new rooms. The large enclosed verandas, which were built some years ago, were so arranged that it was comparatively easy to add the necessary partitions, so now there are 2 new rooms on first floor and 2 on second. The rooms are light, covered with Nu-Wood and supplied with electric light and heat. We have also installed a new furnace, with coal stoker, new waterpipes and a few new radiators. The new rooms and the new furnace system cost us approximately \$1000.

We receive \$20.00 a month from the adults for board, room and laundry. Lincoln County Welfare Office contributes \$50 monthly toward the children's support.

The past year we have received the following gifts:

\$40.00 from the A. Andersen estate, Viborg, S. Dak.; \$207.59 from the D. B. S. Christmas donations; \$249.59 from Ladies' Aids, friends; \$350.69 from the synodical budget.

We must still make some repairs and improvements, if we wish to continue the Home. There is no bathroom on the first floor. As we now have room for 4 adults on this floor, it becomes necessary to make this improvement. Likewise, the kitchen and back entry of the Home needs a thorough renovation. We should like some help from the synodical budget for this. Some of the expenses incurred by these improvements we can cover, but not all. For some years now, we have been able to get along without help from the synod budget, and when these larger improvements are covered, we shall probably be able to do this again, with the help of private donations.

Our farm furnishes us with milk, eggs, butter and meat. Besides, we exchange eggs for groceries to the amount of about \$100 annually.

A hearty thanks to all friends, who during the past year

have contributed to the Home. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bobjerg for their services. They have now managed the Home for nearly 9 years. We are grateful to friends for the services rendered our Home.

Holger Strandskov.

The reports from the Old People's and Children's Homes were submitted to the committee:

Pastors Chr. Stockholm, Grayling, Mich. and John Christensen, Ludington, Mich. and the delegates H. Hatting, Hartford, Conn., Margaret Michaelson, Cedar Falls, Ia.

The committee presented its findings on Tuesday morning:

A word of appreciation was voiced to the homes in Kimballton, Ia. that had entertained a number of children from the Chicago Children's Home during the summer vacation last year.

The comm. expressed appreciation of the improvements made in the Tyler Children's and Old People's Home and recommended that further needed improvements be made.

The comm. expressed satisfaction with the able leadership of the Old People's Home in Des Moines. A word of appreciation was given to all workers in connection with the three Homes for children and the aged in our synod.

Report from Sunday School Paper Child's Friend

To The Convention at Troy, N. Y. June 26 — July 1, 1941

A well known Roman priest has made the following statement: "Give me your child until his seventh year and you can have him for the rest of his life." With this statement he wanted to tell us, that the impressions received in the first seven years of life will last for a long time. Therefore it is of great importance what religious training our children receive in our Sunday Schools, and the "Child's Friend" is a part of that. During the nine months our paper has been entrusted to my care I have tried to bring to the readers the important fact that Christ should be the Master not alone of the Church and Sunday School but also of daily life, and it has been my conviction that the paper should be of a more religious educative content without forgetting the human side of life. I hope I meet the Synod's approval in this.

I have, however, found it an almost impossible piece of work to edit a paper for children ranging from the age of 6 to the age of 16. If the paper could be larger, with twice as many pages as now, or if we could have two editions, one for the older and one for the younger children, it would simplify matters considerably. This ought to be the aim for which our Synod should strive.

To guard against one-sidedness in the paper it would be wonderful if more of our pastors and Sunday School workers would contribute to the paper during the year. Only a very few have responded. To these I wish to bring a sincere thank you for the fine articles, especially to Pastor Johannes Knudsen for his articles on "Churches of Denmark."

The paper has been carrying a great number of subscriptions, two and even three years old. Notice has been sent many times and some collections have taken place with the statement that the papers had never been ordered. In far the most cases no payment followed the cancellation. This is rather a dark picture, but it is lightened by the fact that so many new subscriptions have been entered, both from Sunday Schools as well as from individuals, that the subscription list this year is higher than last year. Only one Sunday School has cancelled the paper, many others have added to their copies. From the financial statement it can be seen that if the subscribers would be faithful in paying the subscriptions, the paper could be self-supporting. Balance on hand May 1st, 1941: \$79.93; outstanding subscriptions that should have been paid: \$220.00, and all bills paid to date.

