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THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH AND G.V.C.

1904 - 1944

On December 14th, this year it will be forty years since the middle section of the Grand View College building was dedicated. To tell how it came about that the Synod decided to build at that time and how the money was gathered, is to pay tribute to the power of the Spirit in the spoken word — especially the word of one man, Pastor R. R. Vestergaard.

He was the president of the college at the beginning of the century. He taught us who were to be ministers in our church. For three years we were under the influence of his word in classroom and in church. When he expounded the 110th Psalm, or when he gave a communion sermon on the 87th Psalm it seemed to us that the Spirit was giving its Yes and Amen to what he said. It was not always that the Spirit was upon him, but when it was, as for instance the night that he spoke on Moses, "an hundred twenty years old, but his eye was not dimmed and his natural strength had not abated," then we felt ourselves wonderfully moved. We could see Moses, climbing Mt. Nebo, even to the top of Pisgah, on the same day that he died, and we knew and understood that his natural strength had not abated. We were made to understand that it was with the eye of prophecy that Moses looked on the land of promise and could see afar, not only into space, but also into time: "The borders of Benjamin and Naphtali, out over the mountains of Judah, to the uttermost sea."

The three years ended all too quickly; 1903 brought the passing examinations. The synodical meeting was that year at West Denmark, and Pastor Vestergaard was to deliver the opening sermon. Four of us newly made candidates of theology decided to go to the convention — Vestergaard was to preach, we were to hear him once more. He was going to Denmark; it might be the last time we were to hear him. It was the last time — in America.

He took as his text Isaiah 64:6-8: "For we are all become as the unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment; we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us by means of our iniquities. But now, O Jehovah, Thou art Father; we are the clay and Thou the potter; we all are the work of Thy hands."

He spoke, borne by the Spirit of God and the assembly was with him. To my mind, he spoke as never before. The keynote for the five days' meeting had been struck with power.

Then came his annual report, concluding with these

words: "The wheel of time is rolling forward. Some day it will be rolling also over our dust. May there then stand after us men with staunch wills and women with warm hearts."

In this report he had made mention of the wanting section between the east and the west wings of the college building which now stood and called to each other over the gap. And he had said that to his mind \$10,000 would not be a bit too much. His words were not a motion to build, they were a mention of the need. The thought struck us four candidates of theology that the ingathering for and the erection of that building might be made to stand as a tribute to the man that we loved because he had made us partakers of spiritual treasures. We tore a leaf from a notebook and wrote:

"If the members who are past thirty years of age will give the \$5,000, then we younger members who are under thirty will give the other \$5,000. For this we four will be surety: H. J. Jessen, Henrik Plambeck, Peter Rasmussen, Valdemar S. Jensen."*

This we handed to Pastor Vestergaard. He read it; and we noticed that he read it again. Then he called for the privilege of the floor. His introductory remarks I do not remember. What I remember is that he said: "And then I have something here which, when I read it, will make the shivers run down your back." And then he read it.

Our challenge to the members that were past thirty was accepted. Then one of our number was given the floor; he said that our work was to be a tribute to the man we loved.

And then the work! We traveled and we spoke. The first place was at Kimballton. Even at the meeting the first afternoon the young people subscribed \$355.50. And that was at a time when \$10 was half of what a farm hand could earn in a month. A carpenter boss was paid \$2.25 a day, a journeyman carpenter \$1.75 and an apprentice 75 cents. I know of a young minister whose salary was \$600 a year, who subscribed \$25. Or was it \$50? My wife also knows him — very intimately at that.

But we traveled, and we spoke. I have a mind to say: And did we speak! One of the four went to Chicago and held a meeting in Trinity church. He stood behind a table as he spoke. After the meeting he walked home with a group that had been present. One of them remarked: "I sat in fear of his long arms." Another: "I was all the time afraid that he would jump over the table."

Well, we reached our goal — not the \$10,000, as had been promised, but \$12,073, and Pastor Jørgensen

of Kimballton, then of Alden-Carlston, remarked that it was upon the strength of the work of the young people, that the older people subscribed their part. I am tempted to say: "Lyksalig den, der med sit Folk en saadan Tid har levet!" — "Happy the man who with his people has lived through such a time."

Vestergaard was not present at the dedication; he was in Denmark. Pastor Nordentoft was president pro tem. He had arranged for the whole college building to be illuminated with candles in every window on the evening of the dedication. In the block directly south of the college there were then only a few buildings. Pastor Nordentoft had arranged that all should go to the south side of the block, and while we were on our way, the candles were to be lit. When we turned and looked, there stood the building, the realization of our dreams, the fruit of our labor. And so we came to feel that this building was ours. If younger generations sacrifice for it as we have done it will become theirs.

Pastor Ostergaard had written a song for the occasion, and Pastor Nellesmann had composed a melody. It made deep and lasting impression upon us when the octette sang "Gud, du er god og stæk, Skærm vore Hæners Værk, Velsign den Skole, som vi her har bygget!"

Pastor Kildegaard, Sr., who was one of the eight that first sang the Grand View College song, tells me that during the two days' meeting for dedication they were requested to sing it again and again.

It was a grand view, the building, as it stood there, finished, with the soft lines of architecture — a rest for eyes otherwise accustomed to the sharp corners from the city.

So we had our **Grand View**. It stands there still, and men with staunch wills, women with warm hearts are growing up around it.

Valdemar S. Jensen.

* That slip of paper is still in my keeping. V. S. J.

Grand View Jubilee Fund - Lutheran World Action

We are now rapidly approaching the time of the year when the human heart desires to share all the good things it possesses with other hearts. Even this year in the midst of the death and destruction of war, we expect that a great many will not only think in a friendly way of the activities of our synod but will also send them gifts.

I know that a great many gifts will be sent to the Santal Mission, the Seamen's Christmas tree festival in New York, our Children's Homes, and to the Old People's Home in this city. Let us use freely of the material wealth with which God has blessed us in order that we may help make others happy. I think that there can be no better way in which to show our gratitude. God's blessing will accompany each gift given sincerely. It is only a very little our gifts can measure up to when compared with all the misery and grief of this world. Yet, we do believe that God's blessing can work wonders. We give prayerfully and gratefully.

It is my purpose with these lines to direct people's thoughts in order that they may especially remember the two above mentioned causes.

Grand View College Jubilee Fund is growing slowly but steadily. In the period elapsed since the treasurer made his report at last summer's convention it has grown from \$38,700.00 to \$58,596.00, or perhaps more than that, since this figure is as of November 1st. The figures given are the maturity value of the war bonds now in the possession of the treasurer of the synod. A few more thousand have been subscribed.

The Jubilee committee is very grateful for this result. It wishes to thank every donor and not least the many committee members who so diligently each in his or her locality have worked for this cause. The secretary of the committee reports that in the neighborhood of 1,300 individuals have contributed to the fund by this time.

Perhaps it is worth while to make a few observations concerning this. Some large gifts have been

received to the fund, but a great many more smaller ones. And each small gift is just as welcome as are the larger ones. It is the attitude and intention accompanying the gift which will mean a lot to Grand View College in the future. That educational institution belongs to all those who belong to the Danish Church. Each gift received by the Jubilee Fund is like having the giver underscore his interest in the College and his intention to know and to make use of that college.

