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A HARVEST PRAYER FOR THE CITY DWELLER

We thank Thee our Heavenly Father that we may take from the ground that which our hands cannot produce, for our bodily needs, and that we by the blessings of these gifts may render unto man and God a reasonable service. We are grateful that there are men and women who love the soil more than they love ease, luxury and money. Let me as a city dweller not lose contact with the soil that feeds us, and let me not lose my admiration for the rugged tiller of the soil.

We thank Thee for the winds that spread the pollen, for the sun that vitalizes the grain to harvest and for the clouds that carry the rain to a thirsting soil. May we ourselves be dedicated to Thy eternal purposes and until the end of our journey be sharing Thy glory and mercy.—Amen.

L. C. B.

G. V. C. AND DISTRICT IV OPENING MEETING

By A. E. Frost

It is quite customary that we find an inscription above the entrance to schools and colleges, especially above the entrance to institutions of higher education. How many of the thousands of young folks entering there each year look up high enough or find time to read such words, so that they become as a guiding thought to them, I do not know. Such words inscribed in stone are silent except to the searching soul.

As we gather here this evening from far and near for our district convention and to take part in the celebration marking the opening of a new school year at Grand View College, I am reminded of a line, which I read while I was in Denmark. It is inscribed above the entrance to the University in Upsala, Sweden. "**Tænke frit er stort; tænke ret er større.**" Translated it may be stated thus: "Freedom of thought is great; right thinking is greater."

I wish to congratulate the students, who have come here, in their choice of a college. To my knowledge no school has had a more open mind and a greater freedom in thought and teaching than the Folk High School after which this college of ours has been patterned. It was my experience in Denmark as I sat in various schools of this type and at teachers' meetings that they were keenly awake to that which was happening in all parts of the world and with minds open to try all new thought and retain the best.

In your search for the truth here you will not be put in mental straight jackets or be hedged about in your way of thinking. For here they are seeking to develop personalities, the personal life and thought, remembering that God did not cut us all according to one pattern or form us all in one mold. God gave us individuality. Even two thumb prints are not alike and presumably never will be.

It is refreshing to hear about men and women who have spoken and written with a wide range of thought

and experience, boldly and unafraid. Liberal minded people, who do not cater to the public or are enslaved by the judgment of the people of this world. Leaders among men, who "live above the fog" in life and thinking, these are an inspiration to each new generation.

Idealists? Yes, perhaps. At times they may seem too daring too far ahead of their time. Perhaps they may seem to be doing mental tight-rope balancing dangerously near the edge of the precipice. Perhaps we are unable to follow them in their eagle flight or into the depths. But we get a grander view and perhaps come to see clearer the shallowness and the fallacies of our own way of thinking as we see them in contrast to others. I still recall the words of Rev. Thorvald Knudsen, father of the president of G. V. C. today, in one of his lectures here: "It is by meeting the contrast that we come to see the truth clearer and can make our choice."

Yes, **freedom of thought is great.** I am sure that your instructors here, as my teachers in days past, will in the various courses of study seek to open up into that grander view of life and all phases of life.

But I think you will agree with me, that the other half of the inscription is also true: "**Right thinking is greater.**" Again I must admit that here at G. V. C. we were helped to seek for the right, sensing the injustices in this world and creating within us a will to right the wrongs where ever possible. True idealism only seems to increase this urge within young hearts.

When I read the last half of the inscription I am reminded of men, like Lincoln, Wilson, F. Nansen, and women like Eliz. Fry, Karen Jeppe, Mathilda Wrede, to mention a few. Such men and women had freedom of thought and have spoken and written great thoughts. They were accused of being idealist instead of realists. But they combined in a most marvelous way their

freedom of thought and their right thinking. Too often it has been true as one poet has written: "Often we found a faithful man, but the man lacked the strength." He never put his thoughts into practice.

What more did the above mentioned men and women possess than many a master writer? They had sensed the right. They had an urge within which grew to a passion for justice. They were compelled from within to go out and practice their thoughts. They were "men of thought and action" with a will to clear the way. Not content to "sit in a house by the side of the road and watch the men pass by," but out in the road with mankind realizing in some measure the ideal even as their Master before them.

Lincoln, when he saw the slaves sold on the block in New Orleans, did not only think the great thoughts of freedom but was determined to put them into practice as soon as the occasion was given. "If I ever get the chance to strike this contemptible thing, I will strike it hard."

Wilson would give us "This Freedom" not only in writing or thought but in reality. He was ahead of his day but he gave himself for the great cause as he saw it.

One of those who battled for mankind and the world peace in the League of Nations was Fridtjof Nansen. The explorer, writer, scientist, statesman longed to remain in his home to write down in books for coming generations his wide knowledge of the far north and his study of the nerve system. But his sense of right and justice made it impossible for him to refuse to try to help suffering humanity in need. "If you refuse," said his friends, "you will never have any peace of mind again." His right thinking made him the great humanitarian of 1920 to 1930.

Emil Ludwig's book about Nansen and his helping 300,000 war prisoners of 30 nationalities back to their home-land; saving of two and one-half million Russians from starvation, and his battle for the human and political rights of the Armenian people, not to mention his work for his own nation, reads like fiction but is reality.

There were many sitting in the League of Nations thinking thoughts of freedom but Nansen time and again found their hearts more icebound than the Arctic icefields. In Nansen we meet a marvelous combination of the two things stated in the inscription above the University in Upsala. "Fram", which means "Forward", was more than a name he chose for his ship. It was a part of his own self. "I always burn the boats behind me," says Nansen. "No time is then lost in looking back when there is plenty to do ahead. Then there is no choice for you and your men but to go forward. You must do or die."

Ludwig says: "Nansen was a veritable Christ in the love of his neighbors." In political ethics Masaryk approaches him; but as an active worker for peace Nansen had no peer." The Greeks gave Nansen the title, "The Patron Saint of the Refugees." A Norwegian church paper wrote at his death: "Nansen's honest conviction led him out of the national church. But it cannot be denied that of all our generations it was he who contributed the greatest share of love." Nansen did more than think freely. His right-mindedness urged him forward.

In this place I need but mention the name of Him, whose thoughts lead us still to the unsurpassed heights of the Sermon on the Mount and whose sense of justice and heart of compassion caused Him to give Himself in order that mankind might have life eternal, Jesus Christ. He lived "dangerously" as one man has said and He taught His disciples to follow Him.

So tonight as we gather here at our college with the words, "Grand View", inscribed above the entrance I wish to congratulate the students on behalf of District IV and myself and we hope that you may here get something of that grander view of life that was given to us in our day, never to be forgotten.

"With eye for things above as God ordained,
Awake to greatness, goodness, truth, and beauty,
Yet knowing well the yearnings unattained,
Through knowledge, great achievements, deeds, and duty."
Thus we sang about it in Danish while we were here and you will sing about it again and again in Rev. Rodholm's fine translation.

To the president of the college and his entire staff we wish to extend our best wishes. May God bless you and your work. May God's Spirit fill you as you seek to "draw out" that God given heritage in each of these young people and lead them in their thinking and living to a constantly grander view of life from day to day. Or as J. Boyer says: "To raise the stone upon which we stand so that each new generation may stand upon it and see just a little farther into that which awaits them."

From The Ninth District Convention

Enumclaw, Washington, is one of the most attractive, clean, and progressive towns in the Pacific Northwest. Majestic Mt. Rainier and the forest clad foothills form a solid background for this town. On one of the main streets on a corner lot stands a white church with a red roof, and, of course, it was the Hope Danish Lutheran Church. Here the Ninth District Convention was held Sept. 3, 4 and 5, and all who came enjoyed their stay, and the great hospitality of the congregation, and the generous delicious meals served and prepared by the organizations of the local church.

Friday evening Rev. Ove R. Nielsen bade us welcome and gave the opening address, "Dilemma or Else" stressing what he felt belonging to the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church really meant. He attempted to make clear his stand that most members are too listless and indifferent and need to be aroused to bear witness. He spoke also about the living word of Grundtvig and his place in our church, and concluded his lecture by hoping that spiritual matters might be given a great deal of time and thought at this convention. Discussion was encouraged and several spoke, but the outstanding response was given by Rev. J. Enselman of Tacoma.

Saturday morning Rev. A. E. Sorensen conducted the devotional hour centering our thoughts on "Atonement." Following this Rev. H. O. Nielsen opened the business session of the convention. 16 delegates and six pastors were given the right to vote. Rev. Sorensen was elected chairman of the convention, Rev. Enselman

was secretary for the meeting, but Mrs. Mortensen and Mr. Hostrup were chosen to report to the church papers. Rev. H. O. Nielsen read his report which was given to a committee. The treasurer, Mr. H. Eskesen, reported a balance of \$86.81, and the motion was made and carried that hereafter the treasurer's report should be mimeographed prior to each convention and mailed to each church. Rev. Alfred Jensen's letter was read in full — 16 pages! It was then given to a committee. A motion was made and carried to follow the Agenda as read. This, however, was not done.

