

# Lutheran Tidings

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## LUTHERAN SERVICE CENTERS

This spring the Service organizations working among the men of our armed forces will ask for your renewed support. Organizations like the U. S. O. were inaugurated a year ago by government and welfare organizations, and backed by millions of dollars of donated government and private funds. Extensive and at times elaborate recreational centers have been provided. An inclusive and comprehensive recreational-welfare program for these men has been inaugurated.

There are service organizations, not nearly as widely publicized, which have been in the field longer even than the U. S. O. At the very beginning of our national emergency, they responded to the call of their country. Like light houses at sea and havens of rest on land they have been built to show our men the way and to give them assurance and hope in a day when both are needed—so much.

These are the service organizations of the Christian Church and already they have performed a ministry which has been recognized as truly significant even by those who have imagined there could be no place for the Church in the catastrophe of days like these. In this group our Lutheran service program is accepted as preeminent.

Let no one suppose that men can be satisfied in tragic circumstances like those which envelope us now with a ministry dedicated only to the needs of the body. Recreation and entertainment programs are needed,—and better ones than most of us are supposing.

But in days like these tens of thousands of men are discovering, many of them for the first time,—that they have souls, souls destined for eternity, souls which must face God and the great accounting and louder and more insistent comes the cry: show us God! We must find God,—before we die!

So there must be places dedicated to the great mission of showing men God. Men of God must be there to live among them like men of God, tell about God, and reveal God through His Word. Chaplains and Service Pastors there must be,—great numbers of them,—men of prophetic mould, men who know God and have themselves seen Him. In chapels and Service Centers they move among men, and men seeing them and hearing them know there is a God

and that He has sent His Son to save.

So while there is need for organizations like the U.S.O. and for a lofty recreational welfare program such as they have been asked to promote,—and woe is theirs if they face not their responsibility,—still there must always be the Christian Church with a ministry which only the Church has been called to promote,—and woe to the Church which forgets its mission.

The U.S.O. has its elaborate, government financed Centers and there is tremendous activity there. The Church has its government-owned chapels within the camps and its church-financed Centers in Camp communities, where the church can still be the church and where through any and all of its activities it can carry on the real functions of the Church. And the Church must be home and church for its men now, and her service pastors as her representatives must be father and mother and minister of God to men who without them might lose sight of all that parents and dear ones and God should mean to them now. Here again our Lutheran Service Centers rank first.

So lend your support to these service agencies, liberally. To the U. S. O. and to the program

sponsored by them which you must insist shall be representative of all that is best in our American way of life. To the service program of the Church, too, which at all times must be there to supplement the more secularized entertainment program of the other service organizations, supplement and complement it, because in this Service program of the Church there is a message of the everlasting Gospel which in the tragedy of the hour has the power to save men's souls.

A group of sailors left one of our Lutheran Service Centers some months ago. The Service Pastor had provided them with Service Prayer Books. The other day some of them returned from months at sea.

"We gathered each day, a group of us", one of them told the pastor, "for our private devotions, with the prayer book you gave us to guide us on. One day we had just completed these devotions when an enemy torpedo struck our ship. Two of our group



**CHAPLAIN N. M. YLVISAKER**  
Director of Service Men's Division

were killed. But we know they were saved, pastor, and that they went to heaven. And now we are home here in our Center again. How good it is to be here!"

A difference? Yes, there is. Don't forget this. Ponder now as you prepare your gift.

N. M. Ylvisaker.

## Last Call

May 15 is the date set for closing the books of the synodical treasurer. Would it not be well for the treasurers of our congregations to check and see if they have sent in in their respective quotas to the synodical treasurer Olaf R. Juhl, R. 1, Hopkins, Minn. at this time. If not, there is yet time to make a last minute effort to reach the goal set for the synodical budget: \$20,800.00.

I presume that Olaf Juhl has a contribution list published in this issue of Luth. Tid. You may inspect the totals, published by him. I will take the liberty to condense the figures I have from him. They look like this:

For the General Budget .....	\$8,330.92
For the Pension Fund including Minister's contributions .....	1,813.33
For the Home Mission including the Canada Mission .....	716.43
Children's Home .....	584.66
Equalization Fund .....	238.15
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This amount represents donations and contributions from all sources and amounts to only 56 per cent on the budget. Do I need to say that this is not very promising. I know that a good many congregations have as yet not completed their collections. Nevertheless, I do believe some strenuous and determined efforts should be made immediately in order to complete the collections for the budget. Some churches have taken offerings and collections also for the Home Mission and Canada Mission, but not very many. This puzzles me, since a great many of our ministers and delegates at church conventions not so long ago, raised a cry of alarm because it was proposed to give up the Canada Mission and because not very much of the synodical budget went for mission purposes. What has been done by these very loyal gentlemen toward supporting these missions in extraordinary ways? The congregation in Saskatchewan have donated their promised share in spite of not so good conditions. All told about \$2,000.00 has been paid during last fiscal year to churches needing support and to the Canada Mission. This does not take into account support of our papers, Luth. Tid., Kirk. Samler and Child's Friend. These will need support of about \$1,500.00 this year.

The greater part of our congregations have remembered the offerings for the pension fund, although some are still neglecting this cause. I know that this is more of an oversight than a willful neglect. Why not make up for lost time and take such

a collection? It will be refreshing to recall past services of ministers now pensioned by the taking of such a collection.

The drive for funds to Lutheran World Action is now being started, I hope in nearly all congregations. This is so well prepared, I feel, and people everywhere are so well acquainted with the purposes and objectives of Lutheran World Action, that I need say very little. The amount to be collected in our synod is \$5,300.00. This seems insignificant in a total of \$650,000.00 to be collected among all Lutheran Churches. To us it is of utmost importance to collect this very much needed help in the service of orphaned missions and the Lutheran Service Commission doing noble work among soldiers and sailors.

One of the often recurring thoughts of the New Testament is the obligation to remain faithful servants and stewards in the household of God. We need to be thus faithful, not only for the sake of our Lord and Master, but even more so for our own sake. We are the ones who cannot afford to be indifferent or slothful in the Lord's service. True, it does grieve our Lord, if we are unfaithful, but it will be ruinous for us. We need for our own sake to be faithful and serve with what we have received.

Alfred Jensen

## THE PRICE

Two years ago my friend, Enok Mortensen, suggested to me and others that we invite Steinbeck, the author, to come to Solvang. He would, so thought Enok, understand our kinship with one of the small European countries, Denmark. I see now that he was right. Steinbeck has written "The Moon is Down". Dramatically it is even more of a masterpiece than was "Mice and Men". Here he has entered the area of human world history. With his keen intuition he has realized, that the small countries of Europe will form the central arena of the present world drama. Here the contention between spiritual reality and quantitative materialism will come to a point. Here the spirit of loving-kindness will exert itself in such a way that it dissolves and breaks down the nerve system of materialism. Steinbeck does not mention which country he has in mind but the snow and the landscape makes one think of Scandinavia. To me it is obvious that in no other country has the reality of Spirit come closer to men during the last two hundred years, therefore she is worthy of a Calvary. With adroit skill does the author show that there is only one way out of the unbearable conflict between the invader and the soul of the people and that is a repetition of the Socrates sacrifice. The present conditions in Norway, Denmark, and Sweden accentuate the prophecy of our California poet. The God who is the God of history, who creates history, who brings about historical rebirth, who breaks the shell and transcends the evilness of time, always used the small country as base.

Aage Møller.



# Our Responsibility

BY OSBORNE HAUGE

It is imperative that all Lutherans know and bear their responsibility of—

- 1) maintaining war-orphaned mission fields
- 2) providing a fund to cover emergency needs of the church
- 3) supporting the ministry to service men

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## I

### The Need of Maintaining Mission Fields

Not all Lutherans are aware of the importance of foreign mission work, especially that initiated by European Lutheran Churches. The great missionary achievements of centuries may be obliterated if we in this country do not assume the responsibility which less fortunate European Churches have had to relinquish. Their missions should be held a sacred trust, especially with the brazen challenge of evil forces loud in our ears.

As military strategy is forced on our attention lately, we learn the need of maintaining bases for offensive or defensive action. Outlying bases are essential to defeat the threats of aggression.

The Christian Church too must face up to the need of maintaining outlying bases—from which the mightiest weapon of all, the Word of God, can close with the evil forces at large in the world.

Our Church's whole destiny depends on the zeal of Christians to accept obligation of maintaining these essential outposts, the mission fields in all parts of the world. History proves that any Church which fails in missionary zeal fails twice over at home, and in point of fact faces atrophy and decay.