For that very reason we are yet far from having accomplished what we set out to do. Our goal will not have been reached until the remaining 5,200 contributing members belonging to the Danish church have made their donations to the fund also. Is that too much to expect? Does not our devotion to our Danish Christian Church — and home life tell us that we need to improve, renew and expand the framework inside of which on our synod's college and seminary the men and women that are to carry the torch into the future shall receive their inspiration and training? We must carry on united and harmoniously. It is the unified type of fellowship which will create shelter and protection against the sham and shallowness, the deceit and the hate of these evil years.

Why, then, should you not give a Christmas present to the Jubilee Fund? Or can you find an objective more worthy of your gift at this Christmas season than the Grand View College future that holds in its lap everything good for you and your children, directly and indirectly.

God has blessed you farmers almost everywhere within the boundaries of our Danish Church with abundant and valuable harvests. The laboring man among us has plenty to do and at good wages. Merchants and white collar workers do not need to worry about how to make both ends meet. Our government is in need of loaning all the surplus capital you have on hand and which you cannot use anyway, since there are very few manufactured things to buy.

It is very easy to order an "F" bond. Any bank will do it for you. Ask that it be sent to your home and when you get it send it on to Mr. Olaf R. Juhl, 4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

By so doing you are making use of a genuine opportunity to work constructively in the midst of these times of destructive character. You will help build the Kingdom of God into the lives of future generations so that it will serve to the welfare of our country and the blessing of humanity.

If you would rather send cash than bonds then do so, for it is just as welcome. Anyone can grasp the significance of the 5,200 mentioned above giving \$10.00 a piece to the Jubilee Fund.

Perhaps it is also worth mentioning that our country does not demand taxes being paid on gifts made to religious institutions or educational activities such as Grand View College.

Remember to have your bonds inscribed thus: Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a corporation (Grand View College Account) Des Moines, Ia.

Lutheran World Action is love's working arm. The Lutheran churches belonging together in the National Lutheran Council are stretching forth a strong and effective as well as a kind and tender hand to all those brothers in the faith who in these years of need are either helpless or deserted or who are in the military service of our country far away from the warm friendliness of home and church. Already in 1944 these eight churches have collected a total of \$1,373,000.00. The goal was \$1,315,000.00. Of this amount it is expected that more than \$400,000.00 will be required for the support of the so-called orphaned missions of countries like Denmark and Norway. Thousands of missionaries would have perished had it not been for Lutheran World Action. The missionary activities of all Lutheran countries would have been either seriously curtailed or collapsed altogether. As far as I have been able to learn Lutheran Word Action supports the Missions started and supported prior to the war by the Church of Denmark in Arabia, Syria, Sudan, China and India with at least \$100,000 annually. Besides that, the Santal Mission has been helped with about \$14,000 annually. It is not a great deal our Danish churches in this country are able to help in this situation. It is therefore gratifying to have willing helpers among Lutheran brethren come to the assistance.

The service commission under the leadership of Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker has perhaps done more for the boys and girls from our Lutheran homes now in the service of our country than has been done by any agency created for the same purpose and by far larger church groups. In more than one hundred service centers our boys and girls are being welcomed by service pastors, given a chance to tarry for a while in a homelike atmosphere, sing, share in recreation, attend chapel, communion. To many soldiers and sailors the Lutheran service centers are oases in the midst of homesickness and weariness. It will require more than \$600,000.00 this year to operate the Lutheran service commission's

program. Next year a service center will be established in far off Chunking, China, to serve the many refugees from the mission fields as well as the growing number of service men from the United States. A great deal of help is rendered the Lutheran chaplains by supplying them with Bibles, prayer and service books besides stationery in amounts beyond comprehension.

Let us not forget the Home Mission work carried on under Conrad Hoyer's leadership bringing to the uprooted thousands working and living around the war industries the gospel message, organizing Sunday Schools, Luther Leagues, Ladies' Aids, as well as Sunday Services. The support rendered the American Bible Society, War Prisoners as well as formerly the many refugees streaming to this country from Europe should also be remembered.

Does the Danish Church support this program of working, active love as it ought to do? Our record is not what it ought to be. Here is a list of contributions by districts to Lutheran World Action since January first, 1944 and up to and including this month:

Dist. 1,	1958 conf. mem.	\$.55 ea.	Total	\$1,077.00	has contr.	\$440.23
Dist. 2,	1657 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	912.00	has contr.	765.27
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Dist. 4,	2565 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	1,411.00	has contr.	1075.40
Dist. 5,	1418 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	780.00	has contr.	850.35
Dist. 6,	1606 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	883.00	has contr.	759.76
Dist. 7,	1463 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	805.00	has contr.	696.12
Dist. 8,	885 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	487.00	has contr.	339.25
Dist. 9,	731 conf. mem.	.55 ea.	Total	402.50	has contr.	399.85

Nine districts: 14,065 conf. members \$.55 each. Total \$7,736.50 has contributed \$6,310.63.

This is what I have been informed by our treasurer that he has received this calendar year for Lutheran World Action. The confirmed membership totals were taken from the annual report published 1943. The congregations in Canada were not included since they support their own Lutheran World Action in Canada.

We have thus collected about 81 per cent of our quota. Seven congregations have not so far this year sent in a penny. Are there any good reasons why the churches which have not contributed or contributed less than their share should not do so before Christmas. Would it not be a way of preparing for Christmas that would make for happiness both for the giver and for the receiver? Why should not our Danish Church give its share 100 per cent like the other seven synods in the National Lutheran Council have done. We have the means. Are not our hearts willing to share their blessings with those less fortunate of our own household of faith? May God's Holy Spirit move us to do His good and perfect will.

Remember to send your gifts before Christmas. Olaf Juhl will forward them to the head office in New York before the new year. They must reach there before January 1st to be counted in on this year's appeal.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, November 27, 1944

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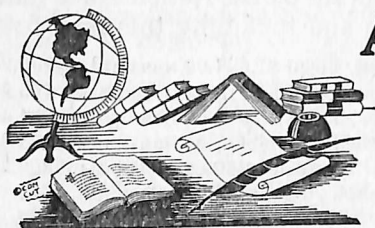
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Across the Editor's Desk

At a recent meeting held in Des Moines, Iowa, where youth leaders from the various parts of our synod had met to discuss and consider plans for our youth program it was decided to make use of two pages in each issue of "Lutheran Tidings" for the youth program. A report on this meeting will be found in detail in this section of this issue.

We welcome this new and the youngest of our special sections of our paper. We hope that it will provide a means for the gradual change to another form for our youth paper. "Ungdom" has served loyally through many years. With the gradual change of language it has become apparent that even the name of the paper does not challenge the attention of our youth of today.

Although the space that can be allowed in L. T. for this special youth section is very limited, we hope that we may be able to serve the youth of our synod in more than one respect. First, we hope our young people will enjoy and benefit from the content of the youth section. Rev. Harris Jespersen, who has served faithfully through several years as editor of "Ungdom", will continue as the editor of this "To Our Youth" section. We know that he is anxious to give his best in bringing worth-while material. All material for this section is to be sent to his address.

Secondly, we hope that this arrangement will be a help toward more young people in our many homes becoming better acquainted with our paper, "Lutheran Tidings". As it comes to all the homes of our synod we hope it will more and more be regarded as a greeting from the entire work of our synod to all its members, young and old.

Christmas Will Soon Be Here—Yes, the days

Greetings From Our Home in Tyler, Minn.

With the permission of the editor, I want to send a greeting to all from the children's and old people's home in Tyler.