Although this is a fairly good-looking picture, it could be much better. Many of our Sunday Schools are not subscribers to the paper. I would strongly urge these Sunday Schools to support the paper edited by their own Synod. Constructive criticism and good advice will always be welcome

by the editor. Only through loyalty and cooperation can we expect to grow, and this can truthfully be stated in our Sunday School work also.

It would be of great help to the paper if funds could be available to buy cuts. Very often a good picture will make the child read the article. If there should be anyone in our Synod with deep interest in the work of "Child's Friend" and with a few dollars to spare, a gift for this purpose would be greatly appreciated.

The paper wishes to thank those Ladies Aid Societies and also individuals, who through the year have thought of it with a donation. A special Thank You to Mr. Dixen Sorensen, who has taken care of the books during the year. That has been a great help to me.

And then in closing I wish to state that it has been a source of great joy for me to edit your paper during the nine months. It has not always been easy, but judging from the many letters of encouragement and good words I have received, it has not been in vain.

Thanks to the Synod for entrusting the paper in my care and thanks to the readers for their patience and cooperation.

May the Lord bless the work of "Child's Friend" among our children.

Respectfully submitted:

F. O. Lund, Editor.

Dwight, Ill., June 1, 1941.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF "CHILD'S FRIEND"

Oct. 15, 1940, to May 15, 1941

RECEIPTS:

Received from Rev. Marius Krog with records	\$ 5.51
Subscriptions	683.67
Donations	28.00
From Synod Treasurer	150.00
	\$867.18

EXPENDITURES:

Old Printing Account	\$118.89
Printing	489.65
Salary	100.00
Cuts, rentals and bought	20.54
Cr. Word Puzzles cuts, Office supp., books, etc.	58.17
	\$787.25

BALANCE ON HAND	79.93
	\$867.18

Bills payable	none.
Bills receivable (subs.)	\$220.00

Above statement of receipts and expenditures from Oct. 15th, 1940, to May 15th, 1941, has been audited by the undersigned.

Charles Lauritsen, S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Illinois, May 21st, 1941.

Report of the Committee on Church Papers

Lutheran Tidings

Last year's convention goal to place Lutheran Tidings in every home has met with a great deal of success by more than doubling the number of new subscriptions, for which we are greatly appreciative.

1. The committee recommends that special issues of Lutheran Tidings be continued for distribution.

2. The committee recommends that the pastors within our synod use Lutheran Tidings as a medium of expressing thoughts of vital and common interest.

3. The committee recommends that Lutheran Tidings should be made a weekly paper.

4. The committee suggests that each congregation should try and follow the example of the Des Moines congregation by making Lutheran Tidings a membership paper.

5. The committee recommends that the editor's request be granted in regard to enlarging the July issue to make sufficient space for the convention report.

6. The committee suggests that the synod provides the

necessary funds, for the enlarging of Lutheran Tidings to 16 pages for next year.

Child's Friend

The committee expresses its thanks to Rev. F. O. Lund for the progress of Child's Friend during the past year.

1. The committee recommends that the paper be enlarged to twice its size, and that the deficit likely to occur be covered by the treasury of the synod.

2. The committee suggests that delegates and pastors see that all the children in their respective congregations are given the opportunity to read the paper.

We move that these three reports be accepted with thanks.

Gunnar Knakkegaard
Chris Jensen
Harald Ibsen
Vagn Duus

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The Reports on the Papers, "Kirkelig Samler," "Child's Friend" and "Lutheran Tidings" were given to a committee:

Pastors H. Ibsen, Diamond Lake, Minn., and Vagn Duus, Hetland, S. Dak. and delegates P. Osterlund, Brooklyn, N. Y., Gunnar Knakkegaard, Bronx, N. Y. and Chr. Jensen, Muskegon, Mich. The committee presented its findings Tuesday afternoon:

A letter had been received from Holst Pr. Co. to the convention suggesting that in order to continue the printing of "Kirkelig Samler" in "Dannevirke" that a contribution of about \$10 be made weekly from the synod to the Holst Pr. Co.