It is important, therefore, that every Lutheran Christian be familiar with the war situation as it specifically affects missions of the Lutheran Church.

In 1923 representatives of the Lutheran Churches in 27 nations met to create a world-wide organization which might make tangible the sense of brotherhood among Lutherans throughout the world. This organization was called the Lutheran World Convention. One of its duties then stated was to provide assistance to whatever branches of the Lutheran Church might find themselves in need. In the year following its inception the Lutheran World Convention rendered invaluable service in maintaining the far-flung outposts of Lutheran mission work.

Then came war in September of 1939. Immediately German Lutheran missionary societies found it impossible to send funds to fields they had supported for many years. Properly, this matter then became the responsibility of the Lutheran World Convention. As the war spread to Norway, Denmark, France and Finland many other Lutheran fields were orphaned. Before long only the Lutherans of Sweden and the United States were in position to maintain overseas work. Finally Swedish Lutherans found it difficult to do more than support their own fields. Thus the complete responsibility of all Lutheran mission fields in the

world—except those of Sweden—became that of Lutherans in America. The Lutheran Churches of America became, in effect, the Lutheran World Convention.

It is to their credit that they took up the burden willingly and eagerly. Within an amazingly short time they raised and distributed funds to needy fields in all parts of the world—forty-seven of them, all told, encompassing one million native Christians, served by two thousand workers. To date, enough money has been raised to maintain all fields on a minimum basis—and “minimum basis” must be emphasized. Men in the orphaned fields are so eager to do their part in making sacrifices that they have cut down their own salaries to a pittance. Many missionary families now



In India: A SANTAL BOY

“From Afar Have Come Glad  
Tidings of Great Joy.”

manage somehow to exist on as little as \$10.00 a month and this in the face of sharply rising living costs.

In the New York office of Lutheran World Action messages arrive daily from such strange outposts as Numan via Jos, Kinyangiri, Lanhsien, Tzeli, Shensi, Nebek. These are letters and reports from Lutheran missionaries telling of their complete dependence on Lutheran World Action for the support of their work. The constant refrain of all is: “Without this help we could not have existed.”

But these accounts aren't full of the hardships the missionaries experience. These brave workers do not complain of the meagre provisions for their health or comfort, nor do they think of themselves as deserving special honor in compensation for their sacrifices. Occasionally, however, sentences creep into the letters which hint of great hardships. Perhaps the whole story will never be told, but even a little imagination convinces one that their example of faith and sacrifice will everlastingly bless the work of the Chris-

tian Church; they have given the world—at least the part of it willing to see—a demonstration of the power of Christian love.

Without the help of American Lutherans all this work cannot be continued. Help was given—enough to sustain it temporarily—but now again the need is great. Funds on hand will soon be exhausted. The fruits of generations of consecrated work, as well as property valued in millions, will be lost unless this support is renewed.

The directors of the new Lutheran World Action appeal, the Rev. Ralph H. Long and the Rev. Paul C. Empie, announce that the goal of the May appeal has been set at \$650,000. Of this amount almost \$400,000 will be used to maintain orphaned missions. Normal annual budgets of the orphaned fields used to total about \$2,500,000 but missionaries have sacrificed so

tory proved them wrong. Again, when a crisis developed in China a decade ago there were discouraged people at home who abandoned their missionary purpose. But in spite of danger missionaries persisted—and succeeded—in their work. During the past three years, in time of China's greatest crisis, they have utilized unprecedented opportunities for effective presentation of the Gospel.

Missions, it must be understood, are not a fair weather enterprise of the Church. In evil times the Gospel message must be presented without doubt or fears. Unnecessary risks should not be taken—but essential bases of action must not be abandoned. We may well remember that some of the most important advances of the Church have been made in periods of greatest trial.

It is evident, we may conclude, that the events of



1) Their church has not forgotten them. 2) Chaplain ready to administer communion. 3. Sign of a welcome within. 4) A home away from home.

much as to manage now to get along on about one-sixth that amount.

Lutherans of America should make a diligent effort to match the heroism of their representatives serving on the world's frontiers. They must translate their faith into action.

The world crisis should not deter our efforts but should spur us to do our utmost. One may recall that back in 1900, at the time of the Boxer uprising in China, some faint-hearted persons urged the termination of missionary efforts in China. They held that the project had ended—or must end—in failure. His-

the day, however disturbing they may be, must not distract or divert us from steady and strong determination to press forward in God's spirit, to proclaim by word and deed throughout the world the eternal Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## II

### The Lutheran Church Must Be Prepared for Emergency Needs

The Lutheran World Convention executive committee, American section, has determined that about \$15,000 of the Lutheran World Action fund will be turned over to the International YMCA, which in 1929



was authorized, by international agreement, to serve war prisoners of all nationalities. The committee points out that among the vast numbers of war prisoners are already some Americans—and it is tragically certain that there will be more.

Another part of the fund will go to the American Bible Society, which is currently conducting an emergency appeal. Since the beginning of the war it too has been obliged to assume responsibility for Bible Society services formerly supported from abroad. It is clear enough that at no time has the work of the Society been more urgent than today.

One of the little known agencies of the Church is the Lutheran Refugee Service, which has been maintained for several years by the Lutheran World Convention (Lutheran World Action). It hasn't boasted of its work—but it has achieved important results. Most recent figures indicate that it has been instrumental in securing employment for about 1300 refugees. It also, of course, established contact between these people and the Church. Our Church leaders believe that we have a special responsibility in this matter since so many of the refugees are Lutherans. Incidentally, it should not be assumed that this parter in communities adjacent to the largest concentrations of Lutheran men. And again the men responsible ticular work is no longer necessary. Refugees still arrive daily.

Amounts to be allocated for some of these purposes have not yet been definitely determined. The directors of the appeal explain that funds must be reasonably flexible in order that adjustments to emergency needs may be arranged on short notice.

### III

#### The Lutheran Ministry in Behalf of Service Men

Of the \$650,000 sum set as the goal for the Lutheran World Action appeal, \$250,000 will be earmarked for the Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. The work of this agency does not duplicate the service of the USO—it provides not merely recreation, but spiritual ministry. The Lutheran Church believes that it must not neglect the spiritual welfare of its members in the armed forces.

For years it has been the fashion to criticize the Church for many alleged shortcomings—for complacency, sloth, inefficiency, for failure to accept and deal with the actualities of life.

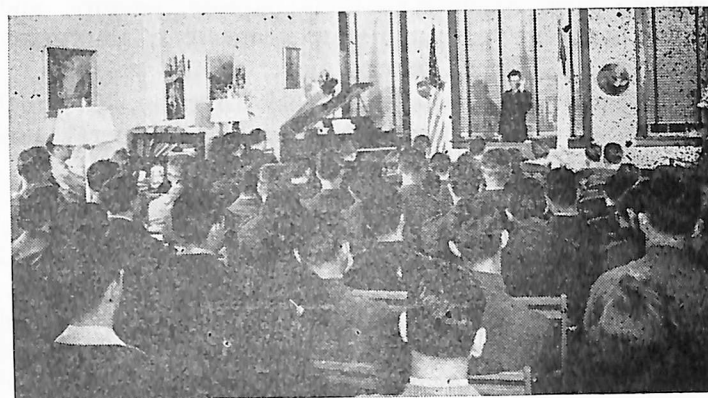
The record of the Lutheran Church in establishing and maintaining a service in behalf of the thousands of Lutheran men in the armed forces is a resounding denial of that myth. It is one of the most notable records in the Church's history—clear proof of a determination to serve wherever its ministry is needed, what ever the cost or effort. It is, moreover, a practical proof that real evangelical fervor is not dead, that the Church's leaders have the imagination to seize every opportunity for extending the Church's service.

As soon as the draft law was passed late in 1940 leaders of the Lutheran Church began to consider plans for ministering to Lutheran selectees. When men began to pour into training camps the National Luth. Council made a survey which was completed in time for the Jan. (1941 meeting of the Council.

The men who made the survey discovered that

the Church must take a hand and do something quickly. Villages and towns were growing into cities overnight, and with the boom and the swift changeover from normal community life to a community geared for war came vice and liquor and immorality. The army and navy said that they could control the situation within the camps and stations, but admitted that outside the camps their control was limited. It was evident, too, that community churches would be unable to minister to the spiritual needs of the thousands of men pouring into camp communities.

The need being so manifest, some tangible evidence of the Church's concern for its members was imper-



Fort Benning service men, their families and friends attend Sunday Vespers at our service center in Columbus, Ga. Pastor A. E. Goring is preaching.

ative. After considering details of the survey the Council voted unanimously to initiate a service in behalf of selectees.

