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## To Give Thanks

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.  
And to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High;  
To proclaim Thy grace in the morning,  
And Thy faithfulness every night;  
For Thou hast made me glad by Thy works;  
Of the deeds of Thy hands I joyfully sing.  
How great are Thy doings, O Lord;  
How very deep Thy designs!

—Psalm 92.



PILGRIMS GOING TO CHURCH

## THANKSGIVING DAY

In one of our familiar Danish hymns occurs a line the purport of which is that upon bushes of thorns, God causes roses to grow.\* The form of the line is striking. Ordinarily we think of a rosebud as in itself beautiful. The poet, as so often happens, is nearer the truth when he notes that actually it is a common bush of thorns that for some inexplicable reason has been entrusted with beauty. Upon it has been lavished the generosity of God, and there it stands, protecting as well as may be, beauty so intense that it utterly beggars description even were we to use our fondest phrases and our most meaningful words.

Is it not truly so that this work-a-day world is ordinarily a thorny place enough, and we the workers therein are all too commonly as unlovely as the harsh environment with which we are often beset? Yet, upon us for no apparent good reason are showered God's blessings. How false, how untruthful would we be, did we forget our thorny ways, and remembered not that what is nevertheless good and attractive about us is the gift of God!

Since the rosebush is merely a plant, it does not prominently display itself in pride. At all events,

Brorson sings that roses grow in the valleys. Neither does nor can the rosebush give thanks. Therein we humans have a distinct, a most important advantage. Humbly realizing our own weakness and unworthiness, we are privileged to note where our own contribution ceases and to turn to the Source, the Giver of all good gifts, and gladly yield our thanks. It is not only the gracious but the truthful thing to do.

Some three hundred and more years past, as all of us know, there appeared upon the rock-bound coast of New England a small group of extremely serious minded men and women, the Pilgrims. My purpose is not to retell the well-known story of how they after their not too bountiful harvest appointed a day upon which to give thanks to God. I call attention rather to the manner in which they trod their thorny path in the new land. The winters in particular proved days of suffering under pinched material circumstances; but

"What sought they thus afar?

Bright jewels of the mine?

The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?—

They sought a faith's pure shrine."

They sought for themselves (if not for others) freedom

to worship God. Men and women who are willing to sacrifice the comforts of their homeland and encounter the rigours of an untamed continent for so intangible a good as the privilege of worshipping God as they see fit have ascended far on the scale of values. The Pilgrims' joy at experiencing this privilege was so great that when food and raiment were added thereunto, their cup of joy overflowed. God had been good to them, and they, sharing with the aborigines, felt that they must needs give thanks.

As we, now, in the gruesome year, 1943, are asked to observe Thanksgiving Day, is there anything for which we can be thankful? Those who have boys or girls in our country's armed forces may find their cup overflowing, not because they are aware of a superfluity of bounty, but because their hand is made unsteady by fear and trembling. And some, relatively few as yet, have lost a boy, a husband, or a brother. Can they this year give thanks to God?

Somehow, I am not apprehensive concerning those who have lost or are afraid of losing what is very dear to them. They live so near the heart of reality that they are unlikely to be led astray by superficial self-sufficiency. They know, or have a remarkably good opportunity to learn, that our times are in God's hand, and that what of good or bounty betides us is given by that hand. Rather do I fear that they to whom the fortunes of war have brought treasure may forget that the goods received are not entirely the result of their own mere endeavor.

And what about those in our land who may still be reckoned among the underprivileged? Should also they give thanks? It suits not well those who may be wealthy to require it of them; but, nevertheless, even the American poor are not without grounds for thanksgiving. Most of the common goods of life we take for granted; i.e., we forget about them, and it does not occur to us that these can lay claim to our thanks. These gifts constitute an almost endless list. There is the gift of life itself, the pageantry of the skies, the sun that shines, the rain that falls, the beauty of fields and brooks, the food we eat, the air we breathe.

Every step we take requires four thousand miles of otherwise apparently only slightly useful rock to support us at the periphery of this mundane sphere, which marks the meeting place of earth and air under the rather limited conditions under which life as we know it is possible. And speaking of taking just one step, calls to mind what a remarkable an accomplishment that really is. It is a commonplace that invalids who have lain helplessly abed have looked forward with untold longing to the time when they might take just one step. Shortly before the war it was not unusual to speak about the underprivileged in this country, and one of the things to be thankful for is an awakening social consciousness among our people. But, I dare say that to one who has spent an hour in the streets of Calcutta these days, our own underprivileged citizens would by contrast seem to be basking in the lap of opulence.

Then there is the matter of family and friends. Rich is he who has a good friend. Fortunately, they who have not even one friend are, rather likely, very few. Do we sufficiently appreciate how dreary a place, un-

less we are completely hermit-minded, this world would be, did we not have about us understanding fellows? And for Christians there is, of all good friends, One without compare, the Master Himself. ("What a Friend we have in Jesus.") Through Him we know the Father, and quite legitimately we live our lives in the blessed assurance that the last Face of all that we shall ever see is friendly.

But to speak again of more temporal things that may well call forth our thanks, let us, by way of illustration, entertain for a moment the imaginary notion of a man who has very recently had a very close escape from death. Would he not ordinarily be very thankful that his life has been spared? We would think of him as utterly thankless did he not acknowledge that he is living "on borrowed time". Still, look you, cannot it not most truthfully be said that within these latter years, those of us opposed to the Axis Nations were all but shoved off the precipitous precipice below which lie forged the shackles that our enemies boasted would bind us in slavery for a thousand years? This last year has seen our enemies balked in their pernicious efforts; the fortunes of war have changed, though there is much fighting still to be done. But how miraculous an escape, how close a call we and our children have had. Truly also we and they are living and will be living on "borrowed time".

Opportunity is also a golden good for which to give thanks. To our generation will no doubt be given an opportunity to outlaw war. Let us prize the opportunity when it comes and give peace so effective an instrumentation that never again need humanity submit to the folly of having to shed its precious blood upon the all-demanding but ill-rewarding altar of Mars. Let us give thanks for and vigorously take advantage of this and of all the many opportunities that would seem to lie before an increasingly enlightened world, dedicated to the ways of justice and peace.

Finally, let us recall that no matter how beautifully life may bloom for us, we are essentially like a poor bush of thorns. Let us not flaunt, let us be truthful, let us be humble.

"We thank Thee, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food:  
Accept the gifts we offer  
For all Thy love imparts,  
And, what Thou most desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts."

A. C. Ammentorp.

\*"Roser han lod paa Torne gro", N. F. S. Grundtvig.

## District III Convention At Dwight, Ill., October 30 and 31, 1943

At the Saturday morning meeting Rev. Viggo Hansen led the devotional period. The topic for discussion, "Confirmation and Membership" was introduced by Rev. Holger Strandskov. An interesting and profitable discussion followed. It was found that some congregations in the district have incorporated in their constitution the requirement of confirmation in order to be



a communicant member. Although no resolution was passed, it was the general consensus of the meeting that confirmation should not be a definite requirement for membership. After the meeting, dinner was served at the parsonage for the pastors and their families. Other guests were served by their respective hosts.

Saturday afternoon the business meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "O Holy Spirit, come, we pray". Welcome was extended by Rev. Marius Krog, District President and by Mr. C. Lauritzen, President of the congregation at Dwight.

The first point of business was the election of a secretary for the meeting and Miss Ellen H. Andersen

were adopting constitutions, and it might be well for District III to do likewise. A motion was made that the chairman appoint a committee to work on the constitution and report at the next district convention, carried. An additional motion was made and carried, that Rev. Krog's draft of a constitution be turned over to the committee for help in its work. Another motion was made and carried, that the committee for the constitution be composed of one pastor and two laymen.

Rev. Alfred Jensen told about the Synodical Budget being increased, and the reasons therefor. This budget covers the Pension Fund, Grand View College, and many institutions owned and supported by the Synod. He mentioned that the Synod paid off its last indebtedness last year. This year there are no congregations requiring support from the Synod, which he considers an indication of increased work on the part of members and better economical conditions. He mentioned that Mr. J. Jensen of Racine, who passed away some time ago, had remembered the Synodical institutions in his will.

Mr. Lauritzen issued the invitation for refreshments and recess was called. After recess, the Pension Fund was discussed, and the condition of it was clarified by Mr. J. K. Jensen, the Treasurer.

Discussion was held about the method for allocating Synodical Budget dues, the suggestion being made that it be done on a contributing member basis. Suggestions were also made that persons contributing less than a specified amount should not be considered as contributing members in the allocation of the Synodical budget; or that the ages of the contributors be considered, those younger than 18 or 21 being considered junior members. A motion was made "This meeting recommends to the standing committee in the Synod working on the question of membership, that it take into consideration the possibility of having an adult membership rating for allocating Synodical funds." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rev. E. Hansen of Racine, as follows: "I move that the members of the allocation committee of District III, take cognizance of circumstances of the different congregations such as adult membership, in determining the Synodical quota of the congregations of the District." Motion carried.