Over against the sufferings of a war-torn world, the humanitarian work done here at the home may seem trifling and insignificant; but if we can't help the whole world, we can, at least, alleviate the need where we see it, and as far as we are able.

There are now four children and seven adults at the home. In time we may have more older people, but we have room for only a few more. One of the old members of the home, Mr. Hans Johansen, has been at the hospital for several weeks. He has improved, however, and we hope that he will be able to celebrate Christmas with us at the home.

I want to thank those who have remembered us with gifts during the past year. I am thinking especially of the many Ladies' Aid societies. Already, we have heard from several. These gifts are very much appreciated.

A merry Christmas from the home at Tyler!

Enok Mortensen.

roll by one by one and in less than three weeks Christmas is here. It is still possible to send a greeting to some friend in the armed services. We should like to bring again a greeting from one of the many Lutheran Chaplains as he relates his experiences from a year ago during the Christmas days when so many a young man was away from his home during Christmas:

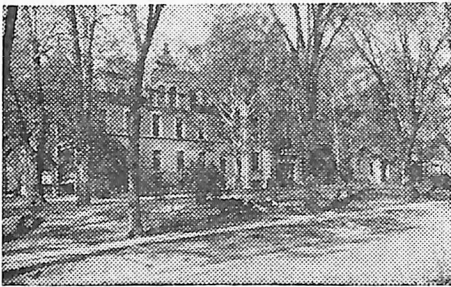
"We are spending this Christmas in Italy. We have a Christmas tree all decorated with the bright paper and cord from the gift packages the men have received.

"Tonight we shall have a Holy Communion service. After the service we will brush up on a few of the old favorite Christmas carols. Tomorrow night then, Christmas eve, we shall sing the carols for some of the local people. The Italians love to sing, so they should like that very much."—A Lutheran chaplain writes of Christmas, 1943.

In Italy, on the battlefields of France and Germany, in the Middle East, and in the South Pacific — wherever our boys may be spending Christmas, 1944 — their Church stands ready to serve and to make their Christmas a cheery one of fellowship and blessing. Through names submitted to the Service Commission, the chaplain finds out who the Lutheran boys in his area are, and he sees to it that they are provided with spiritual aid and kept informed of the benefits they may derive from that contact, including Holy Communion whenever a soldier wants it. At Christmas time the chaplain holds special Christmas services, which generally include carol singing, a feature the men particularly enjoy.

"Lutheran Tidings" extends greetings to all our youth in the service of our country wishing you all a blessed Christmas.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



Daily Life at Grand View College

Ministers everywhere! Or so it seemed on November fifteenth and sixteenth at Grand View College, for there were about twenty-three pastors and lay leaders present for two separate and distinct meetings, that of the Danish American Young People's League and that of the District presidents and the Home Mission Council. I will give no report of either meeting, for both will no doubt be covered elsewhere, either in Ungdom or in Lutheran Tidings. Though the students did not attend the meetings, they had an opportunity to become quite well acquainted with different pastors from our synod; some renewed old friendships; others made new ones. Rev. Holger Jorgensen had charge of chapel on Wednesday, and Rev. Edwin Hansen spoke on Thursday.

On Wednesday evening, November 15, a program was held in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the first Danish folk school at Rødding. The program was interesting and varied, with group singing, singing by chorus and quartet, violin solo by Hilmer Person, interspersed with talks by Johannes Knudsen, Alfred Nielsen, V. S. Jensen, and Enok Mortensen. It left one with the feeling that the folk school has not only a past and present, but also a future. On Thursday evening a special program was sponsored by the D. A. Y. P. L., at which Alfred Nielsen discussed the relation of Grand View College to our young people, their work, and the future of our church.

On November 21, Mrs. Hughes, librarian at the Cattle Park Branch Library spoke to the students during chapel hour. Alfred Nielsen and Johannes Knudsen have filled the rostrum for the balance of the chapel periods during the past fortnight.

Thanksgiving was observed with a vacation from classes on Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. On Thursday Union Services in which several of the neighborhood churches participated were held at Luther Memorial Church. At five o'clock the students, faculty members, and their families gathered in the dining room for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

The crowning event of Thanksgiving Day was the wedding of Mary Olsen of the junior college from Des Moines and Harold Riber of the seminary from Dwight, Illinois, at Luther Memorial Church. Rev. A. C. Ammentorp officiated at the simple but beautiful double-ring ceremony, after which a reception was held in the church parlors. Our congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom!

Since Thanksgiving, SNOW has been the order of the day. Several inches of snow have fallen and as I write these lines on November 29th, another heavy blanket is sifting earthward. It makes the students realize that Christmas will soon be here when most of them will be able to spend a few days at home with their parents.

Clayton Nielsen.

Winter Wonderland

Bundled up warm enough to go to the Arctic, you leave your spot by the fire for a jaunt around the block before retiring for the evening. It is obvious that the great out-of-doors is more intriguing than the comforts of a warm robe and fleece-lined slippers. With your muffs placed securely over your ears, your scarf firmly fastened, and your coat tightly closed; bravely you push the door open.

What is this? Where are you? That is the first impression you receive — isolation. You are alone in this world of mass-whiteness. The barren trees give you the "cold shoulder" and even old North Wind gives you the familiar "brush-off". You push your hand further into the spacious pockets and push more determinedly forward.

As you gradually become accustomed to the change of atmosphere, you look upon the beauties and wonders of the evening which just a few moments ago were seen with distaste and disgust. Each apple tree, covered with snow, now seems to take on a stately "maternal" appearance with her white blanket protecting the apple blossoms for the first showers of April. Mister North Wind, the ruler of Winterland, embraces you with friendliness. What before to you was but a gust of too-cold air is now a roaring chuckle which he gives forth to the helpless humans as they heroically challenge the innocent snow by a walk around the block.

All these wonders distract from the distance you have walked, and already you have reached the old homestead. With your hand on the front door latch you look around once more at the downy snowflakes covering the drab coloring of autumn. Then with a secret sigh of satisfaction as you step into your heated haven, you have only the rosiness of your cheeks and bits of melted snow on your coat as reminders of the world you just knew.

Gloria Petersen.

Our Church

Dr. Erling Ostergaard and family have arrived safely in Los Angeles, Calif., coming by steamship from Bombay, India. Dr. Ostergaard has been eligible for a furlough for some time. But due to the present conditions he endeavored to continue on the Mission field as long as possible, knowing that it would be difficult to continue the work at the Benagaria Hospital if he should leave. In the Sept. 5th issue of L. T. we printed an article which revealed that Dr. Ostergaard and his one Indian assistant doctor had through the year 1943 cared for 32,335 patients. However, failing health due to overwork finally compelled Dr. Ostergaard to withdraw from the work. He had to spend some time in an American military hospital where he regained his strength enough to permit him and his family to make the long journey to America, to relatives and friends awaiting their arrival. We welcome Dr. Ostergaard and his family back to U. S. A. and hope that rest and relaxation will bring recovery of health.

Mrs. P. Rasmussen, wife of Rev. P. Rasmussen of Dalum, Canada, who accompanied her husband on his speaking tour in many of our churches this fall, became seriously ill shortly after their return to their home in Dalum. Mrs. Rasmussen was immediately confined to a hospital. Rev. Rasmussen reports in a recent letter that her condition is improving.