The committee found that inasmuch "Lutheran Tidings" will manifestly be the future official organ of the Danish Ev. Luth. Church, we cannot recommend that the suggestion from "Dannevirke's" office be approved.

A discussion followed, and the following motion was offered from the floor: Moved that the Board of the Synod be authorized to make arrangements with Holst Printing Co. to provide, if possible, for the continuation of "Kirkelig Samler" printed in "Dannevirke." Motion adopted.

Lutheran Tidings: The report from L. T.'s editor and business manager was printed in the last issue of L. T. After some discussion in regard to the enlargement of L. T., some being in favor of making it a weekly and others to increase the size to 16 pages, the following motion was adopted: "Moved that Lutheran Tidings be enlarged to 16 pages in each issue and to be issued twice a month."

The committee suggests that each congregation should try and follow the example of the Des Moines congregation by making Lutheran Tidings a membership paper.

O. C. Olsen, Omaha, offered the motion: "Moved that the editor be allowed up to \$100 for extra office expense." Motion adopted.

A motion to enlarge "Child's Friend" was voted down.

Words of appreciation were expressed to all workers in this field, and also to Holst Printing Co. for their friendly cooperation in printing "Kirkelig Samler", hoping that this arrangement may continue.

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Committee on Treasurer's Report

The committee finds nothing to criticize in the report of the treasurer of the Synod to the convention of the Danish Church. Quite the contrary. We are grateful to Mr. Axel Thompson for the efficient manner in which he has conducted the financial affairs of the synod in the past year, and move that his report be accepted by the convention.

The Finance Committee

The committee is grateful to Mr. Martin Nelson of the finance committee for his note of optimism resulting from the study of the Treasurer's report. We move that his report be accepted by the convention.

Statistician's Report

The committee wishes to express its satisfaction with the improvement in the response to the statistician's attempt to bring about a complete statistical report of the activities of

the congregations of the Danish Church. However, we wish to emphasize the necessity for still more complete and accurate reports from the individual congregations. We hope that the report of the committee on definition of membership will prove valuable in future statistical reporting.

We move that the report of the statistician be accepted by the convention.

Harris Jespersen
Viggo Sorensen
Axel Olsen
Johannes Petersen
Paul Steenberg

Membership in Our Synod

A committee was appointed at the convention a year ago in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to work out a uniform method for our synod in designating membership of our congregations.

This committee reported and submitted the following to the convention:

Baptized Members shall include:

a. All regularly accepted members of an established church.

b. Children of accepted members who have received baptism.

c. Children of non-members baptized by pastor and on the church record.

Confirmed members:

a. All regularly accepted members of an established church and children of such members from confirmation.

b. Children of non-members confirmed by the pastor and on the church record.

Voting members:

All regularly accepted members who have the right to vote in accordance with the constitution of the local church. (Where only the husband is on the church record as a contributing member, the wife should nevertheless be accorded the right to exercise the privilege of voting).

Committee recommends that no change be made in the present understanding that a contributing member is any accepted member of a church who pays dues.

Adopted.

Other Motions Before the Convention:

The Proposal from the Dwight, Ill. Congregation in regard to the use of the English language at our convention was discussed thoroughly.

An amendment was submitted by the president of the synod: "Moved that there be added to No. 5 in the By-laws of our Constitution:—except that the annual convention ought to be conducted and reported in the English language." Motion adopted.

The motion from Pasadena, Calif. relative to District delegates voting privileges at conventions was adopted with a slight change.

A motion was submitted by H. Strandkov and F. O. Lund: Moved that No. 25 in our By-laws be changed to the following: A congregation preparing to be host to a convention must submit the final arrangement for lodging, board, etc. to the synodical president, not less than 6 weeks before the convention, for final approval.