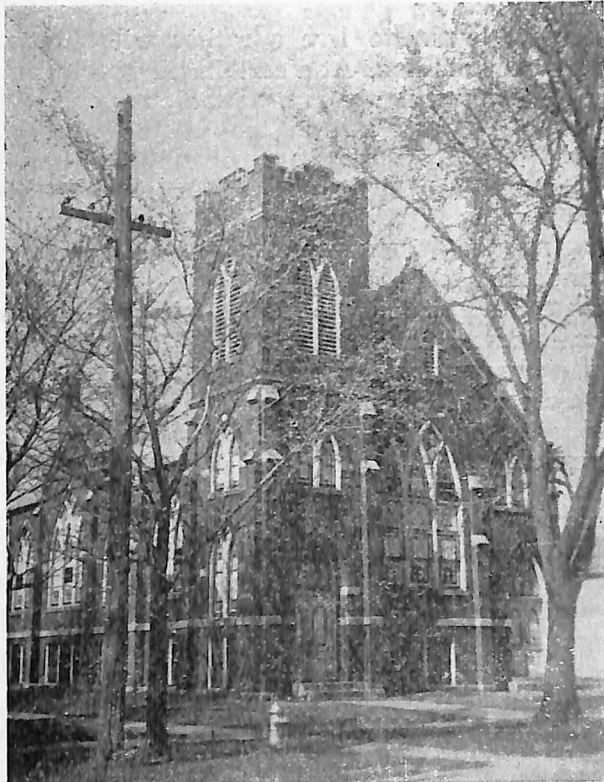
Mr. E. R. Fischer of Racine, and Mr. Walter Andersen of Chicago, were elected for the allocating committee to work together with the president of the District.

Rev. H. Strandkov made the motion that the business meeting be held open until Sunday afternoon, so that the allocating committee could report back to the meeting. This motion was carried.

Rev. Alfred Jensen told about a folder the Synod was publishing shortly, which sets forth all the activities of the Synod. Mention was made that the District was attempting to get permission to broadcast Danish Church Services from Chicago. So far three stations had been contacted, but their programs did not allow time for such broadcasts.

Lutheran World Action was discussed, and Rev. Alfred Jensen told of the work this organization is doing. He read a list showing the contributions of the congregations in District III.

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ST. PETER'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, DWIGHT, ILL.

of Chicago was elected. Roll call was taken and 24 votes were present, namely five pastors and 19 delegates. The president's report was read, and the minutes of last year's meeting were read and accepted. As the treasurer was not present, his report was read by the secretary. A motion was made to accept the report as read and to have it audited later, not carried. An alternate motion to accept the report with no qualifications was made, and carried.

Various points of the president's report were discussed. The matter of a constitution for the district was brought up. Rev. Krog brought out the question of who should pay the president's expense for trips to other congregations to perform duties required of him, the district or the local congregation, and he felt a constitution should cover this. He mentioned a personal amount of approximately \$30.00, which no one seemed to know which organization should pay. A motion was made that Rev. Krog submit his bill for \$30.00 to the District Treasurer and that it be paid. This motion was carried.

Discussion of adopting a district constitution followed. It was brought out that many of the districts

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## Across the Editor's Desk

In the midst of the many reports of horror and tragedy from all parts of the world there are a few beacons of light that appear here and there illuminating intermittently the otherwise dark horizon. One of these beacons of light comes from the combined efforts of the people of Denmark and Sweden in their aid to the Jews who during the last two months have been persecuted by the Nazi regime in Denmark. According to reports more than 8000 refugees from Denmark have found shelter and friendship awaiting them in Sweden, and a large majority of these are Jews.

There is no doubt that the Swedish people have been inspired to give aid because of the heroic stand of the Church leaders of Denmark in the Nazi persecution of the Jews. On October 3rd the Danish Church made public the following statement: "Notwithstanding our separate religious beliefs we will fight to preserve for our Jewish brothers and sisters the same freedom we ourselves value more than life." Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York city, commenting on this report made the following statement: "Denmark's denial and defiance will serve to hasten the day of liberation. The Danes are a great people, destined to be free, and evermore to remain great in the things of the spirit which alone count."

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, also of New York and one of the outstanding leaders of American Church life, said recently: "It would be impossible to pay too much honor to the Churches of Denmark and Norway for their brave and long-continued protest against Nazi attempts to control their religious activities. It is heroic for those who stand face to face with aggression to speak out against it. There has not been anything more courageous in the history of Church leadership than the resoluteness, persistence and consistency of the leadership of our Scandinavian brethren against

## Rev. C. L. Clausen

By Henrik Plambeck.

It is exactly 100 years since a young man came to this country, whose work has meant so much for the Norwegian and Danish Churches in America. This name was Claus Lauritsen Clausen and he was born on the little island of Ero, Denmark, Nov. 3, 1820. His parents were poor, but the boy at an early age showed a great ability for learning. Therefore after his confirmation his father wanted him to be a lawyer. The boy was sent to Lundegaard on the island of Fyn, where the proprietor of the estate took him in as his own child.

There he began to live a rather wild life with drinking and gambling. At a certain time he lost more money in card playing than he was able to pay back. A young man, who worked at the estate, helped him financially. And as this young man had been converted, and had given his life to Christ, he talked to Clausen about his sinful life and his soul's salvation.

That made a great impression on Clausen. He was also converted, and promised to give his life in the service of the Lord. He then left Lundegaard and was for some years a student and a teacher at different places, especially schools for children.

He considered being a missionary to the heathens in Africa, but while he prepared himself for this work, he received a call to go to America to be a teacher in a Christian school for the children in a Norwegian settlement.

He saw God's will in this call, so he accepted it. He married a Danish girl, Martha Rasmussen from Langeland. And in the spring of 1843 the young couple made ready to go to America.

For a farewell party, which their friends gave for them, Martha Clausen had written a song: "And now we must bid one another farewell." This song or hymn has been sung very often at services and meetings in our Danish churches, both in Denmark and here in America through the last 100 years.

Clausen and his wife arrived in Muskego, Wis., Aug. 3, 1843, and were bid welcome and received very kindly by those who had called them. Clausen began his work as a teacher among the children immediately. He soon realized, however, the people needed not only a teacher for the children, but also a preacher to conduct services and to perform other ministerial acts in the settlement. They agreed readily enough, but where should they get a minister?

Although Clausen was not yet 23 years old, and had had no special preparation for the ministry, they called him to be their minister. They asked a German Lutheran minister, Rev. Krause, in Milwaukee, Wis., to ordain him.

Rev. Krause examined Clausen in Christian religion and Church history and found him well posted. So he

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a foe who is making war upon everything essential to Christianity."

We are grateful for this beacon of light in the midst of so much darkness. May we be encouraged to make our contribution.



## GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



### Life At Grand View College

The racial problem in California was the topic of Enok Mortensen's very inspiring lecture held here at Grand View College on October 31. Having five representatives from California attending Grand View this year, there was quite a discussion. Much enthusiasm was shown among all students, with the result of the forming of a discussion group which will meet every Sunday afternoon. At this time problems of various natures will be discussed.

Pvt. Verner Jessen, a former G. V. C. student, dropped in at his old Alma Mater, Friday, November 5th. He couldn't stay long as he was enroute to the University of Pennsylvania, where Uncle Sam is sending him.

To the majority of the students the night of November 6th was just an ordinary night, but to the Californians it will long be remembered. If you haven't already guessed, it was the first snow. There wasn't much of it, but enough was found to have a snowball fight. The day also being Sadie Hawkins day, the U. K. entertainment committee presented a very amusing mock wedding. Leon Laugesen made a very stunning bride!

On Sunday evening, November 7th all the Grand View students were invited to the Young People's Home for a party given by Holger Danske, the Des Moines Young People's Society. The early part of the evening was spent in playing Bunco where Ellen Bollesen and Gordon Miller emerged the winners of the prizes by obtaining the highest score. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Our mothers have nothing on us now. We girls have our own sewing club which meets every Wednesday evening in Mrs. Knudsen's apartment. While the rest of us sew, someone reads to us. At the present time we are reading the book "Journey Among Warriors" by Eve Curie.

The Holger Danske Society has organized a study club which meets every Thursday evening. At present they are reading Shakespeare's "As You Like It". The students have been invited to attend these gatherings.

With the Echo party coming November 19th, committees are beginning to

## Grand View Alumni In U. S. Service

"The following list of Grand View College alumni who are serving or who have served in World War II is being published in the hope that the readers may help with additions or corrections in order that honor may be paid where honor is due.

The faculty and student body of the college are seeking to pay tribute to the service men and women by placing all names on a large honor roll hanging in the college lobby. Furthermore, the Alumni Association is planning to send appropriate Christmas greetings if they can obtain the military addresses of all those in the services.

If you know of any other names which should be added to this list, will you please notify the undersigned. Also send the military addresses which you may have as soon as possible. The venture of the Alumni Association will fail unless we obtain your cooperation. Thanks.

