

# Lutheran Tidings

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## My Mother

Who took me first in her comforting arm  
Who loved me and nursed me and kept me warm?  
And prayed God to keep me from sin and harm?  
—My Mother, My Mother.

When I was crying, who sang me to sleep?  
Who made me so happy that I could weep?  
Who gave me her wonderful heart to keep?  
—My Mother, My Mother.

When I was restless with fever or fears,  
Who stood by my bedside to stop the tears?  
Who was it that guided my growing years?  
—My Mother, My Mother.

Our fingers folded, she taught me to say  
Some sweet little verses that I might pray  
The angels to keep me from day to day.  
—My Mother, My Mother.

Through all my life it is sweet to recall  
How dearly she loved me when I was small.  
What good there is in me, I owe it all  
—To Mother, To Mother.

P. A. Jensen

Translated by Marius Krog.

## She Had Done What She Could

### Mark 14:8.

Our Gospel tells us that some of the closest friends of Jesus had invited Him and His disciples for a supper. There was Martha as usual busy with much serving; there was Lazarus whom Jesus had recently raised from the dead; there was Simon the Leper whom some think was the husband of Martha and one of the lepers whom Jesus had cleansed; and there was Mary, the sister of Martha. It was a group that owed much to Jesus, and it is likely that the supper was given as a small expression of their gratitude.

But Mary evidently felt that she wanted to do something more, something that would serve as a more personal expression of her gratefulness to Him who had done so much for her. And so she had prepared a surprise. While they were sitting or rather lying at the table she came quietly into the room, knelt down by Jesus, broke open a cruise of very costly ointment and poured it out upon His feet. It was an act of devotion that this group above all groups should have been able to comprehend and approve. Instead she must have been astounded to hear them all reprove and abuse her for throwing away money that could have been used to a better purpose. Only Jesus took her part, bidding the others to cease their criticism. "Leave her in peace," He said, "for she had done what she could; she had anointed My body beforehand for the burying. And verily I say unto you, whosoever the Gospel shall be preached throughout the world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

This is high praise, as fine a memorial indeed as was ever raised to anyone. Considering the insignificance of the place, the gathering and the woman measured by worldly standards to whom this great promise was given, it must have seemed most unlikely at the time that it would ever be fulfilled. The memory of

men is short, and everlasting memorials most infrequent even for the greatest. Yet here we are nearly two thousands years later doing just what the Lord said should be done, thus proving that His promises are dependable in the minor as well as in the greater things.

But remembering the greatness of the honor bestowed upon her, we may well ask what was there in Mary's action to attain so great an honor? Jesus never did anything for the mere sake of attaining renown. If He decreed that all coming generations should be told what Mary had done, it could not be for the purpose only of honoring Mary but because there was in her action something that He wanted the world to remember, something which it would be well for all of us to know and understand.

She hath done what she could, He said. Compared with Mary's means, with what she had, a gift worth more than three hundred shillings was very likely a real sacrifice to her, perhaps as great a gift for her as that of the widow whom the Lord praised because she gave all she had, her whole living. Yet the mere material value of her gift would hardly in itself mean enough to Jesus to command its everlasting remembrance.

I do not feel as some do that the giving of money is an insignificant thing in the eyes of the Lord. Money is not only necessary in the work of God's kingdom but it is often one of the hardest things for men to part with. It frequently requires a real conquest of self to do so. And the giving of money may well, therefore, be as good a measuring stick of a man's real interest as any. Jesus Himself often speaks of work for His kingdom in the terms of material goods, and He evidently does not consider these things as unimportant as they are sometimes thought to be. But although the disciples seem to have seen nothing but the money

value in her gift, the words of Jesus "She hath done what she could," undoubtedly refer to something beyond that. Even three hundred shillings would be too cheap a price for an eternal memorial.

Nor can the words "She hath done what she could," have reference only to the amount of labor represented by her gift. For although three hundred shillings, if she had had to work for them, must have cost her heavily both in work and sacrifice, our Lord undoubtedly sees something more in her gift than just sweat and renunciation. Of the two sisters Martha is the active one. But on the three occasions on which Mary is introduced to us, she is each time kneeling at the feet of Jesus. I do not think that she should be praised for this, as she sometimes is being praised, in a way to belittle Martha. It is true that Jesus said of her that she had chosen the good part which should not be taken away from her, but the Gospel also says that Jesus loved both Martha and Mary; and His church needs the Marthas, the men and women who are always busy in the Lord's service. A congregation without such active members soon dies. People can serve the Lord not only with their hearts and lips but with their hands and mind, yes and with their feet too. It must not be forgotten that a large number of our Lord's parables deal with the active, faithful servant, and stress the importance of being faithful and constantly active in His work. But even that is not enough in itself to earn an everlasting memorial from Jesus. I am afraid that our age is inclined to over-emphasize the value of mere activity in its work for Christ, sometimes praising it as though not only work for Jesus but any kind of good work was in itself almost enough to earn salvation. For while we need active workers for Christ, we should not forget that He Himself said: "When ye have done all ye can, ye shall say, we are but useless servants."

Again the words "She hath done what she could," can not refer only to her complete self-consecration to Jesus. Mary had no doubt gone further in that respect than most people. Three times she is introduced to us in the Gospel, and each time she is sitting or kneeling at the feet of her Master, the Lord in whom she appears to have centered her whole life. Hers is an attitude of humbly waiting and listening to every precious word from the lips of Him to Whom she looked for life and salvation. It is an attitude which, despite all her busy work for Jesus, appears to have been sadly lacking in her sister Martha, and which is too often lacking in the busy disciples of today. We demand activity, and it is usually much easier to enlist people in some active work for the Lord than Mary-like to sit quietly at His feet. There is too little devotion in present day Christianity. Most churches have no prayer meetings; they can not get the people to come; few homes have regular family devotions, their members are too busy, hurriedly scattering to their various activities of work and pleasure; and how many individuals even take time off for a moment of Bible reading, contemplation and prayer. There is certainly something here which Christians of today might very profitably learn from the consecrated life of Mary.

Even so I do not think that that was what our Lord had in mind when He raised His everlasting memorial

to her. We should not forget Paul's word, "That though I gave my body to be burned but hath not love it profited me nothing." Not even the last measure of personal devotion is enough to save.

And so I might go on naming one thing after another in which Mary excelled and might serve as an example for others. But in all this what in particular did Jesus refer to with His word: "She hath done what she could," and her name shall therefore be remembered as far and as long as the Gospel is preached?

The act for which Jesus praised Mary was one of pure adoration. It served no practical purpose. None of the poor were helped, none of the suffering eased, none of the sorrowing comforted, none of the erring guided, none of the straying brought back. Her action served none of the social purposes so highly praised by many Christians today that they almost follow the disciples in calling anything that doesn't serve such a purpose "a waste." It was simply an action of pure adoration and boundless love to Jesus Himself, and Him only.

It was not only this disciples that found it difficult to understand such an act of pure worship, Christians through all ages have often experienced the same difficulty, and never more so perhaps than in our practical days. David understood it when he exclaimed: Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Isaiah understood it when in a vision he saw the Lord on His throne and heard the heavenly host cry one to the other: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." Paul understood it when in pure wonder he exclaims: O depth of riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are His judgments and His way past finding out. For in Him, and to Him and through Him are all things to whom be glory forever." And the heavenly hosts understand it when they, as John saw them do, lift their voice saying: "Salvation and glory honour and power unto the Lord our God."

But such expressions, such ecstasies of pure worship and adoration are all too few among present day believers. We are so afraid of being sentimental that we not infrequently make even our worship simply a cold practical duty. We don't understand that without adoration all service to God becomes formal and spiritless, and that as Paul says: "And though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." For "vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure; richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God is the prayer of the poor."

And it is this, I believe, that Jesus would have us remember, it is to this adoring, worshipful spirit of Mary's that He raised His everlasting memorial. It is well that we give of our material goods to His service; it is sorely needed in an ever larger measure. It is well that we are active in His work for the harvest is great and the laborers yet few. And it is well that we offer Him a devoted spirit, gladly listening to and receiving His word. But all these things are still as ointments without the odor that fills the whole house if



## MY MOTHER

Who was the first in whose loving embrace  
I found a sweet welcome and nestling-place?  
Who nourished me tenderly nights and days?  
My mother, my mother.

When I lay drowsy and warm and well-fed,  
Who fondly knelt down by my baby-bed  
And crooned to her "dear little sleepy-head"?  
My mother, my mother.

When I was sick, who would faithfully be  
Beside me with infinite sympathy?  
Who suffered and wept and who prayed for me?  
My mother, my mother.

When I was little, who taught me to say  
While folding my hands at the end of day:  
"Our Father in Heaven, to Thee we pray"?  
My mother, my mother.

Strange as it seems, I am happy to know:  
My fortune, my wealth, is the debt I owe  
To you who whole-hearted have loved me so,  
My mother, my mother.

P. A. Jensen

By S. D. Rodholm.

"Hvem tog mig først i sin kærlige Arm."

