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## A Prayer

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

—St. Francis of Assisi.

## Sermon by Pastor in Denmark

Pastor Kaj Munk, Denmark's foremost living playwright, is an uncompromising anti-Nazi. From his pulpit in a West Jutland country parish, he has preached sermon upon sermon upholding Christian Danish institutions and denouncing the invader and his methods. This sermon is taken from a collection recently published in book form in Copenhagen.

The strategy of Kaj Munk seems clear. He is urging his countrymen not to waste their time discussing political rights or wrongs. He assumes the same position as Pastor Niemoeller and as the whole Norwegian Church. From that position there is no retreat, and no compromise with Hitler or with his "gospel" is possible.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew it is written of Jesus:

"Then went the Pharisees and took counsel how they might entangle Him in His talk. And they sent out unto Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest Thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye Me, ye hypocrites? Shew Me the tribute-money. And they brought unto Him a penny. And He saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Cæsar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they heard these words, they marvelled, and left Him, and went their way."

We know now that the Herodians and Pharisees formed some kind of Coalition Government. The two parties had little in common, except their hatred of Christ. See how politely they approach Him—they are obviously men of culture! "Master, we know that Thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou regardest not the person of men." How finely they express themselves—we are almost moved to tears!

There is one peculiar thing about all men of such mettle. When they think they are lying, what they tell in fact is the pure and simple truth. And when they imagine they are telling the truth, one is safe in assuming that they are telling lies.

They framed their question, of course, as a trap to catch Jesus. They made a blatant attempt to trick Him into an indiscretion. It would have been the easiest thing in the world for Him to get round them. He need only have said: "Problems regarding tribute to Cæsar do not come within My sphere. The kingdoms of the earth are not My concern. I am interested only in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Our Saviour could easily have avoided committing Himself. He knew perfectly well how dangerous it would have been to offend the most powerful parties in the State.

Now He opens His lips to speak. His answer is awaited eagerly. Is He the Christ or will He run away? His first word is one of plain, well-placed abuse. "Ye hypocrites," He says.

Not, perhaps, very urbane, but good, plain speech. Now the parties know where they stand.

"Show me the tribute-money."

This is not a man who hesitates and wavers. The reply is ready, the moment the question is asked.

"Whose is this image and superscription?"

"Cæsar's."

"Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

For the time being the situation is saved. There is nothing to add or to subtract. But a reply has been given which remains true for all time, throughout all ages. No dead rule, but the word of life! A living and inspiring answer!

It has been made our duty as Christians to render unto Cæsar the things that belong to him, and we have obeyed the command. We have been the most law-abiding citizens imaginable. But if Cæsar were to demand of us more than actually belonged to him, no one would rise in rebellion more surely than we. We should be indomitable. Year after year, decade after decade, century after century—until victory were ours.

The Emperor may ask much of us: our money, our labor, our health, the best years of our youth, our lives.

But if he demanded that we should call black white, tyranny liberty, violence justice, we should answer: "It is written, Thou shalt have none other gods but Me." And if he made the demand again, we should reply: "It is further written, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Let him come with his lions and his tigers, with his gallows and his stakes. That the blood of Christians is a seed, is a saying that existed as long ago as the days of the first Christian church. We conquer by our death. We must obey God before man.

Render unto Cæsar those things which are Cæsar's, and unto God those things that are God's. The Christian belongs to both these vast kingdoms. But if they clash, then he knows immediately to which is his greatest obligation.

Well, all this sounds very reasonable. But, Christianity, we are told, **must** remain non-political. Who tells us this? Christianity takes no orders from anybody. But let's have it so. Let us say that Christianity is non-political. It's as true to say that Christianity is non-political as to say that it is political.

You can be a Conservative, or a Communist, or anything between the two, and at the same time be a Christian. Christianity is revealed by the **manner** in which one is a Conservative or a Communist. But it is nonsense to say that religion must keep its nose out of the affairs of this world.

Keep politics out of the Church, we hear it said. We hear enough about politics on the wireless, and we read enough about them in the newspapers! Let us be free from them in God's House!

But in what manner are politics presented to us on the wireless and through the press? Perhaps, in God's House we should hear about them in a different way from that to which we are accustomed

outside. In God's House we expect to hear the things of this world judged in the light of God's word.

Cæsar, too, must be considered in church, and Cæsar in relation to God.

There are those who would like us to believe that the Church is only a place of refuge for the soul. It is not the business, they say, of the Church to concern itself with things other than the saving of souls.

Well, that's a pretty sort of religion! If only little So-and-So can be kept out of harm's way while he's alive and find his seat in Heaven, what business of his are his neighbors of this world? Let it go to Hell! Such would certainly be a religion to the liking of Cæsar! Upon such a religion he would be happy to bestow the favors of the State! For such teaching would never cross his path! Nor would it embarrass him in any way! The name of this religion is—Blasphemy!

But, some people tell me, the Church is a holy place. Divine service must be celebrated in an atmosphere of sublime calm! But what if such calm is obtained by subterfuge and by lies? Divine service which is afraid of the truth is the Devil's service. For truth is neither calm, nor serene, nor dignified. Truth bites, and scratches and strikes. Truth is of no importance to the cautious. All the cautious want is an armchair! What is the meaning of this absurd demand laid upon the Church, that it should be cautious? Was Christ cautious? Were the martyrs cautious? "Hush, hush, hush" is the watchword of the present day. Otherwise there may be serious consequences for the country and the nation! That may well be, but the way of apostasy and double-dealing may be fraught with consequences even graver.

I prefer Jesus. "Hypocrites and whited sepulchres." That was what He called the political leaders of His country. "Remember Me to that old fox," said He, referring to Herod, who fawned upon the Roman army of occupation in Palestine.

Things will not be better in Denmark until the Danish people have learned their lesson from the courage of Christ!

—(Free Denmark).

## Report Of District Meeting, Ninth District

SEATTLE, WASH.

September 4, 5 and 6, 1942.

Friday afternoon many of the guests, delegates and visitors from out of the city began arriving at the St. John's Danish Lutheran Church for the annual district convention. The arrival of these Christian friends brought rejoicing. Some had traveled great distances and were tired, and therefore the women of the church had prepared a dinner for all guests. This was served in the church dining room.

It has been the custom for many years to begin the district convention on Friday evening with a service of worship. Following this tradition the congregation at Seattle invited delegates and visitors to the opening service in the church. Rev. Alfred E. Soren-

sen, pastor, preached the sermon, basing his thought upon the message of The Spirit to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor as recorded in the Book of Revelations, chapters 2 and 3.

Saturday morning, September 5, the meeting was called to order by the district president, Rev. H. O. Nielsen. After the singing of the hymn, "Morgensund har Guld i Mund," Rev. John Enselman, pastor, St. Paul's Church, Tacoma, Wash., conducted opening devotions. In his sermon he dwelt upon the "Last Days," interpreting Matthew 24:3—36. The devotional period closed with the singing of "Kærlighed fra Gud."

The business session was now formally opened. Rev. Alfred Sorensen was elected chairman of the meeting; Rev. John Enselman, vice chairman; Mr. Fred Sparling, Seattle, Wash., was elected secretary of the meeting. Mrs. Thora Petersen acted as assistant secretary.

Mr. Jacob Nielsen, vice president of St. John's Danish Lutheran Church, (in the absence of Mr. Harry Falck, president, who was in Alaska), extended a welcome to the guests and delegates present. He expressed the hope that all would have not only an enjoyable meeting, but also a period in which our fellowship would be strengthened and enriched in our common faith.

Greetings were received from the Synodical president, Alfred Jensen. He expressed much concern about world conditions but hoped that our courage and fortitude would remain undiminished. The letter was recognized by rising.

The minutes of last year's convention held at Tacoma, Wash., were read by the district secretary, Rev. John Enselman, and approved as read. The chairman asked everyone to assist in recalling any matters of business which should properly come before the session.

The treasurer's report was read by Hans Eskesen, district treasurer, and approved as read. A balance of \$64.10 was recorded on the books. H. P. Reerslev, Junction City, Ore., and Jens Petersen, Wilbur, Wash., were appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurer.