A motion that the apportioned sum of \$1600 from our synod for the Lutheran Service Men's Division be raised in our congregations, was adopted. The Chairman of the convention was delegated to appoint a committee of 5 to be in charge of this drive.

The motion of V. S. Jensen and T. G. Jensen proposing that the president of the synod uses his time exclusively to carry out the duties as president and as traveling secretary, was tabled until the next convention, because of lack of time for a satisfactory discussion on the subject.

A change of procedure should undoubtedly be made at our conventions to give motions that have been announced well in advance of the convention a more preferred place on the

agenda. It seems entirely out of order than an important motion as the last one mentioned did not appear until the last 3 dying minutes of the convention.

Election of Officers

The last day of the convention the following officers were elected:

Synodical Secretary: Pastor Viggo Hansen, Marinette, Wis., re-elected.

Synodical Treasurer: Olaf R. Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn.

Synodical Trustee: Axel Thomsen, Menominee, Mich.

Member of Board of Education: Jens Thuesen, Fredsville, Ia., re-elected.

Treasurer of Pension Fund: J. K. Jensen, Chicago, Ill.

Member of Board of Pension Fund: Paul Steenberg, St. Paul.

Member of Santal Committee: Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, Des Moines, Ia., re-elected.

Church Extension Board: Pastor V. S. Jensen, Oak Hill, Iowa, 3 years; Pastor A. E. Sorensen, Seattle, Wash., 2 years; Ole Kristensen, Portland, Maine, 1 year.

Member of Council of Elementary Education: Pastor C. A. Stub, Greenville, Mich.

Editor "Lutheran Tidings": Pastor Holger Strandkov, Tyler, Minn., re-elected.

Business Manager "Lutheran Tidings": Pastor Holger Jørgensen, Muskegon, Mich., re-elected.

Editor "Child's Friend": Pastor F. O. Lund, Dwight, Ill., re-elected.

Editor "Kirkelig Samler": Pastor J. L. J. Dixen, Withee, Wis., re-elected.

Members Publication Committee: Prof. A. C. Ammentorp, GVC, Des Moines, Iowa; Pastor Joh's. Knudsen, Hartford, Conn.; Pastor Harris Jespersen, Viborg, S. Dak.

Member Jubilee Committee: Pastor A. E. Sorensen, Seattle, Wash.

Budget Adopted by Convention:

Summary

1. Grand View College	\$ 5,000.00
2. Pension Fund	3,600.00
3. Interest and Insurance	550.00
4. Equalization Fund	4,000.00
5. Missionwork	3,750.00
6. Children's Home, Chicago	1,700.00
7. Children's Home, Tyler	1,000.00
8. Administration	1,200.00
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	\$20,800.00

District Allotments

District I	\$ 2,200.00
District II	2,000.00
District III	3,800.00
District IV	4,500.00
District V	2,500.00
District VI	2,000.00
District VII	2,000.00
District VIII	1,150.00
District IX	650.00
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	\$20,800.00

Convention Report Continued in Next Issue

Due to a limited amount of space in this issue a part of the report from the convention is held over for the next issue.

As no other report of our convention and the reports from our various institutions is published in the English language, we have endeavored to give a comprehensive and yet concise presentation of same.

A summary of the Treasurer's Report will follow in the next issue.

H. S.

GRAND VIEW CAMP

For Juniors, August 4 - 10

The Grand View Camp is located at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. The college and campus are the camp grounds. Campers are to sleep in the college dormitories, eat in the dining room, and use the class rooms, gymnasium and athletic field during the daily program. The swimming will take place at the Birdland pool.

The camp is open to boys and girls from 12 to 15, inclusive.

Program

7:00, Arise; 7:15-7:30, Exercise in gym; 8:00, Breakfast; 8:30-9:30, Clean Up; 9:00-9:15, Devotion; 9:20-9:55, Bible hour; 10:00-12:00, Organized play and craft; 12:00-1:00, Dinner and rest; 2:30-3:30, Swimming; 4:00-5:00, Quiet games and craft; 5:00, Supper; 6:00, Singing; 7:00-8:30, Games; 8:30, Refreshments; 8:45, Camp fire; 10:00, Lights out.

