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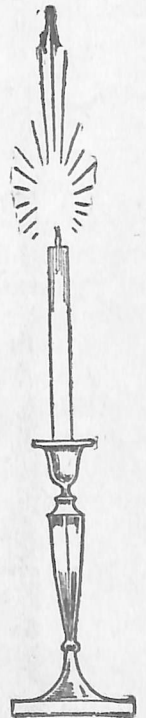
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A
Blessed
Christmas



Peace
In The
New Year



A MORNING SONG

First to the Shepherds,
Sweetly the angels,
Sang it at midnight, a song of morn:
"Glory to God on high!
Peace and good-will to men,
Today is Christ, our Savior, born."

The above quoted stanza, although not found in our hymnbook, will be recognized by a great many lovers of Danish hymns as a translation of Ingemann's: "Dejlig er Jorden", the last of its three stanzas.

I believe the line: "They sang it at midnight, a song of morn" has added a great deal of perspective to Ingemann's otherwise exceedingly rose colored panorama. We have come to disbelieve very strongly in any easy and inevitable forward and upward progress of mankind the last decades. How refreshing to find Rodholm reminding us that it was in the darkest hour of the life of man the angels proclaimed the birth of Christ and that such proclamation was not of fulfillment but prophetic of the dawn of God's reign.

To me that line adds reality to the otherwise glorified quest depicted in the song. Better still, it gives a truthful presentation of the position the essential

Christmas message had the first Christmas night and has had ever since. That message always comes to man, lost and lonely, groping for the light and hoping for the dawn of a new day. Grundtvig, prophet, poet, Christian, puts it magnificently thus:

How blest was the gracious midnight hour
When God in our flesh was given,
Then flushed the dawn with light and power,
That spread o'er the darkened heav'n.
Then rose o'er the world that Sun divine,
Which gloom from our hearts hath driven.

The gloom and the heaviness of the first Christmas night is not forgotten or explained away but used as the background for the Sun divine. The contradiction and yet the combination of darkness and light are found here as we found them in the first quoted line:

They sang it at midnight, a song of morn.
The question is naturally of much more than poetic importance.

Christmas and its essential message which is the birth of Christ and all this holds in store for mankind attains its chief value only as it relates itself to the circumstances in which they live to whom it is pro-

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claimed. To a great many people including many Christians, particularly these last few years, the circumstances of life have become a contradiction of everything Christmas stands for. Certainly midnight describes these circumstances correctly.

Think of the millions in Europe and Asia, homeless, starving, unspeakably miserable? Think of the boys on the world battlefronts, our own as well as others, the prisoners of war, etc. Those circumstances cannot be improved upon by the waving of any magic wand of Christmas. Even H. C. Andersen had to let his little match girl die in order realistically to picture the darkness of that midnight hour into which Christmas often is thrust.

Since Christmas then seems not always able to cope with contradictory circumstances, should we become cynical and denounce it as an illusion, a beautiful, but futile, dream, a piece of stupendous deception?

I hear the answer chanted: They sang it at midnight, a song of morn. The darkness, even of that holy night, was dispelled only briefly and the glory of God revealed, the reality over and above the darkness, but otherwise the world was the same. Herod, Ceasar, Pilate, Judas were still cruel, cunning, cowardly. Nevertheless, the morning was dawning with Christ, praying, teaching, miracle working, suffering, dying and — rising again.

Only slowly, here and there, did the darkness recede and give away and the lovelight of the Kingdom conquer. And still the quest is on. The forces of light and darkness are still in contradiction to each other, but also locked together in combat. Christmas is wedded in its meaningfulness to that struggle. If Christmas is isolated within the walls of our comfortable homes and beautiful churches it will die from starvation. It lives only in contradiction to darkness, want, fear, greed, hate and despair. It thrives as its warmth and kindness and good-will battles the forces of evil.

I sometimes fear we have succeeded far too well in detaching Christmas from the ordinary normal processes of life and of business, politics and government. We have been afraid that its loveliness and beauty could not survive the chilly touch of power politics and international relations. And in order not to lose anything so valuable and so pleasant, with the best of intentions, we isolated it effectively and surrounded it with sentimental stories, poems and innocent fairy tales.

But the Christmas message is nothing less than the Gospel of Jesus Christ and wherever it is presented as something else, it is not serving the cause of the Kingdom but some other cause. It was and still is the mightiest blow God has struck against the reign of darkness and evil. It is still just dawning upon men. It is God's morning in the process of coming.

May the Christmas we shall celebrate in our homes and churches and communities serve to bring the brightness of God's new day ever closer.

Happy Christmas in Jesus' Name.

Alfred Jensen.

Dec. 9, Des Moines, Ia.

Thank God. It is Christmas again. Death and destruction are daily events; there is suffering and sorrowing in the world all around us; who can count all the tears there in these days. Therefore a word of spirit, life and consolation must be in order. And we find such a word in the Gospel for Christmas day in the second series: "In Him was life" says John, the evangelist. Our hearts are filled with joy and hope as we hear this greeting. Contrary to the fall the many hundred years before when death came into the world, is this great event, the greatest in the history of mankind: The birth of the Prince of Life. "In Him was life" says John; and Peter verifies this truth when he speaks of the "Prince of Life" and again also as he said to Jesus: "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." In the first letter to the Corinthians, in the 15th chapter, Paul bears witness of the same fact as he reminds his young friend and helper, Timothy, that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has abolished death and had brought life and immortality into this world. "In Him was life" is the testimony of men and women through all generations since the first Christmas night.

Christ Himself said: "As the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself." And again: "I am the way, the truth and the life." Yes, He goes further with these triumphant words: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Such were His words, and now we may turn to His acts. How could He say to the nobleman: "Go thy way, thy son liveth"; how could He call back to life the little daughter of Jairus, the widow's son in Nain or Lazarus from Bethany? How could His own resurrection on Easter morning be possible? There is only one explanation: "In Him was life."

Is it any wonder that on the night this "Prince of Life" was born the heavenly hosts sang "Glory to God" and brought the good tidings to men longing in their hearts for a Saviour, and who were ready to receive the good news.

In His love and mercy He is anxious to share this life with every suffering soul, and in this respect we find wonderful promises as to how we may share in abundant living: "He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life." (John 3, 26). To the woman of Samaria He said: "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

To believe on the Son is to take His words to heart, act upon them, and experience the power within them. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life", "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day." And again Jesus says: "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Could we think of a more glorious promise when we think of our young men in the army, in the air, on the sea and battlefield than these words: "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall

any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them to Me, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand."

In order to obtain these heavenly blessings there are some conditions that must be fulfilled by us. We must be receptive: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name." (John 1, 12).

We must come to Him: "And he that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6, 37). If we read the gospel of John carefully we find that the purpose of his writing is to make people believe: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20, 31).

The keynote of John's writing his gospel and letters is this: Christ the life and the life giver. Therefore we may sum it up in these words: "And this is the record that God hath given us eternal life. And this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life."

P. Rasmussen.

That The Good Work May Continue

Through letters from Lutheran Tidings' readers requests have been made for more information about the Porto Novo Mission. Some have voiced the hope that the interest and support many of our church people formerly gave to Andrea Frank and Karen Jeppe's unselfish work might now be transferred to Anne Marie Petersen's service in the Porto Novo Mission. Like Andrea Frank and Karen Jeppe did, Anne Marie Petersen stands alone among strangers in a foreign land, because she is convinced that God placed her there.

It is now more than 35 years since Anne Marie Petersen heeded her Master's call to go to India to bring the Gospel message to a people in darkness and despair. Løwenthal had begun a work in south eastern India, and here it became her lot to serve. Like him, she believed in freedom from coercion or domination by any group or organization. Both were deeply imbued by the Grundtvigian philosophy of life and believed that if Christianity were to become a living force in any foreign land, it must be planted in the national soil of the people it was to serve. They did not believe that a church vested in occidental regalia would ever become deep-rooted in India. It is therefore obvious that the mission board through which Anne Marie Petersen's work was at first supported did not always see eye to eye with her.

A complete break with the Mission Society came when she in about 1920 invited Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian Nationalist leader, to lay the corner stone of Seva Mandir, the School For Life which was then under construction, and to otherwise assist in the ceremony appropriate to such an occasion. The board's contention was that a Christian school could not be built on a non-Christian foundation.