**Delegates:** From Enumclaw, Mrs. Nels Rasmussen; from Junction City, Ore., H. P. Reerslev and L. C. Larsen; from Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Hans Eskesen, Mrs. H. Falck, Jacob Nielsen, Martin Rasmussen and Fred Sparling; from Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. Thora Petersen, Mrs. Edward Sorensen; from Wilbur, Mrs. Kathrine Mikkelsen, (Mrs. Maria Bønnelykke of Alameda, Calif., a former member and treasurer of St. John's Church, was present). Voting privileges were given 11 delegates, four pastors and one district officer. In all 16 votes.

The president's report was read by District President Rev. H. O. Nielsen, and a committee consisting of Mrs. Nels Rasmussen, Enumclaw, Martin Rasmussen, Seattle, and L. C. Larsen, Junction City, were appointed to report on same.

From the delegates' reports we note the following: Mrs. Rasmussen, Enumclaw, stated that the church had been given the name "Hope Ev. Lutheran Church." Rev. Ove Nielsen, their new pastor, seems to be a real organizer, the Sunday school now has 19 pupils, a choir of 20 young people has been started, a young people's

league is now active in the church with the special duty of preparing the monthly bulletin. Rev. Nielsen is faithful in visiting the aged and the sick.

Mr. H. P. Reerslev reported for Junction City, Ore., and said that the church building had been newly decorated and the altar section rebuilt at a cost of \$1300; a fine spirit prevailed in the reconstruction of the church; many cooperated in the work. The future is bright and hopeful. Danish services were still very well attended. A new parsonage was being considered.

Mr. Fred Sparling and Mr. Jacob Nielsen reported for Seattle, stating that in general the financial condition of the congregation was good, the pastor's salary had been raised during the past year; all organizations in the congregation contributed toward improvement of the church property and equipment. For the 17th year the Danish Summer School was in session with increased attendance. The congregation was impressed by the visit of the Danish Minister to the United States, His Excellency Henrik de Kauffmann and his wife, at the morning service Sunday, July 19.

Report from Tacoma, was made by Mrs. Thora Petersen and included many activities such as a successful bazaar, various entertainments for men in the service sponsored by the Men's club, and one outstanding event was the serving of over 400 service men in the new Lutheran Service Center by the Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's. The church has been re-decorated and a number of improvements added. Some of their aged members have passed away. Mr. Jens Paulsen, who for the past 50 years had been a member of St. Paul's and during that time had prayed the "opening prayer" at practically every service, was greatly missed by old and young.

Report from Wilbur was rendered by Mrs. Katherine Mikkelsen and Mr. Jens Petersen. They reported 10 services during the year; these were conducted by the visiting pastors. At present there are 18 contributing members and 25 voting members. An attempt was made by the German Lutheran Church to merge with the Danish Lutheran Church, but without any success.

Supplementing his report from Junction City, Ore., Mr. Reerslev said that a set of "Altar Vessels" were given them by the congregation in St. Andrews, Wash., their church having burned some years ago and they no longer maintained any hope of rebuilding. The congregation in Junction City was very grateful for this gift.

The St. Andrews group, while small, have reason to hope for better days. Since the Grange Hall at St. Andrews has been offered for services and Hans Wogensen is now postmaster in the same building and is able to divert some time toward interesting people in the congregation. Rev. Edwin Hansen of Marlette, Mich., commented on the advantages of establishing Home Missions in places like Wilbur and St. Andrews or other rural places.

The president's report was discussed point by point. Concerning proceeds from conventions it was agreed that official reports to the treasurer were unnecessary. It was agreed that a future policy of conventions would include the provision of complimentary meals

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## Across the Editor's Desk

As the Santal Mission in India this past month observed its 75th anniversary, our attention has again been challenged by the marvelous story of the growth of this mission.—A few years ago one of our speakers at an annual Church conference made a comparison between the membership of the Santal Mission Church and that of our own Synod.—These figures challenged our attention, as they revealed that in practically the same period of time there had been a greater growth in the number of baptized members of the Santal Church than in our Danish Lutheran Church in America.

And yet, one can not refrain from comparing the apparent possibilities and also the obstacles for the work in each field. When the early pioneer pastors from Denmark started the work in the immigrant colonies in various parts of our great country, they came to people who had previously shared in Christian life and work in Denmark, and who had longed for a continuation of this phase of life in this their new home.—And the constant stream of immigrants from Denmark through many years after encouraged the constant growth of the work of the Danish Lutheran Church. The cultural, social and economic growth of the new America also stimulated the work of the Church in all its fields.

On the other hand in India the first missionaries to Santalistan came to a people who lived under primitive conditions, with little or no contact with the cultural and social civilization of the rest of the world. A curse of superstition, ignorance and poverty had through generations deprived them of any natural growth culturally or religiously speaking.

And yet in all their frailty they reached out for the

Gospel of Christ which was brought to them through the sacrifice of men and women who left their home country, the privilege of fellowship with their own people, to give the greatest of all gifts to hungering souls.

It is indeed a most marvelous chapter in history.

## Report Of Young People's Session

### SEATTLE, WASH., DISTRICT MEETING

Reported by Miss Esther Nielsen, Convention Secretary.  
Sunday Afternoon, September 6, 1942.

On the week-end of September 4, 5 and 6, the St. John's Danish Lutheran Church held a convention for the Lutheran Churches of the Northwest. Of these three days, September 6 was designated as the day for the Young People's District convention. The day began with services at 11 a. m., followed by a delicious dinner which was sponsored by the older people of the church. The dinner hour lasted quite a bit longer than an hour for there were so many people that many had to wait until the first group were through eating.

At 2:40 p. m. the Young People's business meeting was called. The young people attending were mostly from Junction City, Ore., Tacoma, Wash., Enumclaw, Wash., and Seattle, Wash.

Songs were sung from the "World of Song" after which Mr. Eric Petersen, Seattle, called the meeting to order and greeted the guests. Mr. Petersen then announced the theme for the rest of the day, "Football." He gave a very good description of football coinciding with the leagues and league work.

The first person introduced to the meeting was Rev. H. O. Nielsen of Junction City, Ore., the then present adviser of the Northwest District League. Rev. H. O. Nielsen reviewed the organizing of the league and gave some good advice. Three of the important problems which entered into the discussion were: (1) Activities or programs which the far spread league can accomplish together. (2) Shall there be dues? (3) Shall there be an adviser, and if so, what shall his title be? The first two problems will be settled later. As for the third a vote was passed by all, that there be a board of young people, president, secretary and treasurer, and they may choose an adviser if they wish. Rev. Ove R. Nielsen was selected.

The most important part and the highlight of the meeting was then brought forth, voting of officers of the District League. Nominations were oral, actual voting being by ballot. New officers in their respective order are: President, Edel Jensen of Enumclaw; secretary, Esther Nielsen, Seattle; treasurer, Shirley Gribbskow, Junction City.

It may seem to some that the female shall dominate, but, "we shall see what we shall see."

The first speaker was Mr. Martin Rasmussen, who gave an interesting report of the church convention held at Dwight, Ill.

At 4:45 p. m. the meeting was closed, and before adjourning Dorothy Larsen, Junction City; Erik Petersen and Victor Nielsen, Seattle, were acknowledged as going back east to attend Grand View College.

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## GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



### How Long —

How long will you sleep  
In the silvery dusk  
Of riches not wanted, not needed,  
How long, O, how long,  
In the twilight of self,  
Your heart and your soul unheeded.

A voice is calling far-a-way,  
Calling, calling, calling,  
It calls you in sorrow,  
It calls you in joy,  
Calls and calls, keeps calling:

How long will you sleep  
In the silvery dusk  
Of riches not wanted, not needed,  
How long, O, how long,  
In the twilight of self,  
The voice in your soul unheeded.  
SVEND HOLM.

### Grand View College

Grand View students held their first regular U. K. meeting September 19. The 1941-42 president, Harold Riber, gave a short talk in which he explained the purposes and functions of "Unge Kræfter" to the new students. It was decided to postpone the election of new officers for another week in order that the students might first become better acquainted.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting we enjoyed a musical program presented by a number of the students. There were piano, violin, accordion and flute solos, in addition to some vocal numbers. It was indeed a pleasant surprise to learn that we have in our midst such an unusually large number of musically talented students. We hope to hear more from them, and we feel sure that many of our programs will be enriched by that which they have to give.