Committee: Richard Sorensen and Ruth Andreassen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ammentorp, Roy, Withee, Wisconsin.  
Andersen, Axel, Askov, Minnesota.  
Andersen, Holger, Kimballton, Iowa.  
Belknap, Don, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Bernstein, Alvin, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Buck, Gene, Askov, Minn.  
Buhl, Ralph, Tyler, Minn.  
Carlyle, Don, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Christensen, Eva, Brush, Colorado.  
Christensen, Herluf, Brush, Colorado.  
Christensen, Leo, Brush, Colorado.  
Cooper, John, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Daniels, Warren, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Doran, Sam, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Farstrup, Helen, Exira, Iowa.  
Finckbone, Harold E., Des Moines, Ia.  
Friar, Gene, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Gade, Holger, Brush, Colorado.  
Hansen, Alfred, Marinette, Wis.  
Hansen, Elmer, Marquette, Nebr.  
Hansen, Laurits, Newman, California.  
Harkson, Helmar, Solvang, California.  
Hobson, Bob, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Jacobsen, Jacob, Marquette, Nebr.  
Jensen, Bernhard, Kimballton, Ia.  
Jensen, Harold, Ringsted, Ia.  
Jensen, Harry, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Jensen, Herluf, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Jensen, J. B., Big Springs, Nebr.  
Jensen, Ove R., Nysted, Nebr.  
Jensen, Uffe, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Jensen, Roland, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Jessen, Verner, Tyler, Minn.  
Johansen, Christian, West Denmark, Wis.  
Johansen, Eilif, Tyler, Minn.  
Johansen, Ove, Tyler, Minn.  
Johansen, Roland, Tyler, Minn.

buzz around looking for crepe paper and thumb tacks, both which are practically impossible to get. One brilliant student suggested the theme of our dance be "Fantasy" — then everything could be imagined.

Greta Petersen.

Jorgensen, Carl H., Des Moines, Iowa.  
Jorgensen, Erling, Chicago, Ill.  
Jorgensen, Halvor, Newell, Iowa.  
Jorgensen, Iver, Des Moines, Ia.  
Jorgensen, John, Newell, Iowa.  
Jorgensen, Paul, Chicago, Ill.  
Kaltoft, La Verne, Kimballton, Iowa.  
Kjaer, Rev. Jens C., Racine, Wis.  
Kjohede, Axel, Grant, Michigan.  
Kjohede, Herluf, Grant, Michigan.  
Kjohede, Kenneth, Grant, Michigan.  
Korsgaard, Albert, Chicago, Ill.  
Korsgaard, Robert, Chicago, Ill.  
Knudsen, Aage, Pasadena, California.  
Lang, Clifford, Racine, Wisconsin.  
Larsen, Earl, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Larsen, Alfred, Junction City, Oregon.  
Larson, Harold, Viborg, S. Dak.  
Larsen, Otto, Junction City, Oregon.  
Larsen, Art, Racine, Wis.  
Lauritzen, Karl, Enumclaw, Wash.  
Lindegaard, George, Askov, Minn.  
Lund, Rev. F. O., Des Moines, Iowa.  
Lund, Jens, Askov, Minn.  
Lyner, Darwin, Des Moines, Iowa.  
McComb, Robert, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Madsen, Raymond, Ruthton, Minn.  
Martinussen, Roland, Reinbeck, Iowa.  
Mikkelsen, Axel, Chicago, Ill.  
Mikkelsen, Crist, Chicago, Ill.  
Miller, Freddie, Junction City, Oregon.  
Miller, Harold, Chicago, Ill.  
Miller, Michael, Chicago, Ill.  
Miller, Viggo P., Askov, Minn.  
Moller, Sonny H., Brooklyn, New York.  
Mortensen, Hans, Muskegon, Mich.  
Mortensen, Harry, Askov, Minn.  
Muller, Ove, Kimballton, Iowa.  
Muller, Svend, Kimballton, Iowa.  
Nelson, Arild, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Nelsen, Herluf, Ringsted, Iowa.  
Nielsen, Arild, West Denmark, Wis.  
Nielsen, Ivan, Tyler, Minn.  
Nielsen, Russel, Diamond Lake, Minn.  
Nielsen, Wm., Des Moines, Ia.  
Nielsen, Harold, Muskegon, Mich.  
Nissen, Delmar, Marquette, Nebr.  
Ollgaard, Verner, Tyler, Minn.  
Paulsen, Harry, Albert Lea, Minn.  
Pearson, Edward, Des Moines, Ia.  
Pedersen, Paul, Granly, Mississippi.  
Pedersen, Svend Aage, Oakland, Calif.  
Petersen, Alvin, Alden, Minn.  
Petersen, Harold, New Mexico.  
Petersen, Herluf, Albion, Nebraska.  
Petersen, Robert, Racine, Wisconsin.  
Petersen, Erik, Seattle, Wash.  
Peterson, Roy, Ringsted, Iowa.  
Petersen, Harold, Marquette, Nebr.  
Rasmussen, Martin, Detroit, Mich.  
Riber, Elmer, Dwight, Ill.  
Rodholm, Bernardt, Des Moines, Ia.  
Rodholm, Ansgar, Des Moines, Ia.  
Rodholm, Miriam, Des Moines, Ia.  
Rasch, John.  
Soe, Folmer, Kimballton, Iowa.  
Sorensen, Elmer, Red Oak, Iowa.  
Sorensen, Hob, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
Sorensen, Roger, Askov, Minn.  
Sorenson, Robert K., Menominee, Mich.  
Southworth, Bob, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Stockholm, Kirstine, Marquette, Nebr.  
Stockholm, Niels, Marquette, Nebr.  
Thomas, Richard, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Thomsen, Axel, Ringsted, Iowa.  
Turner, Edmond, Des Moines, Iowa.  
Utoft, Svend, West Denmark, Wis.  
Weiby, Theodore, Ringsted, Iowa.  
Wodder, Niels, Marquette, Nebr.

# OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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

## W. M. S. Meeting At Dwight, Illinois

For a numbers of years the program for Saturday evening during the District III convention has been in charge of the W. M. S. On Oct. 29th, before the regular program, a group of women gathered in St. Peter's church for discussion of W. M. S. Mrs. Marietta Strandkov, who later was elected representative for this district, had charge and told how different groups were working for this society. Several delegates told how this work was carried on in their congregations. We were urged to work for the W. M. S. and if any group had suggestions for worthy mission causes to send them to the board.

The program for the evening, consisting of hymns by the audience, violin solo by Carl Jensen, musical reading by Mrs. Strandkov, vocal selections by Mr. Scott and the choir, scripture readings and talk by Rev. Edwin Hansen, was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

Rev. Hansen's talk on "The Need of the Hour", was a very timely subject. Rev. Hansen pointed out that both the life of our nation and church are being tested. Today, perhaps more than ever, many eyes are looking toward the church. These three great needs, Rev. Hansen emphasized:

(1) A larger understanding and appreciation of the nature and function of the Christian church.

(2) A call to all Christians to rally around the standards of the church and help carry the Lord's load.

(3) Our realization of the great need of a larger stewardship, both spiritual and material.

As Christians we have priorities: we are God's children, heirs with Christ. May we retain vitality of faith and share these priorities. The church as well as the government expects us to do our duty.

If each W. M. S. group, large or small, would help meet this challenge given by Rev. Hansen, we would indeed be a true Women's Mission Society.

Esther S. Petersen.

## W. M. S. Meeting, District VI, At Tyler, Minn.

The women of District six held their meeting of W. M. S. Saturday afternoon at the district convention. At this meeting Mrs. Herluf Utoft of Tyler was elected as district representative for W. M. S.

The election of a representative was followed by a discussion of the activities of the various aids and mission groups in our district. We had the privilege of hearing how others started and carried on their mission work, and I'm sure it proved to be an incentive to those of us that have no definite mission society in our congregation. I think the most common plan was to meet at the homes of the members of the society, have a program with some instructive value, followed by a lunch, the proceeds of which went to mission fields.

There were also many good plans exchanged as to how the different congregations raised money for both mission work and their churches. One very simple plan was to have a birthday mission box, this has been used by both the older groups and the children. Another idea was to send out tiny aprons with a poem in the pocket stating that the person to whom the apron is sent should measure her waist and return to the society. Someone suggested a dime for each inch, this might run into money for some of us less fortunate ones (unless we measure the waists of our husbands).

Another plan which would be both interesting and profitable was for each member of the aid or mission society to be given a dollar. This dollar was to be put to work and the proceeds turned in at the end of the year. One member invested her money in chickens, another in garden seeds, another in embroidery work and so on. The returns were well worth the effort.

There were many more ideas, some of which had been used by groups before, but I'm sure that everyone present got some good out of the discussion.

We were pleased to have a few words from Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, whose husband was visiting speaker at the convention. Mrs. Nielsen gave us some information concerning W. M. S. that most of us were not familiar with. After singing a song, we closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

June Terrell.

## Treasure Hunting

It was the first quarter I ever received. My father gave it to me for my Fourth of July spending money. Some way, it slipped out of my pocket. I was heart-broken, for Fourth of July to a boy with a lost quarter is just another Tuesday. An old uncle heard of my plight, and gave me some advice I have never forgotten. He said: "Go to the spot nearest to where you think you lost it, and look carefully." I did as he said, and at long last I found it.

There is a deep wisdom in this advice of my uncle, now long gone.

The great editor and orator of the South, just after the Civil War, Henry W. Grady of Atlanta, read a book that upset his early faith, and clouded his peace of mind. One day he was absent from his editorial desk, leaving a note that he was going home for a few days. He went back to Athens, Georgia, for a visit with his mother. He asked her to cook some of the delicious dishes he had once enjoyed.

After supper, he sat on a little stool at her knees, and she read to him from the Bible as she had done in his youth. He asked her to tuck him in his old bed, after he had knelt with her in prayer. He had gotten too busy to pray. He merely said his prayers. After a few days he came back to his desk in The Atlanta Constitution and wrote editorials that attracted the attention of the United States. His office associates noticed the change in him, and remarked about it. He said: "Boys, I was losing my faith, and I went back



## The Original Christianity

By V. S. Jensen.

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### Its Appeal.