## 1944 Convention Plans

Since the meeting place for our church convention this year has better facilities for group meetings than usual, why not take advantage of the situation? It is all very well to transact the usual business and to have proposals from various congregations for discussion at the convention, but many of the needs for the inner life of a congregation are never touched upon at the whole meeting. In fact, so much business, so many formalities can fill a convention that they almost stifle the spirit and inspiration that should be derived from such a meeting.

In every congregation there are people who long to discuss questions that are dear to them, questions that need fellowship and help to solve. Some of you have perhaps heard of the workshop idea at conventions where various appointed chairmen help lead a discussion of the subjects given them and all who participate may give their suggestions. Couldn't at least one and a half hours daily be set aside for these workshops? Several could be in session at once in various rooms. Here the delegate and all convention guests could take part in a meeting that touches on a question of local interest and often of personal interest to each of them. Here one really gets acquainted and with the right leadership, these meetings can become highly beneficial for our churches and for groups within our churches.

Some may want to gather to learn new songs and hymns. Some may wish to discuss ways and means to raise money for church work. Others might want to get suggestions helpful to Sunday School work. My choice would be a discussion about the vacation schools as I consider them the most valuable groundwork for the future of our synod and G. V. C. of any phase of work in our churches.

At the last ninth district convention people in attendance longed to discuss problems other than those superimposed upon them. Time never allowed a dis-

they are not rendered with an adoring heart and a worshipful spirit. There should in all that we as Christians do and, especially, from every service in His house and sound a joyful, "Oh, come let us adore Him, Oh, come let us adore Him, Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

J. C. Aaberg.

cussion of these problems. One problem that gained a slight momentum over the coffee cups was "Should confirmation be such a final occasion? Should it be postponed till the young people are about to graduate from high school? What can be done to make the transition from Sunday School to church a natural continuation without the usual lapse of years between confirmation Sunday and church membership and participation?" The problem could have been of far greater interest to most of the people than many under discussion, and perhaps it can now gain a hearing at the national convention or in the Lutheran Tidings and Dannevirke.

I don't expect to attend the church convention, but personally I would like to see people from all over our synod pour in their problems to our church papers and to our synodical president so that the representatives of the members may attend a meeting where their problems too may find a warm reception and a good solution.

Gertrude H. Mortensen.

## From Dalum, Canada

On Sunday, February 20th, Rev. and Mrs. Rasmussen had invited to their home all the young people of the district whom Rev. Rasmussen had confirmed during his twenty-four years of work with the Danish congregation here in Dalum.

A very interesting program had been arranged for us. After the singing of a few hymns, Rev. Rasmussen spoke to us of religious and spiritual experiences, leaving in our minds the following questions:

What have you retained of spiritual values from your home?

What are you doing with it?

What do you talk about?

What is your aim in life?

After this Folmer Rasmussen sang a solo entitled "One Fleeting Hour". Our thoughts were then for a few moments, through a prayer read by Mrs. Alfred Holmen, turned to the boys in the service. This was followed by the singing of the hymn, "I Know, O God, I Need Thy Watchful Care". Mrs. Holmen then gave the reading entitled "A Storm At Sea", while Folmer Rasmussen sang in the background "Jesus Lover of My Soul".

We were then given a piano solo by Mrs. Arne Jacobsen after which Rev. Rasmussen read a story from "The Santal Missionary" paper entitled "And a Child Shall Lead Them" which he concluded by reading the poem "I Would Be True."

We were then given a Bible quiz which was followed by singing of rounds and other songs until a very delicious lunch was served.

After lunch Rev. Rasmussen led us in evening devotion. Rev. Rasmussen stressed his desire to start a Bible class which now has been successfully started.

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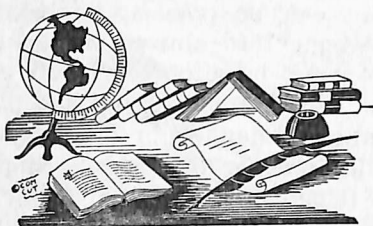
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## Across the Editor's Desk

The Lutheran World Action drive opens officially on Sunday, May 7th. We have not in this publication been giving much space so far this spring to this oncoming drive. We have felt that our people are by this time quite familiar with the great work that has been done by this far-reaching organization of the eight Lutheran synods of the National Lutheran Council. However, we realize that the information that is being sent out from the New York office is filled more than ever before with a challenge to all to take part in this great world wide mission effort.

We shall at this time only give a few gleanings of the wealth of information we have before us: "To more than one million Lutherans in 28 mission fields the Lutheran Church in America is their chief ray of hope and major source of help. In America more than twenty million people have had their homes shifted to the industrial areas where frequently there is no church. The Lutheran Church is following them and giving them the same spiritual aid it gave them back in the old home towns. More than 300,000 Lutherans are in the armed forces of the United States. In addition to 87 Parish and Service Centers here at home there are in the United States, and every part of the world where these forces go, approximately 700 carefully chosen Lutheran Chaplains, whose primary purpose is to give spiritual assistance. He carries no weapons of defense. The only equipment on his belt is a communion kit. His only purpose is to serve. Wherever they go in the armed forces the Lutheran Church goes with them. In 28 countries the church is following millions who are members of the 'Barbed Wire Legion'. These men once members of the armed forces, but now prisoners, have come from every walk of life. A survey reveals that 51 per cent of the Ger-

## The 67th Annual Convention Of The Danish Church

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will assemble for its 67th annual convention upon invitation of St. Peder's Danish Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., June 13-18, 1944. The convention will meet for all its meetings and services in the Chapel at the Union City Mission camp, Medicine Lake, Minn. The opening service will take place at 8 p. m., June 13. The opening business meeting 9 a. m., June 14. The Union City Mission camp is owned and operated by the churches of Minneapolis.

All congregations belonging to the synod are invited to send delegates to the convention and all pastors are likewise urged to be present.

Any church belonging to the synod has the right to be represented by one delegate for each 50 voting members or fraction thereof. Any district located more than 900 miles from Minneapolis may select a district delegate who will be permitted to cast three votes at the convention.

Topics for discussion at the convention should be sent to me before May 2 and may be submitted by any congregation or individual belonging to the synod. They will be published at least six weeks prior to the opening date of the convention.

May we meet June 13 at Medicine Lake, Minn., that we through worship and fellowship may be strengthened in faith and devotion to God's Kingdom.

Alfred Jensen.

St. Peder's Danish Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn., hereby invites all members and friends of the Danish Church to attend its annual convention June 13-18 at Medicine Lake, Minn.

All delegates, pastors and visitors are asked to enroll at least two weeks in advance. Send your reservations to Mr. Olaf R. Juhl, Rt. 1, Box 408, Hopkins, Minn.

Paul Steenberg,

President of St. Peder's Danish Lutheran Church.

J. C. Aaberg,

Pastor of St. Peder's Danish Lutheran Church.

In order to clarify certain points and correct an inequality or unfairness in our Pension Fund Rules before having them printed, we submit the following revisions to the 1944 Synodical Convention for approval:

1. Article VII, Par. 3. After the words, "unless", read, "except if," and add to the paragraph, "In such a case her eligibility for pension shall be considered anew under Article VI, Par. 2."

2. Article VII, Par. 4. After the words, "and ministers' wives or widows," strike out the words "in some service of the Synod." This does not remove ministers' wives or widows from the limitation herein involved, but it does place all of them on equal terms wherever they may be employed.

A. E. Frost,

Paul Steenberg,

J. K. Jensen.

man prisoners in this country are Lutherans. In cooperation with the Missouri Synod the National Lutheran Council has set up the Lutheran Commission for War prisoners to provide spiritual ministry for these added thousands."

We shall bring additional information in coming issues of "Lutheran Tidings".



## GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



### Grand View College

The seventh annual Pastors' Institute was held here April 18-20. The meetings were for the most part held across the street in Luther Memorial church, but the pastors took their meals here and shared in the life of the college for those days. Many of the students took advantage of the opportunity to attend the meetings and to hear some worthwhile speakers.

On Saturday evening, April 22, "Unge Kræfter" had as its guest and speaker Professor Phillip Person, of the extension division of the University of Wisconsin. He spoke to us on "Mental Hygiene and the War". He told something of the various types of mental illness and the effects which military service might have on such cases. He explained how those who get along very well in civilian life might "crack-up" under the strain of army life, and thus be a liability rather than an asset to the armed forces. He warned against attaching the stigma of "crazy" to those who have been rejected by the army as being **psychoneurotic**. He also told something of the work that is being done to encourage people to consult a competent psychiatrist as freely as they would consult a physician. There is help for those who are mentally ill if only they will overcome the reluctance to seek that help.

There has been plenty of other activity at Grand View these past weeks but it is not of the kind which makes news, for it was the activity which attended the preparations for "Studentenfest". This annual Home-coming was held April 29-30. We hope to bring more news of this event in the near future.

T. C. H.

### The Pastor's Institute

The Pastors' Institute at Grand View College was well attended and all the participants voiced the opinion that it was a very good meeting. Twenty-three pastors attended from congregations of our own Synod, plus the ministers, teachers and students from Des Moines. A number of other Des Moines pastors also took part as did quite a few lay people. The pastors were mostly from the neighboring states, but the following had come quite a way: Rev. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma; Rev. John

Enselman, Dagmar; Rev. C. A. Stub, Greenville, Mich.; Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Col.; Rev. (Chaplain) F. O. Lund, Louisiana.