The annual U. K. elections were held September 26, at which time Holger Andersen of Kimballton, Iowa, was elected to the office of president. Other offices were also filled at that time.

We who are privileged to be in college during these trying times should be ever mindful of the duties and responsibilities which that privilege implies. There is always the danger that we might become oblivious to the world about us; that we might forget that while we are free to study and live in

peace others are sacrificing their lives on the field of battle. In recognition of this fact the students of Grand View have, at the suggestion of President Knudsen, decided to hold a joint scrap collection and clean-up drive on Saturday, October 3. Leaders have been chosen who will direct the search for scrap from the cellar to the attic. Others will be busily engaged in cleaning up the college grounds. Plans have also been made for tin can salvage at the college. It is our hope that this small effort on our part will not only be of some assistance in a country at war, but that it will make us increasingly conscious of our responsibilities and our privileges.

THORVALD HANSEN.

### District II Convention

It was during the week-end of August 21 to 23 that guests journeyed to Juhl, a beautiful rural community in the "Thumb Section of Michigan" to attend the annual convention of District II to which Juhl congregation was host.

The convention theme, "The Glory and Supremacy of the Church," had been chosen and all lectures and sermons were in keeping with it. The Friday sessions included a conference of all pastors during the afternoon and the evening session was conducted by Rev. Einer Romer of Manistee, whose topic was "The Supremacy of the Spiritual Life."

Saturday morning dawned warm and sunny. The devotional was led by Rev. Edwin Hansen, the local pastor and president of the district. With Psalm 46 as a text, he spoke on the topic, "The Stronghold of the Saints."

During intermission a bus load of guests arrived from Greenville. Apparently their spirits were in "high" for they greeted the hosts and guests with original songs which had been created and rehearsed on their trip half-way across the state.

There followed shortly a discussion about Sunday school work. This was led by Mrs. Edwin Hansen. A good discussion followed her introduction of the subject and the time passed all too quickly, for, when some of us were just beginning to get some questions in shape, it was closing time. Thank you, Mrs. Hansen, for the many worthwhile suggestions. We agree heartily with the thought that the Sunday school needs adult support.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to the business meeting. I shall not detail the minutes of this meeting which will appear in another report, except to comment on the very fine spirit which prevailed throughout. It was one of good interest and understanding and desire to move ahead. It was, indeed, commendable that the Juhl congregation had become a self-supporting one. Best of all, was the spirit expressed by one of its members who

said: "Now we can help someone else."

The Saturday evening session was the Sunday school and Mission meeting.

A delightful dramatic program, "The Sunday School in the World Today," had been prepared by the Sunday school. The Junior choir, lovely in their new robes of white, contributed appropriate music.

The missionary part of the program was given by Missionary Dagmar Miller, assisted by Sylvia Jorgensen. Fortunately, indeed, were we to have Miss Miller in our district at this time.

Mrs. Elmer Ness, vice president of the Women's Mission Society, gave a comprehensive report of the Women's meeting at Dwight. It was interesting to note that the past president, Mrs. Seeley Knudstrup, and the present president, Mrs. C. A. Stub, were both present at this meeting.

Thus closed a good day and guests, the number of which had swelled to 96 during the day, were directed to the congenial and hospitable homes of the host congregation.

Sunday was bright and delightfully cool, in sharp contrast to the high sultry temperatures of previous days. The guest list had increased by the arrival of many Detroiters who came for the Sunday meeting. The church was filled for Sunday school and the morning worship service. The Rev. C. A. Stub of Greenville, conducted the worship. His sermon topic was "The Glory of Worship." Rev. Edwin E. Hansen officiated at the communion services. Special music for the service was rendered by Mrs. Jepson and Rev. Hansen.

At the Germania church, which is not a member of our synod, but is served by Rev. Hansen, services were conducted by Rev. Svend Jorgensen of Detroit. He was assisted by Rev. Einer Romer of Manistee. Much credit is due this little congregation for the efforts put forth to restore their church which was destroyed by fire a little more than a year ago.

The main feature of Sunday afternoon's session was the lecture, "The Seven Privileges of A Christian" by Rev. H. P. Jorgensen of Muskegon.

After supper many took leave for their respective homes, but even so, a capacity crowd greeted the evening speaker, Rev. John Christensen of Ludington, whose topic was "The Heavenly Hope and Earthly Service." Following this session coffee was served and there were the usual remarks, etc.

It was evident throughout the three days' activities that there had been careful and thoughtful preparation by the host congregation. To accommodate the guests so well and to serve such good meals, especially spring chicken to 200 guests on Sunday was no menial task.

That the program committee had planned carefully and exerted effort in executing their plans was easily recognized and has been characteristic of the programs of the past few years. That the speakers had given thought to their assignments was proven by the

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# OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Edwin E. Hansen, Editor, Route 2, Marlette, Mich.

## The Challenge Of The Hour To Christian Women

Every Protestant church was invited to participate in Religious Education Week, September 27 to October 4, an observance promoted by the International Council of Religious Education. The purpose of this is quite generally known so it is unnecessary to go into its objectives, but I think it is well to be reminded of this phase of the work of our church. The W. M. S. has taken active part in it through its support to Grand View College and the Santal Mission. As individual members, our greatest opportunities lie right at hand in our homes, in our churches and in our communities. An article in a recent publication seems to me very timely in this connection and of interest to all Christian women. Hence, I take the privilege of quoting from it.

"Parents are teachers. The first and most important teachings takes place in the home. When parents are Christians, active Christians, then the home becomes the kind of place God planned it to be. Missionary education in the home begins with such simple experiences as having baby John share his cookie with sister or his toys with the friend next door. Not only the experience is important but the explanation by the parent that God wants us to share and ever please Him in so doing. When children play happily together, cooperate in family plans, obey the rules of the family and help with the work that must be done, then they are having fine experiences in character building. When parents give these experiences a Christian emphasis then they become experiences in Christian living—the goal for which parents should strive.

"Back of the experience must be the knowledge of what God wants His children to do. Regular Scripture reading, study and worship must be participated in by the family. And most important are the Christian attitudes, actions and habits of the parents. These the children will absorb quicker than the teaching by word of mouth.

"We know that the homes of today are undergoing great stress, strain and sorrow. It is difficult to find a time for family worship. Father may be in camp and mother working. Sunday school and church attendance become irregular. Perhaps the family has moved and in the adjustment and change no new church has been sought.

"Twenty million people are on the move in the United States today. Family life is disrupted. What will be the result in the lives of our children? The Christian home is the bulwark of the nation. If we are to have a Christian community tomorrow we must look to the home now. Every effort must be made to place God's work first.

"One of the finest opportunities for active missionary service today is teaching boys and girls in the Sunday school, week day and vacation church schools. Now that the ranks of our present leadership are

being depleted we must not, we dare not, curtail this the most important training in the lives of our children. Many of us have taught in the past. We may be grandmothers now, but we can still answer the call, if only for part time service.

"Are you not amazed to see how many women are finding time today to take First Aid courses, do Red Cross work and enter into other civic activities? These are all splendid and necessary. We must realize, however, that now in the midst of war, children are our richest strength and security. The Christian education of American children cannot be slighted without permanently disastrous results to America. Let us first answer the call of our Master to do His work. Then take up other activities as we can best fit them into our daily program. It is possible to be caught up in the whirl of events so that we lose perspective. The newer tasks seem to hold all the promise. The old seems humdrum and insignificant. The call to service should not mean a dash into the luring new activity at the expense of the regular work of those bulwarks of American life, the home, the school and the church.

"... War has limited much of our work with the children of other nations. We feel confident, however, that our missionaries in other lands are carrying on wherever it is possible. And we, too, must continue. No instrument of war can stop our prayers from traveling around the world. Attitudes of love and friendship for the boys and girls in other lands must continue to be encouraged. The world is trying to sow seeds of hate in their hearts. Let us help them to hate the sins of war but not the sinners. Foundations must be laid today for cooperation tomorrow when children of the world must work together if we are to have a peace-loving, God-loving world."

The above is taken from an article in the September issue of Lutheran's Woman's Work entitled "God Reaching ALL CHILDREN Everywhere."

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With sincere thanks.

MRS. OTTAR JORGENSEN,  
Treasurer, W. M. S.