When her usual allowance from the Mission Board ceased to come, Anne Marie Petersen was compelled to stop the work on the school. She returned to Den-

mark, heartbroken but steadfast in the belief that God would show her the way in which she was to serve Him in India.

In Denmark she was invited to speak before groups of people large and small. Before long she had traversed most of the land telling about the needs of India, as she saw it. She told about her cherished plans for service through Seva Mandir, a school home for young girls, where these might be prepared for Christian service among their own people, by teaching them through word and deed the fundamentals of Christian cooperative living and sharing. Besides the usual book-learning, they were to be trained in the arts and crafts of home-making as befitting India. They were to be made aware of that which was fine in their own cultural heritage. Native teachers would assist her in this work.

Wherever Anne Marie Petersen spoke, her sincerity touched the hearts of the people. Private mission groups called Friends of India (Indiens Venner) were formed and funds were raised so that it was not long till she could again return to India to continue work on the school, her cherished dream of many years.

In this beautiful school home she has now given the best years of her life. And, although she has faced many heartrending disappointments, she has also lived to see beautiful harvests gathered from the seeds she has planted in faith and deep humility. She has always trusted in God, to send the rain and sunshine in due time to promote vigor and growth. Many astranged young lives have in Seva Mandir been set aright and found a definite calling. Better homes and communities have been the result of her presence there. And although she is now sixty years of age and not of robust health, she still clings faithfully to her post in the midst of war and famine.

But now that financial aid can no longer reach her from her friends in Denmark, and because of the present high cost of living, she has been compelled to curtail the work. For, although some of the students are able to pay for themselves, often the most deserving are not, and it is difficult for her to turn these away. Thus the only hope for the continuance of the work so well begun in Porto Novo, is that friends in America find it in their heart to help carry the financial burden throughout this crisis. We talk of our willingness to aid Denmark in her hour of struggle. Is this not one way we can show that we actually mean it? The financial responsibility of the Porto Novo Mission is not great. A dollar from many will go a long way towards the support. A few have already shown their interest by sending gifts large and small, others are only waiting to be reminded to do so.

Mrs. Caroline Jorgensen of Kimballton, Ia., will send your gifts on to Porto Novo, and Johannes Jepsen, 426 — 43rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., still accepts used stamps for the Mission cause. He wishes to extend his thanks for the stamps he has already received, and hopes many will send him the used stamps from their Christmas mail. (Please soak stamps in cold water to remove all glue and paper).

To friends of the Porto Novo Mission my sincere greetings.

Nanna Goodhope.

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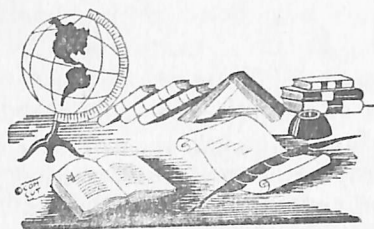
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Across the Editor's Desk

Christmas is here again! Undoubtedly many have been confronted in a quiet moment with the question: Can we keep Christmas, have we the right to keep Christmas with all its customs and traditions in this most tragic year of 1943? Some will answer the question in the negative and say, that the Christmas spirit seems to be practically extinguished here on earth. The daily reports in our papers and from the radio tells the very opposite of "Peace on earth and good will toward men." Cynics will tell us that if something of that spirit did come to earth through the life of Jesus of Nazareth, it has indeed disappeared again.

And we are all facing the tragedies of our present day, forced to admit that man has failed in his attempt to create out of his own ingenuity and skill a world in which there is peace and good will. Never before has the writing on the wall been more evident. Never has man seen himself in his own nakedness and bankruptcy more vividly than in this very hour.

To this world of darkness comes again the greeting of light, of love and of life itself. Each heart and soul will again hear the knocking on the door by one who inquires if there is room in the inn for the birth of the Christ child, the Christ spirit.

"Lutheran Tidings" is happy to be able to bring in its way a greeting of Christmas to all the homes in our synod, to many of our young men who are in the armed service. We sincerely hope that the greeting may help to carry each one of us a little closer into the great fellowship of the children of our heavenly Father. A large number of our young people are far away from home, many are in distant countries, some on the other side of the globe. And still there is a fellowship which transcends all distances and all barriers when on Christmas eve and on Christmas day

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Last night, in this second week of December, my wife picked a fragrant, white rose in our garden and brought it to me. Never before has that happened to me in December; but roses are still blooming here.

Nearly 1800 young men and women of the Danish Lutheran Church in America are members of the Armed Forces. Many of them will at Christmas be absent from home for the first time in their lives. Like most of the men in the three battalions I serve in this Replacement Center, they will be homesick and lonely. There will be a new and strange gnawing in their hearts, a yearning for home, church, and friends. My sincerest wishes go out to every one of them wherever they may be.

Christmas mail is beginning to pour in, for war or no war, there is no time of the year in which the milk of human kindness flows so freely as at Christmas. There will be trucks of letters and packages for the healthy and strong, for the sick and the wounded in the hospitals, and for those who are in prison. No one will be forgotten. That mail, words of love, and pictures of dear faces will ease the pain of lonely hearts.

We will place green Christmas trees in our barracks, our recreation halls, and in our chapels. There will be festive parties for child and adult. We will hear the age-old, though ever new story of the Child in the Manger, great music will sound from the organ, and young, strong voices will sing the carols of the nations with a new depth and sincerity. Some will slip into the chaplain's office for a word of encouragement and cheer. Yes, roses will bloom at Christmas.

A few days ago my children held a conference in hushed whispers. Finally they emerged with the question: "Daddy, what do you want for Christmas?" Then they marched off to the stores with coins jingling and high hopes of bringing joy to their father and mother.

Out of that beautiful incident grew the thought: "What do most service men want for Christmas?" We would all like to be home, but only a few can secure a Christmas furlough. Some of us would like to hear that our folks abroad are alive and well. That also must wait. If you ask the average young man in uniform: "What do you want after the war?" he will answer: "A steady job, a home, and a family." Let us hope for the sake of America that he gets them, if and when he returns.

Fifteen years ago I saw a large rose bush in Hildesheim. It was planted in the year Ansgar went to Denmark, over 1100 years ago. It has often been in danger, and many enemies have tried to destroy it, but when I saw it, it was still blooming.

There are those who would destroy the song and the Child of Christmas. They have tried it. But the song of the angels can never cease, for it is of God. The Rose of Sharon will continue to enchant, inspire, and sanctify all those who are humble as the shepherds or wise as the men of the East who followed His star.

May the Lord of Hosts grant a blessed and wonderful Christmas to all readers of Lutheran Tidings.

Jens Christian Kjaer.

Regiment Chaplain,
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Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

we gather to sing our Christmas hymns and listen to the Christmas message which comes again this year from God in heaven. We of the Danish Lutheran Church are one family. Many wonderful Christmas gifts have been given to us. We have shared much in our Church home. We believe that everyone of our youth will, in spite of the geographical location on Christmas eve, be at home with us in thoughts and in spirit.

Our sincere greetings to all our readers wishing you a most blessed Christmas and Peace in the New Year.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



Grand View College

On Sunday, November 28, Grand View students were the guests of Luther Memorial congregation, at the monthly fellowship supper in the church parlors. A program followed the supper.

"Unge Kræfter" was fortunate in having as a speaker on December 4, Professor Thomas F. Dunn, of Drake University. Professor Dunn lectured on "Some Aspects of Science in Modern Literature". His presentation of the subject was most interesting and he helped many of us to a better understanding and appreciation of contemporary writers.

Upon the invitation of the Holger Danske Young People's society, many of the students attended a party sponsored by that group on December 5.

On December 12, those who desired to go had an opportunity of hearing a presentation of Handel's, "The Messiah", in one of the larger Des Moines churches. It was a fine presentation and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas are, as usual, packed with activity. The chorus is busy rehearsing for the Christmas concert which it will give on December 19. The chorus is under the direction of Mr. Einar Anderson. Plans are also under way for the Christmas party to be held Friday evening, December 17. In addition to these things there are the usual personal plans for Christmas. There is shopping to be done, travel reservations to be secured, etc.

Since this will be the last issue before Christmas, may we take the opportunity of wishing each and every one of our readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR on behalf of the students and faculty of Grand View College. May you all experience the true spirit of Christmas, and look with hope toward that day when we again shall have "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men."