Delegates gave reports from their home congregations. Mrs. Gribskov of Junction City started the ball rolling by telling of their Sunday School Choir, their three weeks of summer school, and the work of the young people in gathering money for Lutheran World Action. From Wilbur we learned that the student pastor, Holger Andersen, had won the hearts of all. There are only 18-20 dependable members there, but the attendance was very good during Andersen's summer church services. In fact Prof. A. C. Nielsen upon seeing the number of people present had exclaimed, "My heavens, why don't they have a pastor here?" The main reason seemed to be that there were not enough members to guarantee a salary. Seattle delegates told of local improvements and the splendid work of the various organizations within the church. It seemed to be the only church with a group within it that seek and emphasize Danish culture and language. The Tacoma delegates regretted that Rev. Enselman was leaving and that the faithful organist, Mrs. Mabel Sorensen, had moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. The Sunday school and choir were not doing as well as the Ladies' Aid which has worked hard for the church and for the service men. Enumclaw congregation and Sunday School had more than doubled this past year and the choir is their pride and joy. The young people had helped at the Lutheran Service Center in Tacoma and had helped with folk games on Wednesday evenings for all young people in the community.

The chairman of the district president's report stated that the committee had found it to be good but had no motions to make from it nor any matters to discuss. Since this was unusual, the chair decided to thresh through the report — 12 points! 'Twas a long drawn out afternoon. Rain fell outside, so escape was not too tempting. Such a long time was spent on this report that those with a desire for airing their problems never had an opportunity to do so. "The Golden Apple" which Rev. Ove Nielsen had told us about Friday evening once more slipped out of our hands, and our accomplishments seemed more like lead.

Some points naturally took more time than others. The Home Mission Council's work was explained by Rev. Sorensen, and he requested lady parish workers, if men could not be found, to help make a survey of the religious faith of the people of a certain community or district. Mercer Island was the one which needed workers now. Rev. Ove Nielsen thought we should provide the ministers before we make a survey. Mr. H. Falck wondered why we didn't concentrate on our Danes, many of whom had not been called upon by any one from our congregation. Mrs. T. Peder-

sen asked if we were afraid to expand. A motion was made and carried to table the discussion but the discussion went on and on. Most were in favor of doing home mission work in our own ninth district churches. It was decided that Lutheran World Action and Home Mission work be reported to home congregations for action. Rev. Ove Nielsen then explained the new plan for Lutheran Tidings and Mrs. Mortensen suggested more contributions to our papers. News from each congregation — subjects for discussion and thought. She also urged that all read their church papers the day they received them, and concluded by earnestly soliciting Dannevirke subscriptions. (Address: Mrs. Paul Mortensen, 1539 — 4th St., Kirkland, Wash.)

Junction City, Oregon, will be host to next year's convention. Rev. Ove Nielsen explained that at the meeting of the young people Sunday he intended to ask them to join the D. A. Y. P. L. (This they decided to do.) He also made a fine plea for seminary students at G. V. C. A winter meeting was encouraged and will undoubtedly be arranged when Rev. Alfred Jensen visits the district. Once again a request was made that speakers spend more time in the Pacific Northwest, at least two Sundays for Seattle, Tacoma, and Enumclaw, and that there be less preaching and lecturing and more time for discussion and help with problems.

The pension fund was explained, equalization was found to be O. K., the synodical quota accepted, after a long discussion about what constituted a contributing member. The G. V. C. Jubilee Fund Drive was heartily endorsed. Rev. Plambeck's services were recognized and local pastors were urged to cooperate with him in supplying obituaries. Rev. Ove Nielsen made a plea for more financial help for young ministers in the home mission field, and an appeal will be made to the synodical mission board. Rev. H. O. Nielsen was re-elected president, and Rev. Ove Nielsen was elected vice president and secretary. The Women's Home Mission Group appointed two workers in each ladies' aid.

Sunday the sun shone, many guests came. Rev. J. Enselman gave a splendid sermon about Denmark, peace and God's help. He spoke in Danish. Rev. H. Nielsen gave the English sermon and Rev. Sorensen officiated at the altar. The Enumclaw Hope Church choir sang well. In the afternoon the young people had their session and election after Rev. Walter Pedersen of Enumclaw had spoken earnestly to us about Kindness and Devotion in the Home, and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, the district delegate, had given an excellent report of the national convention.

Sunday evening was impressive. The young and old played folk games for an hour, then Holger Andersen gave a well planned address honoring the service men "Lest we forget." In conclusion, we went outside the huge recreational hall and overlooking the pool we saw a lit candle placed on one of five planks for each service man's name read — over 150 names from the Ninth District. We saw these lit candles on the planks sail out into the night as we concluded our meeting by singing "God Bless America."

GERTRUDE H. MORTENSEN.

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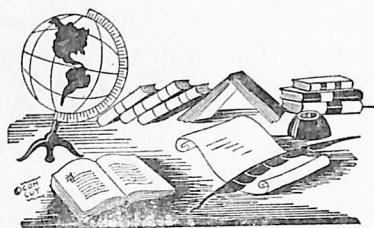
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Across the Editor's Desk

A news item came to our attention a few days ago which has challenged us. The Worldover Press reports that The British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has received a check for \$425 from the parents of an aviator shot down by the Japanese. These parents ask that the money be earmarked for future work in Japan as "the only decent Christian vengeance."

Many questions have arisen in the minds of members of the Christian Church during the last three-four years as to the Christian's attitude toward war. Whatever our many varied conclusions may be, there is no doubt that the above suggestion points toward the only ultimate remedy of war and its associated diseases. It is evident that at the present stage of the world tragedy a firm hand is needed first to break the cruel power of the despots. After this gigantic task has been performed we will have before us a task equally great. And this will not be a task of keeping the Japanese or any other people heavily guarded by an international police force. That may have to be part of the world-rehabilitation plan for a certain period. But the inevitable goal must be to help every people to realize the privilege of being a part of an international brotherhood banded together also under the banner of Christianity.

Many gifts of the nature of the one mentioned above will be needed. But most of all will be needed the spirit of a "decent and Christian vengeance."

District II Convention

GRANT, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1943

The business session of the convention was called to order Saturday, at 10:30 a. m., by acting president, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen as chairman.

Votes were tabulated as follows: 28 elected delegates from the congregations in the District, two votes from the Finance Committee, one from the Treasurer's office, seven pastors, besides two complimentary votes, i.e. Chaplain Einer Romer and Stud. Theol. Richard Sorensen of Grand View College, total of 40 votes.

The following pastors were present: Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, Svend Jorgensen, C. A. Stub, Willard Garred, Verner Hansen, A. C. Kildergaard and Svend Holm.

Upon motion duly supported and carried Rev. Svend Holm, Grayling, was elected convention secretary.

The Synod President, Rev. Alfred Jensen, brought greetings from the District Convention in Marquette, Nebraska, and from various pastors in the Synod whom he had met recently; also from the Canada congregations, where Rev. Jensen visited this summer. Greetings were also extended from the president of Grand View College, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, as well as the teachers of the college. Rev. Jensen referred to the serious conditions prevailing in the world today and to the Church as "chained to a world in arms". He exhorted the meeting to with Paul in his letter to the Philippians: Rejoice in Christ!

Minutes of last year's convention were read and approved. The new pastors were bid welcome to the district.

Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen submitted and read his report on activities in the district during the year. Discussion was postponed till after the noon recess.

After recess, and before the business session was continued, the song "Altid frejdig naar du gaar" was sung in English translation. The translation "Always cheerful, as you tread roads of God appointed" is by Rev. Svend Holm, and was sung several times at the convention.

A delegate from each of the congregations gave a brief resume of the work in their respective churches during the past year. The delegate from Manistee reported that on October 24th their church would celebrate its 75th year anniversary, and invited everybody to attend the occasion.

Treasurer's book, duly examined and found correct by the Finance Committee, was submitted and reported as follows:

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| Receipts for the year | \$227.93 |
| Expenses for the year | 78.98 |

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| Balance | \$148.95 |
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It was moved, supported and carried, that the report be accepted and placed on record.

The District President's report was introduced and accepted, with thanks.

The following agenda was discussed:

District Budget.

Moved and supported that we set the budget as last year of \$150.00. Carried.

Moved and supported that we have our district dues sent in by August 1st. Carried.

Moved and supported that the Sunday offering be allocated as follows: 50% to the Synod Home Mission and 50% the Santal Mission. Motion amended to read 50% to the Synod Home Mission be earmarked for Lutheran Tidings. Carried.

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GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



So We Begin Again

The days are mild, almost as warm as they have been all summer, the trees are still green and the flowers in bloom. But an occasional maple has turned yellow, and the leaves have started to fall. A perceptible blanket of faded leaves covers the campus lawn. Fall is at hand, and as usual this gives us a feeling of sadness that the days of summer are over.