1410 Main Str., Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
September 23, 1942.

Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God;  
And only he who sees takes off his shoes;  
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

—Browning.



# IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

## SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE GERMANS

In 1937, Thomas Mann indicted German National Socialism for its "abysmal ignorance of the hour that has struck and for holding up the whole world and hindering it in its real task of peace, and for not understanding the fundamental fact that war is no longer possible."

Since that time the Nazis have carried war, ruthless war as never seen before, to a large part of the world, and the end is not yet in sight.

It is the great paradox of our times that we have passed through an era when the peace sentiment and anti-war sentiment was perhaps stronger than ever before. We must remember that there was also a strong anti-war sentiment in Germany. It was there that "All Quiet on the Western Front" was written. Scores of books of that type were written in many lands and read by millions. We have read them. Have been deeply stirred by them, even to tears. And yet the war on the most colossal scale is here.

No informed person will deny that German leaders and a part of the German people have had most to do in bringing this about. The Nazi leaders knew what they wanted and they thought they knew how to get it.

During the past few years dozens of books have been written attempting to explain the Militarism of the Germans. In all democratic countries such qualities as tolerance, persuasion and individualism are stressed, but in Germany these have been neglected and emphasis has been placed on loyalty, honor and obedience; namely the military qualities. How did the Germans get that way?

During the late Middle Ages and early in the modern period while such national states as England, France and Spain were being formed German rulers wasted their substance and energy in trying to control both the Germanies and Italy and to keep alive the ridiculous Holy Roman Empire. The result was that neither Germany nor Italy was united into a strong national state. To further weaken Germany, she was split into two factors by the religious wars of the seventeenth century while France became the predominant power on the continent. Cardinal Richelieu of France was responsible for prolonging the Thirty Years War which left Germany a wreck. When Louis the Fourteenth came to the throne of France and carried on his many wars, Germany was further weakened and devastated.

When Frederick the Great came to power in Prussia in 1740, he saw to it that his state became strong enough to command the respect of predatory neighbors. He set out to gain some territory for his state. But Prussian glory did not last long. Before Napoleon the Great was sent to his final home at St. Helena in 1815, Prussia had been defeated and humiliated.

At the Congress of Vienna in 1815, the German patriots wanted a strong and united nation, but once more that was blocked and the German states were

united into the German Confederation which was a joke among the powers.

In 1848 the liberals tried to unite Germany, but that failed miserably and the leaders of the movement had to flee, some coming to the United States.

In 1862 a man came to the front as a leader of Prussia. That was Bismarck. He knew how to unite Germany and he said it would not be done with fine speeches but with blood and iron. He was abominably clever and played the diplomatic game better than any diplomat of his age. In three wars he succeeded in uniting Germany. As late as 1870 France opposed this Unification of Germany and it cost France a war and her Emperor.

For centuries the more powerful states of Europe had lorded it over Germany. They had fought many of their battles there. The German people were afraid of their powerful neighbors. To the east was Russia and to the west was France. It was quite natural that the people should look to a powerful army to keep back other armies. A strong army would give them both protection and prestige. To my mind this explains why the Germans voted the huge war budgets of Frederick the Great, Bismarck and Kaiser Wilhelm II. It gave the military men their chance, and once they had a hold, naturally they were reluctant to surrender it.

In World War I the German armies were defeated. The high German command was agreed that Germany had lost the war. It was in a later day that they invented the "Stab in the back theory" and blamed Jews and Socialists at home for the defeat.

But one class was not defeated neither in the war nor in the peace period which followed and that was the officer class of the Imperial German army. From the beginning these high officers despised the German Republic. They stood ready to stab it in the back whenever an opportunity should offer itself.

Many of them thought that the opportunity was there at the time of the Kapp Putsch in 1920. It was a conspiracy to overthrow the government, and among the conspirators were some of the high German officers. The government fled and the Putsch would undoubtedly have been a success if the workers had not gone on a strike. Labor saved the Republic from the army. The fact that General von Seeckt, the military commandant of the Berlin militia, refused to take steps to save the government to which he had pledged allegiance is proof of disloyalty in high places.

There is abundant proof that the officer class in Germany was disloyal to the Republic throughout its existence. The leaders of the government were so afraid of this officer class that they did not dare to clean up the army. They did not have the courage to do what leaders of the French Republic had done when they purged the French army of disloyal elements in the Boulanger and Dreyfus affairs.

There is also proof that the German officer class saw that Hitler could be used to help their cause along. What the dignified officers needed was a good rabble-

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL and HOME

» » » Aids to Leadership « « «

## Our Next Step: — The Teaching Of Leadership Courses

The person that acquaints himself with the work of the synod today is aware of our people's concern for the religious training of the children in our congregations. There is a genuine interest in the work of the local congregations through such agencies as the Sunday school, the Catechetical Class, the Vacation School, and the Young People's Society. It is an interest which is not something new, but rather characteristic of our synod. Our long record of work in Christian education is a challenge to mobilize the synod for an advance in education through the local congregations.

For a period of four years Sunday School Institutes have been conducted in at least six districts of the synod. Through these institutes the leaders and the workers of the Sunday Schools have become conscious of at least two things: the largeness of the task that confronts them, and the need for trained leaders. Both of these are definitely related to their realization of the meager results achieved. However, it is important for our work that we do not take a defeatist attitude. We need to remind ourselves that the foremost teachers and leaders in the country's schools are not un-critical of the educational results of the schools in which they teach.

If it be admitted that we need trained leaders, we ought to be ready for the organization of schools, local or district, for the purpose of the teaching of leadership courses. That is the project which the Council of Elementary Religious Education is preparing to sponsor through the coming year. A series of articles dealing with the establishment of such schools in our congregations will appear in the very near future. At present the members of the council are working with the problem of setting up the schools, determining selection of instructors, group of courses, length of course, and the issuance of certificates of progress.

Those congregations that cannot conduct long term leadership schools may still benefit from the more intensive work of the Sunday School Institute. However, the Council of Elementary Religious Education feels that this advance is a logical step for the churches to make at this time.

ERNEST D. NIELSEN.

## The Assistant Minister

Every member of a congregation may be an assistant pastor of the church. There are many ways by which it can be done. For instance: How about being present in church, the same as any assistant minister would be? How about telling him of some hymns you like and which he might have sung in the services? How about telling of that new boy in your school that

you will call and get next Sunday? And girls may do the same with any strangers in the neighborhood.

How about being a "Bad Weather Christian?" It is never any wetter on Sundays than on week days, when you set out to shop, is it? How about being a "Good Weather Christian?" It is sometimes hard to go to church, just because Sunday is so fine you would like to stay away.

Did you ever pray for your minister? It will help him mightily. Ask him and find out. A mother told about her girl who prayed, "Lord, do not let our minister leave us!" But he felt he should go; and then she prayed, "Lord, make the new preacher come to us!" In that case, he actually came. Young people who pray for their ministers are the best sort of helpers.

Did you ever think that your minister would like you to tell him something to preach about? The minister was truly pleased with the young boy who pointed to a certain church window and asked him to tell about it in some sermon. In that case he used that very window as a text the next Sunday.

Assistant ministers? The Bible has plenty of them. Moses was helped by his "able men, rulers" (Exodus 18:21). Aaron, his brother, and Hur were near by to aid (Exod. 17:12). Paul had Barnabas and Silas and Timothy and several others to lend a helping hand many a time. And did not Jesus appoint no less than seventy to prepare places for Him (Luke 10:1)? Did not Jesus have twelve Apostles, and were not some women also His assistants (Luke 6:13-16; 8:2, 3; 23:55)? Mary, Christ's mother, was ever anxious to help her Son!

Let us join that useful, unselfish number of assistants! "That's my minister!" one young girl said to another. She had just run up to him and smiled. That word and that smile went right along with him all day. "That's my pastor!" one young boy said to his gang, and he stopped playing ball long enough to say it and mean it. The minister played the big game of life better for it, too.

First of all, let us be a helper of Jesus Christ, in whose name your minister serves his parish. Assistant minister wanted! Step right up and apply for the position; you can if you will. Hundreds like you are wanted.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

## REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETING, SEATTLE

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to all pastors. Motion carried that prices of all meals be published in advance, similar to the procedure followed by St. John's Church this year.