Expenses

Room, board and tuition	-----	\$7.50
This item will be reduced when two members of the same family attend. The rate will then be - 6.50		
Room, board and tuition for shorter stay per day	-----	1.15
Price for one meal	-----	.25

Enroll early. Be sure to give your age. We can not guarantee to accommodate young people who are not enrolled. In order to make our plans, we should like to receive your enrollment by July 31.

To enroll, write to

Alfred C. Nielsen,

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

Observations....

by Bundy

Sprouts.—A great man is only a branch of a tree. The great men of Denmark, Grundtvig, Brandes, Kirkegaard, Thorvaldsen, etc. are branches. The tree is the danish spirit, the danish people, the danish church. Men are a net result of the soil which brings forth an abundance of good and evil.

War Results.—After the last war we were going to have a new world. Statesmen spoke about it, preachers believed that sin had been wiped off the earth by American, British and French cannons, our literature became experimentally vague and human freedom went beyond the boundaries of decency. Recently I have been thinking that the only permanent change we can expect comes when the Lord of the Universe makes "a new Heaven and a new Earth in which dwelleth righteousness." A recent commentator

has had the courage to summarize the expectant results of this war, and here they are:

"But we will find that Germany will be the same Germany, planning AGAIN for the 'final war of revenge.' Italy will be seeking still mastery of the Mediterranean. England will be endeavoring to keep her loyalty, nobility and 'upper crust.' Russia will be retaining a czar in one form or another. The Japanese will be dreaming of the day when the yellow race becomes lord and master. And Americans still will be acquiring heart trouble, diabetes, and nervous prostration—running after such things as country club memberships, eight cylinder autos, mink coats, diamond rings and Harvard accent! In other words, not even wars can change people."

Somehow I don't like our American attainments better than I like those of other countries. After all is their worship of men not a shade loftier than our worship of Babylonian towers? Men may lead us astray but towers lead us nowhere.

What peace?—Let us suppose that so called peace came tomorrow and suddenly our war industries stopped their operations. What then would be our new emphasis? Would it be drifting and letting economics take the course that is best liked by the barons of possessions, shall we let social conditions take a course of the wind, shall we let morals and attitudes take the direction of desire? I know that the bishop of York, Secretary Hull and the church of England has some peace plans, but what are the plans of 95% of our people? If we must plan and spend billions in war time why must we cease to spend for social well being and national discipline in peace time? Many are having their sense of values changed now; but will these who are thus affected act upon their new inspirations? We are now being forced to accept many of the qualities that preachers only have talked about. If it takes a crisis such as war to make us see then war would seem to be a devil's blessing. I can't for the life of me love all these Americans who think of freedom only in terms of joy rides, race betting, bridge benefits and dissipation. We note that during the war-absentee-days we preachers don't have much to talk about that is of any interest to people. Then most of us find the abundant life, in cars, trips, parties, six hour days, air conditioned movies and platitudinous ponderosities. The time unlimited implications of gospel preaching are only good during periodical periods of national sacrificial demands! I want peace, but I don't want it unless I can still live intensely!

OUR CHURCH

The Perth Amboy, N. J. Congregation has recently been presented a beautiful park by Mr. and Mrs. Axel Olsen. A committee within the church has been busy supplying the park with tables, benches, out-door auditorium and other articles requisite for the full enjoyment of the gift. A festive dedicatory service, Sunday, June 8, was enjoyed by many from Perth Amboy and neighboring communities.

Many of the Churches in the eastern district entertained visiting pastors the weeks immediately preceding or following the convention in Troy, N. Y.

Pastors A. V. Andersen and A. C. Kildegaard at Bridgeport, Conn.

Pastors Ottar Jørgensen and Harris Jespersen at Perth Amboy, N. J.

Pastor V. S. Jensen at Hartford, Conn.

Pastor F. O. Lund at Bronx, N. Y.

Pastor V. M. Hansen at Portland, Me. Missionary Dagmar Miller at Bronx, N. Y.