But although fall marks the end of summer with its joys and comforts, it also marks, for us, a beginning, the beginning of a new school year. For many weeks we shall now work, study, and play together. We have met each other; we realize that we exist as various individuals, and we know that we shall be together for quite a while. But we have not yet been merged into an organic unity, for the real spirit of fellowship grows slowly and bears fruit in due time, like the plants of field and forest. We may not succeed in attaining our goal, for it is not certain that we shall have a good and valuable period of work and friendship, but we nevertheless look forward to the possibility, and we feel quite confident that Grand View will again this year be Grand View.

The changes in the faculty have previously been reported. So far our plans have worked out to our great satisfaction. The student enrollment will, I understand, be reported by someone else. I am glad that there will again be regular reports from the college. This leaves me with little to say about practical things. I wish to express my appreciation for the many guests and the fine contributions at our opening meeting which was held in conjunction with the district meeting. I wish again to thank all those who have sent us gifts, and among those I wish especially to mention a splendid gift of books from the library of the late Jens Jensen, and I wish to thank the homes that have sent us their young people. We shall try to live up to the great responsibility you have given us and we hope that you will not be disappointed when, come spring, your youngsters will return to you again. We also wish to thank those ministers and ministers' wives who have shown great interest and concern for the importance of a year-at-Grand View for their young friends.

For a long time we shall work in quiet. You may hear only reports of

picnics, parties, "Echo" contest, and other good times. The real work and the real significance of the student life can be reported with difficulty. This does not mean, however, that there is nothing about it to report. We have a long school year ahead of us and we hope that it will be a good one. We hope that its real significance will be of a spiritual nature.

JOHANNES KNUDSEN.

A Student's Greeting

The opening meeting of Grand View College was held Friday evening, September 24, in conjunction with the opening of the Iowa district convention. Rev. A. E. Frost, district president; Rev. Otmar Jorgensen, president of the school board, and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, spoke to a capacity audience in the college auditorium. Musical numbers completed the program. Coffee was served in the dining room following the program.

This was perhaps the first time two such meetings have been combined, but it is to be hoped that the opportunity for such a joint meeting will present itself again. We feel sure that those who were present not only profited by what was said, but enjoyed it as well.

The enrollment at Grand View this year is much larger than might have been expected under the circumstances. Of course the girls far outnumber the boys, but the important thing is that the total enrollment has not fallen much below what it was last year. With enrollment figures as high as they are even in these troubled times, it seems safe to assume that when peace returns Grand View can look toward a much greater growth.

There are 45 students in the junior college. Of this number, eight are boys. In addition to this there are seven seminary students. The enrollment is unbalanced not only in the ratio of boys and girls, but also in the ratio of first and second year students, there being only five second year students.

Another unusual aspect of the enrollment this year is the representation of the various parts of the country. The Mid-west still has the largest number of students here, but the west coast is not behind. There are 14 students from the west coast of which eight are from California. The number of students from the east has doubled, there being four this year. In all 15 states are represented at Grand View this year.

The first thing one notices on returning to Grand View this year is the improved appearance of the building and campus. The fine lawn, and the newly painted corridors in the dormitories, give testimony to the many hours of work which have been spent in preparing for the new school year. We students owe much to those who have worked so hard to make Grand View a better place in which to live. A hearty "thank you" to all of them.

Help! Help! For the past two years we have been gathering copies of the

"Echo" for the years 1936-1943 inclusive, in order that we might have them bound and placed in the library. We have been unable to locate the February 1936 and the February 1938 issues. If you happen to have saved your "Echoes" would you kindly glance through them and see if you happen to have these particular issues. If you have, please communicate with H. Andersen, G. V. C. Thank you!

T. C. H.

District VI Convention

District VI of The Danish Lutheran Church in America will convene in Danebod Lutheran Church, Tyler, Minnesota, Friday, October 15th at 8:00 p. m., to Sunday, October 17th, at 8:00 p. m. Address at opening meeting by Rev. Harris Jespersen. Devotions on Saturday at 10:00 by Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, followed by address by Rev. Chas. Terrell. Business meeting at 2:00 p. m. Evening address by Prof. Ernest D. Nielsen.

Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Danish communion and sermon by Rev. Harris Jespersen. English communion service in charge of Rev. Chas. Terrell. Sermon by Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen. Rev. Prof. Ernest Nielsen will also speak at 2:30 and 8:00 p. m.

Those wishing entertainment will please correspond with the officers of Danebod Church. Pastors, delegates, Sunday school teachers and church workers are urged to attend. A hearty welcome awaits you.

JOHANNES P. JOHANSEN,
Cong. President.

LARS BOLLESEN,
Cong. Secretary.

REV. EILERT C. NIELSEN,
Acting Dist. President.

District V Convention at West Denmark, Wis.

OCTOBER 22-24, 1943

You are cordially invited to attend our annual District Meeting at West Denmark, Wis. Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and delegates should make a special effort to be there, and as many others as possible.

Registration should be sent one week in advance to Mr. P. C. Petersen, R. 1, Luck, Wis., (President), or to the Pastor, Rev. J. P. Andreasen, Luck, Wis.

Program.

Friday evening, 8:15—Opening service, Rev. Bundgaard.

Saturday morning, 9:00—Bible study hour, Rev. Aaberg.

Saturday morning, 10:00—Business session.

Saturday afternoon, 5:00—Sunday school institute.

Sunday morning, 10:00—English service, and 11:00, Danish service.

Sunday afternoon, 2:30—Lectures.

Sunday evening, 8:00—Closing.

M. MIKKELSEN, Dist. Pres.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Edwin E. Hansen, Editor, 2015 W. High St., Racine, Wis.

Michigan District W. M. F. Meeting

Saturday evening during our District convention at Grant, Mich., an informal meeting of the Michigan district of W. M. F. was held in the church.

Mrs. Elmer Ness of Manistee, National president of W. M. F., presided. She especially stressed making a special effort to form missionary societies where there are none, and to get new members in the older societies. Let us make this effort so that next year we can report a missionary society in every congregation.

Since Mrs. H. C. Jorgensen of Muskegon felt that she could no longer be district representative, Mrs. Holger P. Jorgensen was elected in her place.

Mrs. Thos. Knudstrup told of some of the projects and help D. K. M. had given in the past and suggested some projects for the coming year, which for good reasons cannot be made public just yet.

Over against the great events of the times, our small efforts may seem trivial. A few women gathered here and there; of what consequence is that? It is not trivial, but important, because after all out of little things the great things grow. The hope of the world lies in the thousand and one ordinary day by day manifestations of good-will, friendship, tolerance, co-operation and helpfulness prompted by God's love in our lives. The Quakers have a motto which says something like this: Better to light a candle than curse the darkness. Certainly in our W. M. F. we can light candles. Moreover, we can be candles. Women of our church, if there is no missionary society in your congregation, organize one right away. If you have one, enlarge it. May we work hard in our district this year, as well as in all our districts.

With greetings to all,

MRS. HOLGER P. JORGENSEN.

Good Women

Irving Bacheller, in the American Magazine, writes: "There is one thing without which the world cannot be either wise or respectable — good women." Mr. Bacheller is right about that. But he could have made his statement much stronger — the world is not even safe without good women. No man, be he godly or ungodly, if he has but ordinary good judgment will want to build a home with an ungodly woman. Solomon points out the priceless treasure which a man possesses in a God-fearing woman when he says: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." What a burden is taken from a man's heart when he has a wife whom he may entrust with his house, his money, his health, his life; of whom he knows that she is true to him, whether he sees her or not. Such a possession is certainly one of the greatest of earthly blessings. Such a wife has been in innumerable cases the making of a man.

Men's mouths have been full of praise of their godly mothers, and rightly so. What a blessing Hannah was

to Samuel! She prayed for him before he was born, she cared for him with intelligence and piety in his youth, and dedicated him to God and to God's service in the temple. It is not without significance that St. Paul reminds Timothy of the faith of his mother Eunice and of his grandmother Lois. Many godly and great men have testified to the blessing that has come to them through their godly mothers.

A few years ago some gentlemen who were associated in preparing for the ministry felt interested in ascertaining what proportion of their number had pious mothers. They were greatly surprised and delighted in finding that, out of one hundred and twenty students, more than a hundred had been carried by a mother's prayer and directed by a mother's counsel. Though some of these had broken away from all the restraints at home, and like the prodigal, had wandered in sin and sorrow, yet they could not forget the impressions of childhood and were eventually brought back to the Saviour to be a mother's joy and blessing.

On the other hand, history, Biblical as well as secular, teems with the accounts of those miserable men whose lives have been ruined and wrecked by ungodly women. Almost every page of the daily paper records such a tragedy.