It was in 1907 or '08 in an interdenominational ministers' association, Atlantic, Iowa. We met on a Monday. The program was planned to include a five minutes talk by each member in which he would endeavor to answer the question: "Why I Am What I Am." When it became my turn I tried to say as well as I could that I was Danish Lutheran because from that standpoint I could give a clear and concise answer to the question: What shall I do to get eternal life? The answer given in the Danish Lutheran Church is: Eternal life has been given you in that Word of God which Christ has spoken to you in your baptism, and which He speaks to you at the Lord's Supper. I cannot do without this definite answer when I am to draw an understandable distinction between the life in Christ and man's own religious emotions. The one is Christianity, the other is religion, the one has come down out of heaven, the other is grown up out of that mold which has been shaped into an image of God.

In the discussion that was to follow I had expected a good deal of objection from all the other ministers, since I imagined that my presentation would be a rather new conception to all. To my great surprise, a Baptist minister got up and said: Well, that is it. We are not only preachers; we are also teachers. And as teachers of Christianity I have often asked myself if there were not some short and simple expression of which we might say, This is Christianity.

His further enlargement upon the subject I do not remember. What I will always remember was the appeal that original Christianity had proved itself to have to the searcher after truth.

Another experience: At a certain meeting in Colorado in 1909 I had spoken on the Song of Moses, Deut. 32. I had concluded by saying: You should read the Bible more than you do. Of course, you cannot get eternal life by reading the Bible; but the Bible sheds light on the life eternal.

After the meeting a minister said to me privately: Now Jensen, when you deliver such a lecture, on a Bible passage, why do you spoil it by saying that we cannot get eternal life by reading the Bible?

I said, Can we? He would not say that we could, but insisted that I had detracted from the value of reading the Bible by what I had said.

I said: I am a minister. As a minister it happens that

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to where I had lost it, when I left my mother's home. I am glad that I have found it again."

It is wonderful to be smart, but if we forget wisdom in our smartness, we are but fools. Our hearts live on sometimes, by the faith our foolish lips deny. In the sad state of this world at present, nothing can be quite so valuable as that millions of professing Christians travel back along the worldly tract where they branched off from the living faith of their fathers and mothers and discover GOD again.

From Our Women's Page in Ansgar Lutheran.

a person comes to me for spiritual guidance. He says: My sin, my sin! With me it has gone too far; I cannot be forgiven. Now, I may take my Bible and open it to Matthew, chapter nine and read, Jesus said unto the man sick of the palsy, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven." And the man's fears may be quieted for the time being. But if he can think clearly the tempter will some day say to him: But it was to the man sick of the palsy that Jesus said: Thy sins are forgiven. He may have forgiven the man sick of the palsy; but how do you know that He has forgiven you?

Will I not have rendered the frightened conscience a better help if I say to the man: You are baptized, and in baptism you became a child of God. The Word, into which you were baptized, says among other things: Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins? You did not become a child of God until the sponsors answered in your name: I do believe in the forgiveness of sins. Would God have put this into His covenant with you if your sins had not been forgiven? "Mountains may depart and hills be removed, but my loving kindness shall not depart from thee neither shall **my covenant of peace** be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee" (Isaiah 54.10). This is the grace of God that He has made a covenant of peace with you personally. It was you that was asked, and not another, — you were asked: Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins? Now you have fallen into doubt as to whether you are a child of God. Repeat the covenant word in which you **became** a child of God. Put the devil of doubt to flight by saying: I believe in God the Father, — I believe in the Son . . . , I believe in the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sins, life everlasting. Say it every morning. Say it as often as you fall into doubt. Then you will begin to experience that the Holy Spirit is a living person, and that He is **the Comforter**. He takes of the forgiveness that Jesus has gained for all mankind and gives to you. And the result is peace, the peace that passes what we can understand, since we know that we have sinned and are guilty.

We were at the depot; my train came in, and I passed on. What my words had done for the minister with whom I was speaking I have never learned; but a joy filled my own heart which can come only when the light of truth dawns in one's own soul.

### Sergeant Bernard C. Brown

Bernard C. Brown was born May 25, 1913, near Elk Horn, Iowa. His parents moved to Oak Hill, Oakfield Township near Brayton, Iowa, where they lived for a number of years. Here Bernard lived his childhood days. He went to school and he was confirmed in the Oak Hill church in 1928.

Later his parents moved to a farm near Kimballton, where Bernard worked on a farm for some years, and later for an oil company at Elk Horn.

He was inducted into the army June 2, 1942, and served in the Air Corps. He rose to the rank of sergeant. He was last stationed at Port Angeles, Washington, and here he was instantly killed in an airplane crash Sept. 24, 1943.

His body was shipped to his home near Kimballton, and he was buried Sunday, Oct. 3, 1943, from the Kimballton church, where Rev. Harold Ibsen and Prof. S. D. Rodholm from Grand View College spoke lovingly of his memory and his great sacrifice. He was laid to rest on Elk Horn cemetery. He was the third boy from Kimballton who has given his life for his country.

Henrik Plambeck.

# IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

## Keeping The Peace

There will be neither peace, nor hope, nor future for any of us, unless we honestly aim at political, social and economic justice for all people of the world, great and small.

—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

For centuries it has been the dream of man that there might be peace. But peace did not come. In fact war has been one of the chief occupations of man since the beginning of recorded history.

The Four Power Pact, between U. S. A., Britain, Russia and China, concluded very recently in Moscow has raised hopes again for peace in the hearts of man. What are the chances for peace? Let us turn back to the pages of history to see if we can find an answer. Pax Romana and Lex Romana.

Most people, when they think of Roman History, probably think of wars, corruption, free bread and circus. They were, it is true, long periods of wars, waste and confusion. But there was also peace and prosperity. The period from 30 B. C. to 180 A. D. was surely one of the best periods in all human history. For more than two hundred years the Roman world enjoyed peace and prosperity. Roman law and Roman peace covered the great Mediterranean world. Few of us can appreciate what this must have meant to the people of that time. It was the longest period of peace that man has ever known.

Now how did this happen? It happened because Rome had a good government which wanted peace and kept it. In other words, **peace was enforced**, as it always has been and probably always will be, if there is to be peace. When the Roman government ceased to be administered by efficient men, and when the forces of disturbance became too powerful, Rome was again visited by wars and confusion. Feudal Anarchy.

When the Roman government broke down during the fifth and sixth centuries of our era, the great empire fell to pieces and wars followed. Where there is no peace there is no prosperity. Where there is no obedience of law, anarchy reigns. For centuries Europe was in the grip of feudal lords who fought almost incessantly.

After some centuries, national states, such as France, England, and Spain, began to take shape. One of the big tasks of the kings was to keep the peace. The only way to secure obedience was to enforce it. It was not until the days of Richelieu and Mazarin in the seventeenth century that the kings of France were powerful enough to make the rebellious nobles obey. Then and then only was there peace within the country. The modern states are now quite free from civil war. Modern wars are between nations. Pax Britannica.

The nineteenth century was one of the truly good centuries in human history. The population of Europe more than doubled itself, and about fifty million people

left Europe for the New World. Nearly everywhere in the western world there was a rise in the standard of living. During the eighteenth century Europe had suffered from four very great wars in which most of the powers were involved. During the nineteenth century there was no great continental war after 1815.

There were surely a number of reasons for this period of relative peace and prosperity. One of the chief reasons was the British navy. Great Britain was not seriously challenged on the seas between 1805 and 1900. Moreover Britain controlled certain very important water routes such as Gibraltar and Suez. Her navy was strong enough to police important passages in both the North Sea and the Mediterranean. By her effective control of the seas she was **able to localize wars**.

There were, of course, wars in Europe during the nineteenth century, but none to compare with those of this century or of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. One of the chief reasons was, as pointed out above, that Britain by her control of the sea was able to keep the wars from spreading. In other words, Britain kept the peace.

Can we keep the peace? The lessons of history clearly indicate that if there is to be peace, **it must be enforced**. In private life the bully will do "all he can get away with." Among nations the same holds true.

When Japan went into Manchuria in 1931, she could have and should have been stopped, but no power or group of powers wanted to go to the trouble. In 1935 Mussolini sent his legions into Ethiopia and nothing was done. In 1936 Hitler's army occupied the demilitarized Rhineland zone and all the great powers protested, but did nothing.

The four great allied powers of the present war have agreed to create an international organization, which will be open to all other peaceful nations. Article 4 of the Moscow agreement states that the purpose of the organization is to maintain international peace and security.

All will agree that this is a lofty and a good purpose. I think most people are pleased with the results of the Moscow parley. However, it is well to keep in mind that setting up international machinery does not guarantee that the peace will be kept. The Hon. Carl Hambro has said again and again that the League of Nations had machinery enough to keep the peace, but the great powers were not willing to use it against other great powers. They were not willing to pay the price.

Perhaps the peoples of the world have learned the lesson that the bomber has finally destroyed isolation. Perhaps they have learned that what happens in far off Ethiopia is their business. Perhaps they have learned the lesson that history teaches, namely, that peace must be enforced. Let us hope so.

The shape of the future will be determined by the pattern of the peace to come. If the nations of the globe manage to get together on a program of peace and justice, what a boon it will be to mankind. If, on the



## The Santal Mission Of The Northern Churches

### Introductory Remarks on Sketches of All Our Mission Stations.

By DAGMAR MILLER.

In the year 1867 on September 26th our pioneer Missionaries to the Santals, H. P. Børresen, Civil Engineer from Denmark and Lars O. Skrefsrud, the great Linguist from Norway, first set foot on the soil of Santal Parganas.