Several excellent speakers came to us from other churches: Dr. J. P. Nielsen, Trinity Seminary, Blair; Bishop Magee of Des Moines, Methodist bishop; Msgr. L. J. Ligutti of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and Dr. Wilhelm Pauck from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Besides these Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Rev. Ernest Nielsen and President J. Knudsen, all of Grand View College, gave contributions. The meetings were all well attended and several profitable discussions ensued.

The outstanding contribution was undoubtedly made by Dr. Pauck whose keen and eloquent discussions of modern church developments aroused unusual interest. Dr. Pauck took part in the meeting for two full days and apparently enjoyed it immensely.

One evening was set aside for music, song, and general fellowship, and under the leadership of Chaplain Lund, it was a great success. The ministers also enjoyed each other's company and seemed to appreciate the opportunity to replenish their larders. The institute thus served its purpose in a good way and it has established itself as a valuable part of our Synod's life.

One of the participants has written down his impressions and they follow below:

#### IMPRESSIONS

The Sixth Annual Pastors' Institute was said by many to have been the best institute to date. Whether it was the best is a matter of personal opinion but one would not be very far wrong to say, that to those in attendance, it was an enriching gathering. To a novice it was more than enriching it was inspirational. Upon hearing the speakers one was forced to realize his own short-comings as well as to feel stimulated to further study. The wealth of material offered held out not only for the period of the institute but will hold out for weeks to come.

Someone called it an ecumenical meeting. If one was to look at the denominations represented by the speakers one would come to that conclusion. Outside of the speakers from our own synod and the speakers from our sister synod, the Congregational, Roman Catholic, and Methodist denominations were represented. The noticeable thing was that all the different denominations have certain essential beliefs in common, and they have certain essential problems in common. Perhaps the differences wouldn't be so marked if in our approach to realizing the differences we would start with the things we have in common. Instead of branching off from the very start, we would tread the paths we have in common and then branch off where we no longer see eye to eye, we as a church might be a stronger influence in the world today.

One couldn't help but be impressed by the way each speaker was accepted into our group. Certainly where a fair exchange of thoughts take place there must be growth. Of the many thoughts exchanged three stand out in my mind.

One of these thoughts was given by Dr. Pauck. (He gave us numerous other things to think about as well.) The thought pertained to the part the church will play in the reconstruction period in Germany. Especially, what part will the Lutheran Church take in rebuilding Germany? His point was that the Church more than any other body could be the greatest influence. It seems to me that he gave us the opportunity to lay our hands on some actual post-war planning in regards to establishing a permanent peace.

Secondly, what is our church doing for Rural Churches? The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ligutti left a very definite challenge to us in this regards. I do not think I am far wrong when I say that our church is essentially rural. Perhaps one could even say that the greatest number of members in our urban churches have rural backgrounds. A hasty glance at the report of our church from the 1943 convention would indicate that 57 of the 88 churches mentioned are rural. Of course a more accurate figure would be how many of our members live in the country and how many live in the city. Nevertheless we might do some rethinking as to the value of the rural church in regards to a living church.

Thirdly from the discussions which took place there seems to be a need for rethinking on the subject of religious education, more specifically our Sunday Schools, Church Schools or whatever you like to call it. The fact that fifty per cent of the children in United States are not acquainted with the church or church life should shock us into some real thinking on this matter.

May I again thank those who arranged for the Institute. To put it into theological language one would say, "It was worth the chips."

A Novice.

### From Saskatchewan

The longlasting Canadian winter has now ended, the soil is softening, but it takes some time yet before the grass is green. This winter has been very different from that of last year. That was the most severe winter old people could remember. This year we had comparatively mild weather. We had practically no snow, and the general temperature was about zero. Consequently most of the roads were passable, and people could use their cars as far as they could obtain gas for them. This has been an advantage for the attendance of our church services.

In Melfort we had at Christmas a good service in the home of Martin Petersens. This is a good place, because there are so many children, big and

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# OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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

## "Remember Who You Are!"

Numerous stories have been told of mothers of great men — none more beautiful, perhaps, than that of an uneducated, obscure black woman, the mother of the famous negro singer, Roland Hayes. Perhaps some of you heard his melodious voice over the radio a few weeks ago when he sang on the Boston Symphony Saturday night program. Perhaps some have heard him in person. Much of his success he attributes to his mother, of whose wisdom, sympathy and understanding he speaks in the highest terms of respect.

Roland Hayes' parents had both been slaves prior to the Civil War. After they had been given their freedom, life was still one of poverty and suffering. His father was an invalid, so much of the burden for providing for the family fell to his mother. Roland was only twelve years old, when his father died and his mother was left alone to care for her three sons. She had dauntless courage, however, combined with vision and deep mother love, and was determined to help her sons, so they might have a brighter future. To this end she sold what few possessions they had and moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where the boys might go to school. The two oldest boys, Roland and Robert were to take turns working to earn a living for the family and attending school. Of the two Roland made the most rapid progress in the factory, and money was sorely needed, so his school was very meager.

He did not complain, nor was he unhappy, for he had within him the gift of song, and he loved to sing. He sang at his work in the factory; he sang in the choir of a negro church, and occasionally he was invited to sing in homes at dinner parties or the like. One night he was invited to come to the home of a white man to sing for him. When he had done so, his host asked him if he had ever heard great singers like Caruso. He had not, so his host went to the phonograph and played the records of famous singers. Roland Hayes was enraptured. It opened a new world to him. On his way home that night, he determined that he would learn to sing, so that he too might give good music to the world, and through it help white folks understand the music of the negro.

When he confided these dreams in his mother, she became disturbed. With her experience and maturer knowledge, she realized, as she felt certain her son did not, the obstacles and heartache he would be destined to meet because of his race and color, so she warned him: "Roland, remember who you are!"

These four simple words expressed by a loving mother came to be a guidepost of inestimable value in the life of Roland Hayes.

In order that he might have better opportunities to study music, he moved to Boston, where his mother later came to live with him. With the meager income of seven dollars a week, it meant practicing utmost economy if they were to live and he study too. Their furniture was made of wooden boxes. Even his mother's bed was made of a large box cut in two. But they were

happy together and her presence was at the same time an inspiration and an anxious reminder, that he was a negro and therefore had a stonewall of white prejudice to beat against, if he were to realize his ambitions.

But he could not and would not be discouraged. He arranged to give a concert in Symphony Hall in Boston, and in order to have music lovers become better acquainted with him, he mailed letters to two thousand addresses selected from the telephone directory. His mother was definitely concerned on his behalf. If this plan of his failed, it would mean that he would be hundreds of dollars in debt, and he could ill afford such an experience. Again she warned him: "You must remember who you are!"

But his plan was not a failure — quite the contrary. It was a real success from which he cleared \$2,000.00. How thrilled he was! Not only did this mean comfort instead of poverty for his mother, but it should be proof that he could realize his ambitions despite his race and color. He could hardly wait until he could get home and ask her what she thought of it.

"It was wonderful, Roland," she said. "But remember who you are!" Her cup of joy was running over, but mingled with it was her anxiety, perhaps not only because of his color now, but what pride might do to his character. The same thought undoubtedly prompted her reply when years later he had become famous and was singing in European cities. When in London, he wired his mother that he had been invited to sing before the King and Queen. She promptly cabled back: "Remember who you are!"

When his mother died a few years ago, Roland Hayes said to a friend: "When such great success has come to me these last years, I don't think it has changed me at all. Mother was always calm and thoughtful, when honors came to me, and if she had seen me getting proud and thoughtless, she would quietly have said: 'Roland, remember who you are!' As long as I live I shall hear her say it and I shall listen and obey."

That he has kept this promise is apparent from an incident that occurred shortly after he had completed the most successful of his career not so long ago. A gentleman came to interview him at his hotel. He was directed to Mr. Hayes' room, where it was evident he had just finished his breakfast. The visitor realized why this sensitive black man was avoiding public dining rooms and using the side entrance of hotels, and he expressed his regret of such a social condition.

"There is nothing that you or any white man can do to alter that," replied Roland Hayes calmly. "That is a job for me and my people. I am trying to live every moment with such consciousness of the Divine Presence and with no trace of bitterness in my heart that that condition of racial prejudice shall disappear. And I am trying to influence my people to do likewise."

Four simple words expressed by a wise and loving mother were an invaluable guidepost to this son, who in spite of poverty and color or race, attained the



## In Terms Of Life

### "So Big"

It is not only when we first are coming into our own that we like to stretch the whole length of our little person and wish that we were "So Big". It is a natural desire which follows us all through life, — or at least for as long as we are really alive. Not that we continue to give gymnastic exhibitions of how high we can reach, — that would make us look silly, — but the urge for stretching out mentally and spiritually is always a good sign of personal vitality.

Why shouldn't we want to increase in soul stature, in integrity, in intellect, in power and in poise? None of us may be born great, but there is nothing to hinder us from striving to live our lives according to a great pattern. It makes a world of difference in the long run, if we ignore the "so big" urge, or we consider the sky as the limit for our soul-growth.