But let no man imagine that they are helpless toys of an irresistible fate in this respect. Men have a distinct responsibility. Fathers are to realize how important it is that their daughters be reared as children of God. The girls who grow up in our homes should be told to study the examples of such women as Sarah, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Lydia, Tabitha, and others. They are to note the faith and godliness of these exemplars and follow them.

The young men of our Church ought to show by their speech and behavior that they prize feminine virtue very highly; they ought to show that they do not belong to those young fools who are attracted by the enticing bait of the Devil, but that they have been sufficiently instructed to know God's will and to recognize their own interest.

The more men will express their appreciation of goodness and virtue in the women with whom they must deal, the more good women there will be. And the more good women there are, the more blessed and the more wholesome and the more contented the life of man will be.

Rev. M. S. Sommer in The Lutheran Witness.

The Mother's Inspiration

Had I no little feet to guide
Along life's toilsome way,
My own more frequently might slide,
More often go astray.

But when I meet my baby's eyes,
At God's own bar I stand,
And angels draw me toward the skies
While baby holds my hand.

—McMaster.

Diamond Jubilee Of Our Oldest Church

On October 24 the Manistee church is going to celebrate its 75th anniversary. The birthday of the congregation probably is May 5, 1868, and most of the church building, as it is still standing, is from the summer of 1868.

A committee is hard at work on plans for a big celebration, which will be a minor convention. We are expecting the Synod President to be with us; also Rev. V. S. Jensen and Chaplain Einer Romer. These two are the only men living in this country, who have served our church. All pastors from District II have been invited, and the District President, Holger Jorgensen, plans to be here. Likewise Rev. Verner Hansen (and his violin). Furthermore, we are sending out invitations to all people who have been confirmed in this church. And we want to take this opportunity to invite anyone who would like to come. We begin Sunday morning with a Worship Service and the Lord's Supper. The noon meal will be served in the various homes. In mid-afternoon we will have a program with speakers and music, followed by a banquet in the hall, and at night we will have a program with a festival pageant portraying the history of the church, followed by "Kaffebord."

We know there are transportation difficulties; our synodical convention and our District II convention, however, were very well attended and successful. Those who are so very busy would do well in taking a week-end off from work and come to Manistee for a refreshing of their spirits. Those who plan on coming, please notify before October 15, so we can arrange for lodging and, especially, meals. Write to: Thora Hansen, 266 First St., or me, 300 Walnut St., Manistee, Mich.

Willard Garred.

District No. 9's Young People's Convention

ENUMCLAW, WASH., SEPTEMBER 5, 1943.

By Esther Nielsen, Sec. 9th District League.

At 3:37 p. m. the young people of the various leagues met in the Hope Danish Lutheran Church in Enumclaw. Rev. Ove R. Nielsen began the program by suggesting we sing, "Onward Christian Soldiers". He then turned the meeting over to Edel Jensen, Enumclaw, president of the Northwest District League, who welcomed all the young people and the elders visiting the meeting. After Miss Jensen's greeting the secretary, Esther Nielsen, Seattle, read the minutes of the last district meeting held at Seattle, Washington, September 6, 1942. The minutes stood approved as read. Rev. Ove Nielsen then spoke to us about joining the D. A. Y. P. L. Rev. Nielsen mentioned that we must do our part in supporting the D. A. Y. P. L., and he also said, "Instead of helping to pick up the apples, we should assist in planting the seeds." Time was allowed for

opposition to this move but it seemed that everybody was in a very agreeable mood, or the sun made them too comfortable to move, for not one person offered any opposition. Since an organized group usually requires a constitution, Miss Jensen had a tentative constitution prepared which was based on the one of the D. A. Y. P. L. The advantages of this system were pointed out and pros and cons were heard. One suggestion for an activity was the gathering of the Seattle, Enumclaw, and Tacoma church choirs at the Tacoma Danish Lutheran Church, to present a concert, the dues required, to be taken out, and the proceeds to be given to the D. A. Y. P. L. A vote was taken and all agreed that this proposed activity be developed and carried out. Immediately after this the extemporaneous reports of delegates from the leagues of the ninth district were given.

A motion was made that we join the D. A. Y. P. L. (Danish American Young People's League) on the condition that the constitution be revised to read that "We are an integral part of the Evangelical Church." The results were positive.

Next in order for the meeting were the nominations and election of new officers for the District League. Nomination for president, Edel Jensen, who, being the only person nominated, was again given the position of president; secretary, Virginia Larsen, Seattle; Harriet Falck, Seattle, and Nancy Bruhn, Enumclaw. Harriet Falck was elected; treasurer, Gloria Mortensen, Kirkland; Phyllis Nielsen, Enumclaw; Charlene Finson, Tacoma, and Ove Kilgren, Seattle. Ove Kilgren is the new treasurer. This appears to be a well selected group of officers, and in view of the many and various problems likely to present themselves, may they have a successful and prosperous year ahead of them.

After elections Edel Jensen selected "The Church's One Foundation" as the last song to be sung at the meeting. When we finished singing the song the new Grand View-ites were introduced. They are Iola Andersen, Vivian Larsen, Anna Falck, Greta Petersen, and Esther Nielsen, all of Seattle.

The meeting was then adjourned and all present retired to the Danish Hall for supper.

In the evening after a delicious enjoyable supper a very memorable program was presented at King County Recreation Center. First of all, Rev. Ove Nielsen led all who were able in folk-games, which were followed by an inspiring address by Holger Andersen, student minister from Grand View College. In his address, Mr. Andersen used the principles of Christianity for his theme. The closing events of the convention were the impressive salutes to our boys in the service. A candle was lit for each of the boys from the ninth district in the service. After each service-man's name was read a candle for him was placed on a board together with the other candles. As each board was filled it was set afloat on the pond. It is amazing the resemblance to mighty battleships which each brilliantly lighted plank of wood had. They seemed to represent the will and the faith of each of our boys in there, doing his part.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

Mussolini and His Italy

I shall make my own life a masterpiece.
—Benito Mussolini.

Naar skidt kommer til ære, ved det ikke, hvad
det skal være. —Old Danish Saying.

He said he wanted to revive the old Roman Empire and be as one of the caesars. His empire was a failure and he was a "sawdust caesar".

This man was born July 29, 1883. His father was a blacksmith and the family lived in deep poverty. While his father was a political radical, his mother was a pious woman. She persuaded him to go to a religious school for a while, but he didn't like it. He quit school, taught himself and became a school teacher. At the age of nineteen this young man, who later became an arch-militarist, fled to Switzerland to avoid military service! There he was a bricklayer.

In the meantime he had become a socialist and was constantly getting into trouble with the police. Both in Switzerland and at home he spent much time in miserable prisons. He took up journalism and became one of the leaders of Italian radicals.

For many years Mussolini had been strongly anti-war, but when the World War I broke out he favored the Allies and wanted Italy to join them. When Italy did, he enlisted in the army and was wounded.

Following the war, times were hard in Italy and there was much popular unrest and distress. Strikes were numerous and many good people in Italy feared the future.

Earlier Mussolini had been an internationalist and socialist. He now dropped these ideas and became a violent nationalist. When Italian workers showed signs of becoming very unruly, he organized his gang of Fascists. They literally slugged their way to power. As the movement grew, it received the backing of many prominent industrialists. With the approval of King Vittorio Emanuele III he became prime minister of Italy in October 1922.

Many people, even in democratic countries, were impressed with the glory and efficiency of this modern caesar. Endless tales were told about the disappearance of the Sicilian beggar children and how trains ran on schedule. It's true that the blackshirts were a bit rough in their treatment of thinking minorities and it was unfortunate that some of Mussolini's thugs killed Matteotti. But perhaps a little harshness was necessary, in order that efficiency might win the day. Here, they said, was a man of action.

Once secure in the seat of power, Mussolini began to fill the air with accusations against his neighbors. Goose-stepping soldiers filled the streets and the navy yards were busy building gunboats. France was told that she would have to yield to Italy in Africa and Britain would be driven out of the Mediterranean. So far it was all talk.

In 1935-36 Mussolini's dream of empire plunged

Italy into a war with Ethiopia. In seven months the Duce's forces, equipped with tanks, planes and poison gas easily defeated the primitive troops of Haile Selassie. This was glory indeed. A year later, after the forging of Axis alliance, Italy intervened in Spain to help General Franco. Here the Italians met Spanish soldiers who knew how to fight and die. They were no match for the Spaniards.

In 1940 while France was prostrate, Mussolini showed his true colors by stabbing his helpless neighbor in the back. Italy occupied the French Riviera and the Duce praised the splendid valor of his army. A few weeks later the Italians took the British Somaliland in Africa. This was success, and Mussolini must have been a bit dizzy. But days were coming that would sober him.

In September 1940 Mussolini sent his legion to invade Egypt and to begin with there was some success. But then came General Wavell and he drove the Italians out of Egypt and sent them backwards in a 400 mile retreat.