Within a week after the meeting work was begun. There was no waiting around for an appeal for funds because the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America had some money on hand which had been raised for a similar purpose back in 1918. Part of this fund was advanced in order to get work started without delay.

An office was opened in the Metropolitan Bank Building in Minneapolis, in charge of the Rev. Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker. Dr. Ylvisaker possessed a thorough knowledge of the requirements for ministry in the service; had served as a chaplain in World War I, and had several years experience as president of the Chaplain's Association of the Army and Navy—a position he still holds.

Dr. Ylvisaker, together with an executive committee governing this new Service Commission of the Council, set out at once to build up an efficient organization.

The council itself undertook the job of raising funds—no simple job. An appeal for orphaned missions had just been concluded, and some in the Church were reluctant to acknowledge the need for a Service Commission—they insisted that the U. S. O. was enough. Lutheran leaders urged support of the U. S. O. but held, nonetheless, that the Church must maintain a supplementary spiritual ministry. In this enormous job of mobilizing American man-power, they said, great numbers of the Church's membership would lose all association with the Church unless a specific effort be made to seek out and serve each member.

And so, with faith and great diligence, the Council organized a comprehensive program. In general terms this provided that the Church: 1) keep in close touch with representative chaplains, who in turn minister to service men; 2) provide spiritual help in the form of religious literature, Testaments, prayer books, tracts, etc.; 3) provide service centers, and through them sponsor special programs for men on leave; 4) provided service pastors as spiritual counsellors and leaders at the Service Centers; 5) encourage and assist local pastors and congregations to provide an adequate religious service for men in their immediate neighborhood; 6) establish direct contact with the service men, as well as their parents, pastors, and home congregations; and suggest means of improving the religious life of service men.

Of course a program is easy to state. The real test concerned the translation of these general purposes into specific activities.

The preliminary survey had provided essential information. Armed with this and supplementary data acquired by a full-time field representative, the Commission set about to establish Lutheran Service Centers for the job gave evidence of real foresight. Care was taken to select good, attractive buildings in the most accessible part of town. No effort was spared to make them as inviting as possible, so that a man could really feel that this was the best available substitute for home.

In the meantime money came in—a total of about \$190,000 during 1941—enough to get the service well started. With this fund the Church already has



Communion service during maneuvers. Communion set was provided by our service men's division of the National Lutheran Council.

achieved remarkable results—indeed, it seems doubtful that the most efficient business organization in the country could have accomplished comparable results in the same brief period.

The complete record is difficult to present since it adds up to so much and includes such a vast amount of detail. Perhaps the best way to describe it briefly is to explain the activities of service centers and pastors.

The service centers welcome all service men. And the men do use the centers—25,000 of them each month. They are entitled to make full use of all facil-

ities, which they do. They go to the centers to read, play games, rest, write letters, get free cookies, meet friends, attend Bible classes, purchase money orders (one center has sold more than \$50,000 worth), listen to the radio or phonograph, cook their own meals, develop and enlarge some new snap-shots, attend special programs, seek the advice of the service pastor concerning some deep personal problem, attend work that manager, pastor, and chore-boy would ever do.



Informal hymn-sings and harmonizing on folk songs are favorite service center diversions. This male chorus is at Columbus, Ga.

ship services, partake of Holy Communion. The list could go on endlessly.

The service pastor does anything and everything. But in spite of the endless details and special services which keep him jumping like a grasshopper all day long he still finds time to visit boys on the reservation or in the hospital, to hunt up all Lutheran men in the area whose names are provided by national headquarters, to edit service center news sheets, to find living quarters and jobs for wives of men in the camps nearby. He is in constant demand, moreover, as spiritual adviser. In the course of a normal day he is called repeatedly to private conferences with men concerned for their spiritual welfare. Though it would be impossible to know how many young men have been brought to Christ through these conferences or how many have had their faith renewed, the evidence is clear that the number would run into the thousands. It was recently reported, for example, that during the past four months the service pastors held nearly 20,000 such interviews. These were not casual conversations. They were fundamental discussions of faith.

Formal worship is not neglected. If there is no Lutheran Church in the neighborhood the Service Pastor holds regular services in the Center chapel. Provision is also made for Sunday school classes, Bible classes and for meetings of youth organizations. Some of the Centers have regular League meetings every Sunday evening, followed by refreshments and friendly association with young people of the community.

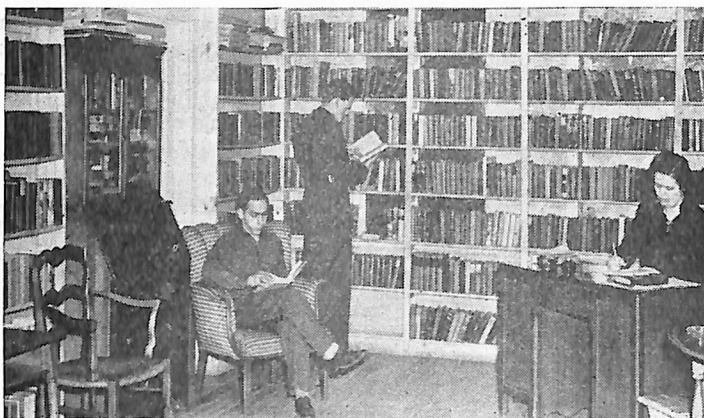
The Service Pastors have been careful, however, to avoid too much planned recreation for the men. They



have discovered that most men off the reservation seek to escape from the regimentation of their day to day living. And so the men are encouraged to do anything they might like at the Center—play games, read, or just sleep in a corner chair.

The Service Commission has also initiated a service to Lutheran chaplains in the army and navy, by which it sends them names and addresses of soldiers, prayer books, tracts, field communion sets, religious magazines, books, etc., for their own use or for distribution to the soldiers.. An effort is made, moreover, to encourage Lutheran men to serve with or help their chaplains—as organists, as Bible class teachers, or in any way possible.

Is this ministry appreciated? There is overwhelming evidence that it is. The files of service pastors,



**Book nook at a service center. Some men need quiet and a book as much as others need rollicking fellowship.**

the Service Commission, and the National Lutheran Council are bulging with letters of lavish thanks and praise—from chaplains, buck privates, officers, the Chief of Naval Operations, mothers, friends, pastors, the Chief of Chaplains, trustees of congregations, and many, many more.

To date centers have been established in thirty-one cities, but new surveys indicate that the need for this Lutheran service is becoming equally urgent in more training areas. At present, however, expansion must be held up pending results of the new Lutheran World Action appeal.

In summation it may be said that great things have been accomplished, but that money is needed to maintain the work of the Service Commission. At least \$250,000 will be needed during the coming year to support work already started and to initiate new, equally important projects.

Those who aren't quite persuaded of the need for expanding present efforts should have access to the files of letters coming from all parts of the country—from pastors, congregations, and most important, from the service men themselves, begging that Service Commission work be expanded to new communities.

One pastor, for example, writes of a young member of his congregation who found it too difficult to adjust himself to his new life in the army—and committed suicide. This is a rare instance, fortunately, but one cannot avoid the feeling, after reading the pastor's letter, with his account of the case, that the

tragedy would not have occurred if the Church's ministry had been available to this young man, training in an area where there was no Service Commission.

There are letters, too, telling of personal tragedies which the Church might have prevented.

These are times when men are thinking of great things, especially of safeguarding for the future our precious heritage of freedom. But freedom is an empty thing without faith. Without faith it cannot endure. The world of tomorrow must be built on a sure and certain faith, and our sons are not going to be cut off from that faith during their days of service—not if God continues to give the power to prevent it.

All true members of the Church are urged to consider prayfully the great responsibility of the Church in the present time—and then accept the challenge of the Lutheran World appeal. Most congregations will receive contributions on May 10th.

The goal of the appeal has been set at \$650,000. Of this amount, \$250,000 will go to the Service Commission. The remainder will be used to finance war-orphaned missions, relief to war prisoners, aid for refugees, and assistance to the American Bible Society.

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## Let Us Do Our Duty

As civilian camp pastor at Lutheran Brotherhood Building at Camp Dodge and as army chaplain during the last war I know from experience that the service the church can render our boys in the army is worth all we can give to it. I shall not go into details, but take my word for it: No money is better spent in our war effort. I say this without in the least belittling other work we are asked to contribute to.

There are few of our homes and none of our congregations that do not have boys in the uniform of U. S. A. Anything we do to slow down our war effort is treason against them. Anything we can do for them is our simple duty as nation, home, and church.

Grand View College, April, 1942.