Recess was called at 12:30 p. m.

The convention was again called to order at 2:15 p. m.

Motion made that we accept the budget allotment for synodical expense \$750.

Motion made to appoint two delegates to assist

the district president in determining the quota for each congregation as provided for in the synodical by-laws. Mr. Jacob Nielsen and Mrs. Catherine Mikkelsen were appointed.

The congregation at Enumclaw extended an invitation to hold the next year's convention in their city.

Motion carried to authorize the Enumclaw congregation to elect a delegate to the annual synodical convention in 1943. This delegate is to represent the ninth district.

Motion carried that the Home Mission Fund be built up under direction of the district board, in order to defray the expenses of the district delegates. The understanding should be that the delegates should be entitled to the prevailing travel conveniences. Motion carried that the "Tourist Class" ticket be the basis for determining expense involved.

A letter from the business manager of "Lutheran Tidings," Rev. Holger Jorgensen, was received and discussed. More support for the paper was asked and Martin Rasmussen, Seattle, was appointed to solicit subscriptions. Mrs. Gertrude Mortensen, Kirkland, Wash., was asked to work in the same capacity for "Dannevirke."

Rev. John Enslemann, Tacoma, reported on his work of supplying church papers for the various military and naval camps. He was authorized to continue with this mission.

It was reported by Enumclaw that the young people had succeeded in introducing Lutheran Tidings in 65 homes.

**Lutheran World Action:** Pastor John Enslemann spoke of the Lutheran Service Men's Centers attracting the better class of men in the service. At the district president's suggestion, it was decided to go on record that we would support the Lutheran World Action and subscribe our share. The general opinion was held that much good could be done by the churches, supplementing the material things provided by the government.

**Missions:** Motion carried that the district congregations extend an invitation to Miss Dagmar Miller to tell of the work and conditions in the Santal Mission field.

**Visiting Speakers:** In the matter of selecting visiting speakers and arranging for special meetings it was decided to leave this to the district president.

At this time the auditing committee rendered their report. On motion their report was accepted.

**Election** of district treasurer for two years resulted in the re-election of Hans Eskensen, Seattle.

**Sunday School:** The agenda for the meeting included a report and discussion of Sunday school teaching methods. Rev. H. O. Nielsen commented on the gradual increase of the use of English and consequently the greater number of classes in the Sunday school are English. Mrs. H. Falck, Seattle, reported a regular attendance of 40 pupils. She stressed the importance of home preparation on the part of the pupil. Mrs. Thora Petersen, Tacoma, indicated about 20 pupils; it has been difficult to obtain the aid of competent and interested teachers. Wilbur congregation has no Sunday school of its own. The children attend the German Lutheran Sunday school.

Rev. H. O. Nielsen deplored the fact that the churches do not lay sufficient stress upon the advantages of religious education.

Mrs. Edwin Hansen suggested that special emphasis be placed upon the education of the adult in order to reach the child life.

Rev. Ove Nielsen, Enumclaw, referred to the desirability of having a Sunday School Institute for the churches in the immediate vicinity.

The meeting adjourned by singing "Alt staar i Guds Faderhaand."

Saturday evening was allotted to the St. John's Danish Lutheran congregation for the purpose of observing the 25th anniversary of its organization under the direction of Rev. P. B. Ammentorp, (now active in the church of Denmark).

The main lecture auditorium of the church had been very beautifully decorated so the spirit of the occasion was also visible to the eye. It was with great enthusiasm that those present listened to the memories of the past years as many contributed by relating the events which had transpired. Among those who reminisced were Mrs. Jens Vestergaard, whose marvelous memory brought laughter and tears as she narrated. Other speakers were Mrs. M. J. Lehmann, Ann Christensen, Mrs. P. J. Hansen, Rasmus Hansen, Mrs. Gertrude Mortensen, Mrs. Hilda Nielsen, Miss Marie Nielsen, John Petersen, Raymond Nielsen, Mrs. Mary Rasmussen.

Mr. Jacob Nielsen, chairman of the evening, introduced Rev. Edwin Hansen, pastor at Marlette, Mich., who spoke of his youthful days in this congregation and the impressions of life that he had gained, which led to his present ministry. Rev. Alfred Sorensen directed his remarks about the work of Rev. P. B. Ammentorp and his wife Martha. A booklet was given each participant in which was recorded a history of the congregation to the present time.

Sunday morning dawned beautiful and appealing. The children gathered for their services under the direction of Mrs. H. Falck and Rev. Ove Nielsen. In the church auditorium the Rev. John Enslemann preached a sermon in Danish entitled "Højtidsdage." Rev. Edwin Hansen gave a sermon in English entitled "The Gospel for Today." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. H. O. Nielsen after addressing the communicants concerning "Peace."

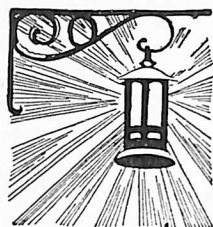
Following the lunch a meeting was called for the women of the church to consider the work of "Dansk Kvinders Mission." This meeting was led by Mrs. Thora Petersen. Mrs. Edwin Hansen gave a very good report of this mission activity.

The convention continued with meetings throughout the day and evening, but these were mainly in the interest of the young people's district league and their report follows as recorded by Miss Esther Nielsen, secretary.

In conclusion I will state that many at the close of the meeting stated that this was indeed a good convention both in its practical and spiritual aspects. May God bless the future of our churches here in the Northwest.

FRED SPARLING,  
Secretary of the Convention.





## IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS



### Protestant Churches Plan Christian World Mission Convocation

Believing that the global war in which the United States and most of the world is directly or indirectly involved "creates an imperative for the Christian church to face anew its mission at home and abroad," eight national inter-church agencies have called a "Christian World Mission Convocation" of 5,000 delegates to meet in the Public Auditorium, Cleveland, December 6 to 10. The sponsoring organizations are the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the International Council of Religious Education, the Missionary Education Movement, the United Council of Church Women, the United Stewardship Council, and the World Council of Churches. These agencies represent practically all American Protestant communions—approximately 38,000,000 people. Canadian Protestantism will be widely represented also.

Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church is general chairman; Dr. Charles T. Leber and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale are vice-chairmen; Dr. Emory Ross is executive secretary; and Mrs. Charles Kirkland Roys is secretary.

The purpose of the Convocation is announced to be "to study, in this grim hour of the world's life, God's purpose for the human family, man's imperfect fulfillment of that purpose, and Christ's call to immediate united action for that purpose."

It is announced also that men and women within the church who are effective leaders in various aspects of the world's life—representing the professions, labor, industry, government, clergy, scholars, youth, publicists and artists—will contribute to the program of the Convocation; and that these techniques "suitable to convey a religious message" will be employed: radio, drama, pageantry, photography, plastic art, motion pictures and music.

Following the sessions of the Convocation, a series of regional religious conferences will be held across the United States and Canada to carry to the people of the churches the message and the spirit of the gathering. These will be inter-denominational generally.

"A good many investments in what were thought to be permanencies have been liquidated in the past few months," says Executive Secretary Ross, in speaking of the world conditions that have decided Protestant leaders to call this Convocation.

"The Japanese military have liquidated even greater investments of western nations, investments of years and of millions which most people even twelve months ago were regarding as of the most substantial character.

"The most significant and most irrevocable are the political and racial liquidations which have been made. Win or lose, Britain and America are not again to dominate Asia politically or racially as in the past. The 'practical' and the 'realistic' of politics, diplomacy, money and power had largely dissolved.

"There was left the spirit. The power of the spirit, the Christian spirit, is the only universal left tying world remnants together today. In every country where Christ has been preached in our generation, there are Christians standing—Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, Yugoslavia, Malaya, Korea, Norway, everywhere. Christianity in Europe is severely tried; it is heartening to remember that it has struck vigorous roots in Africa and Asia.

"And between every country there is fellowship, staunch and continuing Christian fellowship. There is no doubt about this. Despite censors and barricades and walls of national hates there are fresh proofs every month.

"The power of Christ's love and brotherhood proves to be the only tie binding men of all nations together today. It is the only common base and ground upon which we can hope to build the new order we must have if our children are to live. Where politics and diplomacy and cartels and armaments have failed to make relations lasting and investments permanent, the spirit has succeeded."