The invasion of Greece began in October 1940. Mussolini had assembled 200,000 troops for the kill. To the surprise of all, including the Duce, the plucky Greeks drove the Italian legions back and back. Had it not been for the aid of the German army surely the Italian expedition would have ended in disaster.

Meanwhile the British had captured the Italian East African empire and Emperor Haile Selassie returned to his throne and people. In North Africa the Germans and Italians were all set for a final push on Egypt, but here they met General Montgomery and the British Eighth Army. The story of that disaster is well known. The Germans treated the Italian army with utter contempt. They went so far as to commandeer the Italians' motor transport and left Mussolini's troops to their cruel fate.

During all this time the great Italian fleet had made an even poorer showing. It simply did not dare to face the British. It finally just quit and went to the side of the Allies.

Benito Mussolini and his corrupt, cruel and inefficient regime have fallen. It is good riddance. One of these days the regimes of Hitler and Hirohito will fall too. On that day a cry of rejoicing and thanksgiving will rise from millions of hearts in such lands as China, Denmark, France, and Greece. We shall rejoice with them.

However, a word of caution is in order here. These dictators are largely the symptoms of a sick civilization. Long ago a wise man said:

Righteousness exalteth a nation;

But sin is a reproach to any people.

Our civilization with its belly appeal and injustice is also under the eye of a just God. We too are on trial. We too need to repent and set our house in order. The white man cannot forever rule the earth for his own pleasures and benefit. Unless he changes his way a day of reckoning will surely come to all of us.

What Is The Original Christianity?

The Answer Given to Grundtvig.

III.

By REV. V. S. JENSEN.

Before we plunge into Grundtvig's final conception of the Word of God, let us try to trace the development through which he came to this conception.

Grundtvig was nothing, if not thorough. He had had his Christian awakening, 1810, now he wants to live with all his strength and might the life in Christ of which he had become conscious. Besides being thorough he is a thinker, and he immediately sees that, to live with God, man must have a Word of God. Life-relationship between God and man may be maintained only through a Word of God. From the orthodox Lutheran fathers he had learned that this Word of God must be the Bible. They knew no other; he determined to know no other. He believed that to be a Christian he must take reason captive under the obedience of the faith; but to do this was to him to accept every word of the Bible from cover to cover as the Word of God. He became what we today would call the most dyed in the wool fundamentalist. Holger Begtrup says that it was necessary for him to be able to lay his hand on the closed Bible and say:

"I will at this moment not know what herein is to be read; but this I steadfastly believe that heaven and earth shall pass away, but these words shall not pass away. No matter what I find herein, I will rather believe that I and all human beings are fools than that this should be untrue. I have no opinion that I want to corroborate by the holy book, but I will hear what it says, and whatever is opposed thereto I will hold to be falsehood, whatever my reason and the reason of all the world might say." 1.

Thus speaks a young man; Grundtvig was then thirty. Having now determined that The Book is the Word of God, he must learn and know The Book. Notations in a small almanac of 1813 show how he got to know it so well:

"March 6th: In the name of Jesus N. T. read through first time this year.

"April 30th: I succeeded by the merciful help of the Holy Spirit in getting the New Testament read through. God bless every reading in Jesus' name, to His glory and to the mighty victory of the Word, to edification and blessing for myself and others.

"August: My New Testament read through third time. God, give me to harbor Thy Word in my heart, that I sin not against Thee! In Jesus' name!

"September: 25th I left Copenhagen and arrived, 27th, at Udby. At that time I finished fourth reading of New Testament. God bless His Word on my heart.

"December: On the 16th I once more finished reading through the New Testament. God be praised and thanked for His holy Word; His Words alone are true and faithful. He gave to us, for the sake of Jesus' death, to have them in mouth and in heart, by His Holy Spirit, so that we may speak with boldness as He willeth, and that we who preach to others, may not ourselves be rejected." 2.

Not only for his own sake does he study the Bible. He is a minister of the gospel. And there are the rationalistic theologians on the one hand and the harassed babes in Christ on the other. The theologians maintained that Jesus and the apostles had no en-

lightenment surpassing that of their contemporaries; thus could the miracles be explained, i. e. explained away. Jesus "was a child of His day." The Jews of that day believed the story of Jonah and the whale, therefore Jesus believed that story — which, of course, the rationalists did not. Or, again, if Jesus did not believe that story to be true, He merely made use of the language and notions of the time to elucidate His ideas. Thus was Jesus made either ignorant or unreliable.

Says Holger Begtrup: 3.

"Against this tyranny of unbelieving and arrogant theologians Grundtvig sets the principle that: 'The Bible must be understood according to its direct, literal meaning, as any person of sound mind would understand it If the written word were not to be understood according to its direct, simple meaning, as this meaning is evident to all, then Christians could never have come to have the same conceptions; the simple-minded would in many things have to let themselves be tossed about by every wind of doctrine, and the learned would always be wrangling. At the same time no man, although he might have gained a right understanding of the Word of God, would be able to prove that this understanding was anything but his own ideas. When we see the succession of pious Christians who from generation to generation since the very days of the apostles have had the same understanding, although they were different in conditions, time and tongues, then do we see also that only because they accepted and believed the Word literally, did they have that same understanding.'

Every word in the Bible, being the Word of God, must, of course, be inspired. In "World Chronicle," 1814, he says:

"When God wanted to reveal the truth to man, He must Himself have chosen the words, so that all who had fellowship with Him and with His Spirit could accept them in the same meaning."

"But the truth has a peculiar way of making itself known and felt" as he himself wrote in 1817. And the truth that not every word of the Bible is the Word of God, nor inspired, forced itself upon him. He wants to find a rule of faith for himself and for the laity so that these shall not be driven about by every wind of doctrine from the rationalist camp. Thorough, and honest with himself, he soon came to ask the question: As a rule of faith, are all the books of the Bible of equal importance? First of all he finds that he must place greater emphasis upon the New Testament than upon the Old. And in the New Testament the writings of the apostles must carry greater weight than those of men who were not apostles. Matthew and John must have precedence to Mark and Luke. In the Old Testament he makes a similar distinction: The prophetic writings must have precedence above the others. Only the prophetic and apostolic writings can claim divine authority. In his introduction to "World Chronicle" 1814 we get a glimpse of this development:

"A thing which may seem strange, and perhaps for the moment troublesome, is the conception expressed by me that several books which have been deemed holy, are not holy in the same strict sense as the writings of prophets and apostles. Honestly and plainly I shall state my opinion on this matter, hoping that no honest Christian, after having heard it, will be scandalized by my statements.

"Everyone who in our day becomes a Christian in earnest has, perhaps like myself, felt how difficult



OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



Youth From Our Synod In The U. S. Service

Ringsted, Iowa, 39 young men.
 Viborg, S. D., 25 young men.
 Gayville, S. D., 6 young men.
 Tyler, Minn., 85 young men, 1 nurse.
 Dwight, Ill., 32 young men, 1 WAAC,
 1 Chaplain.
 Fredsville, Iowa, 33 young men.
 Newell, Iowa, 49 young men, 1 nurse.
 Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.
 Diamond Lake, Minn., 16 young men.
 Enumclaw, Wash., 21 young men.
 Junction City, Ore., 18 young men.
 Davey, Nebr., 9 young men.
 Cordova, Nebr., 19 young men.
 Omaha, Nebr., 22 young men.
 Hampton, Iowa, 11 young men.
 Racine, Wis., 30 young men.
 Troy, N. Y., 34 young men, 3 young
 women.
 Manistee, Mich., 12 young men.
 Oak Hill, Iowa, 17 young men.
 Cozad, Nebr., 15 young men, 1 nurse.
 Detroit, Mich., 41 young men, 1 nurse.

Kimballton, Iowa, 43 young men, 3
 nurses.
 Withee, Wis., 42 young men, 1 nurse.
 Waterloo, Iowa, 36 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.
 Marquette, Nebr., 14 young men.
 Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.
 Clinton, Iowa, 12 young men.
 St. Stephen, Chicago, 20 young men.
 Tacoma, Wash., 16 young men.
 Seattle, Wash., 35 young men.
 Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2
 nurses.
 Trinity, Chicago, 43 young men.
 Des Moines, Iowa, 30 young men.
 Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.
 Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young
 men.
 Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAAC.
 Brooklyn, N. Y., 52 young men.
 Solvang, Calif., 46 young men.
 Bridgeport, Conn., 21 young men, 1
 WAAC.

Alden, Minn., 32 young men.
 Askov, Minn., 90 young men, 2 WAACS
 and 1 nurse.
 Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.
 Cedar Falls, Iowa, 49 young men, 1
 WAVE.
 Easton, Calif., 15 young men.
 Hartford, Conn., 38 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Ludington, Mich., 46 young men.
 Portland, Me., 8 young men.
 West Denmark, Wis., 21 young men.
 Ruthton, Minn., 20 young men, 1 nurse.
 Muskegon, Mich., 15 young men.
 Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men.
 Victory, Mich., 13 young men.
 White, S. D., 3 young men.
 Los Angeles, Calif., 23 young men.
 Danevang, Texas, 45 young men, 1
 WAAC, 1 WAVE.
 Minneapolis, Minn., 28 young men.
 Brush, Colo., 18 young men, 1 Red Cross
 Worker.