Having come the 150 miles northwest to Rampur Hat by train from Calcutta they hired a bullock cart which took them out 12 miles from this Official and Ry. Centre, Rampur Hat, to the villagelife teeming with Santals, all heathen. Without going into detail, it is expedient for the reader to be mindful of this fact: as the two men found themselves in the midst of a people to whom the Gospel had not yet been proclaimed, gathering together a heap of stones where, kneeling in prayer they dedicated this humble beginning — an altar if you wish — Ebenezer was begun. Needful here is one line about their wives:

Mrs. Anna Ousum Skrefsrud, though given barely three years among the Santals, won the love and respect of those who learned to know this beautiful Christian woman. Mrs. Skrefsrud died from dysentery, 1870. Skrefsrud, himself not well, yet spoke at his wife's burial in such manner that the heathen Santals, gathered in great numbers, were deeply touched and many who in later years were baptized, dated their urge to become Christians back to this funeral service.

Mrs. Caroline Hempel Børresen, born in Germany, gave to the girls and women of this early Santal church of her untiring efforts in school and in village work. Her method is perhaps today replaced by better ones but we who have been permitted to work more or less with women who, as girls, were trained in "Mamma Saheb's" school, appreciate the Christian integrity these women reveal. Mrs. Børresen was laid to rest in 1914. Fascinating though it be, I shall in these sketches refrain from stating the oft repeated and ever intensely interesting experiences at the various stations during these early years of this unique work, known in the Mission world of India as: The Santal Mission of the Northern Churches—Our Santal Mission.

A young person having had the contrasting pictures of the two men vividly portrayed — studying Børresen and Skrefsrud as youths, exclaimed:

"How **could** such a wild, boisterous prisoner and the gentle-natured Dane possibly carry on so absolutely harmoniously?"

To which this reply was ably given:

"Though the one battle was fought in the wild boisterous bosom of Skrefsrud while in prison and the other was gone through on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in one of Berlin's parks where Børresen was visited by the convicting spirit," says the speaker teaching the group — "my young friends, — the result

was the same, identically — Skrefsrud as Børresen had become sinners saved by Grace.

It was some time later they went to India to serve the same Master — together.

### Ebenezer (Benagaria))

Though stepping up together and not previously prejudiced, favorably or otherwise, one is impressed, deeply impressed by many things at Ebenezer. We've somehow entered by the Market road. Outside the Ebenezer station but a few rods, is one of these all India institutions. We have had our fill there. We however, do not seem to tire from viewing the surrounding country — wide panorama before us. We are still outside the Mission plantation and view the golden sunset behind those western hills. It gives you a longing feeling. You long for one thing or person is it? I for another, perhaps, but in the stillness there we enter the Mission compound, passing by the largest church in our Mission — the one pictured on the cover of "Santal Missionary".

Shall we enter?

Santal churches, I find less edifying than our churches up to the point where they are filled Sunday morning. And in this church innumerable large gatherings have been held. Even an outsider will say:

"An ideal spot and Cathedral for worship!"

A great number of trees are planted, many of which are of gigantic size so a picture, like the one mentioned, could not be taken now.

To our right we come to the school. Industrial it is. Particularly weaving and the carpentry blacksmithy as also cabinet making.

Now we are stumbling into the home built by Børresen and Skrefsrud — a mud house? To be sure but not at all to be sneezed at so you will find. Here lives The Trømborg family. In India there is practically no twilight, hence we are invited into the home and experience Norwegian hospitality and fellowship as we most likely will meet it in all the various stations, though nothing be mentioned regarding this matter.

It is morning now.

We step out on the veranda. What a beautiful sight! On Mrs. Børresen's furlough, once, a wealthy man gave her a handsome sum to be used for a rose garden! He had heard of such in India, thus willed one to the Ebenezer Mission Station and at times it is indeed an inspiration toward more beauty of life. Somehow it belongs to all who live there, to all who from time to time visit. It cannot hide its beauty! Off on the other side are two missionaries' bungalows. I am not mentioning the many homes round about where live the various Indian co-workers.

We will step out to visit the nurse, Miss Elizabeth Krohn from Denmark. On our way we admire, if we comprehend thatching grass elegance, the fine straws in the plots set aside that all the thatch bungalows and other homes be repaired in due season which means — when the rains have ceased. Thatchgrass is a great item. On past garden and more thatching-grass we come to the home of Erling Ostergaards and having studied both these homes directly connected with the hospital we will proceed toward it. There is the printing press. Indeed a busy place. What is this

other hand, they go in for another period of armament races, political discrimination, economic discriminations, race discriminations, etc., God have pity on us.

white building? you ask, and you discover it was once the Bible School, now our Santal Children study there.

Have not called attention to any of the wells on the Mission compound and other important requisites such as the rice granaries and such. Here at the entrance of the hospital we pause as we think of the many past experiences at that institution which for years housed the girls' school and all that this implies.

The smallpox epidemic, the measles and others that carried off so many, oh, so many young lives, after hours of watching in anguish — there are sad memories.

Happy recollections and so full of song are the many Christmas and wedding feasts! Merry making? Indeed, the Santals simply crave fellowship.

Here now is the hospital. The home for the great number who not merely need medical care but who dare to come to secure it from Dr. and Mrs. Ostergaard and Miss Krohn and their staff of Indian helpers. Did you see that more than 35,000 consultations were held there in 1942? So many sick folks and in the Christian environment. We failed to see the great outdoor cisterns, dug during one year of famine. Surrounded by trees they give forth a goodly supply of water not merely to the many who here fill up their waterpots but listen as a visitor stops the nurse, inquiring:

"And how in the world does your water system operate in the hospital, from where does the water exude?"

The answer lies herein: "The cisterns dug during the morning hours of our Mission supplies all the water daily used here in the hospital."

Trees, gardens, and there are a goodly number, thatching-grass plots, rose gardens, cisterns, telegraph and post office and most interesting and important of all — the more than 400 people living and working there! We have been reminded of Ebenezer.

Many a visitor has exclaimed: "Ebenezer, a breathtaking, a thrilling oasis!" It is that.

"Miracles do happen, but only through limitless co-operation between man and God."

### REV. C. L. CLAUSEN

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ordained Clausen on Oct. 18, 1843 in Milwaukee to be a minister in the Norwegian settlement at Muskego.

Clausen is the first real minister in the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. On this occasion the Norwegian churches have celebrated the centennial festival at Muskego this summer.

Other ministers came soon after from Norway to serve different Norwegian settlements. Rev. Clausen helped them to establish the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America.

In 1853 Rev. Clausen led a group of Norwegian homeseekers to northern Iowa, where they established a settlement at St. Ansgar, Iowa, with Rev. Clausen not only as their minister but also as their leader in many other ways.

When the Civil War broke out, Rev. Clausen served for a time as army chaplain in the armed force. He, however, became ill and returned to St. Ansgar. He served also for some years as a member of the Iowa legislature. And in 1867 he was appointed by the gov-

ernor of Iowa to represent the state of Iowa at the World's Exposition at Paris, France.

On this trip he made use of the opportunity of visiting his old home and his friends in Denmark. While there he spoke in many different places. He told about the many Danish immigrants, who lived in different settlements in America, who needed Christian preachers and teachers. They were, he said, as sheep without a shepherd.

He maintained the church in Denmark should do something to help them. That was, he said, a mission, which the church in Denmark must not neglect. He spoke so enthusiastically about this, that many were moved by his words. As a result a "Society for the Promotion of the Gospel among the Danes in America" was organized.

Rev. Clausen promised, that if this society would send a man suitable for the ministry, he would ordain him and assist him to the best of his ability.

In 1871 this society sent out three workers, Rev. Grove Rasmussen, who should make a tour of inspection; Mr. A. S. Nielsen, who for several years had been a lay preacher in Denmark, but now was willing to serve his Master and the Danish Lutheran Church in immigrant settlements in America; and a young man by the name of Rasmus Andersen, who had started preparation for the ministry among the Danes in America.

A. S. Nielsen came to Rev. Clausen at St. Ansgar. By his help and recommendation he received a call from a small Danish congregation at Cedar Falls, Ia., which had hitherto been served by Clausen. And then Rev. Clausen ordained A. S. Nielsen, Nov. 17, 1871, to be a minister at Cedar Falls, Iowa. That is in a way the beginning of the Danish Lutheran Church in America.

Rev. A. S. Nielsen was for a number of years president of our Synod and our ordinator. He has, as far as I know, ordained 52 ministers in our Synod. Among these was Rev. P. Kjolhede, who also for many years served as our ordinator.

Rev. Clausen resigned from the Norwegian Lutheran Church and joined the Danish-Norwegian Conference, another Lutheran synod of which he was president for a number of years. It was at that time that he ordained Rev. A. S. Nielsen, but he did not ask him to join the Conference. He realized that it would be best, if the Danes established their own synod.

In 1884 a number of Danish ministers left the Conference and formed a Danish Lutheran Church. This became the beginning of the United Danish Lutheran Church in America. Consequently both Danish synods owe Rev. Clausen much for his work.

But although he did so much for the Danish churches, Rev. Clausen was always true to the Norwegian Church. The strenuous life he lived at St. Ansgar ruined his health, and in 1873 he went to Virginia to start a Norwegian colony. This, however, failed. He was then called by a Norwegian congregation in Philadelphia. This call he accepted and served there until 1878. He regained his health in the East, and when he received a call from Austin, Minn., he accepted it and came back to his old friends and home like surroundings. He served there from 1878 to 1885.