### Stauning

Thorvald Stauning is dead! In times of peace this message would have re-echoed all over the world; it would have brought columns of praising editorials in every paper on this continent, praising him as one of the greatest Labor leaders the world has seen. Mention would have been made of all the privileges Stauning fought for and secured—for the benefit of the Labor class.

Now, as it is, with a world war raging, with Denmark occupied by the Nazi hordes, things are different. Only a few lines carry the news of the death of a man, whose whole life was devoted for his fellow working man, who did not consider personal gain or wealth, who did not think of being honored and feted. But the war is not the only reason for overlooking that man's death. Happenings of the last few years were against him. Denmark's submission to the Germans, Denmark's signing of the



Anti-Comintern Pact were acts executed during the last years of his regime, but, as The New York Times writes, "Stauning tried to keep the balance between German claims and Danish possibilities and succeeded in that task. The occupation of Iceland was accepted by him with mild protest."

Only very few individuals, and still fewer publications remember how the press of the world in 1926-28 praised the man Stauning when he proposed disarmament—when he claimed that as long as the great powers were armed to the teeth, there was no security for the small states. He was praised because he showed the way to disarmament by scrapping all Danish defences, by turning the old Danish forts into public parks, and spent the people's money on education, culture and social security, instead of on guns and ammunition.

He did that because he trusted his fellowmen. He was of that type, who, once he had made a promise or signed an agreement, lived up to it. He trusted that when a foreign country had made an agreement of non-aggression, that meant that the question of aggression was settled. This belief in his fellowmen is clearly shown in the radio speech he made on New Year's Day, 1940, three months before Denmark was invaded.

He was a Social-Democrat—in heart and soul. That was his life. He loved the working class, because he himself had been one of them, yet he did not overlook the fact that the employer had a right to a fair deal. As for instance in 1924, during the great strike which swept Denmark, he urged the Danish workers to accept the terms of the employers. He could see the middleroad, he traveled that at all times.

When the working class of Denmark today enjoys the unemployment insurance, the health insurance, the eight-hour day, the old age pension, they must think of Stauning. They will remember the days in Sondermarken in Copenhagen on the 5th of June, when Stauning entered the platform and thundered his stirring messages to the working classes. They followed him—and he showed them what the workers could do when they stuck together.

His actions when Denmark was invaded are not for us to judge. History will judge him. But we who knew Stauning will say as The New York Times—he succeeded.

—(From "The Scandinavian News")

## The Positive Use Of Freedom

By Rev. William C. Kernan, Director, Christian Institute for American Democracy, 415 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

There is an emphasis in the story of the Pilgrims which this day's events makes important, and that emphasis is on the positive use of freedom. The Pilgrims separated from the Church of England—hence their name, Separatists, by which they were first known—not because they did not want to worship God, but solely because they did not want to worship Him in the Church of England's way. They were not, however, permitted by James I to worship in the first church which they built, and the right to

freedom of conscience was later denied to them even in their homes. It was still the positive use of freedom which they were seeking, and at considerable cost to themselves, when they forsook England entirely and set forth, in successive stages, for Holland first, and America afterwards.

It is this **positive** use of freedom, this deep desire in the soul to **use** freedom for some good and constructive purpose that many of us forget and neglect today. But, people who truly believe in freedom know that there is one choice which they have voluntarily denied to themselves. It is the choice of **neglecting** freedom and its constructive use.

Our forefathers knew this. The Pilgrims knew it. They built churches for the use of men who were free in America **to worship**, and schools for men who were free **to learn**. They adopted the Constitution whose purpose was to guarantee the rights of free men to use their freedom, and established a government as the instrument of the people's will to protect and perfect the freedom which had been so dearly won. All of this was freedom in action—freedom for a good purpose. It was the **positive** use of freedom.

Totalitarian and dictatorial systems of government haven't a chance of success against freedom like that. They have every chance of success, however, against that false kind of freedom which is regarded only as an excuse for shirking responsibility, neglecting justice and living for personally selfish ends.

Even in America today the slave society of totalitarianism is bidding for support against the free society of our forefathers, and Christians, who in the first place sought freedom in America, can now render an immeasurable service to their fellow countrymen by setting an example for them in the positive use of it. How shall freedom to worship God be used by those who truly believe in it? **Positively**, of course! Christians should show the way. We must be known as a worshipping people. How shall freedom of speech, of press and assembly be used? **Positively**, of course—to enlighten the mind, to initiate reform, and to plead for the persecuted and oppressed. There isn't much about this way of living which is easy. But there is so much about it which is important for our times that it is impossible to see how any Christian would neglect it.

## IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

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rouser and Hitler is a master at that. The masses must be converted or coerced from their anti-military views following the World War. Hitler and his thugs took care of this.

The story of the activities of the German officers since World War I has been told by Hans Ernest Fried. He calls his book "The Guilt of the German Army." It is a very important book. Before people begin to talk about wholesale extermination of the German people, they should read this book. But if the United Nations win this war, they must not make the mistake that was made last time. German officers must not be left free to plan a war against the most decent element in Germany, and the rest of the world.

# 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."



"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."

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

## From Pioneer Days At Tyler, Minn.

By Sigurd Pedersen.

VII.

### Parochial School.

When Danebod Folk High School had been completed and the grownups thus taken care of, the question of school for the children came up, and the very first winter some arrangements were made. There were no extra buildings, as Danebod was the lone building aside from the barn, and in the three-story building there was no provision made for the children. But father was able to remedy the situation. One day he said that we must have room for the children, and there is a large room planned for a private parlor for the family and the fact is we have no money to buy furniture this year anyway, so let us use the parlor.

Mrs. Henriette Hansen, wife of Carl Hansen, was engaged as teacher, and about a dozen boys were enrolled. I still see in memory the crude homemade seats; two long tables with a bench built on each side, much like picnic tables. They looked fairly neat to begin with, but by the end of the season the several wood-carving geniuses in the class had them quite well decorated with jack knife decorations. The teacher had some trouble with discipline as some of the large boys, especially from the country, made a mistake when they enrolled and thought that they had come to town for a winter vacation rather than to study. (I shall not tell tales out of school as to the guilty ones). But gradually our class settled down and we learned something during that first winter of 1888-89.

Mrs. Carl Hansen thus became my first Minnesota teacher. Many years later she and mother exchanged Christmas cards for years and after mother's death I continued to exchange Christmas cards with Mrs. Hansen until she died in Hollywood October 18, 1941.

I well remember the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen in the fall of 1888, they had been married in Chicago in the middle of November and came a few days before the opening of Danebod November 2. Late at night they arrived on train at Tyler. No one was there to meet them as they were expected on another train. In the dark they found their way to Danebod after some inquiries. When we boys came to the dining room next morning we thought it a

queer couple, he so tall and she so small. She brought the latest style of dress from Chicago (the so-called bustle) which was unknown on the prairie. But this was soon discarded and she mingled with the common people and became well liked. In her old days she often longed for her old Tyler friends. She was lonesome after the loss of her husband in 1916, though she had a good home with her children in the West. Many of the early students at Danebod will remember the Hansens. They had their home in two rooms, one small bedroom and a large parlor. A couple of times each term they would invite the students in for an evening and games were played and lunch served. What good times we had those evenings. Later they moved to their own home near the church where the two children were born. His salary at Danebod for three years was a total of \$1,000 with rooms, but not board. (Something for modern teachers to wonder about). Many of you remember Carl Hansen as a wonderful reader, in fact he was a whole cast by himself. He was a veterinary to the farmers' stock when in need, served as town clerk, postmaster, etc. When the hard times came he went threshing. I remember how Carl Hansen and we three boys with father's team drove out early mornings, pitched bundles all day till late at night and then drove home to sleep till early morning again. On the Fourth of July, 1903, when the program was on in the grove, we were reminded of the serious illness of K. L. Larsen, and I remember that Carl Hansen stepped up and gave a fine tribute to Larsen, who was one of the students from the first class at Danebod. A telegram was sent from the group to Larsen at Rochester hospital, which likely brought him some good cheer. Soon after he passed away; but not till he had remembered Danebod in his will by donating \$1500 to the building of a new gymnasium. His picture hangs on the wall there to remind the coming generations of his noble character. He was a friend of all and will long be remembered. (When the sum was not sufficient for the large gym, Larsen's two brothers, Anton and Christ, and his sister, Mrs. L. Therkildsen, donated the needed balance of \$600).