Please send the editor the latest number on young men and women in the U. S. service from your congregation.

Wanted—More Chaplains

By Dr. Ralph H. Long, Executive Director,
 National Lutheran Council.

In conversation with the Chief of Chaplains, Brigadier General William R. Arnold, early in September he said: "Can't you get us more chaplains? We need them badly and your church is behind in its quota." Soon after in a press conference in New York he made a strong plea for 859 additional chaplains. The National Lutheran Council Churiches now have 325 chaplains in the Army but we should have half that many more.

Chaplain Arnold insists that it is far more important to have chaplains with the service men than at home in the parishes. That is why he frankly says: "Rob your parishes if you must and put your clergy in the

Army." This is not only frank advice but also sound advice. Surely the priority of spiritual care is more important than some other priorities.

However we cannot enforce this priority as it is being done with war materials. We must depend on the voluntary assent of pastors who can meet the requirements to supply the need. Only those between the ages of 24 and 50 who are physically sound can qualify. If you are one of them give it earnest and prayerful consideration.

Once more we wish to remind all who are making application for the chaplaincy that ecclesiastical endorsement is required in every case. That can be procured only through the National Lutheran Council by applicants belonging to the Churches in the Council. Address your inquiries to 39 East 35th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

it is to gain faith in the Old Testament, — especially in the wonders which there are related. Several years passed after I had, as I thought, gained faith in Christ, in which I still believed that one might take the first chapters of Moses as an allegory, and reject the wonders that seemed unbelievable, and judge about men and events differently from what the words implied. But when faith became a matter of real earnestness to me, and I again read the Bible in real earnest, I saw immediately how preposterous this conception was, and that if one believed in Christ then must he believe all His words as a gospel, and believe all the books to which he gave testimony as His own words and the Words of God. I did not find much difficulty in believing Moses, but many a story in the other historical books still offended me. I felt that here one might doubt without endangering truth. At the same time I also felt how painful it was, when one believes in God, to doubt anything which one must presume to be the Word of God. If I had been a lay-man, such doubts would probably not have arisen, or have continued dimly; but as a minister, as preacher of the Word of God in days of unbelief, I felt that it would not do to stop at such

doubts. The more I read the Bible and marked the words of Jesus, the more necessary did I find it to hold that the whole history of the people of Israel from Moses to Nehemiah was true. What most impelled me in this direction was that I saw how Jesus cited events from the Old Testament as undoubtable, and, among these, two that more than any others might tempt one to doubt, i. e. the story about David receiving the shew-bread and the one about Elijah being wonderfully sustained with the widow in Sarephtha (Mat. 12; Luke 4). It became a certainty to me that the books of Samuel and Kings, and whatever other books Jesus and His apostles referred us to, must be believed. Aye, by pondering Jesus' words: 'The scriptures cannot be broken,' I felt that all those books which the Jews at the time of Christ accounted as *scripture* must be unfailing . . . I felt very willing myself to believe everything which was the Word of God, even though it might seem ever so singular; I felt certain that the history of the Jews must have been truthfully told; but this thought made me doubt that when the problems arose of giving account of my faith, I then would be able to prove to every Christian, by the words of

Jesus and his apostles, that my faith was the true faith. . . . I believe that I have arrived at a solution of the problem. I believe that we are to accept the words of Jesus concerning the laws of Moses and the Psalms in the most circumscribed sense: understand the law of Moses to be what we know the name signified to the Jews: the five books of Moses, which always are cited by Jesus and the apostles as scripture-proof and the Word of God. But by 'the prophets and Psalms' we must understand merely what the words mean in their direct sense: The book of Psalms and the speeches of the sixteen prophets. **These books must be believed according to their words, the others that are used by the Savior and His apostles must be believed in the things (cited); the others are to be regarded merely as human books.** Thus, it seems to me, have we gained a firm standpoint with Jesus." 4.

"It seemed to him"; but not for long. The standpoint was neither firm nor tenable. He was in the same predicament as our modern fundamentalists; but he did not, as they, abandon the search till he had reached the firm standpoint. The truth is, says Holger Begtrup, that

"when we have abandoned the conception that **every word in all the holy scriptures** are divine and infallible then we do not in reality gain any firm standpoint, before we learn to seek the living Word of God in other places than in books." 5.

1. Begtrup: "Grundtvig as Bible-Christian," p. 50.

2. Begtrup: "Grundtvig as Bible-Christian," p. 46.

3. Begtrup: "Grundtvig as Bible-Christian," p. 55 f.

4. Begtrup: "Grundtvig as Bible-Christian," p. 71 ff.

5. *ibid*, p. 76.

DISTRICT II CONVENTION

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The Lutheran World Action.

The Synod's showing of having paid only 61% of its quota is a sorry spectacle. The delegates were exhorted to see that their congregations quota of 50c per confirmed member was met in full.

Synod Budget.

The Synod President, Rev. Alfred Jensen, was called upon to explain the increase in the Synod Budget. It was accounted for by the increase in the Pension Fund and the decision to send Lutheran Tidings free of charge to all congregational members who wished to receive it. It was so voted at this year's Synod Convention in Minneapolis. Attention was called to the fact that a list of names of those members who did not wish to receive this paper should be mailed to the business manager.

Pension Fund.

A letter from the president of the Pension Fund, Rev. A. E. Frost, was read. The convention was informed that the announced average amount of 60c from every contributing member was not met. Only an average of 36c was received. The delegates were exhorted to meet the allocated amount of 60c per member, and it was urged to use the mailed envelopes. The amount raised is credited to the amount allocated to the congregation for the Synod budget.

The Grand View College Jubilee Fund.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard announced that he had been asked, in a letter from the Synod president, to assume the leadership of this drive in District two. He has accepted and will in the near future visit all the congregations in the district in this cause. To the ques-

tion as to why it should be necessary to build now, when the college had a smaller attendance than in former years, it was brought out that the **supposed** larger attendance at that time was not actual, but was accounted for by a winter course of only three months, in which a greater number of persons were able to participate, whereas now the attendance is on a full year basis, and the student hours consumed are actually greater today, than formerly.

Welfare of Our District.

A motion was made by the Juhl congregation that the By-Laws to the Constitution of District 2, Section 3 — (Duties of the President) were changed to read:

"To submit to each congregation at least two weeks before the annual convention a report of his work in the district, as well as reports which he shall obtain from each congregation as to the work in the individual congregations."

This motion was amended to read: "District President to send in to Lutheran Tidings, at least two weeks before the annual convention, a report of his work in the District."

Amendment supported and carried.

Motion with amendment supported and carried.

Elections.

Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen was elected District President for two years.

Rev. Svend Holm was elected Vice President-Secretary for two years by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Thomas Knudstrup was re-elected to the Finance Committee for two years, by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Place For Meeting Next Year.

A tentative invitation was received from Manistee. Motion was made that we leave acceptance of the invitation till it is received. Supported. Carried.

SVEND HOLM,
Convention Secretary..

The Theme chosen for the Convention was "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still" from Hebrews 13.8.

Friday at 2:30 p. m., a pastor's meeting was held at the church with mutual gain for those attending. Rom. 8:18-25 was discussed in exegesis by C. A. Stub and the attending pastors. An interesting review of the obligations and the authority of the pastor was given by Svend Jorgensen. A reading circle for the pastors of the district was instituted, in charge of Rev. Svend Holm, elected.

At 8:00 p. m., opening services took place in the church, conducted by Rev. Svend Holm. Rev. Holm preached of the True Faith of our fathers, or The Christ of Yesterday, and took as his foundation the true Fatherhood and the true Sonship as expressed by Jesus Christ in the words "I and my Father are one."

Saturday at 9:00 a. m., morning devotion was conducted by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, in place of Rev. Verner Hansen who could not be present. The Theme spoken of was "The Security in having the same Christ always." Rev. Kildegaard dwelled upon Paul in Prison, chained to the guard, singing in the firm Faith of his belonging to Jesus Christ whatever befell him.

After Rev. Kildegaard, Chaplain Einer Romer, sta-

tioned at Fort Custer, spoke of his work among the soldiers, commenting that it resembled much his work in the congregation, and that those boys who were accustomed to go to church at home went to church in camp also. He mentioned, too, that on presentation of written forms to all soldiers entering the camp over a long period, only 25% had any church connections; however, many of the remaining 75% showed great interest.

At 4:00 p. m., the Grant people conducted an automobile trip to the onion field around Grant. It would be much too easy to become dramatic at this point in regard to the effect of onions, so I will confine myself to stating that it was a beautiful day, with lots of onions, and a fine spirit among the delegates, pastors and visitors present.