T. C. H.

Scratch-Pad

Being "holy" is not a thing of the emotions. When we "feel" most "holy" we are probably the furthest away from God . . . Science will continue, and theories will always be in the making

GOOD NEWS FROM THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The committee for the Grand View College Jubilee Fund has recently taken several steps to increase the emphasis upon the drive for the Jubilee Fund. It has been difficult for the committee to function so far, inasmuch as it is separated by great distances, but the handicap of this situation has now partially been overcome by the selection of an executive committee, which can meet in Des Moines and discuss the matters of the drive. The members of the committee are Mr. Einar Kramme, Mr. Erling Jensen, Rev. Alfred Jensen, and myself. As a result of the meetings of this committee, a plan has been developed by which the drive can be

which will disturb the minds of men in their respective generations. But these theories will never harm the basis of Christianity, i.e. faith in God and belief in Jesus Christ . . . "There is a vast difference between that which is individualistic and that which is personal. A prayer must be personal but not individualistic; there is no private or individualistic relationship between God and man (i.e. no man has a private wire with God). Whenever a religion becomes isolationism, it cannot continue to live."—S. D. Rodholm . . . We must help people to feel the necessity, the duty, of their going to church. "If a man should be My disciple let him take up the cross and follow Me, renounce his own . . .," this implies a sense of duty, of obligation, it should be a very objective reality, not a subjective thing. This must be an inner compulsion, not an outward compulsion (a danger in the Roman Catholic Church) . . . "You know the type of man that prays in church on Sunday, and on his neighbors during the week."—Arild Olsen . . . Being silent, not gabbing, before the church service starts, creates a warmer feeling. Try it . . . Divine love loves that which is unlovable. That is the quality of God's love, it loves men even while they are sinners . . . "Jesus is the overwhelming reality of God."—Johs. Knudsen . . . God cannot help us unless we let Him help us . . . In our church meetings, do we as individuals place the need of "keeping the roof on the church" before the spiritual needs of the church? . . . "The nerve that leads to a man's pocketbook is one of his most sensitive nerves."—S. D. Rodholm.

(A person is often times characterized by the "little" remarks he or she makes. Many of these remarks are very much worth while, and should be passed on to others. If you have an original favorite saying, a briefly stated thought, or if you remember an expression of some other person that you consider worth passing on, please send it (them) to Harold N. Riber, Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa. Please identify the author of each quotation whenever possible.)

Harold N. Riber.

pushed to a degree which has not, hitherto, been possible. It was thus decided that the major emphasis of the drive should be made during the first five months of 1944, between January 1, 1944 and June 1, 1944. The purpose is to have the drive completed, either through the gift of cash or bonds or through pledges, before the next church convention. In this emphasis use will be made of the war bond drives, especially the Fourth War Bond Drive starting January 18th.

The drive will be advertised by regularly appearing publicity in "Lutheran Tidings" and "Dannevirke" where suggestions and encouragement will be given, and where a progress report of the drive will be made regularly. Furthermore, more publicity material will be available, among which is a new film advertising the college. This film is at present being manufactured by a local film company and it is partly the gift of the student organization, "Unge Kræfter".

The practical arrangements of the work will from now on be put in the hands of Mr. Richard Sorensen who will be secretary to the committee. The committee work has suffered from the fact that no single person has had sufficient time to devote to it. Several futile efforts have been made to remedy this situation but without success until it was decided to engage Richard Sorensen to take charge of the work, under responsibility to the chairman of the committee. Richard Sorensen is a student in the Seminary and he has considerable experience in the work of the organization. He will be helped by his wife who is an office secretary. Up to now, Richard Sorensen was working part-time in Des Moines and it is the intention that he shall only devote to the drive as much time as he was already devoting to his previous work. This time should be sufficient, however, not only to complete the organization but to press forward in a more efficient way the actual completion of the drive. We hope that the result will be that we may be able to reach the goal which we have set: \$100,000 in cash or pledges by June 1st.

This is probably a rather prosaic article in a Christmas issue; but I do believe that it is a good Christmas greeting to send to the friends of Grand View College to inform them that the Jubilee Drive promises to be on its way to a good and effective completion.

Best Wishes for a happy Christmas season!

Johannes Knudsen.

Grand View College,
Des Moines, Iowa
December 12, 1943.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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

A Christmas Greeting

From Our W. M. S. President.

The Christmas spirit is in the air. People are scurrying about getting ready for this festive day.

Two thousand years ago this spirit was also present on the night Christ was born in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. His advent into this world was announced to the awe-stricken shepherds by the angelic host. Here we have a picture of peace and joy. The people of this region had been waiting a long time for this Prince of Peace who was to bring about peace, happiness and contentment to these troubled people, not by war and force but by loving kindness.

Are the present times much different? These are also troubled times for the world with hatred in the heart of mankind. The Prince of Peace is here if we will let him rule the earth.

We say we are fighting to bring about a lasting peace. I am sure this is the aim of our soldiers who are enduring the horrors of war that this may be brought about. The people in the warring countries are surely praying for an early peace.

Do we of the United States appreciate the luxury we are living in? Do we appreciate our freedom to worship, freedom of speech, freedom of education and our abundance of food and clothing? Do we think of those who have so little? In India, the people are dropping by the wayside, starving to death. And we throw out food.

What is this Christmas spirit? It is the spirit of love that springs from the very heart of God and reaches out into the hearts of His children. This love is known to us each day, but it is increased at Christmas time because we seem to have a greater desire to be helpful, generous, kind and loving.

Then let us not forget those who are dying of starvation in our mission fields. We cannot invite them in to partake of our Christmas dinner but we can help with monetary gifts.

This year we are forced to celebrate more simply. The dark clouds of war prevent us from having brilliant out-of-door Christmas displays. This is perhaps good. But the true spirit of Christmas can still permeate in our homes and communities by remembering that Christmas commemorates the birth of our Saviour and it is He we must remember. No greater gift could we give Him than to share with our friends of India so that they may have the chance to live and learn about Him. Missionary giving is certainly one way to express our love for Him, showing our appreciation of the many goodnesses which we have.

The Angelic Chorus sang "Peace on Earth, goodwill toward men". Let this Christmas instill in our hearts the need of a more united effort in our missionary work, the home missions as well as the foreign missions.

This Is My Church

A SOUTH DAKOTA WOMAN SPEAKS WARMLY OF HER CHURCH

By Inga Hansen Dickerson

This is My Church. This is the House of God. Faith in her have I breathed since childhood, her Word and her Promise have fed me, her love and mercy have sheltered me all of my life.

I am one with her; her living Word and her sacraments are flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone. The blood of my ancestors has nourished her, and the sweat of my ancestors fighting to build and sustain her, has inspired me.

I see the height of her influence: white spire rising above golden grain fields on the fertile soil of Dakota, a lone finger pointing you out toward heaven, and playing sweet music on a harp made of the wind and the clouds. I hear the melody of heaven played on that harp. I hear the singing of my church and the song is good.

I see the breadth of her influence: loving arms embracing infants in baptism, sweet faces on which as yet no sin is written; I see her altar glowing with the happiness of wedlock, her sacred sanctuary creating a last sorrowing retreat for the dead. And her pews are places of release to the sinner.

I see the depth of her influence: children in Sunday school, confirmation class—they feel and hear the world beckoning with its alluring bait—confused—bewildered at first—the love of the old church forever calling to them, until home they come to kneel at her altar in repentance of their sin. They are all hers and she is all theirs.

I see her congregation, led by the pastor, I see those men and women — my kind of men and women — their backs stooped every day of the week in the hard work by which they have won their right to go to church on Sunday. They hold their heads high as they stand facing the Light of the church, because they know the Light is good, they know that the Light is the saving grace of God.

Because I see My Church, I see all of these things as part of the church. And so I live and love and give of my heart's warmth to keep the church alive. I let nothing hinder me from going to my church on the Sabbath. I work and touch the church with my labor. I carry flowers to deck her altar, I teach in the Sunday school, I dab on paint and tighten up windows, I fell the weeds that would mar her loveliness. And down through the years, always, I keep the steps clean that lead to My Church.

From "ANSGAR LUTHERAN."