New Book by Rev. J. C. Aaberg—"Danish Hymns and Hymnwriters" is the title of a new book written by Rev. J. C. Aaberg of Minneapolis. The book will be published by our committee on publications sometime after Christmas.

The Grand View College Alumni of Chicago enjoyed an evening of fellowship recently where Prof. Erling Jensen of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, was the guest speaker.

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OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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During the District IV annual meeting held at Cedar Falls, Ia., about 30 women gathered early one evening for a short business session on Women's Mission Society work in the district. The following report was submitted by the district representative:

Dear Friends:

A number of very interesting bits of information about our mission society activities were received in answer to a simple questionnaire sent out to the various representatives in each congregation. Of the eleven congregations in our district, replies came from nine. Two of the nine reported they had no missionary societies, four reported no definite membership, most of the women who participated in the missionary society also being members of ladies' aid, and three congregations reported societies organized solely to promote the cause of missions. The number of meetings held during the year varied from three to twenty, with two groups meeting once a month. I am especially happy to announce the forming of one new society in our district — "Oak Hill Danish Mission Circle" with a membership of 16. Sincere congratulations!

The programs of the groups are varied as one might expect. In one society the pastor leads the group in devotions and furnishes the entire program, in others the women take the lead but are assisted in the program by the pastor, and in at least one society the women take the initiative for the entire program themselves. The programs consist of book reviews, reading of books, study of missionary topics and activities, and various papers or readings definitely Christian in content and tone.

Many fine contributions have been made to the Women's Mission Society, Santal Mission, Porto Novo Mission, Seaman's Mission, Lutheran World Action and Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society. The society in Kimballton, according to my information, has contributed a total sum of \$104 in 1943-44 to missions. This, I believe, is an outstanding record.

In the questionnaire mentioned above, I asked for suggestions from the various representatives for the betterment of the Women's Mission Society, and to be submitted to its national board. These were received (1) we need a pamphlet giving the history of D. K. M., and (2) we should send to the editor of "Our Women's Work" in Lutheran Tidings lists of good books and other readings which we find helpful in our own local societies. Both of these suggestions are, I think, very worth while. Suggestion 2 is one we can all do something about. Why not send your list to Mrs. Petersen now?

I wish at this time to make a strong appeal to the women of the two congregations in our district having no missionary society to make an effort to organize one. It will probably be small at first. Have some definite program planned for each meeting. Here your pastor can be of inestimable help, but do try to get your members to take part, at least occasionally.

Last year an offering was received at our Saturday night service. I believe we are privileged to do likewise this year. May I suggest that we receive an offer-

ing and that part of it, at least, be earmarked for the Santal Mission. As you all know, our contributions to the Santal Mission have been lagging somewhat of late.

In conclusion I urge you to read "Our Women's Work" and try to make it **your** page. Through it may come suggestions to improve your local society, as well as reports from the the national board.

A. Frances Nielsen, District Representative.

After the report had been read, the motion was made and seconded that we receive a collection at the W. M. S. service which was to be held at 8 p. m. Our next topic for discussion was for what purpose our collection should be used. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that the collection be sent to the treasurer of W. M. S. in as much as the district had previously voted a gift of \$100 to the Santal Mission. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote that District IV Women's Mission societies recommend to the national board of the W. M. S. that a definite sum of money from the treasury be set aside to be used for the aid of some small congregation to assist it in securing a full time pastor. This should be a "Home Mission Project" similar to the one previously carried out by W. M. S. when financial assistance was given to Enumclaw, Wash. Granly, Miss., and Nysted, Nebr., were mentioned as two possibilities, both congregations being very worthy of whatever assistance could be given. District IV women realize, of course, that this project can be carried out only with the direct sanction of the Synod Board. The business meeting adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

A. F. N.

Following the business meeting reported on above the W. M. S. was given charge of the convention meeting of the evening.

There was beautiful organ music while people were finding their places in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. After an opening hymn, Mrs. Ernest Nielsen, District IV chairman, bid the audience welcome and then read Luther's favorite psalm, psalm 46, for us. This was in honor of the birth of Luther Nov. 10, 1483. This was followed by beautiful singing by Lorraine Fredrikson and by the Bethlehem choir.

Mrs. Nielsen then introduced the main speaker of the evening, Rev. V. S. Jensen, saying that she could think of no one better able to speak on missions than he. Rev. Jensen spoke on "The Fullness of Time", a text taken from Gal. 4-4. He said that at no other time have we needed missionaries so much as now. The time is ripe, we have reached the "Fullness of Time". Our synod has lagged in support of missions compared to that given by other churches. We must rectify our omission.

A free will offering amounting to \$40.00 was taken, after which we sang "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind".

Rev. Holger Nielsen closed the meeting with a prayer and benediction.

Esther F. Nielsen.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

THE JAPANESE AMERICANS

United States of America is the world in microcosm. In it are found nearly all the races and nationalities of mankind. On our army roster will be found such representative names as: Caredis, Bernstein, Nahas, Paganelli, Kaplan, Larkowski, Castellano, Munchinoff, Murphey, Vargas, Jones, Yamamoto, Wunglo, D'Arcy, Berglund, Wannanin, Jensen, Jozhka and Rehardt. Jensen, Larkowski and Kaplan are just as American as Smith, Brown and Jones; but not quite as American as Indian Chief Sitting Bull.

President Roosevelt spoke the truth when he said, "The principle on which this country was founded and by which this country has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. **Americanism is not and never was, a matter of race or ancestry.**"

We have not always lived up to this high ideal. There have been times in our history when the ugly monster of intolerance has appeared among us. Our treatment of the Indians, the negroes, and lately the Japanese has made good Americans blush with shame.

In an earlier issue of *Lutheran Tidings*, I wrote an article about the evacuation of the Japanese from the west coast. In this issue I should like to continue this discussion.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor all persons of Japanese lineage (110,000) were evacuated from the west coast and sent to relocation centers in different parts of the country.

Up to the present time about 34,000 of these have been relocated. That is they have left the camps and are now working in different parts of the country. There are about 500 in the state of Iowa. Of these 200 are in the city of Des Moines. They have jobs and are doing well.

There are still 58,000 in camps who have been approved for leave. They are waiting to find jobs in cities, towns and on farms where they will be permitted to work peacefully.

In the Tule Lake camp of northern California there are 18,000 who are not eligible to leave. Space does not permit a complete discussion of the reason for this. However, some have indicated that they preferred Japan to the United States, and others had records that indicated disloyal inclinations.

The Nisei.

Before we entered the war, Americans of Japanese descent, commonly called Nisei, were joining the colors as were other Americans. But some time after Pearl Harbor the War Department advised the Selective Service to discontinue Nisei inductions until further notice.

Thousands of young Nisei in the relocation camps asked for permission to join the army or the navy, and late in the fall of 1942 some of these men were permitted to volunteer. They wanted to prove their loyalty to the United States.

It was a strange thing that in the Hawaiian Islands where the Japanese were far more numerous than in the states nothing had been done to segregate them.

In June 1942 a unit composed almost entirely of Nisei from Hawaii was sent to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. This was the 100th Infantry Battalion. Officers who made the acquaintance of these young men saw that they were real soldiers.

In January 1943, the Secretary of War announced that the army had decided to form a special Nisei combat unit. This would be called the 442nd Combat Team. Men from both Hawaii and the relocation centers in the U. S. would be accepted for enlistment. This unit commenced training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in April, 1943.