Life is first of all an invitation to keep agrowing, to make new discoveries. In spite of "bags, bulges, baldness and bi-focals" — the indisputable signs of old age, — we may still be frontiersmen in spiritual living. "Seek and ye shall find"; "Knock and it shall be opened"; "Pray and ye shall receive", is the Masters way of encouraging us to grow "so big". Reach for it!

The desire for expansion is one of the finest assets we have as human beings; but like everything else about us, it may easily become a dangerous liability. Especially if it comes under the evil direction of pride and greed, when it is made to serve personal aggrandizement at the expense of other people. Building our barns bigger, may be one way of expanding, but it is apt to have a shrinking effect on the soul. "What does it profit a man if he gains the entire world but forfeits his soul?"

Someone has pointed out that human life may be roughly divided into three cycles, the physical, the mental and the spiritual. The first is when the body is having its golden age; a glorious expansion into new strength, sensations and appetites. Later when we have gained some amount of knowledge and experience, we begin to use our heads more. We revise our ways and extend our plans. As never before, we should begin to enjoy our own minds, and we will if our aim is still to become "so big". The third cycle

is reached when the bodily functions are tuned down, when the senses are dulled and the limbs refuse to be hurried, then — if the habit of reaching is still with us, — there is still the chance for spiritual expansion. "The best of life is yet to be", in spite of wear and tear on the outward person. In the autumn of life, when the trees have lost the glamorous leaves, their strength is not diminished, but the sap of life is drawn closer to the heart. They have an inward strength which is greater than ever. So it is with those who have learned to live spiritually. The stature of their souls is still on the increase and their world horizon is expanding.

"And remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before evil days come and the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Yes, for the person who has given up growing "so big", senility can bring nothing but dread. The "shrinkage of old age" holds no promise, but feels like a threat that before long he will be isolated from the best in life.

In the dungeons of the Kronborg castle, not far from where the legendary Holger Danske is sleeping the years away, is a peculiar cell. It is shaped like a triangle. One side of it is wide open, but from there to the opposite point there are hinges on the two walls for grills of different sizes. The story goes, that in old days the prisoner in the cell was punished by taking more and more space away from him. The smaller grills were put in and he was gradually crowded into the narrow point of the cell, until at last he was unable to move. What a picture of the shrinkage of old age! Is life really like that? Not for those who have tried to grow up. Their senses may be slackening and their health losing ground, but as surely as they have not forgotten their ideals, nor ignored their loyalties, nor betrayed their goals, the fruits of the spirit shall still be theirs to enjoy.

No, life is not intended to be a glorious promise in the beginning which later turns into a confiscation of the best it bestowed. It is a wonderful change to grow "so big", to live the expansive life of the spirit until it opens up into eternity. "Whosoever believeth in Me, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Reach for it!

Marius Krog.

noble purpose of being an instrument in God's hand and a blessing to his fellowmen — whether black or white.

T. F. H.

### Santal Mission Annual Convention Racine, Wisconsin, May 19-21, 1944

The Bethania Lutheran Church on Silver Street, Racine, Wis., will this year be host to the Santal Mission annual Convention. We therefore cordially invite all such people of our synod as are interested in the work of the Santal Mission to come and participate in the meetings with us. Anyone planning to come, should notify Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, 2015 W. High St., Racine, Wisc., at least a week in advance. The program, subject to minor changes, follows:

#### Tentative Program for Santal Mission Convention Bethania Lutheran Church May 19-21, 1944

Convention Theme: "The Set of Our Faces Must Be Forward."

#### FRIDAY:

Devotional Message, Rev. Edwin Hansen,  
Racine, Wis. .... 10:00 a. m.  
Business Session ..... 10:30 a. m.  
Address: "The Future of Our Medical Work"  
Missionary Victor Baggar, Winnipeg, Canada... 11:15 a. m.

#### NOON

Board Meeting ..... 1 - 3 p. m.  
Devotional Message, Rev. Hakon Jorgensen,  
Newell, Iowa ..... 3:15 p. m.  
Address: "The Future of Our Work in Assam"  
Missionary A. Malme, Minneapolis, Minn. .... 3:45 p. m.

# IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

## Dangers From The Air

James Truslow Adams in his excellent book, "America's Tragedy", makes the statement that our General Sherman was the first man in modern times to advocate and practice total warfare. When he was ready to march through Georgia in the Civil War, he said he would bring the horrors of war home to civilians to such an extent that they would cry so strongly for peace that no government could resist them. What followed was his famous march to the sea. He devastated completely an area 300 miles long and from 60 to 100 miles wide. All buildings were destroyed, and what property he and his men could not use was burned. That was in 1864.

The Italian poet, Count Leopardi, has described in the following words what a volcano has done on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius:

These lands that now are strewn  
With sterilizing cinders, and embossed  
With lava frozen to stone,  
That echoes to the lonely pilgrim's foot;  
Where nestling in the sun the snake lies coiled,

### SUPPER

Devotional Message, Rev. Chr. Olsen,  
Wilmar, Minn. ----- 7:45 p. m.  
Address: "The Santals"

Missionary J. Girtz, Albert Lea, Minn.----- 8:15 p. m.  
SATURDAY:

Devotional Message, Rev. J. Halvorson,  
Racine, Wis. -----10:00 a. m.  
Address: "The Northern Lutheran Church in  
India", Missionary B. A. Helland, Minneapolis...10:30 a. m.

### NOON

Women's Meeting ----- 2:30 p. m.  
"The Future for Santal Children"  
Mrs. B. A. Helland, Minneapolis, Minn.  
"Santal Women and the Future"  
Miss Dagmar Miller, Tyler, Minn.

### SUPPER

Devotional Message, Rev. M. C. Dixon,  
Kenosha, Wis. ----- 7:45 p. m.  
Address: How the War May Affect India"  
Missionary B. A. Helland, Minneapolis----- 8:15 p. m.

### SUNDAY:

Morning Worship Services in all churches supporting the Santal Mission, with Convention Speakers. At Bethania:

Sunday School at usual time, with guest speaker. 9:00 a. m.  
English Morning Service, with guest speaker---10:15 a. m.

### NOON

Address: Dr. Christopher Hagen, Eloise, Mich.--- 3:00 p. m.  
SUPPER (About 5 p. m.)

Moving Pictures from Mission Field ----- 6:15 p. m.  
Closing Address: Missionary J. Girtz ----- 7:45 p. m.  
(Choirs from the various churches will assist in program)

**Resolved:** Whereas in the past the extension of voting rights at our conventions has been inconsistent and apparently without any uniformity from year to year, the St. Peder's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn., moves that a committee of three be elected at this, the 1944 convention, to investigate the matter, and to bring before the 1945 convention a motion to establish permanent rules governing voting rights and privileges at our conventions.

St. Peder's Danish Evang. Lutheran Church,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

And where in some cleft

In cavernous rocks the rabbit hurries home—

Here once were happy farms,

And tilth, and yellowing harvests, and the sound  
Of lowing herds, here too

Gardens and Palaces

Retreats dear to the leisure

Of powerful lords; and here were famous towns,  
Which the implacable mountain, thundering forth

Molten streams from its fiery mouth, destroyed

With all their inhabitants. Now all around

Lies crushed 'neath one vast ruin.

This thorough destruction was done by an impersonal volcano. Today as thorough a job is done by man to such cities as Rotterdam, Warsaw and Berlin. Here I am not saying that the bombing of cities should be stopped. It may hasten the end of the war. I don't know. But I do say that the plane and the bomb are terrible weapons in the hands of man.

Some years ago I stood on the top of one of the tallest buildings in New York City. By my side stood a man and he remarked that the ants below seemed to be very busy. The people below did seem very busy and very small. One was easily filled with the feeling that they were not very important; just ants running about.

I have often wondered how the pilot and bombardier feel as they fly over a city and see the results of the falling bombs. What do they think? What will it eventually do to them? Does it fill them with a feeling of powerful superiority as tiny beings run madly to escape bursting bombs and leaping flames? I do not know. Here is one description of a bombing as seen from a bomber:

We had set fire to the wooded hills, to the fields and to the little villages. It was all most diverting. The bombs hardly touched the earth before they burst out into white smoke and an enormous flame and the dry grass began to burn. I thought of the animals. God, how they ran. After the bomb-racks were emptied I began throwing bombs by hand. It was most amusing: a big "Zariba" surrounded by tall trees was not easy to hit. I had to aim carefully at the straw roof and only succeeded at the third shot. The wretched who were inside, seeing their roofs burning, jumped out and ran off like mad.

Surrounded by a circle of fire about five thousand Abyssinians came to the sticky end. It was like hell.

It was Bruno Mussolini who wrote this. He seems to have enjoyed seeing people burn to death. True, he had been taught to believe that these Abyssinians were "inferior people". One can come to believe that of any people. The German Nazis believe the Jews are inferior. It makes no difference to them that history indicates the opposite.

To most of us bombing seems so remote a possibility. Berlin and Hamburg are far away. We are safe. Perhaps today. But what of tomorrow? Paris is only about thirteen hours by plane from New York. What will it be tomorrow?