May the blessings of this Christmas and a true Christmas spirit abide in your hearts. A good Christmas is my wish to you all.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elmer Ness.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

Russia and Europe

Abraham Lincoln once said that our nation could not escape history. Neither can the peoples of the world escape Russia whether or not they like her. There she is, a mighty colossus, striding all the way from the Baltic Sea in Europe, 6,500 miles to the Pacific Ocean in the Far East. The average breadth of Russia from north to south is about 1,500 miles. In this enormous area, about seven times as large as continental United States, lives the Russian nation. Just how many people there are in this vast country is not definitely known. Mr. Willkie speaks of 200 millions. Among these millions are found many races and colors, but most of them are very conscious of being Russian. The Russians are on their way. They know it and the Germans know it too.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is now twenty-six years old. It was conceived in revolution during the First World War. The miserable rule of the Czars could not stand the stress and strain of a great war and the last of the Czars met his death at the hands of a revolutionary firing squad.

On the ruins of the old, Lenin began to build. Amidst the confusion of civil wars and foreign wars he built, until his death in 1924. It had been predicted scores of times that the Russian state would collapse, and with the death of the first leader it was quite generally believed that Russia would go into a period of chaos.

Joseph Stalin.

But in place of chaos, came Stalin. He is a hard, ruthless and realistic ruler. Nobody today questions his competence. Time Magazine chose Stalin for the man of the year in 1942. Perhaps he is the man of our age. Who knows? He has been the real head of a great state longer than any man in our time.

In 1928 Russia startled the world with the announcement of her first Five-Year Plan. Skeptics smiled and cynics laughed. How could Russia become an industrial nation without technical skill, machinery and gold? However, Stalin drove on, gold or no gold. New cities sprang up and agriculture was collectivized. Those who resisted were liquidated. Armies were raised and strange stories came out of Russia about new methods and tactics. If generals were suspected of disloyalty to the regime, they soon disappeared. The Russian people were asked to tighten their belts as preparation for war rose to a higher and higher tempo.

War With Germany.

On June 22, 1941, the Nazi legions crossed the Russian borders without a warning. Since the experts, including Charles Lindbergh, had told us that Russia had nothing, it was generally believed that she would fold up in the course of six months. Their armies did fall back, but always in order. Back and back they fell to the gates of Leningrad, Moscow, the Caucasus and Stalingrad, and there they stood. Hitler threw

many armies against them, but to no avail. The battle for Stalingrad will surely go down into history as one of the most decisive and most heroic. No people ever fought more bravely for their city. Hitler was stopped. Yes, more than that. Thousands were captured and thousands were sent reeling back. The mightiest armies in history had been whipped by a people who twenty-five years earlier had been considered scarcely civilized. Since the halt at Stalingrad the general route of Hitler's men has been back toward Berlin. Nobody believes at this time that the Russian advance can be stopped. In a few short years, fighting against time and many other obstacles, Russia has built the best fighting machine of our age.

Significance.

There have, of course, been a number of conferences by allied leaders. It is generally agreed that the latter ones have been the more important. Cordell Hull and Anthony Eden went to Moscow. Because of Secretary Hull's infirmity, it was urged that the conference be held elsewhere, but the Russian leaders insisted upon their capitol and to Moscow they went.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have just recently met with Premier Stalin in Tehran, Persia. While they did not go all the way to Russia they might as well have, for Tehran is less than two hundred miles from the Russian border. That these two important leaders in world affairs went all the way to Tehran was simply a recognition of Russia's military power and her importance in affairs of today and tomorrow.

There are other straws in the wind. For a long time the British government backed the Yugoslav government in exile, and was opposed to the Partisans fighting under Communist General Tito. Since the Moscow conference the British have reversed their stand. In Italy British and American leaders have promised to quit flirting with semi-fascist leaders and back the more democratic elements in the population. This is out of deference to Russia.

In eastern Europe and Asia Minor things are beginning to happen. The leaders to Czechoslovakia are lining up with Russia. They have declared that they are reaching full accord with Russia in all important things. It has just been announced from Ankara, Turkey, that Turkish leaders are seeking to iron out all differences between their country and Russia. Now why should these countries hasten to make such announcements? The leaders in these countries are realistic and want to be on the good side of the greatest power in Europe. After the last war it was to France that the little countries flocked. So far we don't see any big crowds around the French banner.

The Polish question is an old one and very tangled. In the late eighteenth century Poland was ruthlessly divided among Austria, Prussia, and Russia. Following the first World War, the Polish state was reestablished. In many ways the Poles are a gifted people, but they do not seem to have much capacity for government.

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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, So. Dak., 8 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, 45 young men, 1 WAVE.
Ruthon, 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, So. Dak., 29 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.

Directory Of Lutheran Service Centers

Anniston, ALABAMA, S. W. Cor., 11th and Noble St.
Fort Smith, ARKANSAS, 1000½ Garrison Ave.
Fresno, CALIFORNIA, 1225 Broadway.
Hollywood, CALIFORNIA, 6356 Hollywood Blvd.
Pasadena, CALIFORNIA, 96 East Colorado Street.
Paso Robles, CALIFORNIA, 845 Thirteenth St.
Riverside, CALIFORNIA, Seventh and Market.
Salinas, CALIFORNIA, 235 Monterey St.
San Diego, CALIFORNIA, Sixth Avenue and E St.
San Francisco, CALIF., King George Hotel, 334 Mason Street.
Denver, COLORADO, 1600 Lincoln Street.
Washington, D. C., 202 Carry Bldg., 927—15th St. N. W.
Miami Beach, FLORIDA, 160 Lincoln Rd. at Collins Ave.
Tampa, FLORIDA, Christian Service Center, 918 Tampa St.
Columbus, GEORGIA, 1104½ Broadway.
Savannah, GEORGIA, 21 East State Street.
Chicago, ILLINOIS, 65 East Randolph Street.
Rantoul, ILLINOIS, 101½ East Sangamon Avenue.
Rockford, ILLINOIS, 215 Walnut Street.
Waukegan, ILLINOIS, 226 Washington Street.
Columbus, INDIANA, 624 Seventh Street.
Salina, KANSAS, 105½ North Seventh Street.
Louisville, KENTUCKY, Speed Bldg., 4th and Guthrie.
Alexandria, LOUISIANA, 325 Jackson Street.
Baltimore, MARYLAND, 17 West Franklin.
Ayer, MASSACHUSETTS, 42 W. Main Street.
Boston, MASSACHUSETTS, 22 Moreland Avenue.
Minneapolis, MINNESOTA, 1425 University Ave. S. E.
Hattiesburg, MISSISSIPPI, 212 W. Front Street.

Kansas City, MISSOURI, 2047 Main.
St. Louis, MISSOURI, 417 Washington Avenue.
New York, NEW YORK, 316 West 46th Street.
Fayetteville, NORTH CAROLINA, 520 Hay Street.
Youngstown, OHIO, Third Floor Warner Bldg., 260 West Federal Street.
Astoria, OREGON, 187 Twelfth Street.
Harrisburg, PENNSYLVANIA, 7 South Fourth Street.
Philadelphia, PENNSYLVANIA, 1215 Walnut Street.
Charleston, SOUTH CAROLINA, 405 King Street.
Columbia, SOUTH CAROLINA, 1620 Sumter Street.
Sioux Falls, SOUTH DAKOTA, First Lutheran Church.
Sturgis, SOUTH DAKOTA, Grace Lutheran Church, 1083 Sherman St.
Tulahoma, TENNESSEE, Cor. Jackson and W. Grundy.
Abilene, TEXAS, 209 S. 2nd and Chestnut Streets.
Austin, TEXAS, 907 Congress Avenue.
Corpus Christi, TEXAS, 623 N. Mesquite Street.
San Antonio, TEXAS, 507 E. Travis Street.
Temple, TEXAS, 9 South 2nd Street.
Newport News, VIRGINIA, Trinity Lutheran Parish House, 27th St., near West Ave.
Norfolk, VIRGINIA, 114 City Hall Avenue.
Bremerton, WASHINGTON, 232 Washington Avenue.
Seattle, WASHINGTON, 205 University Street.
Spokane, WASHINGTON, W. 919 Riverside Avenue.
Tacoma, WASHINGTON, 1003 Pacific Avenue.
Milwaukee, WISCONSIN, 622 Wisconsin Avenue.
Sitka, ALASKA, Dana H. Johnson.
Prince Rupert, B. C., CANADA, 644 Seventh Ave. E.
Honolulu, HAWAII, Victoria and Lunalilo Streets.



Post Chapel, Ft. Ord, California . . . Chaplain R. T. Du Brau Conducts Christmas Services.