S. D. RODHOLM.

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## The Santal Mission and Lutheran World Action

Having been asked to write an article on the present state of affairs in the Santal Mission and particularly how Lutheran World Action touches upon it, I wish first to make it very clear, that the Synods supporting the Santal Mission, with the exception of our own Danish Lutheran Church, each have their Mission budget for one or more other missions. The Santal Mission, through Lutheran World Action, thus receives aid from some synods which otherwise are practically outside the realm of responsibility for the work of this Mission.

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## Across the Editor's Desk--

The Lutheran World Action Appeal will be made during this coming month in all Lutheran churches in U. S. that are members of the National Lutheran Council.—We are happy to bring in this issue a detailed account of the extensive program as it has been planned by Dr. Ralph Long, the executive Director of National Lutheran Council and his coworkers.

We feel confident that all members of our synod will welcome the opportunity to give contributions to this much needed help to the orphaned missions, that have because of war conditions been cut off from their mother countries.

And the other extensive program of Lutheran service in our many army and navy camps challenges every one of us. Many of us have sons, brothers or very close friends who are in the service. We all know many of our boys who now are away from home and who have hours and hours of leisure time in the camps. We know that unless good constructive entertainment and wholesome spiritual guidance be offered to those thousands of young men, there will be many a lonesome boy, and many will, in lieu of something else to do, drift into bad company.

"A Home away from home", thus the Chaplains and army Pastors speak of the Lutheran Centers.—The various pictures in this issue do indeed give us a hearty greeting from this vast field of work. What a privilege to help in this urgent program.—The Lutheran Church is leading all other Church groups in bringing relief to the orphaned missions, and in serving our young men in the camps. We can not conceive of any congregation that will permit this appeal for funds to be met only in part.

## The 65th Annual Convention Of The Danish Church

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will convene for its 65th annual convention at Dwight, Ill. June 16-21 this year.

Divine Service and Holy Communion will open the convention at 8 P. M. Tuesday, June 16. The place of the meeting is the St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church. The business session commences at 9 A. M. Wednesday.

May I ask that delegates be sent to the convention representing all congregations in the synod, likewise that all pastors belonging to the synod be present at the convention.

Any church belonging to the synod has the right to send at least one delegate or one delegate of each 50 voting members or fraction thereof. According to the decision of the last convention a district located more than 900 miles from the place of the convention may also be represented by a district delegation having three votes. However, the total number of votes controlled by such a district may not be greater than the lawful number of votes the congregations of such a district are entitled to.

Proposals for discussion and decision at the convention should be sent to me not later than May 4 in order that they may be announced at least six weeks before the convention takes place.

Let us ask God to bless our forthcoming convention.

Kimballton, Iowa, April 3, 1942

Alfred Jensen

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St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dwight, Illinois, extends a cordial invitation to members and friends of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church to attend its annual convention to be held at Dwight, June 16-21.

Kindly register early. Send your reservations to Elmer Christopher, 410 East Street, Dwight, Illinois.

Charles Lauritzen, President of Church Council

F. O. Lund, Pastor

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## Reports To The Convention At Dwight

The convention at Dwight June 16-21 is not very far away. May I remind the district presidents that the reports from the districts should reach me not later than May 15.

The reports from the various institutions and committees will be printed this year in time to be distributed to the congregations for examination by delegates and pastors provided those reports are made available in time. Such reports should reach me not later than May 25. According to our by-laws the synodical fiscal year ends May 15. It should be possible to have the reports ready and in my hands by May 25.

Alfred Jensen

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## Synod's Treasurer's Last-Minute Appeal

Acknowledgement of Receipts from The Synod Treasurer for April came in the mail today, Saturday, May 2nd, just as Lutheran Tidings goes to press. Circumstances prevents us from publishing his full report. A few figures from his report reveals: Total to date to the Budget: \$8,823.07; Total to date to Home Mission \$82.05; to Canada Mission \$323.35; to Pension Fund \$1,577.73; to Children's Home, Chicago, \$298.13; to Children's Home, Tyler, \$286.53; to Santal Mission (sent to Olaf Juhl) \$1,852.30; to Seamen's Mission \$218.55; to Eben Ezer \$110.78; to Lutheran World Action \$596.05; to Service Men's Division \$1,232.29; For Annual Reports \$152.50; Pastor's Dues for Pension Fund \$342.60. Your treasurer adds to this report: "We are still way short in meeting our budget as set up by last year's convention and I would like to make a last minute appeal to those congregations which have not taken care of their share. I should be very pleased to hear from you."

—Editor.



## Grand View College



With the advent of spring come newly awakened desires and ambitions. As nature has reclothed herself in the fresh green foliage and once more made herself a delight to the eyes of man, so also have we taken stock of ourselves and begun to seriously contemplate the possibilities of regenerating our stagnate minds.

It is the time when students begin to think of the coming release from studies and must once again go forth to meet the problems of the working world.

At present the idea of searching for a job does not hold the terror and discouragement which our generation has formerly had to face. The present crisis seems to create, or at least leave vacant, a large choice of magnificent opportunities. But let us not forget that these opportunities are only temporary. Let us not become thoughtless money spenders. The sudden possession of comparatively large sums of money has more than once ruined the character of a young person. He loses sight of many of the finer ideals and desires he has previously held. He rejects the idea of furthering his college education and has a desire for nothing more than making all the money he can. Too many young people have lost their balance when they have come to choose between education and easy money in jobs that often do not suit their temperaments.

We are told that the two most important decisions in a person's life is his occupation and his choice of a mate for marriage. Of the two, the one that looms largest in a student's horizon is the former.

In the specialized world of today it is becoming more and more difficult to make the decision and to carry it out. The road to most of the professions is a long and difficult one and it is important that we be prepared to meet the many discouragements that we are likely to meet.

I am convinced that the years we spend at school are a great help in preparing a young person to face these difficulties. Grand View College has done much to clear our heads of bewildering thoughts and ideas, and has done much to strengthen our outlook on various phases of life. Let's not forget the things we

## Jeanette's Message

Our hearts grew warm to love Jeanette's old songs for the very newness of them and for the other songs—they helped us to forget. But it was not alone her songs; it was also Jeanette herself. Her personality is expressed in her song and yet, there would be something amiss in her song if it were not for her sweet personality that blends with it and makes that song find a vibrant response in the hearts of her audience.

She sang in the gymnasium at Danebod, Tyler, Minn. on a Sunday evening two weeks ago. During the afternoon she had sung for the people at Diamond Lake, which was her first appearance on a tour arranged by district three of the D. A. Y. P. L. By now she has sung for most of the young people's groups of our church in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. Jeanette Christophersen's home is near Irwin, South Dakota, and she is of the Stevns family.

Most of her songs are sacred numbers. Jeanette believes that a singer should bring a message to the audience. She does that. Many messages have been given and received in the old hall at Danebod but 'tis certain that Jeanette's will be remembered.

Ove R. Nielsen.

## From Saskatchewan

The winter has passed, though we have a heavy snowstorm today, April 14. Yesterday the weather was pleasant and tomorrow it may be spring. We have this year had the finest winter I ever saw in Canada. We had very little snow and only a very few really cold days. The temperature has averaged zero, the air has been dry and healthful and consequently we were free from sickness.

It has been easy to take care of the Church business both for the pastor and the congregation. We regret the loss of several families and nearly all young men. The moving of people is a consequence of wartime. It is, of course, not only the Danes who are leaving; the population of the whole province of Saskatchewan is declining as people go East and West.

In spite of the loss, we have succeeded in maintaining our membership fairly well and our services are well attended. It seems this evil time inspires people to assemble for listening to the Word of God and to talk things over with one another.

At Canwood we had services twice a month all winter. The roads were fairly good, and we were able to have our meetings at the different homes, even at homes distant from the village. Here and at Clouston the Church work

have learned here when it comes our time to make our evaluations and decisions.

Emily Feldtmose.

## The Army of Peace

Up through our war torn world  
A gentle host is marching,  
Its flag of peace unfurled.  
In every mother-tongue it prays;  
It gathers up the wounded;  
It builds for better days.

It is not only found  
On bloody fields of battle,  
But all the world around:  
True love at work and on the march  
In every land and nation,  
In kind and noble hearts.

For home and happy children,  
For world-wide sympathy.  
It is the workers' dread  
Of brutal war's destruction;  
He prays for daily bread,  
For freedom and security,

It is the cry of pain  
From broken hearts and bodies,  
From all who mourn the slain;  
It is the Christian call for aid,  
The anguish of the dying,  
The grief of souls betrayed.

A rainbow-bridge of faith  
On thunder-clouds reflecting  
The light of Christ who said  
That over passion's tyranny  
His love shall win the final,  
Eternal victory.

Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson.

by S. D. Rodholm.