The reason why the War Department wanted the Nisei in a special unit was that it would be absolute proof that these men were good citizens, and that they would fight and die for their country.

Meanwhile the 100th Infantry Battalion had gone into action. It took part in the landing at Salerno, Italy. In every major drive through Italy this unit saw action. These men had a job to perform that was doubly difficult. They had to fight the enemy like other Americans, and they had to prove to their country that they could and would fight. What were the results?

On July 27, 1944, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Commander of the Fifth Army, conferred on the 100th Infantry Battalion the War Department's Distinguished Unit Citation.

Furthermore, individual members had won glory. In July 1944 individuals had received 11 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, and three Legion of Merit decorations.

It will be recalled that most of the men of this unit were from Hawaii. Many of them had been killed in action and could not be awarded the honors. When Col. Kendall J. Fielder presented the Purple Hearts to the nearest of kin of 60 of these Nisei soldiers in Honolulu he said, "You are the mothers and fathers, the wives, sisters and brothers of American soldiers who gave their lives for their country . . . Your boy was an American and he fought and died as hosts of good Americans have always done and always will do when the cause of freedom is threatened . . . He knew the sweetness of liberty and he knew the foulness of the totalitarian system for he had seen both of them at first-hand."

The story of the 442nd Combat Team is very similar. This unit landed in Italy in the spring of 1944. It went into action and officers and newspaper men were amazed at the fighting spirit of the group. In a very recent radio broadcast from Italy, Mr. H. V. Kaltenborn spoke most highly of these men. One difficulty was that these soldiers advanced too fast for the supplies.

The Nisei are found in all branches of the service. They are paratroopers, marines, medics, nurses, wacs and infantrymen. They are found in all the fields of battle. Men whose features are oriental and whose ancestors came from Japan helped to capture the Marshalls, Attu, Kiska and the Kwajalein Atoll. They are

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HARRIS A. JESPERSEN, Editor

In Our Youth

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TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear Friends:

Because of the financial condition of "Ungdom", and the dwindling subscription list, it has become necessary to make new plans for a publication to serve the needs of our young people's work. Temporarily, at least, "Ungdom" will become a part of Lutheran Tidings. This arrangement was decided upon by the meeting in Des Moines, upon the kind invitation of the editor of Lutheran Tidings.

I should like to say to the young people of our church: Please read carefully the report of the Des Moines meeting. You will note that considerable ground work was laid for changes in our work. This does not mean that the so-called leaders wish to dictate. It will be your privilege and responsibility to plan to be present at the forthcoming National Convention next summer, with your ideas as to what should be. Please discuss these matters in your local groups. Ask questions through these two pages in Lutheran Tidings, if you wish. Discussion will be welcomed.

In the meantime buy Christmas issues of "Ungdom" 1944, — Price 35 cents.

Sincerely,

Harris A. Jespersen.

Report of the Meeting of Leaders of

THE DANISH AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa
Nov. 15th-16th

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Harald Ibsen, president of The Danish American Young People's League. Following are the names of the people who participated in the meeting. Harald Ibsen, Marius Krog, Holger Strandkov, Howard Christensen, Verner Hansen, Harold Petersen, V. S. Jensen, O. C. Olsen, Johannes Knudsen, Peter Thompson, Charles Terrill, Harris A. Jespersen and Paul Christensen, representing Dist. of Washington and Oregon. The seminary students came into the meeting as their time permitted. There were no representatives from the California and Atlantic Coast Districts.

Rev. Ibsen introduced his remarks to the meeting by stating that he really thought the national leader of our young people's organization should be native born. He felt that the fact that he was born in Denmark was a handicap in his relationship to American youth.

Following are excerpts from his talk: "Our church should be at its best with young people. We are open minded as a church. Youth is open minded. However, we could learn from other groups. For example from the Missouri Synod,

one of whose camps I visited this summer. We may not agree with their ideas, but they do have good order, methods and organization. They have many older men as leaders, who are asked to give the very best they have to offer. Our emphasis is too strongly upon young leaders of our youth.

I have a feeling that some other groups expect too easy answers from their young people. We know that the answers to problems of life are not easy. We wish to help our young people to grow and develop from within. We must help our youth to understand our church and to be loyal to our church. It is important to know what are our own ideals, purposes and hopes.

There is considerable criticism, directed at our young people's work, which says we merely teach our youth to have a good time. This is not true. Our program does include character and personality building. And our young people are serious minded too. But we have been lackadaisical in the matter of order. Youth likes order, in spite of their being full of life. Good work is being done in many of our congregations."

Second speaker, Marius Krog, — excerpts: "We are in agreement as to general principles. The basic principle for which man was created is to enjoy. It must be the aim of the Christian church to help man enjoy life through the divine and the physical. The open minds of our young people need the direction of the church. We must help youth to develop capacities for enjoyment. If we do not do this the opposite will inevitably take place. Youth must not be left upon the threshold of life, — let us invite them inside. Inspired youth is ours for life. A Danish line of poetry sets forth this thought, "Et jævnt og muntert, virksomt liv paa Jord." The Folk High School lived this. Can we put something in place of the Folk School? In some measure we can. Grand View College is doing good work. But GVC reaches only a small part of our youth. Youth is subject to many other forces. Home and church must come to its aid. Folk Schools could create "atmosphere". Camps and conventions can do the same. They do. But locally this is not easily accomplished. We are falling down in the local groups. We have been rugged individualists, we have had our own ideas and have refused to co-operate. If we continue to refuse co-operation our young people's work will disintegrate. As the Folk School opened up the values of history and discussed problems of life, we too must do that. We must pool our efforts and our ideas.

Share them.

Illustrations: 1—Books and reading pool. 2—Dramatics pool. Many plays used are too cheap. They are a waste of time. We must go deeper. 3—Music pool. Interest in music must be developed. Exchange of materials. 4—Art pool. We should own good art. Exchange the use of these things. Help youth to enjoy beauty.

There should be a bible study group in each congregation. Not necessarily conducted by the pastor.

All this should be done in the spirit of the Folk High School.

In each district of our young people's societies we should have an advisor. This group of advisors should act as a clearing house for the sharing plan, and be responsible for stimulating thought and action. We must spend some money on this as we did on 'A World of Song'."

Harald Ibsen: Successful young people's work is built upon our love for the cause.

Third speaker, O. C. Olsen, — excerpts: "It has been said that we want to teach our young people to have a good time. That is right. Help them to be natural. It is not natural for young people to be directly concerned about their relationship to Christ. If they are given a natural and healthy opportunity to enjoy life in a proper way, we may trust them to find the way. It should not be the function of young people's activity to do the work of the church. Let us visit and talk with our youth, find out what is wrong, if anything! Let the young people spend their money for their own activities. Let the church support the Santal Mission."

Fourth speaker, Harris A. Jespersen, — excerpts: Jespersen introduced his talk by reading a letter from Mrs. Viggo Nielsen (Maria Schmidt), in which she expressed her regrets that our youth paper "Ungdom" may be discontinued. She voiced the opinion that it still has a purpose to serve. Maria also expressed her faith in our young people with the hope that the church will learn to work better "with" them and that "the church may become worthy of its youth." Her letter really deserves reprinting in its entirety, but space does not permit. Possibly she can be induced to voice her hope in a future article.