A Christmas Invitation

Soldiers, sailors, marines, WAC's, WAVES, nurses, officers — **all** are being invited by the service pastor to join in the Christmas festivities at the **Lutheran Service Center**. There will be Lutheran services, special carol singing, and the traditional Christmas parties about the Christmas tree. The Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council and the service pastors began as early as last summer to plan how they might make this a **true** Christmas for those who cannot go home.

That it may be as much like home as possible, there must be gifts for all under the tree, and treats. If you want to have a part in making this an **eventful Christmas** for those who

don't get holiday "leaves", send gifts, cookies, candy, or other treats to the nearest Lutheran Service Center or write to the Service Commission for suggestions as to where your gifts will be needed.

Remember, too, that the invitation is for all your friends in service. Tell them about it and invite them to go as your guest to the Lutheran Service Center.

SERVICE COMMISSION
National Lutheran Council
915 Metropolitan Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

CHRISTMAS GOOD WILL

By Ruth Schneider, Minneapolis.

Candles shed their dim lights on the room interior. An illumined cross above the altar, sprigs of holly at each pew, a Christmas tree — stately, colorful, dusky in the partial darkness, — organ strains of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" effected an atmosphere of solemnness.

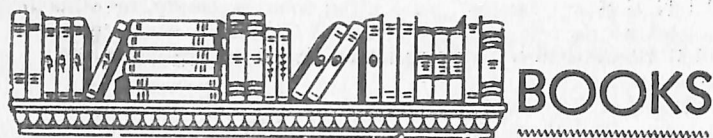
Seated closely in the small chapel and scattered throughout the adjoining lounge were 70 — perhaps more, uniformed men. In the very last row (How he hurried to be on time!) was Douglas, nineteen years of age. He was spending his Christmas Eve — the first away from home — in his favorite spot in Texas, the Lutheran Service Center. Bill, beside him, was behaving rather strangely, "Say, kid, do you see the sense of all this? Why don't they just hand out the treats, give us some grub, and be done with it?"

There was a surprised expression on Doug's face. He answered shortly, "Guess **you** wouldn't understand." Bill shrugged his shoulders and turned to the next fellow. He was about to make some impertinent remark when the organ stopped completely. All was quiet. From a seemingly far distance voices could be heard—"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm . . ." Bill nudged Doug. "Hey, where are they at?" Doug shook his head. The music grew gradually louder until presently the voices were in the room — 30 white-gowned, angelic-looking creatures, in the soft glow. "Say! I'm getting goose pimples." It was Bill again stretching his neck to get full view of the choir. Doug glared at him.

The service progressed, — scripture reading and prayer,



Lutheran Service Center, Columbus, Georgia . . . Carol Singing Is a Part of Christmas.



Julegranen 1943 appears in its usual festive covering. The content is a well balanced variety of Christmas meditations, stories and poems. One of the features that has characterized "Julegranen" through the 47 years of its existence is the many historical contributions that have been made. This year "Julegranen" gives us several such contributions. Rev. Enok Mortensen presents a fine word picture of the pioneer Danish minister, Claus Lauritz Clausen, who started his work in the United States 100 years ago. Dr. Johannes Knudsen has written a very challenging article on the crisis Denmark has faced through 150 years and which now for the third time has thrown the Danish people into the greedy claws of a tyrant. August Bang gives us a beautiful and inspiring presentation of the Danish artist and sculptor, Christian Petersen, who is a member of the faculty of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. The one contribution which undoubtedly will keep this issue of "Julegranen" fresh in our memory through many years is the very complete collection of pictures of the churches of our synod. This collection of 76 pictures covers seven pages and is likely the first undertaking in our synod of such a picture gallery. Following the pictures are four pages of historical data of each church shown. We heartily recommend "Julegranen" to all who can read the Danish language. Publishers: Holst Printing Co., Cedar Falls, Iowa. Price 60 cts.

Holger Strandkov.

hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", a reading, a song in perfect harmony by a service male quartet, — then the sermon.

Gowned in black the pastor came forward, folded his hands, bowed: "Heavenly Father, be with us tonight, Christmas Eve. Bless our loved ones at home . . . may we appreciate Thy many blessings . . . humble our hearts to accept Thee, worship Thee, and thank Thee for Thy precious gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate tonight . . . forgive us our many sins . . ."

Doug glanced at Bill's face. It was strangely serious. No more did he squirm in his seat, nor did he nudge Doug's side.

The deep voice of the Lutheran pastor proceeded into the Christmas message. Doug swallowed hard. Never in all his life had he heard it thus delivered. The words flowed freely — telling the age-old story of the Bethlehem star, manger, wise men, gifts — the meaning of gifts — in soothing, well-modulated tones. Then he talked to the service men, impressing them, convincing them of the truth of this story, showing how hatred, jealousy and evil doings were the cause of trouble in the world today — blending these in his sermon.

Doug's second glance at Bill aroused his sympathy and he moved closer to him. Bill's face was pale — he seemed to perspire. Upon looking further, Doug saw that **all** in the room were gazing ahead at the pastor, touched by the Word. The spirit of God seemed upon them.

The minister was back to the Christmas story — "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, **good will** toward men."

As the sermon concluded Bill relaxed. Doug glanced thrice. The third time a half-smile covered Bill's face. The careless, indifferent attitude was gone.

Songs followed. "Joy to the World" carried the choir out — the music dying gradually away. The service was ended. It left Doug and Bill staring into each other's eyes. The stare melted into friendly — yes, **friendly** eyes! They grasped hands in a hearty shake and walked off together.

The Mountains Wait by Theodore Broch, Mayor of Narvik. Publishers: Webb Book Publishing Co., 55 E. Tenth St., St. Paul, Minn. Price \$3.00.

This book is undoubtedly one of the very best books produced by the war. The New York Times Book Review speaks of it as "a breath of Norway, as real as Grieg's music and the Norwegians' simple greatness." Theodore Broch, the author, a lawyer by profession, became Mayor of Narvik at the age of thirty and held the post for six years, until after the German occupation. The courage and the defiance of the Norwegian people is woven into every one of the 300 pages of this masterful presentation. Twice threatened with death the author relates his escape to Sweden and thence, by way of Moscow and Yokohama, to the United States. While in this country Mr. Broch has been associated with the Norwegian embassy. His book will stand as a monument to a loyal and courageous people.

H. S.

Land Of Suspense by Eivind Berggrav. Publishers: Augsburg Publishing House, 425 South Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn. Price \$1.50.

The verdict of history will possibly tell us that the land where the cradle of Martin Luther was rocked failed in the 20th century in its divine opportunity to conquer Hitlerism. But another chapter of history will tell us of a gallant fight where the Lutheran faith in Norway conquered Nazism. And Bishop Berggrav's name will be known in generations to come as one of the greatest spiritual leaders of his day. His book, "Land of Suspense" was written before the war. But it gives a vivid picture of the Norwegian people that knows what it means to have a beautiful fatherland and who are proud of a rich national heritage of spiritual and common values. The book was written in the original in the Norwegian language. The Rev. O. H. Aanestad, a rector in the Protestant Episcopal Church of San Francisco has translated it into the English language. And he has given a translation that brings out the very soul of the book. In reading this account of Bishop Berggrav's and his observations of his people, their way of life, spiritually and culturally, one can readily understand the courageous stand taken by the Norwegian people since April, 1940.

H. S.

Luther's Life by Ingeborg Stolee — A Revision Based on "Luther's Life" by O. Nilsen. Publishers: Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. 158 pages (8¼x11). Price \$1.50.

We are happy to be able to recommend to our readers this new book on the life of Martin Luther. Miss Stolee is the book editor of the "Lutheran Herald" of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. The book is written especially for young people according to the author's own statement. But we have found it intensely interesting and regard it a real contribution to our library on Martin Luther. The book is attractively printed in large type, in a rich brown. There are eighty illustrations, many of them from the work of Cranach, artist contemporary with Luther. Facsimiles of important documents, reproductions of objects of interest such as indulgences, scenes of places and buildings made famous by Luther are included in the illustrations. It will be difficult to find a finer collection of Luther pictures. The large format for the book give the illustrations added prestige. A fine present to anyone, young or old.