But the parochial school did not end with this first chapter by Mrs. Carl Hansen. In Westbrook, Minn., about fifty miles east, lived a man named Ditlev Kørting, who was very enthusiastic about school work. He farmed but longed for school work. On December 2, 1888, at the dedication of the Danebod F. H. School,



Kørting was present and was one of the speakers. Father became interested in him and plans were laid for him to start a boys school later on. Kørting drove from Westbrook to Tyler with oxen and I remember how we sometimes would wait till late at night for his arrival. After making several trips, he sold his farm there and moved up, built a large house east of Danebod with a large room for school. I think we must have been about 15 boys in his class. He was very enthusiastic. I remember when he told us Danish history that he just thrilled us by his powerful voice and his actions. Denmark grew in our imagination. He wrote a number of articles in "Dannevirke" and was the father of Danebod Samlag. Kørting was musical, played the violin and tried to tune our voices to the faithful fiddle. He also had a tuning fork at times and when he struck this against the table we were supposed to get "tuned in," which was sometimes hard for some that did not have much musical talent. Later he started a large men's chorus, which sang on many occasions, especially at the big June fifth celebrations. I can still see Kørting's big chorus following up the band as we all marched out to Knud Lund's grove to celebrate. One of his star singers I remember was S. P. Sondergaard, the hard-ware man at Tyler still, though 75 years now.

But the parlor and the private home became too small for the growing group of children and the talk went around that a special building might be needed. I remember that one Sunday a meeting was called to discuss the subject. Father lectured in the stone house and I recall how he emphasized that with the arrival of so many "smaa Hansemand" (little tots) in the colony, it was the duty of the parents to provide school for them where they could be instructed in Bible history, and the school should teach both Danish and American. After the meeting people gathered in small groups outside and threshed it out, and soon the first parochial school was built. In a few years another room was added and the work was carried on until about three years ago. Twice the parochial school was burnt down, but better buildings replaced it, and the present one is a good stucco building. Now it serves as a Sunday school building and as a sort of memorial of the many good thoughts seeded into the hearts of the youths in the past fifty years.

A number of different teachers have given many years of service to the teaching of the children at Danebod. The first that I remember seems to be a lady from Marinette, Wis. I believe her name was Henriette. In her class in the new school were a number of us boys from the first two schools. We had now grown up, so we were working out in summer months, but came home for school during fall and winter. She was a very good teacher and I am sure that we all benefitted from her influence. Christen Sorensen was perhaps the mainstay for many years. He toiled faithfully and there are numerous boys and girls (men and women now) who were greatly inspired by his quiet, convincing manner of teaching Bible history. Some years ago when he celebrated his 80th birthday in Denmark, a group of us sent him a greeting and presents with a few appreciative words. He replied and sent a long letter and

a picture of himself in his room with the presents.

Miss Marie Howgaard served for many years and her influence is still felt in the memories of many of the pupils. R. J. Martensen gave many years to parochial school work, especially at Danebod. I knew him from Ashland, Mich., and later at Nysted, Nebr., I remember him as a young man in Michigan. He then walked assisted by a cane. Always he was known for his powerful voice, and for many years he led the singing in church. He also took up the work, started by Kørting, of training a chorus, though now of mixed voices, and many meetings at Danebod enjoyed listening to "Martensen's chorus." There were other teachers in the early days, but I remember these as the main ones in the first twenty-five years or so.

I think the first parochial school was built about 1892, so with the first class in 1888-89, a period of fifty years is covered, and, though not now in service, this branch has given much nourishment to the intellectual and spiritual growth of the life at Danebod. So I thought it worthy of consideration, though I had really planned to "build the Danebod church" this afternoon. However, that is of a later date and may be next.

#### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SESSION

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Cold supper was served in an attractive cafeteria style at 6:30 p. m. by the young people of Seattle.

During the supper speeches were given, Rev. Ove R. Nielsen being guest speaker of the evening. He gave an interesting and enlightening speech. His subject was the book, "A World of Song." He pointed out the precious possession we have in the "World of Song." There is no question that most of the young people present received the impression that this is really the book for all young people to have in their homes and social organizations. They will treasure it more and more as the years go by.

The new officers of the district league spoke except Shirley Gribbskow, who was not present and the officers of the various leagues spoke briefly. The climax of the entertainment of the whole day was the beautiful and magnificent dinner concert given by Verner Hansen, a young student minister from Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. The appreciation of his unusual talent was shown in the applause of the audience.

After supper the closing or farewell address was given by Rev. Edwin Hansen of Marlette, Mich., in the church auditorium.

Before ending the evening, a few delightful folk games, led by Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, were played in the Junior Auditorium. When the folk games were over there was quite a group of exhausted young men and women who were regretful that the day seemed to end so soon.

And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cares that infest the day  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,  
And as silently steal away.

—Longfellow.



## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN.

Once there was a beautiful island somewhere which was covered with woods and soft, green grass. The treasure of this island was a spring at the foot of a hill. The people who lived there were so happy; they went to their work in the morning singing, and again at eventide the woods resounded with music; the look in their eyes betrayed their happiness which spread from home to home and from heart to heart until it penetrated all organic life on the island.

The harmony of life was unbroken there. There was no help that the people might need which they could not get out of the spring. Its living waters irrigated freely the valleys of the island as well as the soil of their hearts and souls.

Today we feel that this harmony has been broken; that this island is no longer here or there. It may not have been altogether destroyed, but we know that it has at least been severely damaged by an unfortunate influence upon man of the powers of sin and death.

Our world today is not in any way like this beautiful island, and it has perhaps not been like it since the time of Adam and Eve when they lived in the garden of Eden within walking distance every day of the Tree of Life.

In our world today, when sorrow and distress cast their shadow across the threshold of the homes, and hearts of people with whom we are deeply united in Christian fellowship, and we believe therefore that it is possible for us to evaluate their sorrow and truly share their loss with them, we must, however, admit that, because we have allowed ourselves to become involved in matters of solicitude, we stand rather handicapped and utterly unable to assist them as fully as we would like to.

Although we feel that the tie of Christian fellowship and love is still strong between us, our help is, nevertheless, not the help that they need, for it is tainted by sin; our words of comfort are definitely unable to restore in their hearts the real comfort which they need, because they come from unclean lips.

It is not what any of us can say or do as an attempt to help that they need; there is no relief from despair to wounded hearts in anything that mortal man can provide; he cannot reach the need of his fellowman unless it is possible that God will cleanse his lips, and, in spite of his inability and unworthiness, use them in such a way that they become the medium through which God speaks words of comfort to us; it is possible for man to reach the need of his fellowmen only, if God, who has been our help in ages past, is enjoined upon to become our help also today in our present grief.

We pray that God will either use us

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

### DISTRICT II CONVENTION

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attendance and attention at the various sessions.

It is such careful thought and planning by capable leaders and willing followers that make district conventions worthwhile. It is then that the work within the district becomes a privilege and the Christian fellowship strengthens.

One cannot close without mention of the floral arrangements which added a silent touch of beauty. The beautiful Altar bouquet of white was a memorial tribute to the late Rev. Leo B. C. Broe, a former active pastor in the district.

And so, as this year rolls on, may we be strengthened in our work by the messages and fellowship at this meeting and look forward to the Grant-Ashland meeting next year.

A GUEST.

### To The Santal Mission

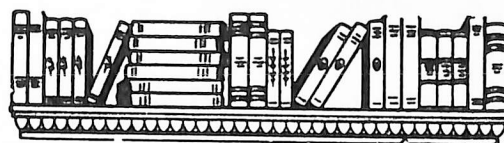
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or find some other medium by which to assure grief-stricken hearts of His nearness, and ability to turn dark days into days of light. It is to Him that we must lift our tear-filled eyes, believing that He is giving us now all that we need to face life hopefully.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nels Christensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	2.00
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St. John's Sunday School, Hampton, Iowa .....	2.77
"Gideons," Birch Run, Mich. ....	17.07
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Juhl Sunday School, Marlette, Mich. ....	5.00
Dan. Luth. Church, Grayling, Mich. ....	15.00
St. Peder's Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	17.60
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Trin. Ladies' Aid, Victory, Mich. ....	10.00
Bethany Ladies' Aid, Ludington, Mich. ....	6.20
Jacob Petersen, Ludington, Mich. ....	5.00
Dagney Hansen, Ludington, Mich. ....	5.00
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J. C. KJÆR.