# NEWS from the JUBILEE DRIVE COMMITTEE

Richard H. Sorensen, Grand View College, Executive Secretary.

## SUPPORT FROM CHICAGO

It is a real privilege for us who carry a large part of the responsibility for conducting the Jubilee Drive to find that we are receiving some splendid assistance from many volunteers who are so genuinely interested in the welfare of Grand View College and the Jubilee Drive. Today we received an excellent example of such support from an active worker in Chicago, namely, Mr. S. N. Nielsen.

Mr. Nielsen has arranged for the publication of several circulars to awaken interest among the Danish people of Chicago. The following paragraph is an excerpt from the latest such circular:

"The word Danish is fading away but the culture is the great remaining factor, which makes Grand View come as near as possible in identity to the world known Danish Folk School. It is decidedly a Christian College striving to be a great character builder to our young people and to give them the ideal back-ground that creates a happy and wholesome life — an influence not only to the student but to the community in which their life is spent . . . It is a great **privilege** for us Danes to be able to help young people to get more spiritual convictions, moral courage and social vision so essential for the future. **In this direction Grand View College will live down through history and be our Danish contribution to American culture.**

"The amount of donations up to the present time vary from \$2.00 to \$5,000.00. Some are given in War Bonds, in denominations of: \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00. In cash: \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$300.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00. The total amount gathered to date is between \$30,000.00 and \$40,000.00. There is still plenty of room ahead. Don't miss this opportunity — we Danes usually make the grade. Don't fail now — the weather is fine, that is, the time is ripe."

With this circular Mr. Nielsen also sent us a list of contributions totaling over \$2,000.00 which will be sent to Mr. Juhl in the near future to swell the total already received from Chicago. We should also report that we have seen similar lists from Rev. Harald Ibsen in Kimballton. In the very near future Mr. Juhl will be receiving another \$2,000.00 from Kimballton contributors.

What about your local committee? Are they sending in your contribution before June 1st? Even though we do have to continue the drive after June 1st in order to reach our goal, it is very important that as many contributions as possible be turned in to the treasurer before June 1st — and before the national convention, June 13th. We ask that everyone remember this — and act accordingly.

## HIGHER EDUCATION?

In speaking of the Grand View College Jubilee

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Democracy is very difficult to achieve in our technical age. Things have become so complicated. But it was never more important. People must control these terrible modern weapons or the people may be destroyed.

Drive we have often used the phrase, "to advance the cause of Christian Higher Education." It was Rev. S. D. Rodholm, speaking at a Jubilee meeting in Des Moines, who made some thought-provoking comments on the idea of **higher** education. The gist of his suggestion was that we could better use the words "deeper" and "broader" about the education which should be received at Grand View College. Life at Grand View should provide the students with more than intellectual acquirements that might give them the idea that they are on a higher level than others. How much more important it is that our students be given a broad foundation, set deep in solid rock, to support a Christian life of service. Whatever help can be given our young people in this direction is infinitely worthwhile. A Grand View education must always be more than a supply of acquired knowledge. It is this very fact which can justify the existence, the improvement, and the expansion of our junior college and seminary in Des Moines.

## REPORT OF PROGRESS

As explained in the last of this series of articles, it is too much to expect that we should be able to report at this time that we are already nearing our goal. But we can continue to report steady progress. The two reports above, from Chicago and Kimballton, are evidence of this. However, other reports from the synodical treasurer were not available at the time.

On the other hand we can report several activities in connection with the drive. At a meeting of the Executive Committee held this morning, Saturday, April 29th, Rev. Alfred Jensen reported on his recent visit to the congregations on the West Coast. Other reports of recent meetings were also given, including the visit of Rev. Howard Christensen to the congregations in Nebraska and the visit of Dr. Knudsen to Chicago and Newell. Plans for future meetings were also discussed, including meetings in Ringsted, Clinton, and Denmark, Kansas, with Rev. Jensen in charge, and meetings in Hetland, Diamond Lake-Ruthon, Withee, Marinette-Menominee, and Cedar Falls. With very few exceptions, all congregations in the synod will have had "Jubilee Nights" before June 1st. Now we are waiting to record your response to those appeals!

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Have you noticed the large number of "drives", similar to our drive, which are being sponsored by other church groups to support the work of their colleges and universities? One can notice that other groups also feel that this is an opportune time to make preparations for service in the field of education after the war. Many of our own boys in service have written to tell us how happy they are to think that we are not asleep in our church, that we are preparing to celebrate our jubilee year with a program of improvement and expansion for Grand View. Let us not fail them; let us be prepared for the future.

Finally we repeat — **there are only about four weeks until the first of June! Please send in your contributions before this date, if it is at all possible!**



# OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



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

Alden, Minn., 37 young men.  
Askov, Minn., 114 young men, 5 WACS and 1 nurse.  
Badger, So. Dak., 22 young men, 1 WAC.  
Bridgeport, Conn., 21 young men, 1 WAC.  
Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men.  
Brooklyn, N. Y., 62 young men, 2 WAVES.  
Brush, Colo., 18 young men, 1 Red Cross Worker.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa, 54 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 marine, 1 nurse.  
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.  
Dagmar and Volmer, Mont., 26 young men.  
Danevang, Texas, 48 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 2 nurses.  
Davey, Nebr., 9 young men.  
Des Moines, Iowa, 41 young men, 1 nurse.  
Detroit, Mich., 49 young men, 1 nurse.  
Diamond Lake, Minn., 22 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE.  
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.  
Granly, Miss., 13 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 1 nurse.  
Grant, Mich., 12 young men.  
Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.  
Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2 nurses.  
Hampton, Iowa, 14 young men, 1 WAC.  
Hartford, Conn., 38 young men, 1 WAVE.  
Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.  
Junction City, Ore., 36 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 nurse.  
Kimballton, Iowa, 57 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, 1 chaplain.  
Marquette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young men.  
Minneapolis, Minn., 28 young men.  
Muskegon, Mich., 25 young men.  
Newell, Iowa, 58 young men, 2 nurses, 4 gold stars.

Nysted, Nebr., 14 young men.  
Oak Hill, Iowa, 19 young men.  
Omaha, Nebr., 32 young men.  
Parlier, Calif., 14 young men, 1 WAC.  
Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.  
Perth Amboy, N. J., 47 young men.  
Portland, Me., 24 young men.  
Racine, Wis., 49 young men, 1 Chaplain, 1 WAC.  
Ringsted, Iowa, 45 young men, 1 WAVE.  
Rosenborg, Nebr., 15 young men.  
Ruthton, Minn., 30 young men, 1 nurse, 1 Spar.  
Salinas, Calif., 25 young men.  
Sandusky, Mich., 14 young men.  
Seattle, Wash., 67 young men, 1 nurse.  
Solvang, Calif., 50 young men, 4 young women.  
Tacoma, Wash., 21 young men.  
Troy, N. Y., 40 young men, 3 Waves.  
Tyler, Minn., 98 young men, 1 nurse.  
Viborg, So. Dak., 29 young men, 1 Navy nurse.  
Victory, Mich., 13 young men.  
Waterloo, Iowa, 42 young men, 1 young woman.  
West Denmark, Wis., 21 young men.  
White, S. D., 3 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.

## The Synodical Statistician and Auditor

Some time ago Thorvald J. Jensen, Mason City, Iowa, wrote me that he no longer could take care of the work he has had for seven years as synodical statistician and auditor, because he expected shortly to join the United States navy.

This was rather an unexpected piece of news. Upon advising with the rest of the board members it was decided to ask Hermod Strandskov, Minneapolis, to take over the job as statistician and auditor. This he has now promised to do and I will ask that in the future the district presidents who gather the yearly congregational statistics from the work of our congregations will send these to Mr. Hermod Strandskov, 422 S. E. 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn. He will also contact the treasurers of the various synodical institutions and activities and direct them concerning the proper way of auditing the financial reports of these.

It is now almost seven years since Thorvald Jensen entered upon his duties as statistician and auditor. He has done a very admirable piece of work as such and the synod owes him a great deal of thanks for his conscientious and efficient work. His job was often a troublesome one and a great deal of patience was required. Perhaps it would be in order to remind all those who are responsible to the statistician and auditor that they forward the material they have to him as soon as possible.

At the same time that we with sincere gratitude

and appreciation bid Thorvald Jensen good bye — at least for a little while — we wish him the best of everything possible in the service of our country. And we wish that Hermod Strandskov may become happy about his new job.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 29, 1944.

## CONCERNING THE SYNODICAL BUDGET

Due to a great deal more of absence from home than anticipated I have not written as much and as often about synodical affairs as I perhaps was expected to do. Mostly due to the decision by the executive committee to present the objectives of the Grand View College Jubilee Fund as widely as possible this spring I have been travelling most of the time since January 1st. It will be appreciated by most everyone I am sure that travel interrupts the ordinary ways of life to such an extent that the desire and ability to present in writing affairs that are not immediately pressing is greatly handicapped.