Pastor A. E. Sorensen at Dwight and Chicago, Ill.; also Dagmar, Mont.

Detroit and Juhl, Mich. Congregations are planning an all-day joint outdoor service and social gathering at a farm near Romeo, Mich., Sunday, July 27.

"Provst" Eilif Wagner, 63 years of age, passed away at his home in Denmark May 15, after many months of illness. In 1907 and the years following, he was Professor of Theology at G. V. C. and in 1910 succeeded the Rev. Nordentoft as President of G.V.C. However, he resigned soon after and has resided in Denmark since, where he served Taastrup Nykirke, and later was Provst for Smørum Herred.

Mrs. Rasmus Hansen of Grayling, Mich. has presented the congregation at Juhl, Mich. with a gift of \$100.00 toward the purchase of new English hymnals.

Mrs. Petra Hansen, widow of the late Pastor L. Hansen, died June 22 at the Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa. She attained the age of 88 years. She was housekeeper for Pastor Nordentoft for many years at Solvang, Calif., but moved to the Home in Des Moines in 1919. In 1924, she married Pastor L. Hansen, who preceded her in death a year ago.

The Danish Lutheran Congregation of Hetland, S. Dak. presented its pastor, Vagn Duus, with a gift of \$25 to help defray his travel expenses to the convention at Troy, N. Y.

The Danevang, Texas community hall

was filled nearly to capacity on the afternoon of July 4, when Major Cliff Titus, Public Relations officer and Chaplain of the 203 Mo. Regiment spoke. He discussed several clauses from the Declaration of Independence, and urged that the general public be aware of the contents of the document written in 1776. The program was sponsored by the English Ladies Aid.

The Midsummer Festival at West Denmark, Wisc. Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, attracted many visitors. The principal speakers were Pastors A. E. Frost, Waterloo, Ia., Ernest Nielsen, Des Moines, Ia., and M. Mikkelsen, Askov, Minn. Pastors J. M. Girtz, Luck, Wisc., M. G. Christensen, Cedar Falls, Ia. and Missionary V. Bagger also brought greetings to the meeting.

The Rev. Erik Møller and family of Omaha, Nebr. visited Tyler, Minn. a few days enroute to Outlook, Wash., where they will visit a brother of Pastor Møller.

Pastor A. T. Dorf has submitted his resignation to Our Savior's Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. He has, however, promised to serve the church until another pastor will be ready to take his place.

Pastor H. W. Bondo, Albert Lea, Minn. will be in charge of the Danish service, Sunday, July 27, 10-11 A. M. over WCAL, Northfield, Minn.

From the Convention:

A Union Choir under the direction of Rev. F. O. Lund rendered two numbers for the assembled convention Sunday afternoon. The choir was composed of 22 members from 5 states. We noted 5 minister's wives, one minister and several prospective ministers.

A Youth Rally, under the auspices of the DAYPL, was held Sunday evening at Trinity Parish Hall. President Alfred Nielsen, GVC, presided. Pastors M. Krog and H. Jespersen spoke and moving pictures were shown of various youth activities.

Sunday Evening Meetings: Dean S. D. Rodholm spoke in Danish in the church on the topic: "The Hymn Writings of Grundtvig." His address was in the opinion of the writer one of the best given at the convention. — The Youth Rally held in another auditorium was well attended.

The Sunday Services were as usual at our conventions very inspiring and festive. The early ordination service was impressive, and the two worship services that followed, one in Danish by the Pastors Alfred Jensen and O. S. Jørgensen, and in English by the Pastors A. E. Sørensen and F. O. Lund, were well attended. A local wedding was scheduled for one o'clock.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was favored with two well prepared and inspiring addresses, the Rev. B. A. Heland speaking on: "Missions in Our Generation" and the Rev. Johannes Knudsen on: "Present Day Conflicts in the Light of Christian Revelations."

Ronald Jespersen, Viborg, S. Dak., was ordained Sunday morning at an impressive service. Pastor A. W. Andersen, Chicago, conducted the service assisted by several of the pastors. The Rev. H. Jespersen preached the sermon.