(By permission from the translator)

has been very regular. At Mayfair the Church work is quiet in the winter because of the great distance and the scattered settling. Melfort also had a two months vacancy this winter.

In January I attended a Lutheran Home Mission Council meeting in Saskatoon. Rev. Skanderup from the United Danish Church was there too, and in the evening we had a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sørensen. Many Danish people from Saskatoon joined the meeting, and the spirit was exceedingly good.

Mr. and Mrs. Sørensen had a great sorrow. Their oldest boy, Børge, entered the airforce just when he had finished high school. He had a few months training at Prince Albert and was trusted to go in the air solo. Then it happened; he had to land in heavy fog. He came down too far, the aeroplane smashed, and he himself was very badly wounded. We are hoping Børge will recover. He was a good and able young man.

With kind regards to all friends,  
Vilhelm Larsen.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL and HOME

## — Aids to Leadership —

### MOTHER SONG

Bright is the morning, and bright is my task,  
And joy in the heart is a wonderful thing,  
Yet ever, dear Lord, at my labor I ask  
Thy blessing upon my beloved as I sing:  
Keep them from evil, deliver from harm,  
Help them to grow in Thy wisdom and grace,  
Teach them to know the good strength of Thy arm,  
Thy touch on their hand, the light of Thy face.  
May they be selfless, and may they be kind  
In a world that has need of much kindness today,  
If they should wander, Lord, help them to find  
The road that leads home again—show them the way.  
Help me to mother not only my own,  
But every small child I see faring alone.

Grace Noll Crowell

### The Hermit

Deep in the thicket of a giant forest there lived a hermit. One day an old lady living on the outskirts of the woods came to seek his advice. "I have lost my husband and my children," she said, "and can hardly stand to live any longer."

"Are there no other people you care for?" said the hermit. "None." — "None at all. — Very well," said the hermit, "then I am not going to bother about preaching to you. Otherwise I would have said, that you should love other people because they are God's people just like you. But your heart is really shriveled up and you deserve to be punished because you have permitted this to happen.—However your punishment is going to be mild. Now, not very far from here there lived a woodchopper. One day his house caught fire and he and his wife perished in the flames; only a little child was saved but was injured very severely by the flames. It cannot walk and perhaps never will be able to. You are to take care of this child for three months."—The woman gave the hermit an angry look and said, "This is not a mild punishment; it's no small matter to take care of a child that cannot even walk. I suppose I will have to carry it about during the day time and to watch over it at night."—"That's what it means, and so I suppose you do not want the child?"—"Well,—if you say I must, I will."—"Well, if I can have my way, I want you to have the child and I will bring it to you tomorrow."

A month later the hermit knocked on the lady's door. "How is the child getting along?" he said. "Not so well, I must often take it with me during the day time and watch over it at night besides."

The hermit looked into the room where the child was resting in a clean and comfortable bed; he could see from its appearance it had been taken well care of. He bade the woman farewell, and disappeared into the woods.

Another month passed and the hermit appeared again at the woman's house. "Well, how is the child getting along?"—"Not so well yet, it cannot walk and never seems to feel well."—"Is the child much of a burden to you?"—"Yes." "Very well then, you have only one month left and your punishment will be over. At that time I will come and get the child." The man looked into the room where the child sat up and ate, it smiled at him and he chatted with it, smiled, and then went out and back into the woods again.

A month later he came again. "Your punishment is over" he said, "and I will take the child with me."—"Come inside," she said. The child sat in the sunny part of the room playing. "Dress the child," he said to the woman. But she threw herself across the table crying violently. "I cannot get along now without this child," she said, "I have been thinking how I am to gather together its clothes and playthings. How can I stand to see it carried out of the house. I just can't stand it. May I not keep my child?"

"But the child is so much trouble to you," said the hermit. "I will wear myself out to the bones for it," she yelled. "In the name of the eternal God, let me keep my child!"

Smiling the hermit arose from his chair and said quietly, "I knew it,—your heart had dried up; it had become too hardened; and I suppose you were going around hoping that the whole world, which you did not care for, should come around and be kind to you; but this world did not come. You were going in the wrong direction. It is not the most important thing to wait for the goodness of others. But it is important to show our own goodness. Let me tell you a great truth. We can not be good to others without eventually loving them. Love comes with the sacrifice it brings. You sacrificed much for this child and now you love it."—"Yes I do."—"And now you can stand to live?"—She went over and kissed both hands of the child fervently.

"When you came to me three months ago," he said, "I understood you, I knew you could not live the way you felt. People who do not love cannot live. You took love into yourself. You are living again. The child is yours and you may keep it."—He took his cane and walked out from the house and into the woods.—She sat down before the child and looked at it with eyes that seemed to light up the room.—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Kappel Bøcker, "Lignelser og Beretninger til Religionstim-  
en," tr. by L. C. B.)

Many people have a good aim in life, but never pull the trigger.





## BOOKS

**"A PASTOR WINGS OVER SOUTH AMERICA"**—By Samuel Trexler, The Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia, Pa. \$1.00,

Quite recently we have had books about South America written by religious leaders; a few years ago we had John A. Mackay's "That Other America" and now this book by the president for the Foreign Mission Board in the United Lutheran Church.

Mere sociological observations of other parts of the world are not enough. John Gunther writes interesting and voluminous about the "inside" this and that; but the "inside" of any people is always a spiritual ferment whether that spirit is Christian or pagan;—and for that reason, books by Christian men who are not forgetting "the natural man," are more true in their observations than journalists who have no more than a good jargon of "business English" and reports of events without causes and therefore no great benefit.

This book is not profound but in interesting language we follow Dr. Trexler down the west coast across the Andes to Buenos Aires, along the east coast on interesting side excursions and back to New York. He has seen the people, taken part in their formal church services, but has not overlooked the relation of that church to the social geographical set-up. His last chapter on the question: "Is the Protestant Church Needed?" is an assured conclusive yes.

**Humilitas**

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**"FIRE UPON THE EARTH"**—By Bernhard Christiansen, Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota

This is the other new book, a treasure in very truth.

As the title suggests, this book is in the English language.

These messages are as relevant to the Christians' victorious struggles as are those in the book above mentioned. You will devour its chapters, one by one, with this consuming passion upon you: That I too, may more and more live the liberated life.—

The initial chapter is on "The New Humanity." The last chapter titled: "With us remains the Kingdom."

Secure it for \$1.50 from the author or from Santal Mission, c/o Rev. M. C. Dixen, Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn. Dagmar Miller

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**"A CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE"**—By Roswell P. Barnes, The Friendship Press, New York City, cover 75c. bound \$1.00.

The subtitle of this book is: Our contribution to world order. And by "our contribution" is not meant the people of the United States primarily but the Christian people in the world. This is just one of the many present voices in the wilderness, shouting in unmistakable terms, that if we as Christian people keep on in our ignorant, lazy and indifferent complacency, then we may be sure that we as a Church will be ingored and obliterated. It is a book that brings out the contrasts between what we say and what we do. These contrasts seem most offensive to the Orientals although they also live in glass houses.

What is going to happen to the world through the interchange of ideas and the race infiltration taking place at present?

We, the people of America, representing, as no other people in the world, a cosmopolitan future, must awake to the world's problems and needs. Undoubtedly a member of the Christian Church may ask himself: What can I do? And the answer is: The world problem is in our own community, we can become internationally minded by the application of our enlightened and inspired intelligence right where we are. The last paragraph may be a key: "The Church that becomes so obsessed with its concern for a sinful and suffering world, as

## Rev. Rasmus Jensen

It is the time of spring and new life in the year, but death also takes a heavy toll at the same time. It is not long since Rev. Leo Broe died in his home at Portland, Me., and now I see by the papers that my old friend Rev. Rasmus Jensen died at his home, Brookings, So. Dak., April 13, 1942.

Our first meeting was at Grand View College, Dec. 1, 1898 when I came to the college. He came from Denmark in 1897 together with Rev. R. R. Vestergaard, and it was his intention to study for the ministry in The Danish Church. While the other students had worked for years in other occupations before we began to study for the ministry, he had his ideal and worked for it from the day he landed in America. He was a good comrade and had a happy disposition. He was a fine singer and took a lively part in the activities at the school.

Rev. Rasmus Jensen has worked in different congregations through the many years he has been in the ministry, but it has been with him as with many of my old schoolmates, that we have had our work in different districts, and therefore have been too far apart to share much together in our ministerial work.

When he was minister at Elba, Neb., he had two and maybe three churches built in his congregation; which shows his zeal in the work.

He had calls at different congregations besides Elba, Neb., at Juhl and Detroit, Mich., Fredsville, Ia., Salinas, Calif., Hetland and White, S. D.