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Total for August and September ----- \$ 331.36

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Gratefully acknowledged,

DAGMAR MILLER.

## District V Annual Meeting

October 9 to 11.

Tentative plan for the annual meeting of District V together with the annual Sunday School Teachers' Institute to be held at Withee, Wis., October 9 to 11:

### Friday, October 9:

8:00 p. m.—Opening service, (Danish), Rev. P. Rasmussen.

### Saturday, October 10:

9:00 a. m.—Devotion and Bible hour, Rev. Aaberg.  
10:00 a. m.—Business session.  
12:00 —Lunch.  
2:00 p. m.—Business session continued.  
3:00 p. m.—Sunday School Teachers' Institute, Rev. Bundgaard.  
6:00 p. m.—Supper.  
8:00 p. m.—Institute continued, (Rev. Andreasen).

### Sunday, October 11:

9:30 a. m.—English service, Rev. Alfred Jensen.  
10:40 a. m.—Danish service, Rev. J. A. Holst.  
12:00 —Dinner.  
2:30 p. m.—The Santal Mission today and 75 years ago. (Rev. Aaberg and Rev. A. Jensen).  
6:00 p. m.—Supper.  
8:00 p. m.—Rev. P. Rasmussen and Rev. Andreasen.  
Closing: District President.

The Nazareth Lutheran Church, Withee, Wis., extends a cordial invitation to share in these meetings.

Please send your reservations to Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis.

## District VI Meeting

Ruthton, Minn., October 9-11.

### Friday:

8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Rev. Ejler Nielsen of Denmark, Kans., will preach the sermon.

### Saturday:

10:00 a. m.—Morning devotion by Rev. H. Jespersen.  
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School Teachers' Institute conducted by Rev. Ejler Nielsen.  
2:00 p. m.—District business meeting.  
8:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Meeting.

### Sunday:

10:30 a. m.—Danish service with communion, Harald Ibsen and Holger Strandskov.  
English service in the high school auditorium by Rev. Harris Jespersen.  
2:30 p. m.—Afternoon meeting in church, address by Rev. Ejler Nielsen.  
8:00 p. m.—Closing meeting.

## Simple Faith

Oliver Cromwell's secretary was dispatched to the continent on some important business. He stayed one night at a seaport town, and tossed on his bed, unable to sleep.

According to an old custom, a servant slept in his room, and on this occasion soundly enough. The secretary at length awakened the man, who asked how it was that his master could not rest.

"I am so afraid something will go wrong with the embassy," was the reply.

"Master," said the valet, "may I ask a question or two?"

"To be sure."

"Did God rule the world before we were born?"

"Most assuredly He did."

"And will He rule it again after we are dead?"

"Certainly He will."

"Then, master, why not let Him rule the present, too?"

The secretary's faith was stirred, peace was the result, and in a few minutes both he and his servant were in sound sleep.

—The Evangelical-Messenger.

In His life, Christ is an example showing us how to live; in His death, He is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in His resurrection, a conqueror; in His ascension, a king; in His intercession, a high priest.

—Luther.

# Our Church

Rev. Charles Terrell of Badger, S. D., is convalescing at the Brookings Hospital, Brookings, S. D., after an operation for appendicitis early Sunday morning, September 27. Your editor visited him a few days after the operation and found him in good condition.

Rev. Alfred Jensen was scheduled to preach his farewell sermon in the Kimballton Church on Sunday, October 4. A Service Flag was to be dedicated at this service.—Rev. Jensen and family will move to Des Moines where Rev. Jensen has purchased a house. Beginning Oct. 5, Rev. Jensen's address will be 1232 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. The president of our synod will then be ready to give his full time to this office. We welcome this change and feel assured that in many respects the work in the synod will benefit thereby.

Folmer Sõe, son of the well known Dr. P. Sõe, Kimballton, Iowa, and who was in the U. S. Army in England, has been reported by the War Department to be dead. This information came to his parents recently from the War Department, but with no further details.—Folmer Sõe had been a student at Grand View College, had later attended the South Dakota School of Mines from which he graduated as civil engineer.—He was a Second Lieutenant in the army and was sent with his regiment to England in the month of August.

Mrs. J. J. Lerager, wife of Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Colo., died Sunday, September 20, in her home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 23 from the Brush, Colo., church. Rev. E. Back of Cozad, Nebr., a friend of the home, and Rev. Marius Jorgensen of "Ebenezer" in Brush were the visiting speakers. Rev. J. J. Lerager found strength to conduct the funeral on the cemetery.—Mrs. Lerager was an upright and active pastor's wife. Your editor remembers her as one of the young people in Cordova, Nebr., church about forty years ago. She attended Grand View College, and after her marriage to Rev. Lerager has served faithfully as wife and mother, and consequently as the pastor's wife in many congregations.

The Cozad, Nebr., Church observed its 50th anniversary on Sunday, September 20. Rev. V. S. Jensen and Rev. P. Chr. Stockholm, both former pastors of the church, had been invited as the guest speakers.—A festive pamphlet had been prepared by the present pastor, Rev. E. Bach, for the occasion.—We may be able to bring excerpts from this anniversary pamphlet in a later issue.

St. Peter's Church, Detroit, Mich., observed its 60th anniversary on Sunday,

October 4, with a special church service. The congregation had been—according to records—organized October 2, 1882 by a Rev. Brandt as the first pastor.—Rev. Svend Jorgensen has served the church since 1925. Seventy-three new members have been added the past year which indicates a growing church in the large city of Detroit.

A Pipe Organ has been donated to the Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa, by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kramme, members of the church. The organ was scheduled to be fully installed for a dedication service on Sunday, October 4.

Dagmar Miller, our missionary from Santalistan, India, will tour the Pacific Northwest during the month of October and will speak in the various churches in this area.

The Ladies' Aid of the St. Paul's Danish Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash., served on Sunday, August 9, 450 soldiers for supper at the nearby Lutheran Service Center. We are indeed grateful to the ladies of Tacoma for this splendid service to boys who are far away from home.

A Lutheran Liturgical Conference and Retreat will be held in Minneapolis at the Curtis Hotel, October 12, 13 and 14. Dr. John C. Mattes of Wartburg Theological Seminary will be the Conference Lecturer and Retreat Master. The Conference opens at 4 p. m. October 12. Lecture subject, "How Our Fathers Wished the Service of the Church Conducted." In the evening the lecture subject, "Unity and Liturgy." On Tuesday the lecture subject will be "Exercising the Life of Prayer and Nourish-

ing the Life of Grace." The Retreat begins at 6 p. m. at Mission Farms, Medicine Lake, just outside the Minneapolis city limits. All of the Conference sessions will be informal and will offer opportunity for discussion. The invitation is open to clergy or laity, men or women. Registration for the conference is \$1.00 and for the Retreat including lodging with three meals is \$2.50. For individual sessions the cost will be fifty cents. For registration or future details, address inquiries to the Rev. Roy E. Olson, pastor of Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 31st Ave. S. and 50th St.

### WITH GOD

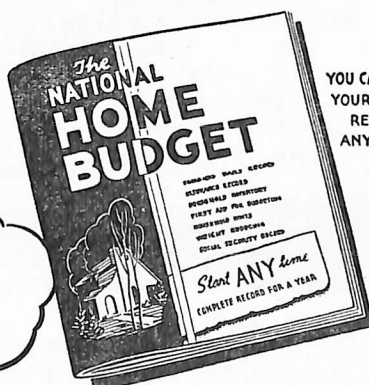
To talk with God no breath is lost;  
Talk on!  
To walk with God no strength is lost;  
Walk on!  
To toil with God no time is lost;  
Toil on!  
Little is much, if God is in it;  
Man's busiest day not worth God's minute;  
Much is little everywhere,  
If God the business does not share.  
So work with God—then nothing's lost;  
Who works with Him does best and most.

—Old English Verse.

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