**THE SHEPHERDESS** — By Arthur Wentworth Hewitt,  
Willet Clark and Co., Publishers, \$1.75.

A book about the mistress of the parsonage — why? Because none has ever been written — at least it's so long ago that we have forgotten, and "man never undertook it." (There is a recent one compiled by Mrs. Jesse Bader, titled: *I Mar-a Minister*). The book by Hewitt will serve the purpose, if we can imagine a purpose, for a long time. Who should read this book? Well, who shouldn't? Let no one think that because he has married a woman and placed her in a parsonage that she is beyond the public in a seventh heaven. It's a daring thing for Hewitt to write such a book, none but the stout hearted could have done it so well. He might get away with calling the parson "a fool" in the right places but to even suggest that the mistress could ever do anything foolish is to cut open an unconscious festering place. If "the king" of the parsonage delights in seeing his other and "better" half put on the spot, he had better not forget that he should be a lover of truth and so he must read the last chapter with humble and sincere deliberations, he will be glad that he was not forgotten in a book that concerns the relation of his wife to the larger community. It may not be pleasant for the parishioners to look through the open windows but it will do them good and it may help all of us to discover the lost virtue of repentance.

It's a practical book. Though neither the author nor we would expect "the Shepherdess" (according to Webster: a rural lass who attends sheep) to teach, preside and give talks, it is possible she may, and advice given in such matters are not amiss, and don't fool yourself by thinking you don't need it, you do and so do the rest of us. To name chapters is not necessary — there are fourteen of them altogether besides an enlightening preface.

It is enough to say that whoever reads this book will laugh, weep, disagree and ascend to nobler and higher mountains than those of Vermont, the local setting of the book.

You will burst into disgust and loud exclamations: "How could a minister write like that?" Well, only Hewitt could have done it so humanly well, he has done it because he is large enough to ignore our petty sensitive conventionalities. Emily Post gets her polite kind jars and we will like that too because we have an unconscious feeling that when spirit moves a personality he is above etiquette.

Though this may be the only book of its kind, the searching sarcasm of its pages, enjoyable language, keen analysis of personality and the many loving contacts, will make it last for many years as a classic in its own field. It will be read and enjoyed in family circles where the radio does not yet dominate the whole evening. For many days to come the mistress of the parsonage, no matter what her denomination may be, will go to this volume, with the parson, for wise counselling.

L. C. Bundgaard.

**JOE BELOW ZERO** — By V. Ostergaard. Published by David McKay Co., Washington Square, Philadelphia,  
Price \$2.00. 275 pages.

Vermund Ostergaard, well known in our Danish American groups, who through several years has contributed many short stories in various publications, has now written a very

But when his wife died, he felt too feeble to stay in the ministry so he resigned and lived his last years as Pastor Emeritus. In the fall of 1891, he made a visit to a son who lived at Povlsbo, Washington. Here he died on Feb. 1892. His body was brought back to Austin, Minn., and there his grave is found. But his memory will live in many thankful hearts. Also in our Danish churches will we at this time remember him and thank God for his life and work.

interesting and challenging book centered on the life and adventure of a woodsman who is known as Joe Below Zero. The sub-title of the book is: "A Story of Mystery and Adventure in the North Woods". The setting of the story is in the North Woods of Minnesota where the writer has spent many a day, deer-hunting, fishing and on travels with his brother Harald of the Minnesota Forest Service. As a Naval Reservist, the author sailed Lake Superior through the Soo and down Lake Michigan. As a director of education in the CCC Mr. Ostergaard lived in the Chippewa National Forest. It can truly be said that the thrills of hunting, fishing, fighting fire, getting lost, battling blizzards, the varied experiences of meeting odd characters who find refuge in the wilderness have come to life in the fast moving story of Joe Below Zero.

We congratulate Vermund Ostergaard on his fine book and recommend it as a good Christmas gift.

Holger Strandskov.

### DISTRICT III CONVENTION AT DWIGHT, ILL., OCTOBER 30 AND 31, 1943

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A suggestion was made that the meeting decide for what purpose the offering to be taken at the Sunday service should be used. It was moved and carried, that half be given to the Home Mission of the Synod and half to the Santal Mission.

The president's report mentioned that a Sunday School Teachers' Institute was being contemplated to be held in Chicago. Discussion followed, and a motion was made that the convention go on record as supporting the thought of a Sunday School Teachers' Institute in Chicago, carried. Rev. Ottar Jorgensen told of how the Sunday School Institute was handled in the Iowa District.

At this time the chairman announced his choice of members for the committee to work on a constitution for the Third District, namely Rev. Edwin Hansen of Racine, Mr. Charles Lauritzen of Dwight, and Mr. Walter Andersen of Chicago.

Motion was made and carried, that the Secretary send greetings from the convention to Pastor A. W. Andersen, retired, Captain F. O. Lund, and Lt. Jens Kjaer, Chaplains in the Army.

Reports from the congregations were given by their representatives.

Election of officers was next. For President, Rev. Marius Krog received the highest number of votes in the nomination. It was moved that the meeting elect Rev. Krog as president, unanimously. The Secretary took the vote, and Rev. Krog was elected. In the nomination for Vice-President and Secretary, Rev. Edwin Hansen received the greatest number of votes and the meeting elected him to the position unanimously. Mr. Viggo Sorensen of Racine was re-elected Treasurer.

It was moved that the local auditors for the church at Racine, be asked to audit the district books, carried.

A motion was made, but not carried, that the president of the District should be made a member of the committee for drafting a constitution. Another motion was made, and carried, that the president of the District be ex-officio member of all committees.

Meeting adjourned until Sunday afternoon.

Saturday evening at 7:30 a meeting was held for the members of the W. M. S., and ladies who are interested in the work. At 8:15 a program was given including piano, violin and choral music; a reading;



# OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



## Youths From Our Synod In The U. S. Service

Alden, Minn., 37 young men.  
Askov, Minn., 90 young men, 2 WACS and 1 nurse.  
Bridgeport, Conn., 21 young men, 1 WAC.  
Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men.  
Brooklyn, N. Y., 52 young men.  
Brush, Colo., 18 young men, 1 Red Cross Worker.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa, 49 young men, 1 WAVE.  
Chicago, St. Stephen's, 24 young men.  
Chicago, Trinity, 52, young men.  
Clinton, Iowa, 15 young men.  
Cordova, Nebr., 19 young men.  
Cozad, Nebr., 15 young men, 1 nurse.  
Danevang, Texas, 45 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE.  
Davey, Nebr., 9 young men.  
Des Moines, Iowa, 41 young men.  
Detroit, Mich., 38 young men.  
Diamond Lake, Minn., 16 young men.  
Dwight, Ill., 40 young men, 1 WAC, 1 cadet nurse, 1 chaplain.

Easton, Calif., 15 young men.  
Enumclaw, Wash., 21 young men.  
Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAC.  
Fredsville, Iowa, 33 young men.  
Gayville, S. D., 6 young men.  
Grant, Mich., 10 young men.  
Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.  
Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2 nurses.  
Hampton, Iowa, 11 young men.  
Hartford, Conn., 38 young men, 1 WAVE.  
Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.  
Junction City, Ore., 18 young men.  
Kimballton, Iowa, 43 young men, 3 nurses.  
Kronborg, Nebr., 27 young men, 1 nurse.  
Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.  
Los Angeles, Calif., 23 young men.  
Ludington, Mich., 46 young men.  
Manistee, Mich., 12 young men.  
Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young men.  
Marquette, Nebr., 14 young men.  
Minneapolis, Minn., 28 young men.  
Muskegon, Mich., 25 young men.

Newell, Iowa, 49 young men, 1 nurse.  
Nysted, Nebr., 14 young men.  
Oak Hill, Iowa, 17 young men.  
Omaha, Nebr., 22 young men.  
Parlier, Calif., 14 young men, 1 WAC.  
Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.  
Portland, Me., 24 young men.  
Racine, Wis., 40 young men.  
Ringsted, Iowa, 39 young men.  
Ruthton, Minn., 20 young men, 1 nurse.  
Salinas, Calif., 25 young men.  
Seattle, Wash., 67 young men.  
Solvang, Calif., 46 young men.  
Tacoma, Wash., 16 young men.  
Troy, N. Y., 34 young men, 3 young women.  
Tyler, Minn., 85 young men, 1 nurse.  
Viborg, S. D., 25 young men.  
Waterloo, Iowa, 36 young men, 1 Lady Marine.  
West Denmark, Wis., 21 young men.  
White, S. D., 3 young men.  
Victory, Mich., 13 young men.  
Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.  
Withee, Wis., 47 young men, 1 nurse.

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

and a talk by Rev. Edwin Hansen on the subject "The Need of the Hour."

On Sunday the Sunday School was led by Rev. Viggo Hansen. The children gave an offering for the Santal Mission, amounting to \$36.39. At the Church Service Rev. Ottar Jorgensen's sermon was based on the text "Son be of good cheer — thy sins are forgiven." Invitation to the Lord's supper was given by Rev. Marius Krog, subject "The Glory of Christ". The offering taken at this service, to be used as decided at the meeting Saturday, amounted to \$90.00.

In the afternoon Rev. Alfred Jensen spoke about the Life of the Danish Church, its character and objectives. A laymen's discussion followed, with a brief introduction by Rev. Marius Krog.