H. S.

"Ungdom's" Christmas Issue has just come in the mail. We have had time to glance it through and have read one or two contributions. It has again this year a fine variety of reading material. Several Christmas stories have been written, and we note that several names are new in this field. But if all the stories are equal in content and style to the first one by Mrs. Gerda Duus, then "Ungdom's" Christmas issue should find a place on the reading table in every home in our synod.

H. S.

A Letter From North Africa

Chaplain John Strevig Describes Voyage and Activities in Combat Zone.

North Africa,
August 7, 1943.

When men crossed the gangplank in Brooklyn Harbor — they remained in the Continental United States. The Statue of Liberty passed in review. We then lost that most cherished possession. We were conscious of that loss — Freedom. No one spoke about it, but we all experienced it. A few hours later we were on foreign duty. After the ship sailed a certain number of miles from shore our A. E. F. duties started. From this moment the chaplain's work becomes a serious business to men, officers and the chaplain. The chaplains may be taken for granted in the garrisons and camps in the U. S. A. That is not the case among men on board ship, in Garrison across seas, or on the road march, nor in the zone of action.

Fortunately our voyage only lasted —. During that period the chaplains conducted services every night in the mess sections of the ship. The work was divided among the chaplains on board. The men always joined in the prayer meetings or devotional services wholeheartedly. Many of them asked us to return the following night. At dinner next day in the officers' mess the various unit commanders would tell the chaplains that the men expect us "tonight." On — the chaplains held a participating service in which all men and officers worshiped in the officers' lounge.

In the British Isles.

Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England — we had six months of encouraging work. The citizens offered us their auditoriums in chapels and church buildings. In Clough, North Ireland, I had the use of a non-subscribing Presbyterian Church and organ; even the organist assisted us with the service. In another village, Seaford, North Ireland, we had the hospitality of Vicar Pooler of the Church of Ireland. There we had a beautiful Gothic building. In England we enjoyed the same hospitality.

The Voyage to Africa.

We now move on into the greatest experience of a chaplain's work; the voyage to Africa. Every night aboard ship we had devotional services. We sailed at an unfavorable season of the year from England to North Africa. The convoy, for safety factors, took a voyage unnecessarily rough at that time of the year. A constant roll of thirty degrees or more made officers and men conscious of the mighty power of the sea. Only three chaplains to serve about — hundred men made life interesting for us. Every evening we held devotional services in the mess sections. Every man took part in the worship service. When the chaplains arrived men were seasick, others playing cards; some gambling; others playing an accordion and indulging in group singing.

Amid a confusion of that sort chaplains announced their arrival for devotions. Men who heard or saw the chaplain enter called to the rest in the section to come to order: "The Chaplain Is Here." Within three min-

utes the men assembled around the chaplain like children whose mother announced the distribution of candy. Money and cards stayed on the tables and blankets. It was the finest display of spiritual hunger that I or any chaplain ever witnessed before or since that time. Each chaplain had seven such sections to visit every night. An invitation to come back "tomorrow night" was always given. After landing in Africa many men said, "Chaplain, I believe that our safe voyage was due to the services that the chaplains conducted."

4,200 Sing Christmas Carols.

The greatest experience three of us chaplains had was Sunday —. We were sailing down the blue Mediterranean with the snow-capped mountains of Spain to our north. The setting sun on the Mediterranean inspired the poet that was inherent in us. Early Sunday morning we hurried on deck to see the Rock of Gibraltar. We were told that the convoy would pass it about 0600 hours Sunday. What a thrill to see the Lighted Rock to our north and Spanish Morocco to our south. At 0900 hours we held our Christmas Carol Sing. At 1100 hours we held our Christmas Worship Service. In the evening at 1800 hours we held another Carol Sing.

These three services were conducted in the officers' lounge. The estimated attendance at all three services was 4,200. We had 2,500 programs printed and used all of them at two of the services, recalling them for the next service. The men sat on chairs, and scores sat on floors; others stood in anterooms and doorways. The men and officers sang with substance in the words that flowed from their lips. Never has song sounded so rich and meaningful. Even our best trained church choirs, with all respect to them, cannot sing like that. In the midst of possible death, so much good comes from man. I recall an English colonel who attended all three services. He was about sixty years old. Christian personality was written all over his face. He enjoyed the Christmas services, but more, he enjoyed the crowds of men who attended the services.

In the Combat Zone.

We landed in Africa at Port so-and-so, and later moved to the battle zone. In combat zone the number of men present at service and the number of services conducted for the men depends entirely on the enemy. We may be busy, or we may have a bit of time on hand for congregating. We would conduct services while our men were busy firing the guns.

One Sunday I held a service for three gun crews, consisting of about forty-two men, while two other gun crews were firing a mission. Men look at their work in combat as they look at it in a factory at home. They work their shift. Then worship, sing, or play cards, or read books. One is amazed to find the men undisturbed while shells are falling in their area. Very calmly they continue to read, or play cards. A shell must strike close before they move for shelter. I am speaking of men with experience. I could not describe the stampede of men who have heard their first shell or bomb fall near by.

Reaching Men's Souls.

When a chaplain cannot conduct worship services

the second best—and I have often questioned whether it is not the best—way to witness for Christ is to walk around and talk to men. After all, that is the way Jesus taught His Gospel. A chaplain is worth five times in combat what he is worth in garrison across seas, or back in The States. Men will talk about their problems; from divorces, broken homes, drunkenness, deaths of loved ones and, above all other topics, is that of their faithlessness to Christ and the Christian Church. The topic of prayer is second to faithlessness.

Men have said: "Chaplain! I prayed for my first time. I'll never stop praying." Again others say, "Chaplain! I have often prayed, but not like I did during this raid." This point may seem humorous to some, but to the men it was a serious business. To some, as they said, "It is conscience money." The chaplains are called upon to send money orders to the pastors and congregations of many men and officers. Whatever you may think, reader, I know, we know, that these men are serious about life at a time and place like this. We know they have a healthy mind. Our worries are about the men who are not disturbed about the dangers around them.

Many nights I have — and others have — sat up as late as 2200 hours talking to men. That is a late hour in combat. We usually retire, if possible, at 1800 or 1900 hours. For some strange reason enemy planes annoy our sweet dreams around 0200. The beautiful flares in the skies and the humming of plane motors just don't permit sleep.

The Chaplain's Work for Friend and Foe.

The work of the chaplain doesn't stop with preaching the Word, praying, witnessing and discussing problems and counseling the men. The chaplain is the funeral director and many times a pallbearer. He may even help dig the graves. This is the chaplain's work for friend and foe. The clerical work is enormous where a chaplain has many burials.

Then a type of secular work creeps in. A chaplain becomes a banker. Men are going into battle. They ask the chaplain to hold their money for them. Money orders are sent home. Thousands of dollars are taken from the combat zone to the APO by chaplains. Stamps, envelopes, stationery, PO supplies, and the assistance to the Red Cross worker requires much time. By the way, **remember the Red Cross. It is everywhere.** Men know it and appreciate it.

That in brief is the work of a chaplain. The small things are the great things in life. I wish we could talk about the thousands of small items. Correspondence with parents, girl friends, wives, is endless. Not only for those dead or missing in action, but for those living.

—The Lutheran.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

(Continued from page 7)

Polish government and Polish foreign relations between the two great wars were not well handled. Poland loved to play big power politics. When Germany dismembered Czechoslovakia in 1938 it was not beneath the honor of Poland to pounce upon the poor Czechs and demand some territory, and the Poles got it.

The Polish government in exile is in hot water now. It has quarreled with Russia over the question of a boundary between the two countries. As the great power of Russia becomes more and more evident, the Poles do not know where to turn. France is in no position to help them and clearly Great Britain is washing her hands of the matter and Cordell Hull gives the Poles little comfort.

It is extremely difficult to draw a just border line between Russia and Poland. The old line was undoubtedly too far east and the new one will perhaps be too far west. It seems most likely that the new line will be drawn where Russia wants it. However, it is to be hoped that tariff barriers in Europe will be erased after this war. If they are, boundaries between countries will be of much less importance.

The Way Of God—Where will God lead us? What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no dangers can disturb.

The Christian message to the world bring peace in war; peace where we most need it; peace of soul.

It is that same Christian message which makes its giver, who is God, the best Friend. And there is one thing we can all do — soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians; men, women and children, all together — which may be much more powerful than we know. And that is to pray.