Jespersen said, "It is useless to discuss 'Ungdom' in the same sense it has been discussed hundreds of times. Let us rather investigate new possibilities." He outlined a program of editing a new young people's publication by an editorial committee, with the magazine divided into departments with responsi-

ble associate editors for each department, — materials to be planned well in advance of publication.

At this time the group was organized into a business meeting. Erik Moller was elected chairman, and Harris Jespersen, secretary.

The following discussion is upon the subject of first three speakers.

Harold Petersen: "Youth is part of the community at large as well as of the church. Cooperation with other churches is usually difficult. Cooperation with the community is essential. We wish to keep our own young people. Others are going to present themselves. We must bring these new people into our church even though we may not like the word 'Christianizing'. There is something called Christian Education. Let us try 'Folk School' again for two week periods."

Erik Moller: "Let us get down to the practical problems of our young people's relationship to the church."

Holger Strandskov: "We have not gained new members in our church in comparison to other churches. We need to make our youth feel they are part of our church. We are moving in that direction."

Howard Christensen: "We are more honest with our church statistics than others. Christian life is a whole life. For that reason games and other recreational activities should be part of our church program. It is my experience that a larger per cent of young people come to the communion table than of the older people."

Marius Krog: "May I repeat? There is not enough cooperation among the leaders. We must share substantial helps."

Holger Str.: "In several of our congregations there are as many confirmed members not active members as there are confirmed members who are active members. We have failed in making our young people conscious of our church to such an extent that they will seek that church when they move to other communities."

Harold Petersen: "In some societies there are so many activities that it is impossible to attend all. It has also occurred that a young people's society worked against the interest of the church. The parents resented this and discouraged their young people from attending. I believe a new program will bring others into the fellowship. At present our organization is very loose."

Marius Krog: "Young ministers are usually popular at the outset of their ministry, but times change and we grow older, — the strength of our work must lie in the program rather than in the individual minister."

At this point the chairman of the meeting decided to discontinue discussion and appointed a committee of three to consider point (1) and point (3) in the DAYPL president's agenda as submitted. 1—More coherence between the work of DAYPL and the work of our church. 3—Annual convention of DAYPL, — is convention to be held simultaneously with the synodical con-

vention or separately? Committee number one consisted of Howard Christensen, Marius Krog and Paul Christensen.

Someone questioned the legality of the meeting. After discussing the manner in which it had been called and after consulting the constitution it was concluded that the meeting had the power of a National Convention of DAYPL.

The following discussion is upon the problem of "Ungdom".

Howard Christensen remarked about the debt of our paper, and the fact that there had been few gifts or subsidies the last years.

Terrill: "Many young people are reading 'Ungdom' and would like to see it continue."

Harold Petersen: "'Ungdom' died when O. C. Olsen ceased to be editor."

O. C. Olsen: "The kind of reading in 'Ungdom' is not the kind of material young people will read. An editor must be paid so well that he can do a good job."

Erik Moller: "Ministers are not the only ones who can do the job. And let us not think that spiritual matters can be gotten for nothing."

Peter Thompson: "We must make radical changes or discontinue."

Harris Jespersen: "Let us do more than publish a couple of pages of news items in Lutheran Tidings. If not, let us discontinue."

Paul Christensen: "Let us try a merger with Lutheran Tidings."

V. S. Jensen: "Will a paper fill a need not supplied by other papers? Will the keeping alive of 'Ungdom' serve the purpose of our needs?"

Verner Hansen: "Last year I could not sell the Christmas issue." To which was remarked, "If youth won't read the Christmas issue, what will they read?"

M. Krog: "We must publish more elementary material. Our readers are younger than we realize."

The question was asked, "What is good reading, who are the young people and what do they read?" To which was answered, "Our young people in the societies today are from 14 to 18 years, — and they have not changed since O. C. Olsen's time. They are interested in controversy and not philosophy. They like to read news and reports from camps and conventions."

Holger Strandskov: "Grand View Echo has a pattern for a publication worth considering."

Charles Terrill remarked about the issue of "Ungdom" edited by their young people's group. That he thought was not too well done. But to his surprise and pleasure they had been complimented for their efforts.

Johs. Knudsen: "'Ungdom' was fine years ago; it filled a need. But, if we look into past issues, we will also find a lot of trash. However, at that time Olsen was able to create interest through controversy. Then came a period of turmoil and debt. The debt was paid through the efforts of Johs. and

Harold Knudsen. Now 'Ungdom' has gone through another struggle with the language question and changed conditions. We must find a new way."

A committee of three was appointed to consider the problem of "Ungdom". Committee number two consisted of O. C. Olsen, Harold Petersen and Verner Hansen.

At this point the question of DAYPL National Convention and the synodical convention was injected into the discussion. After a few remarks we were reminded that it was already in committee number one.

Point number two in the president's agenda to the meeting—"Definite plan for work in our young people's societies," now came up for consideration. A committee of three was appointed to report on the ramifications of this point. There was some discussion, but I believe the committee's report, which appears below, adequately reflects this discussion. Committee number three consisted of V. S. Jensen, Charles Terrill and Peter Thompson.

The next discussion was about the necessity for incorporating DAYPL and changes in the National Board to meet requirements for incorporation. It was moved and seconded that we incorporate DAYPL according to eventual conditions and changes. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed (two members) to draw up Articles of Incorporation. Carried. Committee number four consisted of Harald Ibsen and Erik Moller.

End of First Day of Convention.

Next morning, Nov. 16.—Committee number one reported in the form of several mimeographed pages, including revision of the National Constitution of DAYPL. After the meeting had worked about an hour on this report, it became apparent that the two days allotted to this meeting would not give time to even complete this first report. Therefore it became imperative that this report be tabled.

At this point a motion was made, seconded and carried to have a regular National Convention next summer, apart from the Synodical convention. A five man committee was appointed to give more thorough consideration to the problems involved in the above report, to be considered at the convention. This committee consists of Paul Christensen, Howard Christensen, Charles Terrill, Marius Krog and Clayton Nielsen.

Motion seconded, carried to adopt plan of representation at the National Convention as passed by Districts three years ago.

Plan: "Each society belonging to the DAYPL shall be given the right of representation at the national convention by one delegate having one vote. Outlying districts (II and VII) shall have the right to send one delegate who shall have three votes. Each of the National Board members shall have one vote."

Consideration now was given to report of committee on "Ungdom".

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The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Budget summary for 1944-45:

Grand View College -----	\$ 5,000.00
Pension Fund -----	5,000.00
Home Mission Work -----	10,050.00
Children's Home, Tyler -----	500.00
Children's Home, Chicago -----	500.00
Administration -----	2,100.00
Equalization Fund -----	500.00
Total -----	\$23,600.00

This budget was allocated to each of the nine districts according to the decision made at a conference between the synod board and the district presidents or representatives of the district presidents as follows:

District I ----	\$ 2,500.00 (10.60%)	927 contr. mem. (14.02%)
District II ---	2,400.00 (10.12%)	871 contr. mem. (13.18%)
District III --	4,050.00 (17.12%)	825 contr. mem. (12.48%)
District IV --	5,100.00 (21.50%)	1,243 contr. mem. (18.81%)
District V ---	2,650.00 (11.22%)	695 contr. mem. (10.52%)
District VI --	2,350.00 (10.00%)	593 contr. mem. (8.97%)
District VII -	2,200.00 (9.30%)	653 contr. mem. (9.89%)
District VIII.	1,400.00 (5.92%)	456 contr. mem. (6.89%)
District IX --	1,000.00 (4.22%)	346 contr. mem. (5.24%)

Totals \$23,650.00 100% 6,609 contr. mem. 100%

The cost of living has risen about 25 or 30 per cent since 1939. It costs more to operate any institution these days. It also costs more to operate Grand View College. Fuel, food and salaries are higher. The student body although proportionately larger than anticipated is small for very obvious reasons. It also costs to maintain the buildings and grounds in good repair and appearance. This has been done excellently. When we are only asking \$5,000.00 from the budget collection of the synod it is due to an increased income earned by the endowment fund of the college. (See Annual Report 1944, pages 44-45). We expect an even better return this year. The college and seminary hope to increase the enrollment with the coming of the peace and the realization of the improvement and expansion program planned by the Jubilee committee and Board of Education of the college. There is a total attendance of over fifty students among whom about 12 are seminary or pre-seminary students.