At 7:00 p. m., the D. K. M. held a meeting in the church with Mrs. Knudstrup and Mrs. Ness presiding.

At 8:00 p. m., Rev. Willard Garred gave a well arranged speech on "The Forward Look."

Stud. Theol. Richard Sorensen, who took care of the Juhl-Germania congregations in a three months vacation period, spoke briefly, off the program, of Christianity by Example.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock church services were conducted by Rev. Svend Jorgensen. Rev. Jorgensen preached over the text of the day, with emphasis on practical Christianity. Rev. Holger Jorgensen, assisted by Rev. Willard Garred, served at the Communion Table. The church was filled to capacity. The offering was \$87.00.

At 12:30 o'clock dinner was served in the Community Hall, Grant. About two hundred persons were present. All other meals were served in the Parish Hall, formerly the old gymnasium at Ashland Folk High School.

At 3:00 p. m., Rev. Alfred Jensen, Synod President, gave a fine talk, one hour long. He spoke of the history of the Danish church, with emphasis on the spiritual development and the Christian Community, that now we had come to the point where we were rooted in this country and conscious of our obligations to our communities and the country.

At 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. A. Stub spoke at the closing meeting on "Bringing this Faith to Others" or "Evangelization in the Lutheran Church". Rev. Stub said that Evangelization in the sense of the revival meeting, the results of which are not lasting, is not the function of our Lutheran Church. Ours is a teaching church for nurture. Evangelization is one function, but we must also bring the gospel to the unchurched.

It was, altogether, a good meeting. May God add His Blessings so that the results will be present in all our congregations in the District.

The convention extends its heartfelt thanks to the Grant-Ashland congregation, and its pastor, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, who so graciously and generously took care of all our needs in regard to food and lodging, and will long remember, with grateful pleasure, the fine church choir, whose spirited singing added a distinct contribution to a fine meeting.

SVEND HOLM, Secretary.

Those who acted as delegates from their respective congregations were as follows:

My Employer

My employer is not a single person but a group of people belonging to a church called Bethania Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church. Indirectly I must consider quite a few people, who are not voting members of the church, to be a part of the employer. I have worked for said employer for five and a half years. Part of that time there was no written contract between us, and part of the time there has been such a document. The document has made no difference.

My employer has been good to me. He has permitted me to live. He has given me enough to pay house rent and current bills. He has afforded me a chance to become at home in a community. He has not prevented me from living a personal life. Without saying much about it, he has in many respects understood me better than I understood myself. He has been indulgent with me, and therefore there has been a vibrant communication between us.

Have I not preached an evangel it is not so much my employer's fault as it is mine. People have met in our little church and at other gatherings to hear an evangel. Such people do near. They are daring in their hearing. They dare to defy a mighty monster — the materialistic concept. There is a calm tensity in the midst of a group of people who are willing to acknowledge the power of the spirit and the possibility of conversion. Words will not describe it.

My employer has given me a very choice value, freedom to seek, to find, and to say. Many a time did I misuse and abuse that freedom. My employer sensed it but he did not withdraw it. I know of no other employer in this or any other community, which would give me that value.

This does not mean that he has liberalized all authority away from himself. In his subtle but commanding way has he told me that my position is that of the servant. Like all others can I express myself in regard to ritual use of language, etc., but I cannot make decrees.

He has given me words of encouragement, direction and chastisement; seventy times seven forgiveness; confidence and credulity; wit and humour; protection and forbearance; understanding, and equanimity. He has snared memories, struggles, and hopes with me.

We have been sojourners in a valley and I am thanking my employer for good company.

AAGE MØLLER.

Grant—Arthur Nielsen.

Greenville—Mrs. Carl Miller, Mr. Chris Nielsen, Mr. Dewey Hansen, Mrs. Chris Frederiksen, Mr. E. A. Eriksen, Miss Frieda Nielsen, Mr. Niels Lamb, Miss Harriet Thompsons, and Mrs. C. E. Carlsen.

Grayling—Mrs. Clara Sales and Miss Ingeborg Hanson.

Big Rapids—Mrs. Jenny Mason.

Detroit—No delegates.

Juhl-Marlette—Mr. Peter C. Appel, Mr. Holger Rasmussen, Mr. Oscar Nielsen, Mrs. Holger Rasmussen, and Mrs. Oscar Nielsen.

Germania—Mr. Clifford Stolzman and Rolf Wischman.

Muskegon—Mr. Christ Jensen, Mr. Hans Nielsen, and Mrs. Harold Shouse, Mrs. H. P. Jorgensen.

Ludington—Mr. N. J. Christensen, Mrs. N. J. Christensen.

Manistee—Mrs. Rita Norden, Mr. Elmer Ness.

October Memorial Days

Two memorial days in October call our attention to the most outstanding event of American history — the discovery of America. The two days are Leif Erickson Day, October 9, and Columbus Day, October 12. Perhaps these days ought to be combined into one and called Discovery of America Day.

Late research has given us a new story of the discovery of America. There is now no reason to doubt that the discovery of America by the Northmen in the 11th century was a real discovery. The ancient Northmen must have travelled over a large part of North America. Perhaps they were quite familiar with a fourth of it. The Beardmore weapons found in 1930 north of Lake Superior, dating from the 11th century; and the Kerrington Stone found in southwestern Minnesota in 1898, bearing the date 1362, support the view that what the ancient Northmen called Vinland was the country around Lake Superior, rather than some little tract on the coast of the Atlantic.

The story of Columbus, too, has changed. We are no

longer very sure about anything in the life of Columbus before he sailed on his ever memorable voyage in August, 1492. He may have been an Italian, a Spaniard, or a converted Jew. But there is little doubt about his life and achievements from 1492 on.

His aims in 1492 are uncertain. He may have heard of Vinland, but it is not likely that he was thinking of a re-discovery of that part of America. He certainly hoped to discover islands far to the west, perhaps among them Japan. He may have hoped also to find a westward sea-route to the Indies — that is, to China and India.

But whatever his intentions, his achievements are certain and truly heroic. And they were written up in heroic style by contemporary Spanish historians who were friendly and sympathetic towards him, and accordingly may have stretched the truth in his favor.

Still, Columbus will remain a shining light in the world's history. He died on Ascension Day in 1502. His last words, as they have been left us in Latin, were: "In manus tuas Domine, commendo spiritum meum."

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CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

Again I venture to call your attention to the quotation we used in the last issue: "And thou shalt be to us instead of eyes."

There is a strong appeal in this to any group organization set up by man as an aid to him in his secular enterprises, to facilitate him with such tasks which he may be interested in but is unable to accomplish alone. It points to the fact that neither organization nor individual are sufficient in themselves. They need the assistance of forward vision, and of courage which never fails. Without a guiding eye, which is not blinded by false glory and led to follow enticing mirages, it is not possible in group work, whether it be social or spiritual in nature, to accomplish such tasks which may add to the glory of living and greatly multiply the blessings of a richer life.

The church should be such an eye, and it can be, whenever we are willing to let it guide us on our way and in our work.

It is not an organization in the sense that other organizations are. It is an eye to the public. It is the Holy Spirit at work. We may not see the need of being guided at all times in our secular work by the spirit of the church; we may venture into our different tasks not sufficiently aware of the fact that our own efficiency and ability are incompetent to attain the goal; if so, our mistake, in not including the church in all our activities as the eye that guides our hands and feet, will sooner or later be discovered by us when we begin to realize that, by right of its very nature, the church must penetrate all other organizations and lend spiritual zest to their activities, its spirit should be prevalent in all undertakings attempted by men.

The right relationship between the church and its more or less affiliated organizations may be tested by the attitude expressed in the words: "Thou shalt be to us instead of eyes," when we make such words our own and use them to call the attention of others to our immediate need.

It makes a difference whether as a group we say: You need us, or: we need you. Whether: You cannot expect to function properly without us, or: we can't do anything without you.

The church makes no claim to function separately apart from any other group. It serves among us to propagate life... Its aim is to penetrate, diffuse, disseminate.

LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Annual Meeting District III OCTOBER 30-31, 1943

The annual meeting of district III will be held at Dwight, Ill., October 30-31. All the congregations of the district are asked to send their full quota of delegates. Friends of our church work are cordially invited.

MARIUS KROG,
District President.

In accordance with the above announcement, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., extends a cordial invitation to the pastors and the members of the congregations of District III to be our guests during the District convention.

Please send reservations before the meeting to Alvin Sondergaard, 313 E. Chippewa St., Dwight, Ill. Please designate the names of delegates.

CHARLES LAURITZEN, President.
HOLGER STRANDSKOV, Pastor.

Saturday—

10:00 a. m. "Confirmation and Membership". Open discussion introduced by Holger Strandkov.

2:00 p. m. Business meeting.

8:00 p. m. Lecture by Edwin Hansen.
Women's Mission Society program.

Sunday—

9:00 a. m. Children's service by Viggo Hansen.