I heard the other day of a Yorkshire village where after all the talk about a fifth column the people had agreed to form a sixth column, in which they pledged themselves to try and give a few minutes each day in God's house to prayer.

But prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His will and do it with all our strength. If we really do our work, whatever it is, as well as we can in God's sight, it will become His work, and we can safely leave the issue in His hands.—Lord Halifax.

CHILD'S CHRISTMAS CHIMES, 1943

The Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska, has sent out its second edition of *Child's Christmas Chimes*, edited by Rev. Joseph M. Girtz of the United Lutheran Church.

This delightful little Christmas book contains 62 pages and costs 25 cents. It has been sent me for a review. It comes in a neat green and black cover with a starry Christmas picture of the angels and the Christ child, and it contains several full page illustrations and about 20 small pictures, all radiating the Christmas spirit. The first picture is called, *Jesus, the Hope of the World*. We see Jesus sitting out in the open landscape, gathering little children of different races and colors about Him. This picture is really the theme of the book. Then there are short stories of different authors about Christmas for children in America, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Japan, China, Eskimoland, Canada, England, India, and Africa. As we read these touching stories we feel the spirit of Christmas, and almost forget there is a war.

There is also a Christmas Fairy Tale by H. C. Andersen, and *A Visit to Our Lutheran Service Center* by Rev. James Petersen, Army Chaplain. The book begins with a translation of a poem by Marie Wexelsen and a little Christmas song, *When Will Our Turn Come?*

I can gladly recommend this Children's Book.

Henrik Plambeck.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

Life in God begins where denial of self has been painfully mastered.

It is, however, characteristic of the present generation that it likes to eat the cake and have it at the same time. In theory it is Christian, in practice oftentimes very much un-Christian. It deplors the fact that there is not the abundance of former years, yet, many of us have more than we need. It is deeply concerned, apparently, by the formidable reality of starvation threatening the lives of millions in Europe and Asia, yet, there is hesitancy and indecision, even occasionally a marked indifference, in summoning aid to relieve the pains of those under the yoke.

The theory of human solidarity is widely acclaimed by high and low, but still very much unpracticed in the life and policy of nations and individuals towards other nations and individuals. The attitude has been each for himself. I earnestly hope that soon it shall be possible for all of us, nations and individuals alike, to work ourselves out of the prevailing unholy attitude of solitariness, and, in real earnest, begin to practice what we teach: Love of neighbor.

Divine justice is reduced by us to a mere phrase, among many other beautiful phrases, unless, in our affirmation of faith in this type of justice, we are aware of the fact that it works only through the good neighbor policy; man is the instrument through which it works, and only as he is sufficiently in tune with it to strive for its execution.

When Christ said, that in order to possess life it must be denied and sacrificed, he meant to tell us that we cannot indefinitely keep on putting our own comfort and convenience above the effort needed to reach the unfortunate millions who suffer helplessly.

The things that are wrong in this world can and must be righted. It is not nearly as far away as we sometimes think it is. The war is being fought on many fronts today. There is also a home-front. We are not supposed to lay down and await a happy conclusion of the struggle between the nations. If the victory which we expect our boys to win for us on the distant fronts where they serve and — gallantly die, if that is crowned by shameful defeat on the home-front we are most certainly headed for a disaster of such dimensions that I dare not visualize its consequences.

It is time for all Christians to live, not merely exist. It is time to fight, and die, if the only way to life goes through death. It is time to pray, in order to keep our vision clear, and in order to nourish the strength to bear and achieve.

Our Church

Viborg, So. Dak.—Our correspondent writes: After nearly twelve years of faithful service as pastor of the churches at Viborg and Gayville Rev. Harris Jespersen left with his family for Clinton, Iowa, where he has now entered into his new field of Christian service. Rev. and Mrs. Jespersen were honored on many occasions in Viborg and Gayville before their departure. Appreciation was voiced for the devoted and unselfish service they have rendered the church and the community in general. For their fine influence was felt beyond the confines of the congregations they served. They were made recipients of many lovely gifts from various organizations, such as the Viborg P.-T. A., the Junior League, the Congregation and the several Ladies' Aid societies.

Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Junction City, Oregon, has accepted a call from the Bethlehem Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and will move there some time in the early part of the new year.

Clinton, Iowa—Rev. Harris Jespersen was installed as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa, on District President, officiated at the installation service.

A Christmas Concert will be given in the Kimballton, Iowa, Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 19th. The concert will consist of orchestra, choir and individual vocal and instrumental selections. Holger Koch, assisted by Sylvia Esbeck are the directors.

Camp and Bible Conference will according to plans be held again at Lake Winnetoesaukee, N. H., next July. A meeting was held recently in Boston, by a committee representing the Norwegian Lutheran, the Finnish Lutheran, the United Danish and our synod in these New England states. Rev. James N. Lund of Troy, N. Y., represented our synod. For the past 11 years the United Danish churches of the Atlantic District have been conducting a summer Bible Camp. Pastors and lay people, young and old, from other Lutheran synods of this area have been attending in increasing numbers. This year the Brooklyn convention of the United Danish Church decided to invite other Lutheran groups to participate Sunday, Dec. 5th. Rev. Marius Krog, pater in conducting the Bible Conference, and arranging the program. At our District I convention in Newark this fall this invitation was accepted. Rev. Swen Baden, Rev. John Christensen and Rev. James N. Lund were appointed to represent our synod on this inter-church committee. At the Boston meeting Rev. Ingward Andersen of Falmouth, Maine, was elected chairman of the program committee; Miss Frances Knudsen of Boston, secretary-treasurer; Rev. K. R. Torvik of Portland, Maine, publicity di-

rector; Miss Irene Andersen of Portland, director of music; Rev. Swen Baden of Perth Amboy, N. J., director of recreation, and Rev. James Lund, Troy, N. Y., auditor. Speakers selected for the Conference program next July include: Rev. C. M. Videbeck of Brooklyn, Rev. I. M. Andersen of Falmouth, Maine, Mr. Millboe of New York City and Rev. Swen Baden of Perth Amboy.

Richard H. Sorensen, student of theology at G. V. C., will according to plans serve the Juhl-Germania, Michigan, churches during the Christmas week, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard of Muskegon has quite regularly through the fall served the two churches once a month.

A Congratulatory Reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Verner Hansen on Sunday evening, Nov. 28th, by the Ludington, Mich., church. Rev. Hansen has served the church since last summer and was married in Chicago on Nov. 22nd. Rev. A. C. Kildegaard of Muskegon and Rev. Willard Garred of Manistee were guest speakers at the reception in Ludington.

Rev. S. D. Rodholm of the G. V. C. Seminary will according to plans serve the Bethlehem Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, during the Christmas holidays.

Flowers On The Church Altar Every Sunday is customary in many churches. In the Trinity Church in Chicago a Flower Committee has just had its annual meeting and 52 names have been arranged for the coming year as the donors of flowers by each on their particular Sunday. In the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Dwight, Ill., the "Willing Workers" of the church arrange for flowers on the altar every Sunday. Many individuals or families will offer to place flowers on a certain Sunday in memory of someone. After the services the flowers are often sent to some sick person as a greeting from the church service.

Announcement—Anyone who knows of the Lutheran people, especially civilian government workers, who have moved to Washington, D. C., or its nearby suburbs of Arlington and Alexandria, Virginia, please send their names and addresses to Lutheran Service, 736 Jackson Place, Washington 6, D. C. They will be contacted by church people and urged to attend the Lutheran Church of their preference in the city.

Correction: We are very sorry about the mutilation in the print shop of the splendid article by Alfred C. Nielsen entitled "My Great Debt To England". The opening paragraph should read: **During the past months and years, I have listened to an endless number of tirades against the English. I have been told of their arrogant manners, their class distinctions, their ruthless imperialism and so on. I know all of this; and I also know that the skirts of the other great powers are not any too clean. England has her India. For some time our record in Haiti and Nicaragua was not any too good either. "Let him who is without guilt throw the first stone."**

A Letter From Santalistan

Dear friends at home:

We have just come from a trip to Kaerabani. Erling had to go there for physical examinations of the school boys and compound people. Krohns urged us to come along. That did not take much persuasion, as when one has been confined to one compound during the rainy season one is glad of an opportunity to see another part of the world. We left Benagaria last Wednesday, and we arrived home again now on Monday.

The trip to Kaerabani is not a small undertaking in the rainy season, as there are five rivers to cross, all unbridged. The trip over went fairly easy as it had not rained for several days.