I remember very distinctly the last time we were together. Our old congregation at White, S. D. had invited us to their harvest festival, Sunday, Aug. 28, 1938. I had preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon Rev. Rasmus Jensen and his wife came from Hetland, and he preached the harvest sermon in the afternoon.

I was much impressed by the enthusiasm where-with he preached and led the singing. After the service, before lunch was served outside the church, he gathered the young people about him and led in singing one hymn after another. He helped to make it a very festive day.

He had at that time resigned as minister at Hetland, and the congregation at White was afraid he would leave them also. They liked him very much and wanted to keep him, so they were glad when he moved to Brookings and continued to serve them.

He seemed vigorous and well at that time, but soon after he became sick, and now he is called to his heavenly home from a world filled with sickness, war, and strife.

May God comfort his wife, children, and many friends.

**Henrik Plambeck**

to risk its very life, demonstrating to the world a voluntary concession of self-interest in compassion for the sin and suffering of the world, may be used of God as a instrument of his redemptive power to draw this tragic world back to himself."

With a good leader, this would be a very profitable book to read in a study group.

**Humilitas**

# Pioneer Days in Our Church and Home

"Our fathers landed on Thy shore,  
Not rich in gold were these;  
They brought a treasure worth much more,  
An ancient heritage, a store  
Of wisdom, songs, and melodies,  
Traditions, memories."



"Amidst our homes and children  
Our forefathers' church we build."

"True History is not a desert trail  
Of war and wealth, of pomp and clever  
scheming;  
It is a stream of memories, a tale  
Of Life and Love at work, of striving,  
dreaming."

## St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church

The town of Dwight was established in 1853, when the Chicago Alton R. R. was built, and the first Danes arrived about 1860.

In the first years the Danes worked along, without and regular church services, but finally united with a group of Norwegians of the same faith and shared the services of traveling missionary pastors. Soon these Danish settlers felt their number was great enough to establish a small congregation of their own. St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran church was organized on March 14, 1876 and the first Danish services were held March 22, with Rev. Hejberg of Trinity Lutheran Church of Chicago, officiating.

On June 3, 1876, it was decided to erect a Church building, work began immediately, and on the 28th of July, Rev. Rosenstand of Manistee, Michigan, held the first service in the new church. It was decided at this meeting to call Rev. Rosenstand to be the first residential pastor. He accepted the call and moved to Dwight on April 22, 1877.

The first parsonage was built in 1892 for Rev. Becker, who, during his stay organized the Sunday School and Young People's Society.

Many improvements and repairs have been made on the church since its beginning, and in April, 1904, the steeple was built and the Young People gave the church a bell which still calls people to services.

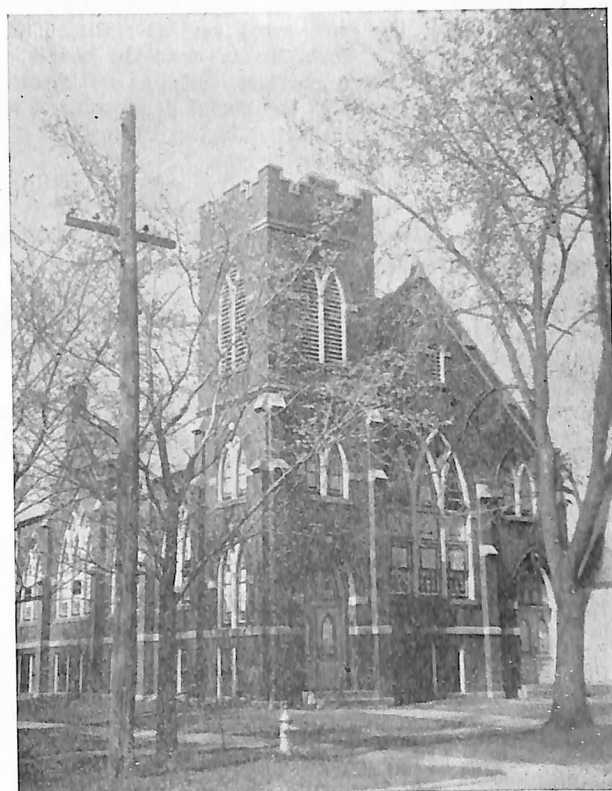
In July, 1909, it became necessary to build a larger parsonage and as it was possible to buy the two lots opposite the church, this was obtained and the parsonage was completed the following winter.

As the years went on the congregation increased and the church was not large enough to accommodate the people so in 1917 our present church was built.

In 1941 the 65th anniversary of the Church was celebrated. During the years of its existence the following pastors have served St. Peter's Ev. Luth. Church: H. Rosenstand, 1877-1878; Jacob Holm, 1878-1881; Th. Lyngby, 1881-1882; L. Hansen, 1883-1887; N. P. Simonsen, 1887-1892; A. Becker, 1892-1896; P. Lilleso, 1896-1902; A. Bobjerg, 1903; K. C. Bodholdt, 1905-1909; V. Holm, 1909-1912; J. C. Aaberg, 1912-

1926; S. Kjaer, 1926-1937; and Rev. F. O. Lund, who came in 1938 and is the present pastor.

Identified with the church for several years and giving substantial aid and assistance in more ways than one are the Danish Ladies Aid Society, Young



Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dwight, Illinois

People's Society, Willing Workers Society, and the Lutheran Brotherhood. Mention should also be made of the Church Choir which is accompanied by the Verlinden Pipe Organ, donated to the Church April 2, 1939.

At the annual convention to be held June 16-21, we hope to meet and greet a goodly number of representatives from every congregation.

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It is better to dwell in the secret place of the Most High continually, than to run into it when night comes, or flee to it when emergency arises.



## THE SANTAL MISSION . . .

(Continued from page 7)

Lutheran World Action apportioned to the Santal Mission in 1941 the sum of \$14,000.00, a substantial help indeed. It has been accepted and appropriated in sincere gratitude. From our innermost being emerges a song, I do believe, somewhat like this: "God be praised for the supporters He raised up during these difficult times."

We will now consider briefly the status of our Mission budget. The general budget for the Santal Mission before the war was \$100,000.00. The \$80,000.00 came from Denmark and Norway while contributions from United States amounted to about \$20,000.00. Judging from this, we do admit some magic or divine blessing is required to make the Lutheran World Action contribution suffice to cover the \$80,000.00 cut off from the Mission on that tragic April 9, 1940, when Norway and Denmark lost their rights as free peoples.

Some information is required to enlighten us in this matter.

1. In 1941 our Mission budget here in U. S. A. through the faithful supporters went several thousand dollars above the usual \$20,000.00.

2. All missionaries' salaries are reduced to two-thirds the normal.

3. Indian workers' salaries are reduced to four-fifths of their meager allowances.

4. All new building projects, however badly needed, are discontinued or cancelled and repairs on buildings, etc. have, to a very large extent been curtailed.

5. Missionaries' passage to and from the field always incurs heavy expenses, so the impossible return of missionaries on furlough has reduced disbursements.

6. The Norwegian Government in England has been able to send from time to time funds to: "Norwegians in exile" including our Norwegian Missionaries.

7. And finally, profits from some of our undertakings in the Mission on the field such as the Zemindary and The Mornai Tea Estate in Assam.

The shortage of funds does make a dark picture, but I do maintain the gloom is dispelled absolutely, upon reiterating: not one of our Mission stations have we been obliged to close! Is not this a most tangible evidence of: Hebr. 13:5 "I will not fail Thee, neither will I in any wise forsake Thee." Is this not an encouragement to the great number of faithful supporters?

"Yes", you admit, "but see the enemy troops drawing close and closer to India, our dear Assam friends so close to Burma—"

Remember the thousands that are still in darkness, let us push on realizing victories are won and with this encouragement uppermost in our minds let us make this drive for Lutheran World Action, as far as we are able, a true success. **Dagmar Miller.**

## OBSERVATIONS

By Bundy

**The Higher Patriotism.**—In 1925 Dr. Edvard A. Steiner, wrote a book called "The Eternal Hunger." He concluded "the Foreword" thus: "I would rather wear the halo of Francis of Assisi than any other; and when I pass on into the next world, my desire will be for a mansion among the mystics, far from the carping theologians and the contentious legalists.

Mine, I trust, will be a modest mansion, at the foot of the Holy Hill; for the curtain hanging between myself and the unseen has never been drawn aside. The flesh has been too much with me, perhaps it is because I saw God, first, on Mount Sinai, amid the flash and thunder, that I have never lost the awe of Him—which the ancients called the "fear of God."

"—America has become strangely mingled with all my higher aspirations. My love for America is not a borrowed patriotism, or one imposed upon me by zealous Americanizers."