10:00 a. m. Worship service, Ottar Jorgensen. Communion service, Marius Krog.

2:00 p. m. Lecture by Alfred Jensen.

3:00 p. m. Layman's hour. Topic: Are we sufficiently mission minded in our local communities? (It is expected that at least one delegate from each congregation will be prepared to participate in this discussion.)

8:00 p. m. Short talks by Viggo Hansen and Edwin Hansen.

It has been suggested that the discussion on Saturday morning be opened to the lay people, instead of just to the pastors as has been customary.

A delegate from each congregation in the district should present a written annual report on the work in the home church.

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Our Church

A Meeting of Pastors of the Two Danish Synods was held on Monday, Sept. 21, in the parsonage of the St. Stephan's Church in Chicago, Rev. and Mrs. Marius Krog being hosts. Present were from the United Danish Church: Rev. P. Nyholm, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Morton, both pastors in Chicago, and Rev. George J. Robertsen of Kankakee, Ill., and his guest, Rev. Franklin Rasmussen of Omaha, Nebraska; and from our synod, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Andersen, Rev. and Mrs. Holger Strandkov of Dwight and the hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Krog. Mrs. Adam Dan and Mrs. Jersild, whose deceased husbands served respectively in the Danish and the United Danish Church, were also present. The meeting was scheduled for 3:30 p. m. Afternoon coffee was served shortly after our arrival. A business meeting was held, Rev. Marius Krog acting as president and Rev. Robertsen as secretary. Various topics were discussed. It was decided to continue these meetings through the winter as nearly as possible every month. Similar meetings were held during last winter and spring. One topic discussed was the possibility of a joint Sunday School Institute to be held in Chicago to which Sunday school teachers of this area should be invited. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for same. The possibility of getting free time on some radio station for an occasional Danish worship service was also discussed. Rev. Marius Krog read a paper on "Funerals" and a profitable discussion followed. At 6:30 Mrs. Krog served dinner. As Rev. and Mrs. Andersen will soon leave Chicago for their new home in California Rev. Krog presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Rev. and Mrs. Andersen and expressed our regret that they would be leaving our group. Best wishes for the future was the parting greeting.

A Joint Concert of Churches is being planned in Tacoma, Wash. The participating choirs will be from St. John's Danish Lutheran Church, Seattle, Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, and St. Paul's in Tacoma. Plans for the concert are being made by the district young people's officers, and receipts will go toward the furtherance of the young people's work in the district. District officers are: Edel Jensen, Enumclaw, Wash., president; Harriet Falck, Seattle, secretary; and Ove Kilgren, Enumclaw, treasurer.

The 50th Anniversary of Nazareth Church, Withee, Wis., will be observed October 8-10. Speakers for the occasion will be Rev. M. Mikkelsen, Rev. J. A. Holst, Rev. J. L. J. Diken, all former pastors of the church. Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of our synod will also speak, as also the local pastor, Rev. L. C. Bundgaard. A Jubilee book written for the occasion will be available

from Alfred Frost, Withee, Wisc., at the price of \$1.00.

Chaplain F. O. Lund is enjoying a 10-day furlough in his home in Des Moines, Iowa. According to reports he is scheduled for an advancement and a change of field of work. He has since last April been stationed in a large camp at Ft. Barkesley, Texas.

Harvest Festival was held in the Bethlehem Church, Askov, Minn., on Sunday, Sept. 19th. Rev. L. C. Bundgaard of Withee, Wisc., was the guest speaker.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen was guest speaker at the annual harvest festival held in Tyler, Minn., on Sunday, Sept. 5th.

Pvt. Herbert C. Mose, Hartford, Conn., has been reported "killed in action". A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 12th in the Danish Lutheran Church in Hartford of which he was a member. Rev. John L. Christensen and the mayor of Hartford spoke. Greetings were read from General Geo. C. Marshall, Secretary of War, Congressman Wm. J. Miller and from Rev. S. Marckmann, of Bronx, N. Y.

A Harvest Festival is scheduled to be held in the Kimballton, Iowa, church on Sunday, October 10th. Rev. Hakon Jorgensen of Newell, Iowa, has been invited as the guest speaker.

Seattle, Wash., Takes The Lead this year in sending students to Grand View College, as no less than five young women from Seattle have enrolled at G. V. C. Considering the distance, etc., that is a very fine record. We have heard that some former students from G. V. C. especially deserve credit for their interest in getting more students to the school they had learned to love.

Rev. J. Enselmann preached his farewell sermon Sunday, Sept. 12th, in Tacoma, Wash. The Tacoma congregation honored him with a party Thursday evening, Sept. 9th, giving him many words of cheer and praise and presenting him with a wrist watch and a wallet containing \$30. On Friday evening that same week he was honored by the society, "Maagen", in Seattle. Here his friends greeted him with music, short talks, refreshments and presented him with a gift. Rev. Enselmann after leaving Tacoma has been visiting in California and was scheduled to begin his work in Dagmar, Mont., on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

A Joint Fall Meeting of the Pasadena and Los Angeles congregations was scheduled to be held in the Los Angeles Church Oct. 1, 2 and 3. Rev. Aage Møller of Solvang, Calif., was invited as the guest speaker.

A New Attempt: Rev. L. C. Bundgaard announces in the October issue of the "Nazareth Tidings" that "When there are five Sundays in the month, you have the chance to select the topic for the pulpit discourse. Your questions will be discussed if you submit them in

writing or audibly before the service begins."

Peter Petersen, Tacoma, Wash., one of the pioneer members of the Tacoma Church, died recently. He came to Tacoma 55 years ago and was a loyal member of his church. Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen of Seattle, a friend of the home through many years, and Rev. Enselmann both spoke to the large gathering assembled.

Rev. Holger Strandkov spoke on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26th, in the Zion Evang. Lutheran Church, Clifton, Ill. The occasion was the annual Harvest festival. This church belongs to the United Danish Church, Rev. George J. Robertsen of Kankakee being the pastor. Clifton is forty miles from Dwight and some contact has occasionally been maintained. The speaker found during conversation after the meeting that two members present, who had many years ago been members of the Danevang, Texas, and St. Stephan's churches of our synod, were still subscribers to "Dannevirke" and consequently especially interested in our synod.

Correction: The treasurer of the Santal Mission, Miss Dagmar Miller, asks to have the following added to the last acknowledgement of receipts from her: In the names of a Memorial gift for Peter Bertelsen, Kimballton, Iowa, should also be the name, Mr. and Mrs. Erling Muller, Minneapolis. Also that the Memorial gift from Badgar, So. Dak. was given in memory of Mrs. Chr. Damgaard.

The Sunshine Circle of Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Wash., served food to the soldiers at the Lutheran Service Center in Tacoma on Sunday, Sept. 19th. From ten to twelve thousand servicemen enter this Center every month.

Rev. A. W. Andersen preached his farewell sermon in Trinity Church, Chicago, Sunday, Sept. 26th. He has served this congregation through a period of 32 years. Sunday evening a farewell dinner was given in the church dining room in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Andersen. 250 people were seated at tables beautifully decorated. After the dinner had been served a program of speeches and song was offered. Two songs had been written for the occasion. Many words of appreciation were expressed for the years of faithful service. Several purses were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Andersen from the congregation, the young people, and also from people who were not members of the church but who had enjoyed the fellowship and the service of the pastor and his wife. Rev. and Mrs. Andersen will make their future home in California, their address will now be: 510 Rancho Ave., Colton, Calif.

By Mistake a picture of the Kronborg, Nebr., church was sent the printers for the last issue with an audience from 30-40 years ago. We had planned to have a smaller picture of the church which is

available, and we did not see the "cut" before it was used. We apologize to the ladies in Nebraska for suggesting the styles as shown in picture to be from 1943!

Some Answers to the article, "An Apology For Conscience" has come to our desk. We prefer to consider this discussion closed — at least in these pages. Also we are hard-pressed for space in this issue.

News Briefs

Life at Grini, Norway—On August 23 a long row of cars sped from Oslo to nearby Grini concentration camp. They carried Reichskommissar Josef Terboven, Gestapo Chief Wilhelm Rediess, the notorious Gestapo agents Reinhardt and Fehlies, as well as other prominent Germans. Immediately after their arrival at Grini, they ordered all prisoners, who had just completed an 11-hour workday, lined up on the parade grounds. There the prisoners remained standing, most of the time at attention, until three o'clock in the morning. No reason was given for the strange visit, but in Oslo it was rumored that the Germans had discovered a "newspaper" written on toilet paper which had been circulating among the prisoners Grini prisoners have recently been subjected to much maltreatment. Fists and whips have been used freely, say reports. It is forbidden for prisoners to write or receive letters, nor are they allowed to receive packages or visitors. All smoking has been prohibited and the camp canteen has been closed. Odd Nansen, son of the late Fridtjof Nansen, is said to have been singled out for particularly harsh treatment and is now in solitary confinement.

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