The business meeting was then called to order. As the allocating committee felt it did not have enough information at hand to assess the synodical dues to the congregations, it presented a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS: There appears to be an unequal assessment of Synodical dues in District 3, and

WHEREAS: The assessment based on the contributing membership of each congregation includes the young people whose contributions are low, and

WHEREAS: The young people's contributions are beneficial and should be encouraged, it is deemed inadvisable to use them as a factor in making assessments,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That the basis for figuring the assessment of Synodical dues in District No. 3 shall be on the number of contributing members 20 years of age and over, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contributing membership of each congregation shall be set as to the number recorded on each congregation's books

## Sailor Boy

Sailor boy, take God with you;  
He will lead you across the waves.  
He will give you peace and comfort  
When all the world has tried and failed.  
You can't take dear old mother,  
And you can't take your father kind.  
You can't take your wife or sister;  
You must leave them all behind.  
But there's One who can go with you  
It's the blessed Son of God.  
You can ever keep Him with you  
You can tread the path He trod.  
He is waiting and He's willing  
He'd like to go with you,  
He'd like to lead and guide you,  
He'd like to see you through.  
So, take God with you, Sailor Boy;  
In Him you'll find a friend.  
One who'll love and ever keep you  
For, God is faithful to the end!

A Sailor Boy.

at the close of each congregation's fiscal year.

After discussion a motion was made and carried that the resolution be accepted. Meeting adjourned.

Sunday evening there were talks by Rev. Edwin Hansen and by Rev. Viggo Hansen. Later refreshments were served.

We wish to thank the people of St. Peter's church in Dwight for their warm hospitality, it is a pleasure to be with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen H. Andersen.



## The Children's Home in Chicago

It is a blessing to work with children. This is also true of the work in connection with the Danish Children's Home in Chicago. During the short time we have been here my wife and I have enjoyed several visits to the home and have shared the fine spirit prevailing there.

The Children's Home is under the capable direction of Miss Reva Nielsen. She is ably assisted by Miss Lilly Berntsen, Miss Thora Strandskov and Miss Gertrud Christensen. James Petersen, seventeen, one of the boys from the home, who is working now but continues to stay at the home, also lends a helping hand during his spare time. We are thankful for this. Help is hard to get.

It is indeed a joy to see how devoted this fine staff is to the children whose care is in their hands.

The Danish Children's Home ranks among the highest of its kind in the city. It is well kept and equipped. The personal touch and the kind and understanding spirit that makes a home a home is not lacking. There are thirty children, mostly small children. The authorities permit us to house a maximum of thirty-five.

The board of directors consists of men and women from our two churches in Chicago. They gladly give of their time to serve in this capacity. Some come from quite a distance to attend the regular monthly board meetings, as well as other functions at the home. As a background for the welfare of the home stands a large group of our people here in Chicago who show a

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## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

### HUNGER

We do not know what it is.

Weakness from starvation? No; it lies beyond our experiences; it has not yet caught up with us; God forbid, that it ever shall.

There are two million children at least in Europe at the present time who are right in the terrifying presence of its ghastly claws. No food, clothes, home. And "around the corner" winter, not prosperity, is approaching.

There is perhaps very little that we can do to help. Yet, the impossible must be done. A way must be found. Love's way through mountains of vengeance and oceans of blood.

What a task?

It does seem impossible to reach across the obstacles that stand towering between misery and possible release. But love has never yet met with defeat. So, when all other ways have been tried — in vain, there is still love's way open to those who dare to venture out on that road. It takes courage to let love get unlimited control over all our actions. To act on the inspiration of love in all things is always certain to be followed by implications of such serious nature that one is not allowed to remain ignorant very long about the costliness and consequences of such inspiration.

Love's way is the Christian way. It was Christ's way; it still is His way in a world of suffering humanity. The hunger of Europe's children can be relieved only through persistent love. Food must be provided. There is little sense in writing and talking about the appalling effects of hunger upon these children if nothing else is done.

It's a picture which terrifies; but, unless our love is awakened to such an extent that it will not leave us one restless moment until we, at the risk of our own lives, have been driven in action, and something actually is being done to relieve the distress, the picture remains unchanged, and so do we.

Love alone begets love. I read a book some time ago which was terrible in a way. The author who had suffered much has an unique and rather interesting way of relating his experiences. But there is not a trace of love in the lengthy story. Another book which I am reading is equally terrifying, and yet so very different. From beginning to end it is a modern revelation of man's love in action among his fellow sufferers. It's the story of a love which is stronger than brutality.

Human love for those in distress, not merely sympathy, must be awakened. It can be done, I believe, much better by helping people to see the God of love walking in the midst of terror and crime, on battlefields and in devastated cities, rather than by describing the horror of the situation.

When we are requested to contribute, money, service, etc., we should not think only of the enemy who will do

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

### CHICAGO CHILDREN'S HOME

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devoted interest in this worthy cause.

I am new here, but I have noticed a fine spirit of service expressing itself in several ways in regard to the Children's Home. Not long ago it was "Tag Day" in Chicago. It was the women of Chicago, also of our group, who patrolled the street corners and gathered funds for benevolent purposes. Our Children's Home has received its allotted share of the proceeds.

The annual report of our synod shows that the Children's Home in Chicago is not included in the synodical budget. That should not be taken to mean that we are not in need of contributions from our church. On the contrary, now that the home is not on the budget we would especially welcome contributions from our church people, ladies' aids and other organizations in order that we may carry on in the future as in the past.

With sincere greetings,

**For the Board of Directors,  
Ottar S. Jorgensen.**

2846 Cortez St., Chicago 22, Ill.

### From Saskatchewan, Canada

Our mission work here in the far North is so dependent on the weather and road conditions. The spring and early summer was cold and rainy with bad roads through a long period. The result was irregularity in our work.

Two young girls had been prepared for confirmation in the Clouston congregation, and a confirmation service was scheduled for the fourth Sunday in May. But due to impassable roads the pastor could not come. Consequently the service was postponed until a Sunday in June.

Our work has continued quite regularly at Canwood, Clouston and Melfort. The attendance at these three places has remained about the same during the past year in spite of considerable migration in many Canadian settlements. During the last three months I have been able to use my car extensively and thus have visited most of the homes in this area.

I have also visited Mayfair three times this past summer. A year ago the attendance was so small there that we were afraid we could not continue the work. This summer the attendance at our service has increased. We have had baptismal and communion services and the situation seems much improved.

Our summer festival with Rev. Alfred Jensen as our guest speaker was

all he can to prevent our gifts from reaching their destination and serving their purpose, we should see also, and better yet only, our God of love who is personified before our eyes day after day in the noble and unselfish service of many Christian organizations.

## Who's Who In This Issue

(Names listed in former Who's Who are not repeated.)

**A. C. Ammentorp** is the pastor of Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Through many years he has been connected with Grand View College as professor in English and Philosophy.

**Ellen Andersen**, who gives the report from the District III convention, is a member of Trinity Church in Chicago.

**Henrik Plambeck** is one of the older pastors of our synod. He has retired from active ministry and lives now at Brayton, Iowa. He serves in our synod as Necrologist.

**Greta Petersen**, who writes from Grand View College, is a first year student. Her home is in Seattle, Wash.

**Esther Petersen** reporting from the Women's Mission meeting of District III is a member of Trinity Church in Chicago. She is a native of the Dwight, Ill., congregation.

**June Terrell**, who gives the report from the meeting of the women in District VI is the wife of Rev. Charles Terrell of Badger, So. Dak.

**Dagmar Miller** writing about the Santal Mission in this issue is well known in our synod as our former missionary to Santalistan, India. She now serves as traveling secretary for this mission in our synod and also as the treasurer for gifts for the Santal Mission.

**Ottar S. Jorgensen** is the pastor of Trinity Church in Chicago. He recently moved from Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he served the Bethlehem's Church through more than 17 years.

**Bernhard A. Helland** is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Santal Mission Board of all the Norwegian and Danish churches in America supporting this mission. He is also the editor of the paper "The Santal Missionary".

enjoyed by everyone. Most of our church people here were present.

The harvest should have been finished by this time. But frost came early and the ground is frozen solid with a light layer of snow. Most of the crop has been harvested, but there are a few fields still standing. The season was late and slow all through summer. All told we have a very good crop. It is probably the best in the province.

One of our families, Thorvald Hansen and wife, suffered the sorrow of losing their oldest child, Inger Lorraine, three years old. She fell from a chair and injured her head. Although she was immediately taken to a hospital in Prince Albert, 50 miles away, she died. The doctors were unable to save her life. The funeral was held at Canwood on Friday, October 29th. Many gathered on this occasion, as Thorvald Hansen and his wife have many friends.

On Sunday, November 7th, we had our church service at the "Solvang Farm". Mr. and Mrs. Petersen who live



here, have been leaders of our work here through many years. Their daughter, Florence, was confirmed at this service and nearly the entire congregation assembled partook in Holy Communion. We spent the entire day together, and it was indeed a festive day.

Again we send our greetings from Northern Saskatchewan to all our friends in the Danish Lutheran Church.

Vilhelm Larsen.

## Our Church

**The Muskegon, Mich., Congregation** has been granted permission from the WPB office in Washington, D. C., to proceed with the construction of a basement building for their church. The Muskegon church was destroyed by fire about a year ago. An appeal was made for permission to rebuild. This apparently could not be granted. Later a request was made to the government office for a permission to erect a basement building which then may serve as a temporary place of worship. As this now has been granted the Muskegon congregation has immediately launched a program for complete plans for the building and the erection of the basement structure.