Returning home after several days of showers was not quite so easy. We spent the night in bullock carts and tried to catch a bit of sleep as the bullocks jogged along and splashed through the rivers. But that was all part of the fun for the children. They deliberately tried not to sleep, as they would rather look out at the strange moon-lit world, where the fireflies were flitting about.

We enjoyed our short stay with the friends in Kaerabani. Erling was of course busy most of the time, examining boys and taking care of cases that were brought to him. They always come when they hear that the doctor has arrived. The health of the boys in the High School is good. Kaerabani is a beautiful, healthful place lying high and open to the breezes. Benagaria, on the other hand is low, and crowded — and with a hospital full of patients cramped into it.

Well, now we are home again and Erling finds much work awaiting him. We have a large number of beggars coming to ask for food every day and the hospital is constantly crowded with starvation cases. The hunger situation here is easing up a bit, but there are thousands who are suffering. In Calcutta the condition is positively terrible. That is starvation as terrible as it is in Greece.

Well, I must close. The war news seems more encouraging now. Wonder if there is any chance of our returning to America in the coming year? Maybe the seas will be safer then.

It is early for Christmas Greetings, but it is best to send them early these days. We wish the most blessed Christmas to all our mission friends at home.

Sincerely yours,
Alma Ostergaard.

To Santal Mission

For General Budget.

Nazareth L. Aid, Withee, Wis., \$5.00; Dannevang Congr., Dannevang, Texas, \$38.78; St. John's Congr., Ringsted, Ia., \$56.35; St. Stephen's Congr., Chicago, \$25.00; Wm. Due family, Cordova, Neb., \$5.00; St. John S. S., Ringsted, Iowa, \$13.60; Dan. L. Aid, Cordova, Neb., \$15.00; Mrs. Rasmus Jensen, Coulter,

Iowa, \$5.00; Immanuel Congr., Kimballton, \$27.50; Immanuel S. S., Kimballton, \$15.00; Mrs. Maren Andersen, Kimballton, \$10.00; Christine Jensen, Kimballton, \$5.00; Peter Miller family, Dagmar, Mont., \$25.00; Mission Circle, Manistee, Mich., \$11.63; Our Saviour's L. Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$20.00; St. Peter's S. S., Dwight, Ill., \$115.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jens Haue, Mpls., \$10.00; Kristine M. L. Christensen, Waterloo, Iowa, \$25.00; Nain Congr., Newell, Iowa, \$24.42; Chris. Riber, Dwight, Ill., \$50.00; in memory of N. L. Andersen, Fredsville, Iowa, Harald, Arnold, Thorvald and Edw. Andersen, Mrs. Lauritz Andersen, Mrs. Clarence Johnsen, Mrs. Herman Strand-skov, \$35.10; in memory of Mrs. Anna Skov — Alden Ladies' Aid, \$5.00; in memory of Mrs. H. P. Jensen, Dannevang, Texas — Mrs. Elizabeth Juhl, Dannevang, Texas, \$5.00; in memory of Mrs. Niels Bonde, Lake Benton, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Bertholdi Pedersen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; in memory of Mrs. Peter Steffensen, Hetland, So. Dak., Badger community friends, \$3.75; her grandchildren, \$5.75; John Jensen family, Mrs. M. C. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ray, Clara Andersen, Amy Smith, Klara and Chas. Kolbak, Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Isaackson, and Mrs. Annie Autijunti and family, \$11.50; in memory of Peter Mogensen, Easton, Calif., Mrs. P. Mogensen, Mrs. Rosendahl, S. Mogensen, Mr. and Mrs. K. Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. John Girtz, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mogensen, Jr., Mrs. Mariane Hansen and Trine Olsen, \$25.00; Mrs. Sondergaard Mission box, Dwight, Ill., \$5.00; Gardner L. Aid, Gardner, Ill., \$25.00; W. Denmark L. Aid, Luck, Wis., \$10.00; Rev. and Mrs. Plambeck, Brayton, Iowa, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jensen, Ju. City, Ore., \$10.00; Willing Workers "Silver March", Dwight, Ill., \$15.00; Dan. Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn., \$35.00; Centr. Luth. S. S., Muskegon, Mich., \$20.00; Luth. Mem. S. S., Des Moines, Iowa, \$6.73; St. John's Mission Study Group, Ringsted, Iowa, \$20.00; Mr. and Mrs. F. Christoffersen, Ludington, Mich., \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. Henriksen, Sandstone, Minn., \$50.00; Mrs. Helene Nielsen, Everett, Wash., \$7.00; Our Saviour's Luth. Church S. S., Bridgeport, Conn., \$2.10; Danish Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minn., \$15.00; Andrew Christensen, New Hartford, Iowa, \$2.00; Peter M. Jessen, Exira, Iowa, \$2.00; Chr. Rasmussen, Exira, Iowa, \$1.00; Mrs. Søren Stephensen, Exira, Iowa, \$1.00; Mrs. Mathilde Nielsen, Lake Benton, Minn., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pieper, North Newington, Conn., \$5.00; Alice Jensen, Mpls., Minn., \$5.00; Esther Mikkelsen, Askov, Minn., \$2.00; Hope L. Aid, Ruthton, Minn., \$15.00; Volmer L. Aid, Dagmar, Mont., \$10.00; Good-hope L. Aid, Hetland, So. Dak., \$20.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans K. Hansen, Exira, Iowa, \$5.00; Mrs. Past. O. Jacobsen, Ithica, N. Y., \$5.00.

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For Children's Support: Nazareth L. Aid, Withee, Wis., \$20.00; Mission Circle, Manistee, Mich., \$25.00; Bethania L. Aid, Ringsted, Iowa, \$10.00.

Total for Nov., \$1,000.51.

Total since Jan. 1st, \$4,579.10.

Hoping December supply the amount still needed to fill our budget, this \$1,000.51 contribution is acknowledged with most sincere thanks to every giver.

Due to the "famine in the land" heavy demands are placed on our Mission Treasury in India. Who will relieve the strain?

Many of you contributors have expressed your definitely desiring to help feed our famine stricken brethren in India. Thank you.

Dagmar Miller, Treas.

Note—Until further notice my address is Tyler, Minn.

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FOR NOVEMBER, 1943.
For Budget.

General:	
Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 1,512.43
Mrs. Dora Ingeman, St. Paul, Minn.	----- 4.40
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Congregation, Clinton, Iowa	----- 50.00
Congregation, Des Moines, Ia.	----- 25.00
Congregation, Diamond Lake, Minn.	----- 124.65
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Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	----- 35.55

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Congregation, Dagmar, Mont.	----- 3.50
Congregation, Marquette, Nebr.	----- 6.25
Congregation, Tacoma, Wash.	----- 3.00
Congregation, Junction City, Oregon	----- 3.25

Total to date -----\$ 155.05

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Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 348.30
Friends at Greenville, Mich.	----- 11.00
District No. 3 annual meeting at Dwight, Ill.	----- 45.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D.	----- 10.00
Miscellaneous contributions for Lutheran Tidings through Rev. Ove Nielsen	----- 44.85

Total to date -----\$ 459.15

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Previously acknowledged ----\$ 8.55
Nothing further this month.

For Pension Fund, Miscellaneous Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 168.48
Ladies' Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y. 25.00
Ladies' Aid, Trinity, Chicago, Ill. 25.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Viborg, S. D. 7.05
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Total to date ----\$ 251.80

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Congregation, Manistee, Mich. 15.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia. 10.00
Congregation, Dagmar, Mont. 39.40

Total to date ----\$ 312.79

For Children's Home, Tyler, Minn.:

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Ladies' Aid, Oak Hill, Iowa 5.00
Total to date ----\$ 12.00

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Previously acknowledged ----\$ 4,671.77
Friends at Greenville, Mich. 34.00
Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill. 10.00
The Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Iowa 10.00
St. Stephens Congregation, Chicago, Ill. 50.00
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Congregation, West Denmark, Wis. 14.00
Congregation, Alden, Minn. 90.12
Congregation, Viborg, S. D. 3.50
Congregation, Marquette, Nebr. 39.00
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Total to date ----\$ 4,956.99

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Total in cash to date ----\$10,854.89

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Previously acknowledged ----\$ 5,800.00
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Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stub, Greenville, Mich. 100.00

Total bonds to date ----\$ 6,175.00

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