"It is a part of my religious aspirations to be worthy, to remain worthy of the gifts she has bestowed upon me and to help make her worthy to remain—the New World—God's new world—a fit successor to the ancient Jerusalem."

Patriotism is such a shifting thing; someone has call it: "My country, right or wrong—but My Country." Certainly it would do no good to run away from our country when she is wrong; but neither is it very discerning to call her always in the right. We have been much in the wrong many times; and because we have been wilfully blind we are now forced to see things we do not like. We would have been better patriots if we had been willing to look at our faults when we were partly right than to wait till the time when so much was glaringly wrong.—Steiner's patriotism is not rubber stamped but soaked with hard labor and sincere prayer. Eventually that makes good citizens for any country.

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District Convention, Dist. 8  
(California)

The eighth District of The Danish Evan. Lutheran Church of America will meet for its annual Convention during the days of the 29th, 30th and 31st of May. The convention this year will be in Salinas, California, and will begin in the evening of May 29th and close on the evening of May 31st.

All active pastors of the District will be present and congregations are urged to elect delegates at their very earliest convenience, and to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of our work which they may wish to bring before the convention. We urge as many as possible to gather with us for the purpose of sharing the work and the fellowship.

**A. E. Farstrup, District Pres.**

The Danish Lutheran Congregation of Salinas, Cal. extends a hearty welcome to all friends and members of the Danish Lutheran Church in Dist. 8 to gather with it for the Districts annual convention. Delegates and guests will be lodged in the homes of our members and friends, but we ask you to notify one of the undersigned before your arrival if possible.

**Enok Mortensen, Pastor**  
213 Church St., Salinas, Calif.  
**Chris Christensen, Pres. of the Congregation**  
Spreckels, Calif.

## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

If it is true that the art of expressing our deepest gratitudes in songs of praise has become a lost art, or nearly lost, there must be a reason. Can it be our vanity, our pride?

We know that Christianity, or the Christian life, must have as its foundation a fellowship that is built upon faith, "that they may all be one," (John 17:21). With that fellowship unimpaired there can be no vanity. But if there are breaks in it, it will become immediately noticeable in the conduct of its constituents, and a similar situation as the one described in Matth. 20:20-28 is liable to accrue in which we give vent to our different opinions, and disagreements, and demonstrates how one is better than the other, outwits him by far, that one is a hero and another perhaps is a half-wit, that some are resentful, while others are boastful, but the world will know how to award each one according to his traits.

The meek are the only ones who get no consideration. In a way I believe that most of us would like to be counted among the meek, but we don't like to be altogether unnoticed among our fellowmen. Degrees and honors are sometimes well paid for, and it is not an easy matter, if it is within one's reach, to resist the temptation to seek a little world distinction. The only way to guard oneself against pride, if there is a tendency toward that, is to apply every effort and every resource in the service of humanity. Some of our greatest men have also been some of our meekest. In a Christian way they always are, but the world doesn't see it, either it can see only the great men and it makes him a hero, or it sees the meek man and ignores him.

If the man whom the world makes a big man is not big enough also to be a meek man his vanity is certain to lead him to defeat, for pride is the road to humiliation.

The greatest are those who serve. But this gives no one any right to think that he is superior. Service is a duty and a great privilege for which we ought to be deeply thankful.

We may think that others are taking unfair advantage and be resentful about it. It may never occur to us that what they do is in itself an acknowledgement of complete ignorance of the way of life which is open only to those who try to understand it and to repudiate at the same time the way of the world. They shall need to have it patiently explained to them.

In this service to our fellowmen we have failed again and again for this simple reason that such service can be rendered only in deep humility, and there is definitely no worldly recognition for it.

## Notice to Overdue Subscribers

The business manager appeals to all the subscribers whose subscriptions are due now as well as those coming due before May 20 to renew NOW. It will help us to balance our books more favorably at the close of our fiscal year May 15. RENEW TODAY.

Holger P. Jorgensen, Bus. Mgr.



Charles Terrell, theological graduate from Grand View College this year preached in the Kimballton, Iowa, church on Sunday, April 26th, in the absence of Rev. Alfred Jensen. He is scheduled to preach in the Badger-Hetland churches on Sunday, May 10th.

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The Annual "Studentfest" was held at Grand View College, Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. Prof. A. C. Nielsen, President of Grand View College, was the main speaker on Sunday afternoon. The Grand View College Alumni held its annual meeting Saturday afternoon. A large attendance was anticipated.

Rev. Jens A. Holst, Alden, Minn., has resigned from his pastorate there. He has bought a home in Alden and plans to move into his own home presently. He has, however, consented to serving the congregation until another pastor is called within the next year.

Rev. Ernest Nielsen will give the Danish sermon on the regular Danish Radio Service, WCAL, Northfield, Minn. Sunday, May 24th.

The Eastern District of our synod met for its Spring Meeting in Bridgeport, Conn., during the days Friday to Sunday, May 1-3.

The 40th Anniversary of the Junction City, Ore., Church will be observed in May, either on the 17th or the 31st.—The interior of the local church has been reconditioned and the congregation is looking forward to the first meeting in "a very beautiful little Church."

Rev. Vagn Duus, has resigned from his call at Badger-Hetland, So. Dak., and has accepted a call from the Danewang, Texas, Church.

May Day At Dana College was the annual homecoming event this year during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1-3. On Friday the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study gathered Scandinavian educators from colleges and universities of the middle west for a session. In the eve-

ning the Dana Chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation presented Kaj Munk's "Ordet." On Saturday the annual May Festival was staged, and Sunday was the annual Luther League Rally Day, the Dana College Choir giving its Home Concert in the evening.

Prof. Otto Hoiberg has resigned from his position as Superintendent of Schools at Askov, Minn., taking effect Sept 1st. He plans to take advanced work at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Bovbjerg, who have served the past ten years as Superintendents of the Children's and Old People's Home at Tyler, Minn., have tendered their resignation to take effect October 1st.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of our synod, visited the congregation at Badger-Hetland, So. Dak., recently, speaking there Friday evening, April 24th.

The Menominee, Mich., Church will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 31st. Rev. J. C. Aaberg, as one of the former pastors, and Rev. Alfred Jensen have been invited as guest speakers.

The St. Ansgar Church of Waterloo, Iowa, will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, August 2nd.—Rev. A. E. Frost is now the pastor of this church. Through many years it has been served by the Cedar Falls pastor.

## Annual Meeting of Santal Mission Association

The eighth annual meeting of the Santal Mission Association will be held, God willing, in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Amery, Wisconsin, the Reverend Olaf Braseth, pastor, June 5-7, 1942. The opening service will be held Friday morning, 10:30 o'clock, June 5.

At the business session, the regular business coming before the meeting will be taken care of. Election of Board members will take place to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the term of the following members: J. O. Blanness, Haakon Jorgensen, Arthur H. Rholl, L. L. Roholt, and C. M. Weswig.

Friends of missions are heartily invited to attend. Will all who desire lodging kindly inform the local pastor, Rev. Olaf Braseth, Amery, Wisconsin, at their earliest convenience.

For the Board of the Santal Mission of the Northern Churches,

Odd Gornitzka, President.  
Marius C. Dixon, Secretary.

Many a man who pays rent all his life owns his home; and many a family has successfully saved for a home only to find itself at last with nothing but a house.

—Bruce Barton.



## NEWS BRIEFS

**The Situation in Norway.**—The Norwegian legation has obtained information about an interview between Bishop Berggrav and Major Quisling. The Nazi Premier sought to implicate the Bishop in the formation of the Administration council which assumed control of the nation after the departure of the king. Bishop Berggrav has a letter in his possession from the former German ambassador in Oslo, requesting the formation of such a council. The Nazis are trying to force the Bishop to yield up this letter so that they may interpret the formation of the council as reason against the German state.

The Bishop accused Quisling of falsifying his resignation so that it could be interpreted as a dismissal. Failing in his purpose to come into the possession of the coveted letter, the Premier declared that Bishop Berggrav was a traitor who deserved to be beheaded. The Bishop replied: "Well, here I am."

The Nazis are having difficulty in finding clerics to take the place of the resigned Bishops. Practically all religious organizations of the country have declared their solidarity with the Bishops. The church continues to be the backbone of the anti-Nazi sentiment. But the teachers of Norway are standing equally firm.