**Rev. A. C. Kildegaard** of Muskegon, Mich., spoke in Grayling, Mich., on Sunday, Nov. 7th, and in Ludington, Mich., on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9th, in the interest of the Grand View College Jubilee Fund.

**Arthur Jensen**, a son of Rev. and Mrs. V. S. Jensen, Oak Hill, Iowa, was recently conferred with the Ph. D. Degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. We congratulate!

**Rev. John Christensen** of Hartford, Conn., was the guest speaker in the Brooklyn, N. Y., church on Friday evening, Nov. 5th. The young people of the church sponsored the meeting.

**Two Special Mission Services** were held in the Sunday school of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., on the two succeeding Sundays, Oct. 24th and Oct. 31st. The services were held in the church during the regular Sunday school period planned as a Children's Church service. On Sunday, October 24th, Mrs. Marietta Strandskov was the speaker and on Sunday, October 31st, Rev. V. M. Hansen of Marinette, Wis., was the guest speaker. Offerings for the Santal Mission were laid by the children on these two Sundays amounting to \$76.97.

**The Juhl and Germania, Mich., Churches** have been without a resident pastor since Rev. Edwin Hansen moved to Racine, Wis., last February 1st. Through the summer months, however, the two churches were served by Richard Sorensen, a student of theology

from Grand View College. He and his wife spent the summer in this Michigan settlement. When they left to continue their work at the G. V. C. seminary, they were asked to continue the work of editing the monthly church bulletin, the "Juhl-Germania Messenger". And thus one of our seminary students along with his other work is editing, although 800 miles away, monthly a splendid four page church bulletin. The pastors of the Michigan district serve the church during the vacancy. Rev. A. C. Kildegaard conducted services on Sunday, Nov. 14th and Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen is scheduled to visit the two congregations on Sunday, Nov. 28th.

**Church Loyalty Month** is being stressed during the month of November in the Bethania Church in Racine, Wis. During the month various programs and services are being held to make a study of Christian Stewardship. The annual Every Member Visitation will be one of the concluding features of the program.

**The Danish Radio Service** on the WCAL, Northfield, Minn., station on Sunday, Nov. 28th, 10 a. m., will be in charge of Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College. He will speak later in the day at St. Peter's Danish Church in Minneapolis.

**The Ladies' Aid** of the St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, had their annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 23rd. The net receipts after all expenses were paid were \$830.80. The entire amount was given to the St. Stephen's Church for the local church work.

**Rev. Marius Krog** was scheduled to speak at the "Fall Festival" of the Granly, Mississippi, congregation November 17-21.

**The West Denmark, Wis., Congregation** has been granted permission by the WPB office in Washington, D. C., to rebuild the parsonage which was destroyed by fire last summer. Construction has been started.

**Your editor** has had a brief enforced vacation due to illness. He is again back on the job and in good shape for another term of work.

**Peter Thomsen**, student of theology, from G. V. C., conducted the services in the St. Ansgar's Church in Waterloo, Iowa, on Sunday, Nov. 14th, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Frost.

**Holger Andersen**, student of theology from G. V. C., on the same Sunday was in charge of the service in the Bethlehem Church in Cedar Falls, Ia.

**Rev. S. Marckmann** preached his farewell sermon in the Bronx, N. Y., Church on Sunday, Nov. 7th. He and his wife left during the following week for their new home and work in Pasadena, Calif. Rev. Marckmann has formerly served the Pasadena Church.

**A Snow Storm**, one of the worst in many years, greeted Rev. Enok Mortensen and family on their first Sunday,

November 7th, in the new pastorate in Tyler, Minnesota. A reception for the new pastor and his family scheduled for this first Sunday was of necessity postponed another week. The installment service by the District president, Rev. Eilert Nielsen, was also scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14th.

**Rev. A. C. Kildegaard**, who was compelled because of ill health to resign from active work in the ministry, has regained his health to the extent that he now is able to carry on with part time work. Along with other duties he has assumed is that of an Agency for Magazines and Newspapers. We gladly recommend his service to our readers. Any magazine or newspaper may be ordered, new subscription or renewal, through his Agency. Thus a retired worker may be able to have the satisfaction of a small income through his own efforts. Address: Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, 913 Ada Ave., Muskegon 34, Mich.

**Chaplain J. C. Kjaer**, recently attended a Conference-Retreat at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. About 70 Chaplains from the Army and Navy as well as many pastors from this area attended. One of the prominent speakers was John R. Mott. And Chaplain Kjaer writes: "In spite of his age of 78 years, this man is still a very challenging speaker."

**The Muskegon, Mich., Congregation** at a recent quarterly meeting voted a \$150 bonus for their pastor, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, for the year 1943.

**A Sunday School Institute** sponsored by the Ministerium of the Danish Lutheran church of Chicago and vicinity will be held in Trinity Church in Chicago Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27-28. Sessions will be held afternoon and evening on Saturday and again Sunday afternoon. The leaders will be the pastors of the churches of this area. The Sunday school teachers of the Chicago churches, and from Racine, Wis., Dwight, Kankakee and McNabb, Ill., and from Clinton, Iowa, have been invited to attend.

**Christmas Chimes**, the annual Christmas magazine published by the young people of the United Danish Lutheran Church, has come to our desk. It comes with 70 pages of Christmas stories, poems and meditations. It is beautifully illustrated and appears again this year in a very festive cover. The price is the same as formerly, 50 cts. Can be secured from Lutheran Publishing House Blair, Nebr. Copies will be sent on your order to any address in the U. S. for 10 cts. extra for mailing envelope and postage. (We recommend same for Christmas greetings to youth in the U. S. service.)

**Several Articles** are held over for next issue as we have had more material than we could make room for in these last issues.

"Ungdom"—The Christmas issue of

"Ungdom" is in the making and will, according to advance announcement, come out in a bigger and more festive copy than ever before. Individual copies will sell for 35 cts. and orders for same should be placed with Rev. Howard Christensen, Cozad, Nebr., the business manager, before Nov. 26th.

## News Briefs

**Chaplains To Get Religious Films—** Religious films will go to chaplains in Army and Navy camps free of charge by fall, it is anticipated by William L. Rogers, executive secretary of the Religious Film Association.

A budget of \$10,000, approved recently by the Service Men's Christian League, is expected to make available three copies of approximately forty films to chaplains who have, up to now, made limited use of visual aids normally within reach of church budgets but generally out of the question for chaplaincy religious programs.

Eighteen denominational agencies are cooperating with the Religious Film Association in planning the service.

The Association, which was formed in March, 1942, to help churches become more effective through the use of visual aids in the church program, has a present catalogue of 250 films.

**Lutherans Buy Morgan Home —** A communication from the publicity bureau of the National Lutheran Council declares that the United Lutheran Church in America has completed negotiations for the purchase of the J. P. Morgan home at 37th Street and Madison avenue, New York City. The 45-room mansion of the man who was once America's leading financier will house the headquarters staff of the United Lutheran Church. The church is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its organization with the slogan, "Toward God's Golden Goals."

**Sad Exit of Danish Nazi Leader —** A Stockholm despatch of Oct. 13 reports that Fritz Clausen the fat leader of the few Danish Nazis was arrested by the Germans on the charge of having diverted to himself 100,000 Kroner instead of using them for a "Danish Free Press Service". He was given the choice between prison and the Russian front. He chose the Russian Front.

## The Need Is Great

Nov. 3, 1943

Dear friend of the Santal Mission:

Rev. 6:8. "And I saw, and behold, a pale horse, and he that sat upon him, his name was Death . . . and there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine."

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

**The Rider on the Pale Horse Rides in Bengal.**

Hardly can we pick up a newspaper these days without seeing the pictures of pitiful sights of people starving to death in India, especially in Bengal. Time and again we see evidence that the Rider on the Pale Horse is busy among our people in India — with famine and death stalking in our fair Santal villages — leaving suffering and sadness in the Santal lives.

The Santals are even normally such a poor people that the step over into utter starvation and famine is a short one. And now they are forced to take that step — the spectre of famine is upon them.

For several months we have heard about rising prices in the letters which we have received from the field. After the fall of Burma, rice became scarce — and with this year's crop failure in Bengal, when the "latter rains" failed to come, the situation has become desperate. Our poorly paid Christian workers have been given extra pay three times so far this year to help them to eke out a living. Already 20,000 rupees extra have had to be spent to relieve the distress of our Christians. Before the year is over and the new crop comes in, that sum will have to be doubled — perhaps trebled.

And where can they turn for help? To Norway — who helped so bravely in the famine of 1919? To Denmark — who in other years so generously supported the Santal Mission? My Christian friend, you know the answer! Norway is cut off. Denmark is closed. The hungry Santals have but one place to look for help today. They look to us, who have learned to love them. They look to us, whom God has blessed with one of the largest harvests in history!

The matter is urgent. Last week we sent \$5000 to India by cable. We cannot wait for even the air mail — which takes over a month. We must cable money again as soon as we can. "The Rider on the Pale Horse" rides fast. Let our gifts ride faster — to reach the Santals in their hour of need!

Need I say any more? Yes, one word more. Pray that our tired missionaries may be given renewed strength for very day in this time of great trial.

Yours in His Service,  
**Bernhard A. Helland, Secretary.**

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