In order to give to everyone in the synod a comprehensive view of the synodical activities and the financial obligations involved on the part of the individual members the synodical board prepared and published a small folder last winter called: "Our Church at Work". Whether or not this first attempt of its kind to present to all our members this phase



of our work was worth while should be closely scrutinized at the coming convention.

As usual the district presidents have been very willing and able assistants in presenting the obligations of the budget to the congregations of their respective districts. Some of these district presidents have visited the congregations and discussed the matter with them on occasions. As a whole it seems to me that most congregations enter into the matter of raising their quotas under the synodical budget with more understanding and willingness than was the case some years ago. How much this is due to better economic conditions and how much it is due to better understanding of the task to be accomplished I am unable to say. I am aware of this that the quotas assigned some congregations from the synodical budget presents a real problem to some congregations. Various attempts of finding the most equitable way of distributing the quotas under the synod budget will persist and the coming convention will again take up this matter. A committee is working on a report concerning membership obligation relative to the distribution of the synodical budget quotas.

The most important thing to remember with respect to the synodical budget is the necessity of making a budget that will appeal to the individual members as being necessary to meet all truly legitimate needs of the synod. It is also necessary to remember that even if these better times will permit our members to support a budget of a bigger size than formerly it may be necessary to reduce it if not so flush times arrive. Several items have been added to our budget the last few years that have increased its size materially. Let us determine to keep these within bounds and be prepared to pare the budget should it become necessary. We do have certain items in the budget that must be met no matter what the times are like.

It was a new experience to have the budget collected 100 per cent last year. Naturally a repetition of this would be highly encouraging. Many congregations have already sent in their quotas 100 per cent. May I appeal to those that at this writing have not done so to endeavor to collect and to remit to the synodical treasurer before May 15 their assigned quotas under the budget? Some congregations are in the habit of waiting to the very last. Some, although intending to take care of the matter in time, forget. A little watchfulness and proper attention by the right persons at the right time may help the synodical treasurer to report also this year a budget paid in 100 per cent by May 15.

We have not reached more than two-thirds of our goal according to the report of Mr. Juhl. A total of \$15,245.85 was reported as already paid in by April 1. The budget was set at \$22,700.00 by last year's convention. It would seem that some determined efforts on the part of a great many congregations will be required in order to make the 100 per cent.

There is in the last and most important analysis no substitute for the devotion to the task of building God's Kingdom in our own hearts and among the lives, homes and communities of our fellowmen. It is this devotion that in the deepest sense makes us move

to contribute, assist, serve the commonly recognized and ascertained needs also of our synod. I do at times believe that we have succeeded in bringing the people of our synod closer together into that fellowship of faith, which Christ founded on the cross and in His Church by uniting them about some common objectives that they have recognized as worthy of the Christian Church. Fifty years ago, after the division in the ranks of the Danish Church there were no synodical activities. Since that time not a few have been found and supported through good and bad times, through agreement and dissension. Much love has been directed toward Grand View College, the Santal Mission, the Ministers' and Widows' Pension Fund, the Children's Homes, the Old People's Home and various causes including the Folk High Schools. Missions have been supported in various parts of the world through Lutheran World Action. Many other causes have found support from time to time.

May I suggest that if it be possible — and we do believe it possible through the grace of God — we again devote ourselves to the task of missions among the groups of Danish people found centering about some of our smaller congregations and in as yet unheard of localities. Such missionary activities were the synodical activities fifty years ago and more. If we get the men that as ministers can do perhaps mostly in the English language what some of the ministers did at that time in the Danish language, we will then have a program for the extension of the Kingdom of God among our people here at home.

When we meet at Medicine Lake, Minn., let us be prepared to discuss the problems of our budget on the basis of the welfare of our synod both with respect to the institutions and activities that serve the life and interests already established and existing in our midst and also the life and interest of those smaller groups and congregations that we have some how assumed responsibility for by taking them into our synod. Let us be prepared to go as far as possible toward realizing the meaning of solidarity and fellowship under our synodical sponsorship. I have felt that my visits to such smaller communities of our church fellowship have been appreciated sincerely. I know that Lutheran Tidings is creating and strengthening bonds of unity among all our groups. Grand View College serves as a common meeting ground for the youth of our church even from the far corners. The Service Centers of Lutheran World Action have in their way established contacts and kept fellowship alive. Other activities can be cited. Perhaps we need at this time to endeavor to extend the proper service of the Word and the Sacraments to those smaller groups and congregations that only sparingly have been offered these so far. At least I feel that such should be the direction in which we must advance. Then some day perhaps we may speak rightly of the Danish Church and not only of the Danish Synod.

**Alfred Jensen.**

Salinas, Calif., April 19, 1944.

**Editor's Note:** Arrived too late for the April 20th issue.

## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN  
To Hear — or Not to Hear.

Having concluded an important message it happens that Jesus adds: "It will be well for you to hear, and do as you have been told." To do otherwise may cause the very foundation upon which one's life is built to be blown to pieces.

To save men is to save them from that which is worse than their sin. Sin in itself may not be so serious if it is conquered in time; it is the consequences of sin we should fear.

It is sin not to hear when hearing is the very nurture of life. To claim that there is nothing to hear, or that He, to whom they would like to listen, has nothing to say, is to venture dangerously near to the line beyond which sin passes into its consequences.

The generation to whom Jesus was sent was building upon sand. He did not spare Himself of any effort which might reveal to them their mistakes committed under a sense of freedom while they are yet responsible moral agents. It is at this stage in his relationship to sin, before his freedom is "sinned away", that man is in need of help to conquer that sin which threatens to make of him a helpless victim of his own evil-doing.

The people (John 10), who complained because Jesus did not speak, could not hear, and, criticizing Him for being a man without voice, they went on unabatedly building, teaching, paving, for subsequent generations to reap what they had sown in stubbornness and disobedience. Insisting upon their human right to remain, if they so choose, within their sins and continue in these, there should be no reason for complaint and dissatisfaction when some day they may find themselves, or their children, no longer free to choose good or evil, but under compulsion to do the evil, which they before had the power to do or not to do; if doing it, it is called sin; but now, under necessity, it is called punishment.

"We are building for tomorrow." Perhaps some of you who read this have been deeply inspired by the song of which this is the first line? But dare we sing it again, if, in spite of all the joy it releases, we discover now that we built mostly on sand, that unknowingly we built for destruction, and not for endurance?

Some may claim that we are still free to sing what we like. But we are not. A nation at war is no longer free. It may be our aim to regain our freedom again after the war; but as long as the war lasts it is and it should be sacrificed; we are living and serving under necessity; it must not be any other way, whether it tastes like punishment or not.

FROM SASKATCHEWAN

(Continued from page 5)

small, and all of them can speak and understand Danish. In January and

## LUTHERAN TIDINGS

February I did not go to Melfort; but the first Sunday in April we had a service again at Martin Petersens.

At Clouston we have regular service once a month. There are a few good families coming to the services every time.

Here at Canwood we have had two services each month through winter, and they have been very well attended. Shortly before Christmas Niels Bundgaard and Jenny had their twins baptized. Our Christmas service combined with the Christmas-tree for the children was very well attended. On March 11 we had a very fine wedding, one of our successful farmers, Walter Hansen, wedded Miss Beryl Keyes. The wedding was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen.

Our Ladies' Aid has also been active. The ladies have their meetings regularly once a month, and these meetings are usually well attended. In the last two years the Ladies' Aid has given some support in money and home-made articles to the Danish Relief Fund for Danish Sailors in Canadian Ports. The main purpose of the Ladies' Aid is thought to raise funds for the building of a church at Canwood.

Vilhelm Larsen.

### Convention Notes

It has been said that there is nothing new under the sun. Be that as it may, there is, however, something new and different about our annual synodical convention of 1944. Not only is St. Peder's Congregation of Minneapolis host for the second year in a row, but under new and different circumstances than ever before. This year we are to have a new experience, and from all indications a pleasant and memorable experience it should be to all who come with us this year. Here at beautiful Mission Farms on Medicine Lake are all the physical facilities needed for a successful and fruitful meeting. Rather than attempt to further describe the grounds and facilities we are asking our papers to publish a few pictures now and then from Mission Farms. It is our sincere wish that many of our friends will come and share these days of rich spiritual fellowship together in furthering this important and necessary work of our Church and Synod. In these times it will be especially good for many of us to come along that we may go back to our daily duties refreshed and strengthened to carry on through troublesome days.

## Our Church

Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada, recently visited the congregations of the Washington-Oregon District. On Sunday, April 16th, he preached in the Enumclaw, Wash., church in the

morning and in the Seattle church in the afternoon. In the evening he lectured in Danish in the literary society, "Maagen".

**Omaha, Nebr.**—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Olsen observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 15th. A gathering of about 175 friends in the church helped to make the day festive. Rev. Erik K. Møller, pastor of the church, spoke in the church and later Rev. Hakon Jørgensen of Newell, Iowa, was the after dinner speaker in the church parlors. The four Olsen children were all present. Erick Olsen is an associate of his father in the Insurance and Real Estate business in Omaha; Herluf Olsen has through many years been Dean of Dartmouth College in Connecticut; C. Arild Olsen is well known throughout our synod as he served several years as President of Grand View College. He now holds a government position in Washington, D. C.; the only daughter, Marie, served through many years as a registered nurse in Omaha hospitals, is now married, living in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Omaha observed its 70th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, April 29th-30th. The following speakers had been invited: Rev. V. S. Jensen, Oak Hill, Iowa, former pastor of the church; Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of the synod; Rev. Ronald Jespersen, District president and Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minnesota. We hope to bring in a later issue a brief history of the church as printed in the anniversary program.