St. Peter's Church, Dwight, Ill. will be the host for the 1942 convention.



The Third Annual Lutheran Deeper Life Conference at Mission Farms, Minneapolis, Minn. will occur July 21-27. This is directed by the Lutheran Inter-synodical Evangelistic Committee.

The Use of the Airplane in worldwide Church work of the future is outlined in a New York statement by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Trexler, president of the United Lutheran Synod of New York, who is making a missionary tour of South America this summer mainly by air. Dr. Trexler's tour is being made as President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and he is due to leave New York July 4th, to be gone two months. He believes that by using the latest and quickest method of modern transport he can not only cover a vast territory in a short time but is helping to bring Church practice into line with twentieth century efficiency.

"As a boy," Dr. Trexler stated, "I used to accompany my father, a Lutheran pastor, when he traveled by horse and buggy from church to church, visiting his four scattered parishes along the Blue Mountains of Pennsylvania. Today I cover by automobile most of the territory of the United Synod of New York in New York State, New England and northern New Jersey. Occasionally I use the airplane, as I am doing this summer on my South American tour.

"These three methods of travel—horse and buggy, automobile, airplane, not forgetting the railroad train, which has existed alongside all three—represent three stages in Church visitation as I have known it in my life. They are also typical of the gradual speedup that has entered into Church life."

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City, was selected recently by a group of representative clergymen to act as technical adviser for the

Warner Bros. Studio in Burbank, Calif., in the production of the film, "One Foot in Heaven," based on the life story of a Methodist minister.

A Church Paper for Every Church Member, Pastor Urges.—One of the pastors of the United Lutheran Church is so convinced of the value of the Church paper that during the past year he paid out \$114 of his own money in order that all families of his congregation might receive **The Lutheran**. Although the first year's experiment is not quite complete he reports that the investment is one of the best he has ever made. He says, "Our Church attendance has been better than ever before, our giving has been better, our benevolence has been better, and our Church has prospered as never before."

The pastor does not say that all the progress of the congregation has been the result of the paper, but he is certain that this religious literature has been a powerful influence among the people of his parish. So successful has this experiment been, in fact, that the Church council may next year make **The Lutheran** a budget item.

The pastor urges, further, that all congregations of his church consider a plan sending **The Lutheran** to all of their members. The purpose of **The Lutheran**, he says, is service for Christ—"It will have a chance to render such service when it is able to reach every home. Any congregation whose members are literate will find **The Lutheran** worth its cost as a budget item."

Minister's Centennial.—On June 27 the oldest Lutheran minister in the United States will celebrate the centenary of his own birth. He is the Rev. Thomas Franklin Dornblaser of Chicago, civil war veteran and member of the class of 1871 at Wittenberg College.

Dr. Dornblaser had preached in several states when he topped off his career with 30 years at Grace Lutheran Church in Chicago. He retired at 78. Of his early experiences he has written two autobiographical books.

Dr. Dornblaser had a son who fought in the Spanish-American War and another who died in the Battle of the Argonne during the first World War. In memory of the latter he has made several Atlantic crossings, and for a while taught English in the Berlin YMCA.

Iceland, long a state in its own right, save in its self-imposed agreement to allow Denmark to care for its foreign relations, has decided finally to sever also this relationship. Iceland has had a varied history. First settled in A. D. 874 by Scandinavian adventurers, it was recognized as an independent republic from 930 to 1264, with a parliament (Althing) which has continued in uninterrupted service for more than

1000 years. In 1264 it accepted the rule of Norway, but in 1381 it passed under the control of Denmark when Norway submitted to the Danish kings. When Norway finally seceded from Denmark in 1814, Iceland remained with Denmark under an act of union which recognized the complete freedom of Iceland. Citizens of each country had equal rights in both countries. The recent Nazi conquest of Denmark destroyed her value for Iceland as a representative in foreign relations. The later occupation of Iceland by British troops as a defense measure, and present threat of a Nazi invasion from Norway, made any further relation with Denmark undesirable. American troops have now replaced the British as a measure of protection to the shipping in the Atlantic.

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