The Pension Fund asks a similar amount to that of last year. At present there are about 23 pensioners getting \$250.00 each annually. This is according to the decision reached at last year's convention when the pensions were increased by 25 per cent. It is still a very modest amount to ask a person to get along on. Besides the \$5,000.00 that we ask to have donated on the budget collection lists, through offerings from congregations and by ladies' aid societies, other organizations and individuals, we expect to have an income of about \$2,000.00 from the Pension Endowment Fund. The ministers also contribute according to a certain scale. If the Pension Endowment Fund was doubled in size we could give a much bigger pension. Remember that, if you make out your own will or help someone else do it. Or just give war bonds or cash to that fund.

Home Mission Work needs a greater amount this year than usual. The support of our papers: Kirk. Samler, Luth. Tid. and Child's Friend necessitates this. More than \$6,000.00 are used for this important mission work. It greatly facilitates communications to have Lutheran Tidings reach all our homes. It stimulates the work and enriches our Christian fellowship. Much closer ties have developed among our East and West districts and those in the center due to Lutheran Tidings and Kirk. Samler-Dannevirke. Our home mission work in Canada, although at present going slow due to the war, may pick up, if immigration develops after the war. An ambitious Home Mission program is in the process of developing and will be heard about more in detail in the future.

The Children's Homes ask for only a small sum. The good these homes do can hardly be measured in terms of money. We are happy to have them function for the relief and im-

provement of unfortunate children. The one at Tyler also houses old people. The synod's Old People's Home at Des Moines is being cared for through its own funds and the income received from those who live there. This work of kindness and benevolence to the very young and the old folks should have our wholehearted sympathy and support. The Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, owned and operated as a joint affair by the two Danish synods does not have a place on the budget either. It is well to keep informed and in sympathy with the work being done there. It merits our confidence and generous support.

The Administration and Equalization items hardly need to be explained. The necessary expenses to pay salaries of synod officers, telegrams and telephones, postage and various other items are being taken care of through these funds.

I believe it is important that we remember that our synod has adopted the Santal Mission as its foreign mission and that we have some of our own missionaries engaged in its program. We should not forget to support the Seamen's Mission under the care of the church at Brooklyn and its pastor, Dr. Dorf. But remember, send your contributions direct to these responsible leaders for the following activities:

Santal Mission: Miss Dagmar Miller, Tyler, Minn.

Seamen's Mission: Rev. A. T. Dorf, 193 Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute: Rev. Ingward Andersen, Brush, Colo.

Old People's Home: Mr. Henrik Ries, 1101 Grand View Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Send all your other gifts and donations either direct or through your church treasurer to Mr. Olaf R. Juhl, 4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn. He will receipt for it and credit your congregation on its synodical quota for whatever amount you remit. This holds true also for the ladies' aid societies or any other church organization or individual.

Last year our synod budget was collected almost 106 per cent. We asked for \$22,700.00 and received \$24,036.30. Almost all congregations exceeded their quotas. It is a source of gratitude to know that we as children of God can cooperate to that extent. We know that we can do nothing of ourselves. Jesus said to His disciples: "Without Me ye can do nothing." May God through His Spirit and the power of His Word, the living Savior Jesus Christ, so unify and inspire us to all good deeds that we can meet next summer for our convention with a realization that we "did what we could." May we keep the home fires burning waiting patiently for our boys and girls to return from the war and may God comfort all those whose son or daughter do not return and may He be near all of us in life and death.

With greetings of love and good cheer to all fellow workers in the Danish Church.

Alfred Jensen.

November 28, 1944

1232 Penn Ave., Des Moines 16, Iowa

District IV Convention, Cedar Falls, November 10-12

It was a good meeting. We generally say that meetings are good. Probably it is because it is good just to meet with friends. Probably it is because we do come just a little closer to the world as it was first created when God saw that it was good. I may well begin with saying that the folks in Cedar Falls were good hosts. They received us well. And their pastor, Holger Nielsen, revealed his rural heritage by being a very good chore boy. Many people hardly realize the importance of the local pastor's work during a convention. It is his job to see that all is as it should be and be on the spot ready to run errands when an errand boy is needed. Yes, the weather was good, the meals were good, the faces of those who met there looked good — yes, it was a good meeting.

No, I did not forget the messages and the discussions at our business meetings. Here I hate to commit myself. I discussed the message of one man with a friend; I liked it, my friend failed to get his point. I have also noticed that the eloquent speaker generally makes a hit whether he says anything or not while the poor speaker with a message is often not appreciated. So, what I might say about the good messages at the meeting may not be the opinion of others who attended it. I can think of no message at the Cedar Falls meeting that I, personally, disliked. And there was warmth and power in many of the words spoken. There should be. After all, it was a church meeting. And yet, I fear that most of us who speak at church meetings are too conscious of ourselves. We want our audience to like us. Speakers are too afraid to stick out their necks which they must do if they have a message to proclaim or a cause for which they must plead. In my estimation there was only one truly powerful message at the meeting and that was Rev. Alfred Jensen's message Sunday afternoon when he spoke on "Our Share in Building a World Community." That does not mean that he spoke more eloquently than others nor that his subject was beyond dispute but simply that he put his whole self into the task of proclaiming something which truly had his whole heart.

I might say somewhat the same for Dr. Johannes Knudsen's lecture Sunday evening when he spoke on "The Outlook for the Future of Christian Education". It was evident throughout Knudsen's message that he spoke on a subject close to his heart.

When I single out these two it is because the men speaking had given themselves to a proclamation. That does not mean that their's were the only good words spoken. I felt a deep gratitude, for instance, for Rev. Juhl's inspiring message Saturday morning when he spoke of the living Christ who breaks through even closed doors to fearful hearts open to receive Him, using as his text, John 20; 19-23. Rev. Frost, in opening the meeting on Friday afternoon spoke on "The Open Door to the Churches" speaking from Rev. 4.

Rev. Ammentorp spoke Friday evening on "Friendship", pointing to the relationship of Martha and Mary to Jesus. I did not attend the Saturday evening mission meeting where Rev. V. S. Jensen spoke. On Saturday afternoon Rev. Ernest Nielsen introduced an afternoon of discussion, centering primarily on aspects of Religious Education. His topic was "Bases for Delinquency", giving a number of illustrations and possible cures. The discussion, however, as most discussion periods go, did not stay with his subject, but since the understanding was that the discussion should center in Religious Education many different opinions were expressed during the afternoon.