**Newell, Iowa**—The Nain Lutheran Church will observe its 60th anniversary on Sunday, May 14th. Rev. Hakon Jørgensen has been the pastor of the church through many years.

**A Sunday School Teachers' Institute** for the Danish Lutheran churches of Chicago and vicinity was held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 30th, at Our Saviour's United Danish Lutheran Church, 2624 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Paul C. Nyholm being the pastor. The speaker for the afternoon session was Mrs. Edwin Hansen, Superintendent of Sunday School of Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis. Her subject was "The Conscious Responsibility of the Congregation for the Sunday School." At 5:30 a sandwich supper was served by the ladies of Our Saviour's Church. For the 7:00 o'clock session the speaker was Rev. Fred C. M. Hansen, Pastor of Golgatha Lutheran Church in Chicago. His subject was: "A Worshipful Spirit in Our Sunday School."

**Pastor Marius Jørgensen**, Brush, Colorado, who has served as the Director of the Eben Ezer Mercy Institute since 1939, has resigned from this position, his resignation to take effect by July 1st. According to reports Rev. Jørgensen expects to resume the work as a pastor in a local congregation. He is at present on a speaking tour in the North Dakota-Montana area. He was scheduled to speak in the Dagmar, Montana, church, April 24-26.



## Acknowledgment of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer For April, 1944

### Towards Budget.

#### General:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$10,987.03
Congregation, Muskegon, Mich.	24.95
Congregation, Grant, Mich.	25.00
Congregation, Grayling, Mich.	30.00
Congregation, Montcalm County, Mich.	100.00
Congregation, Big Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Congregation, Manistee, Mich.	35.00
Congregation, Menominee, Mich.	20.50
Congregation, Racine, Wis.	43.49
Congregation, St. Stephens, Chicago, Ill.	115.95

**Fredsville, Iowa**—Rev. J. P. Andreasen, West Denmark, Wis., served the congregation on Sunday, April 30th. He had previously attended the Pastors' Institute in Des Moines.

**Bronx, N. Y.**—Rev. Johannes Pederesen, Portland, Maine, preached in the Trinity Church on Sunday, April 16th. A confirmation service was held at the same service, Rev. A. J. Tarpgaard officiating.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen**, president of the synod, recently returned from an extensive trip visiting all the congregations of our synod in Washington, Oregon and California. On Sunday, April 30th, he was guest speaker at the 70th anniversary of Our Saviour's Church in Omaha. On Sunday, May 7th, he will visit the Ringsted, Iowa, congregation.

**Danebod Lutheran Church**, Tyler, Minnesota, makes the motion that a committee be appointed at the convention in Medicine Lake for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of making use of Danebod Folk School as an old people's home.

**The Santal Mission Annual Convention** will be held in Bethania Lutheran Church in Racine, Wisconsin on May 19, 20, 21. The theme for the meeting is "The Set of Our Faces Must Be Forward." Six Missionaries will present the work of the Santal Mission with a view towards the future. Friends of the mission are welcome at this meeting. Registrations should be sent to Rev. Edwin Hansen, 2015 W. High St., Racine, Wisconsin.

**Two Translations** came in the same mail; The little Danish song, "Min Moder" has been a favorite song for Danish children and others through many years. As far as we know no previous attempts have been made to translate same. Today, on May 1st, without previous arrangements of any kind, two translations came to our desk. As we now approach Mother's Day, we have chosen to print both translations in this issue. Some may like the one best and others the other one. Our sincere appreciation to the two translators!

Congregation, Oak Hill, Iowa	150.00
Congregation, Fredsville, Iowa	756.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia.	250.00
Congregation, Withee, Wis.	40.35
Congregation, Dalum, Canada	75.90
Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.	12.70
Congregation, Ruthton, Minn.	166.00
Congregation, Hetland-Badger, S. D.	77.50
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	30.00
Congregation, Cozad, Nebr.	133.00
Congregation, Denmark, Ks.	106.50
Congregation, Los Angeles, Cal.	19.85
Congregation, Parlier, Cal.	81.00
Congregation, Junction City, Oregon	121.00
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	82.07
Cpt. F. O. Lund, Chaplain, U. S. Army	15.00
Total to date	-----\$13,508.79

#### For Pension Fund, Miscellaneous:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 2,171.92
Congregation, Bridgeport, Conn.	20.00
Congregation, Menominee, Mich.	20.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia.	84.35
Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn.	32.67
Congregation, Hetland-Badger, S. D.	4.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	38.00
Congregation, Pasadena, Cal.	6.50
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	84.50
Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn.	3.00
Total to date	-----\$ 2,464.94

#### For Pension Fund, Pastors' Contributions:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 389.46
Rev. A. C. Ammentorp	17.25
Total to date	-----\$ 406.71

#### For Home Mission:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 600.83
"Friends at Detroit, Mich."	8.00
Mr. Roy Jensen, Seattle, Wash.	100.00
Women's Mission Society (ear- marked for Lutheran Tid- ings)	50.00
Total to date	-----\$ 758.83

#### For Canada Mission:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 55.05
Congregation, Oak Hill, Iowa	15.35
Total to date	-----\$ 70.40

#### For Children's Home:

Previously acknowledged:	
Chicago	515.46
Tyler	250.50
Nothing further this month.	

#### For Annual Reports:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 191.05
Congregation, Dwight, Ill.	6.00
Congregation, Cordova, Nebr.	2.00
Total to date	-----\$ 199.05

#### For President's Travel Account:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 600.01
Friends at Arcata, Cal.	35.00
Congregation, Oakland, Cal.	15.00
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	9.00
Congregation, Wilbur, Wash.	16.00
Congregation, Junction City, Oregon	30.00
Total to date	-----\$ 705.01

#### For Grand View College:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 60.00
Nothing further this month.	
TOTAL FOR BUDGET TO DATE	-----\$18,939.69
Still short \$3,760.31 with just 15 days to go.	

#### Received for Items Not on Budget.

#### For Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$ 5,414.30
Congregation, Big Rapids, Mich.	4.50
Congregation, St. Stephens, Chicago, Ill.	85.00
Congregation, Des Moines, Ia.	26.40
Congregation, Hetland-Badger, S. D.	16.50
Congregation, Enumclaw, Wash.	105.00
Total to date	-----\$ 5,651.70

#### For Grand View College

#### Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged	-----\$12,753.64
Rev. and Mrs. Ove. R. Niel- sen, Enumclaw, Wash.	25.00
Postage refund, Seattle, Wash.	1.00
Hermod Strandkov, Minneap- olis, Minn.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Ander- sen, Dwight, Ill.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beier, Dwight, Ill.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris J. Ander- sen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morten- sen, Dwight, Ill.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paulsen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laurit- zen, Dwight, Ill.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Niels S. Hansen, Dwight, Ill.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry von Qua- len, Dwight, Ill.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens H. Span- det, Dwight, Ill.	25.00
Mrs. Frederikke Jensen, Dwight, Ill.	50.00
Holger Jensen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Chris Søndergaard, Dwight, Ill.	1.00
Mary D. Andersen, Dwight, Ill.	5.00
Henry Burgwald, Dwight, Ill.	10.00
Einar B. Dixen, Seattle, Wash.	100.00
John H. Sørensen, Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Axel Kristensen, Seattle, Wash.	10.00
Mette Christiansen, Seattle, Wash.	5.00