**Aid to Orphaned Missions.**—The most recent figures received from the International Missionary Council shows that since the beginning of the war more than \$1,541,000 has been contributed for missions that are cut off from their home countries. These figures are minimum amounts because it is impossible to place a financial value on much of the assistance which is given by societies and missionaries to distressed neighboring missions. The largest contribution came from the United States, namely \$1,360,000. Sweden has given \$45,000, Great Britain \$36,000, Canada \$29,000, South Africa \$18,000, Norway \$8,000, Switzerland \$6,000, Australia \$4,700. It is remarkable to find that a number of countries which are considered as mission fields have also given important contributions. Thus India has given \$11,000, China \$4,400, the Congo \$4,000 and Syria \$2,200.

**Official Statement on the War by American Churches.**—A special Letter to the Churches of Christ in America says: "The calculated treachery of recent aggression has evoked instant condemnation. It is a manifestation of the great flood of evil that has overwhelmed nation after nation, destroying human rights and leaving men victims of irresponsible force.

"Yet we must realize that war is but the most shocking sign of the demoralization of modern life and international conduct. The laws of God have not been honoured. Now the awful con-

sequences are laid bare. Conscious of our participation in the sin of the world, we should be humble and penitent before God.

"As members of the world-wide Church which transcends all differences of race and nations we have obligations which reach beyond our own country. We must preserve at all costs the world-wide Christian fellowship without which no free order of justice and peace can be achieved. In times of war Christians in different nations are still members of one body in Christ. They must pray not merely for their own national interest, but that God's will may be done in and through all nations. They must remember that in every warring nation there are men and women who, in spite of the differences in the political allegiances, are one with us in the ecumenical Church, and who also pray for its fuller realization and for the coming of God's Kingdom in the world. As this Universal Church strengthens and extends its fellowship and deepens its loyalty to one Lord and Master, it will be the greatest of all forces binding the broken world together."

**Santa Barbara Ministers Farewell to Japanese.**—Seventeen Santa Barbara ministers, representing fifteen churches in Santa Barbara, have addressed the following open letter to "our loyal Japanese neighbors and our neighbors of Japanese parentage."

"We wish to express publicly our regret that it has been deemed necessary to have you removed from this neighborhood. This seems to be one of the unfortunate but unavoidable necessities of war. You leave Santa Barbara with our sincere sympathy and best wishes.

"For two generations you have been a valuable influence in our community. By your industry, intelligence, friendliness and sincerity you have won the respect and love of your neighbors. You have added greatly to our resources and to our moral and religious culture. The tragedy of war between our country and Japan which is not of your making nor of your choosing makes it necessary that we be separated for a time, but we assure you that our friendship has not been disturbed. We share alike the feeling that this war has been brought upon us by forces beyond our control but we mutually resolve that it will not be permitted to shatter our fellowship.

"We are deeply appreciative of the generous and patriotic way in which you are accepting this enforced evacuation. You are a challenge to the rest of us, and we pray that our necessary sacrifices may be made in the same fine spirit.

"As you leave this community you carry with you our best wishes, our prayers, and our continued good will. May God keep you safe and return you to us unharmed in body, mind and spirit."

The letter was signed by ministers

of the Baptist, Congregational, Christian, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian and other churches of Santa Barbara.

**Great Britain—Righteous Anger or Hatred?**—In the "Christian News-Letter of January 21, 1942, Dr. J. H. Oldham writes: "If we believe in the ends for which we are fighting, we have to hold fast even in the war to the principles of the new, more human order which we desire to establish, and in which the ordinary man in Germany, Italy and Japan must have his part and opportunity. That means that we are fighting for the people of these countries as well as against them. There need be no contradiction between waging the war with vigor and holding firmly to the qualities of magnanimity, compassion and kindness without which no new order can be built.

"The following quotation from a sermon in the Chapel of the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, and sent me by one of our members, is relevant. The sermon was printed in response to an immediate demand. The questions with which the quotation ends are questions which we cannot put too often to ourselves and to others.

"Righteous anger can boil and blaze, but it is not the same thing as hate. To fight to remove an evil philosophy from the face of the earth is not the same thing as revenge, and it is more powerful than revenge. To hate and to take revenge is to turn traitor and ally ourselves spiritually with the very foes we fight physically, and to place ourselves in a situation so absurd that nothing sane can possibly come out of it . . . Is revenge, is hatred going to accomplish anything worth while? Can the Kingdom of God be brought any nearer, the foundation of a new world be built on such things?"

"A multiplying hatred must mean the end of civilization. To avert this catastrophe we need an anti-force. Such an anti-force may be found in a passionate desire for a society in which the evil passions of hatred, cruelty and revenge are held in check, and the Christian qualities of forgiveness and compassion exert their healing and humanizing influence. These noble qualities are as remote as possible from a sentimental refusal to face political realities. I do not know from what source they can be brought back to the world except from a renewed understanding of the meaning of the Cross of Christ.

"The tide of unreasoning hate is swelling, and it is our patriotic duty to do all we can to stem it, in order that the sacrifices our nation is making may not fail of their reward."

**Farewell to the Church Bells.**—On the occasion of the demand that all bronze bells in Germany should be handed over for war purposes, Archbishop Grober of Freiburg in Breisgau sent a pastoral letter to his dioceses, in which he describes the fate of the

bells and says farewell to them.

"Your bitter fate wounds our hearts, for the departure of the bells means for us Christians much more than a loss of metal or of an accustomed harmonious sound. They belonged to us and among us, just like the towers from which they sounded out, often for centuries, like voices from the beyond. They woke us and spoke for us, they were our signals and watchmen, Christmas presents and memorials, preachers and symbols . . .

"They formed a link between the past and the present, and probably also delivered a just judgment, out of their superior vision and wealth of their experience, upon the ordinary or unique events taking place below in the changeable existence of men. They saw how many splendid old things collapsed in irresistible weakness, or were pitilessly smitten down despite their indisputable vital force, as though they were only a miserable remnant or a deadly enemy. They saw how human wisdom constantly becomes mixed with folly, error, and madness, and how the wheel of fortune ceaselessly turns in the lives of small and great. . .

"It was their holy and high dignity, with their resounding voices, to call men to God and the chief end of man and all created things, to call to prayer and to the bloodless sacrifice of the eternal new covenant, and to speak and sing of the peace of soul which dwells with God in the highest. . .

"Called to serve the holy, the sanctified by their consecrations, they yielded only to force when unholy things came near them, or when they were asked to sound for others, whether already dead or still alive, who no longer know or recognize our God and His Church, for the Christian bells too have principles and character. How could they be lenient and indulgent in intercourse with a new type of men, who bitterly hate Christ and like the Jews wish to nail him against the Cross!

"In relation to such men they are unfortunately still only 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness'. People do not want to understand their sounds and meaning any more, and call them remains from a Christian period which has been overcome, or burdensome delusions which still believe in something personally spiritual and eternal in man and over events in the world, and thus embitter and destroy the joy and power of this world for the young nations. . .

"But now our bells have fallen from the heights to the depths, lie perhaps in the dirt and snow of the winter earth, and will probably soon leave our home for ever. None of us knows where they will be taken or what will finally become of them. . . Though they are dedicated to the praise of God and the uplift of men's souls, our frightful war mercilessly forces them away. So farewell can take part in our joy of victory, we are sorry; but we expect that the surrender of the bells carries with it an well! We mourn for you, and quieten

our sense of loss only with the thought that you will continue in another form to serve Christ the King, because your contribution will help to overcome Godless and anti-Christian bolshevism."

The letter closes with a demand for the restitution of the bells after the end of the war. "If no sound of bells obligation, and that the emptiness of the belfries calls to the conscience of the whole nation: 'Give us back in a new form as soon as possible what we obediently gave you in our bells during the distress of war!' O, how much cultural value is nevertheless being destroyed!" The letter ends with the old motto inscribed on bells: "O King of glory, come and grant us peace."

### Card of Thanks

Most sincere appreciation is hereby expressed to the many friends in the Danish church who so kindly remembered us with telegrams, flowers and expressions of sympathy in our recent great sorrow, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

C. C. BROE AND FAMILY  
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### Contributions to W. M. S.


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Danish Ladies Aid, Hampton, Ia. -----	9.75
Danish Ladies Aid, Clinton, Ia	10.00
Gertrud Guild, Clinton, Ia. --	5.00
Gertrud Guild Mission Box, Clinton, Ia. -----	9.41
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Total \$ 109.66  
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Sincere thanks for these gifts.

Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen.  
1410 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, Iowa  
April 27, 1942.



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### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1941 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Gain in Life Insurance in Force for 1941 . . . . .	\$7,497,339.00
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PAID TO BENEFICIARIES . . . . .	\$181,558.00
PAID TO LIVING POLICYHOLDERS . . . . .	577,728.08
<b>TOTAL PAID IN 1941 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$759,286.08</b>

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