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Christine Bengtsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	2.00	Nels J. Sørensen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00	Einar Harton, Danevang, Tex. ....	5.00
Victor Nielsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Mrs. Linn, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	P. C. Petersen, Danevang, Tex. ....	2.00
Frieda Petersen, Seattle, Wash. ....	100.00	Svend Petersen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	A. E. Berndt, Danevang, Tex. ....	10.00
John Petersen, Seattle, Wash. ....	100.00	Chris Johansen, Jr., Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00	Marius Thyssen, Danevang, Tex. ....	10.00
Hans P. Sørensen, Seattle, Wash. ....	25.00	Henry Jørgensen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00	C. J. Christensen, Danevang, Tex. ....	5.00
Lars P. Sørensen, Seattle, Wash. ....	25.00	Thomas Sundsted, Dagmar, Mont. ....	50.00	J. C. Jensen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
St. John's Junior League, Seattle, Wash. ....	25.00	Hans Madsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Hans Smith, Hartford, Conn. ....	1.00
Mrs. L. E. Larsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Mikkel Poulsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	35.00	Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kjaer, Hartford, Conn. ....	5.00
Walter J. Nielsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	50.00	Fred Munk Pedersen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jensen, Hartford, Conn. ....	5.00
Mrs. C. Hemmeriksen, Seattle, Wash. ....	5.00	Jens Jensen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Mrs. Hanna Mortensen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Violet Lauritsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Anton Sundsted, Dagmar, Mont. ....	50.00	Mrs. Mathilda Bekker, Hartford, Conn. ....	5.00
Nora Hansen, Seattle, Wash. ....	20.00	Elmer Johnson, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Mrs. Ellen Olesen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
Minnie Kilgren, Seattle, Wash. ....	5.00	Niels Nielsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00	Mrs. Kirstine Christiansen, Hartford, Conn. ....	2.00
Mrs. Jacob Nielsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	25.00	Peter G. Thuesen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00	Miss Alpha Henriksen, Hartford, Conn. ....	2.00
Ingemann Petersen, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Jens Olsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00	Peter A. Hansen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
Martin Rasmussen, Seattle, Wash. ....	18.75	Dagmar Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00	Holger Esbesen, Hartford, Conn. ....	2.00
Martin Hansen, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Niels Clausen, Highland Park, Ill. ....	300.00	Soren Thomsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
Peter Taft, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	Aksel Nielsen, Chicago, Ill. ....	100.00	Gotfred Nielsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Tage Mortensen, Seattle, Wash. ....	18.75	Wm. Jørgensen, Minneapolis, Minn. ....	5.00	Otto Jensen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
Chris Lauritsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	25.00	Rev. Verner Hansen, Ludington, Mich. ....	20.00	Niels Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	10.00
Mrs. V. Ellemose, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00	George Holmes, Des Moines, Iowa ....	18.50	Theodore Ringso, Hartford, Conn. ....	5.00
Fred Nelson, Renton, Wash. ....	5.00	C. Johansen, Des Moines, Ia. ....	25.00	Hans Hansen, Hartford, Conn. ....	20.00
James W. Sørensen Estate, Grayling, Mich. ....	16.50	Miss Ane Gade, Brush, Col. ....	25.00	Jeppe K. Jepsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans F. Christensen, Govan, Wash. ....	25.00	Miss Dagmar Lerager, Brush, Col. ....	5.00	George A. Brown, Hartford, Conn. ....	7.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hemming- sen, Alden, Minn. ....	15.00	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johansen, Brush, Col. ....	5.00	J. S. Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ravn, Alden, Minn. ....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. P. Theo. Christensen, Brush, Col. ....	10.00	Taylor & Modeen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. Jens A. Holst, Alden, Minn. ....	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen, Brush, Col. ....	25.00	Anton M. Mose, West Hartford, Conn. ....	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. ....	25.00	Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Laugesen, Brush, Col. ....	25.00	Adolf Petersen, Bloomfield, Conn. ....	20.00
Mrs. Erling Jensen, Alden, Minn. ....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffen- sen, Brush, Col. ....	25.00	John Petersen, Bloomfield, Conn. ....	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Nielsen, Alden, Minn. ....	5.00	"A Friend of the Synod", Brush, Col. ....	5.00	R. P. Madsen, Bloomfield, Conn. ....	2.00
Wm. Sørensen, Alden, Minn. ....	20.00	Lawrence Petersen, Arcata, Calif. ....	10.00	John Christiansen, Bloom- field, Conn. ....	2.00
E. Oscarson, Alden, Minn. ....	.50	Mrs. Minnie Jensen, Gayville, S. D. ....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. Niels Mogensen, Rockville, Conn. ....	1.00
Irvin Sørensen, Alden, Minn. ....	1.00	"Anonymous", Kimballton, Ia. ....	50.00	Niels Christensen, Wilson, Conn. ....	50.00
Hans Kølhed, Alden, Minn. ....	18.75	A. E. Hansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00	Wilbert A. Mulborg, Wilson, Conn. ....	5.00
Herluf Strandkov, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00	Mrs. James P. Olsen, El Campo, Tex. ....	10.00	Hans Christensen, Windsor, Conn. ....	10.00
Jens Lind, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Peter Westerholm, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00	Christian Christensen, Wind- sor, Conn. ....	10.00
Leo Jensen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	C. N. Thaysen, El Campo, Tex. ....	10.00	Soren Rasmussen, Elmwood, Conn. ....	10.00
Alfred Jensen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	A. P. Lauritsen, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen, Manistee, Mich. ....	2.00
Sigrid Rasmussen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Lauritz Harton, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. Anton Larsen, Manistee, Mich. ....	3.00
Peter Miller, Dagmar, Mont. ....	100.00	Julius Swendsen, El Campo, Tex. ....	10.00	Miss Agnes Nielsen, Manistee, Mich. ....	5.00
Aage Andreasen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	50.00	J. O. Olsen, El Campo, Tex. ....	10.00	Mrs. R. Andersen, Manistee, Mich. ....	2.00
Olaf Miller, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Wm. Andersen, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00	Mrs. Jens Hansen, Manistee, Mich. ....	1.00
Carl Johansen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Olga Andersen, El Campo, Tex. ....	10.00		
Erik Sundsted, Dagmar, Mont. ....	100.00	E. L. Hermansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00		
Martin Holmgaard, Dagmar, Mont. ....	10.00	Hans Smith, El Campo, Tex. ....	5.00		
Gonius Laursen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	50.00	Otto Harton, Danevang, Tex. ....	5.00		
Carl Lodahl, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00				
Sam Samsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00				
Hymdahl Madsen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.00				
Carl Laursen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	100.00				
Jim Kaae, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00				
Emil Rasmussen, Dagmar, Mont. ....	25.00				



Harry Petersen, Manistee, Mich. ....	1.00
Hans Bierrum, Oakland, Cal. ....	20.00
Paul Henriksen, Oakland, Cal. ....	15.00
Valdemar Petersen, Oakland, Cal. ....	10.00
"Anonymous", Oakland, Cal. ....	10.00
Miss Karen Hellesoe, Salinas, Cal. ....	10.00
Mary and N. P. Pors, Salinas, Cal. ....	100.00
Louise and C. A. Schultz, Salinas, Cal. ....	100.00
Lutheran Guild, Salinas, Cal. ....	25.00

Total in cash to date ----\$16,156.39

**Contributions in Bonds (listed here at maturity value):**

Previously acknowledged ----\$	9,075.00
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Beyer, Dwight, Ill. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Farstrup, Niagara Falls, N. Y. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holgaard, Clinton, Iowa ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport, Conn. ....	50.00
Miss Esther Marie Nielsen, Bridgeport, Conn. ....	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen, Alden, Minn. ....	100.00
A. T. Skov, Alden, Minn. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Petersen, Alden, Minn. ....	25.00
Niels Strarup, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Walter Nielsen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Marius Hansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Gertrude Hansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
A. H. Andersen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Viggo M. Anderson, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Viggo Juhl, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Hans Kragh, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
H. N. Hansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	100.00
Johannes Hansen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
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Petersen Bros., El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
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Esther A. Jensen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Hans G. Andersen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Lars L. Wind, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
Carl Thyssen, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
T. J. Lykke, El Campo, Tex. ....	25.00
R. & B. Department Store, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
Rev. Vagn. Duus, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
Mrs. Gerda Duus, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
P. J. A. Petersen, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
Verner A. Petersen, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
A. Hermansen, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
Hedvig A. Berndt, Danevang, Tex. ....	25.00
Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn. ....	50.00
Miss Sylvia Rasmussen, Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. J. Ellgaard, Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Rodholm, Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Ladies' Aid, Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Martin Knudsen, Chicago, Ill. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt S. Hansen, Wilbur, Wash. ....	50.00
Jens Geo. West, Kimballton, Iowa ....	25.00
Mrs. Dora Ingemann, St. Paul, Minn. ....	25.00
Miss Eileen Lang, Omaha, Nebr. ....	25.00
Arne Østergaard, Swea City, Iowa ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Smith, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Mrs. Elna Olsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00

Miss Anne Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Rev. John Christensen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Miss Marion C. Lauritsen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
John Hansen, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nørregaard, Unionville, Conn. ....	25.00
Theodore Krogh, East Granby, Conn. ....	25.00
Soren Lauridsen, East Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Mrs. M. J. Lehman, Seattle, Wash. ....	500.00
Ladies' Annex Club, Seattle, Wash. ....	300.00
Einer Nielsen, Seattle, Wash. ....	100.00

Total to date in bonds ----\$11,575.00

A few bonds have been sent direct to me from Federal Reserve Banks without information as to who purchased these. At the time I receipted for such bonds as received "Anonymous". I have now investigated the matter and herewith make the following corrections:

August, 1943 list: 1-25.00 dollar bond should be "from Mrs. Paul Mortensen, Kirkland, Cal.

September, 1943 list: 1-25.00 dollar bond, should be "from Thorwald T. Clausen, Renton, Wash.

November, 1943 list: 1-25.00 dollar bond, should be "from Clara Hornsyld, Solvang, Cal., and 1-25.00 dollar bond, should be "from E. Vendelboe Nielsen, Bridgeport, Conn.

February, 1944 list: \$50.00 should be: 1-25.00 dollar bond "from Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Christiansen, Minneapolis, and 1-25.00 dollar bond "from Mrs. Dora Ingemann, St. Paul, Minn.

It has been a pleasure to make out this long list of receipts for the month of April. Thank you all very much.

**Olaf R. Juhl, Synod Treasurer.**

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