There were two church services Sunday morning. The first was in the Danish language and at this service Rev. Harald Ibsen preached the sermon. Rev. Harold Petersen preached at the English service which followed and Rev. Hakon Jorgensen spoke briefly inviting those who were present to partake in Holy Communion. Sunday evening after Dr. Knudsen's message, a small California breeze swept across the assembly as Rev. Niels Nielsen from Easton-Parlier gave us a greeting from the coast state and then spoke briefly on "Death and Life".

The business meeting followed the conventional pattern. The roll call showed that 21 delegates and 10 pastors were present. Minutes were read from the meeting in Des Moines last year, the treasurer gave his report showing a balance of \$340.72 which harmonized well with Iowa prosperity. Rev. Frost, district president, read his report which led to very worth while and fruitful discussions. Actual decisions at the meeting were few. Our quota to the synod received brief attention and each congregation's quota was allocated which read as follows: Cedar Falls, \$863.00; Waterloo, \$487.00; Hampton, \$251.00; Kimballton, \$719.00; Freds-ville, \$791.00; Oak Hill, \$245.00; Exira, \$76.00; Ringsted, \$376.00; Des Moines, \$458.00; Newell, \$772.00; Moorhead, \$62.00. We decided to allocate our district quota to Lutheran World Action next year on the basis of contributing members instead of confirmed members.

The financial difficulties of the Young People's Home in Des Moines were discussed and then left to the district board to help as they saw fit. The district board for the coming year is, Rev. A. E. Frost, president; Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, secretary; and Sophus Hermansen, treasurer. Holger Nielsen was elected to succeed Harold Petersen, and Sophus Hermansen was re-elected, both to serve for two years.

The convention also voted to donate \$100.00 to the Santal Mission and \$75.00 to Anne Marie Petersen who is known for her work with the Porto Nova Mission.

I shall only refer to some of the good discussions centering on Rev. Frost's good and thorough report. One of these was "The Returning Soldier". Attention was called to valuable material being published on that subject.

A long discussion centered on Home Mission work. Rev. Frost wrote in his report: "The baptized membership in District IV as reported last spring showed a combined increase of 69 members in eight congregations and a decrease of 55 members in the remaining three congregations. Whether this situation was due to a more accurate check-up of the records than previously I am unable to say. The fact remains, however, that we are barely holding our own although statistics laid before us at a pastors' meeting last winter in Waterloo showed that there are about 700,000 unchurched people in the state of Iowa. I know that there are many in my own locality."

A strong plea was made for all the congregations to support the Ministers' pension fund.

I wish to quote another portion of Rev. Frost's report which received considerable attention and would have received more if time had not run out on us. He writes, "Our church record of communicant members seems to indicate that the attendance at communion services in our congregations is quite good. However, during the past eight months I have kept a private record of the names of all those who have partaken in the Lord's Supper in St. Ansgar's church and at communion services in the hospitals and the homes. From this observation I found that our method of counting communicant members is very deceiving. The total number of communicants so far this year amounts to 203 and this would indicate a slight increase above last year. But in reality only 125 persons or about 55 per cent of our confirmed membership actually have partaken of the Lord's Supper. This observation re-

veals to me that the same people return from time to time to the communion table and that is good. But about 40 or 50 per cent of our confirmed membership never seek spiritual nourishment at the Lord's Supper and I presume that a similar situation exists in other congregations. Very few of our people would think of doing without the Sacrament of Baptism, but only about half of our confirmed members seem to feel any need of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Now, this observation leaves with me some very serious questions which I would like to have you help me answer. Can it be that we have failed to preach the whole gospel of God's means of grace through Jesus Christ? Or is the cause to be found in the lack of thorough Christian education, for instance, back in their confirmation class? Or is this condition the result of the modern religious conception that man is able to save himself?"

Every good meeting has its touches of humor. There was for instance the oversight of including our synodical president with the pastors of the district with voting privilege. Don't worry, he voted. Then there was Rev. Hakon Jorgensen who suddenly during the discussion period felt inspired to say something. Evidently he had just filled his mouth with an oversized chew or jawbreaker. We all enjoyed his action of manipulating this bulge in the cheek while he spoke. Then there was Rev. Nielsen announcing at the end of Rev. Ibsen's sermon that the English service would begin at 10:30. He forgot that Ibsen was no exception to the myth that preachers can't get through on time. It was already 10:35 when he made the announcement and still two hymns to sing.

One of the best hours of the meeting occurred after the meeting had formally been ended. We met in the "gym" where our hosts had coffee ready for us. Suddenly one or two began to sing and it was quite evident that it was meant neither as solo or duet. Others took the clue, the Danish song books were found and for most of an hour we filled the room with good Danish songs. I can still see Rev. V. S. Jensen, big and stalwart, and Editor Bang, a mere dwarf beside Jensen, both singing with all the power they could muster. It was a delightful hour.

We left feeling very grateful to the Cedar Falls congregation for inviting us when the typhoid epidemic cancelled the meeting earlier which was to have been held in Kimballton. We hope that next year we may meet in Kimballton.

Harold Petersen.

From Dwight, Ill.

The Willing Workers' Society of St. Peter's, Dwight, Ill., held its annual mission meeting on Nov. 15.

It was guest day for the society and members of the Danish Ladies' Aid of our church and the Ladies' Aid of St. John's Church of Gardner were in attendance. With other interested people we were about 85 people present.

Dagmar Miller was our guest speaker. Very interestingly Miss Miller told us of the great work being done in Santalistan through our mission there. We, as well as the missionaries, have a part in this great work among the Santals. The quota set for this branch

of our work this year is \$6,000. We responded to Miss Miller's talk by taking a collection for Santal Mission amounting to \$58.26.

For the past several years we have held joint mission meetings of the three societies represented at this meeting. We feel that we accomplish most in this way.

Miss Miller, who through her years of work as our missionary, has been close to us in our hearts, minds and thoughts, did much to make this meeting one that we feel will bear fruit among us.

Mrs. Jens Spandet.

Glimpses of Our Santal Mission

Nimesarai, 1936.

This area of the Malda District in North Bengal is prolific with Hindu and Mohammedan historic events which cannot be taken up at all in this brief sketch, be they ever so interesting. Distinct Bengali work by our Mission was organized by Kampp and with its center at Naraiupur built as we have seen, in 1924. Hindus enjoy speaking Santals as — "Dogs". The first two Bengali pastors ordained were: Mayumdar, from a neighboring Bengal Mission 1929, and the veteran Headmaster from Koerabani Boys' School, Srinath, in 1930. One reason for the repeated appeals from the Malda District to our conference to take over the Bengali work was, very likely, the fact of our Santal work in that area. As mentioned, these appeals were finally accepted by our Mission. Kampps moved there to pioneer in 1936.

Sigfred Johansens, having arrived in 1935, were by 1936, so far mastering the language, they were put in charge of the work at Narainpur including the outstations in Rampur Het and Nalhati, both R. R. towns, and besides — the village work — inexhaustible!

The Kampps found the most suitable of available sites for a Mission Station for Bengali work at Nimeserai, a couple of miles outside the R. R. station. As pioneering includes the innumerable activities so here—teaching, preaching, building, etc. Kampps too, carried on until 1937 furlough time took them to Denmark.

On Jan. 1st Misses Sofie Nessel and Inger Malmstrøm moved into the home finished at Nimeserai. Unfortunately, both became ill, very ill, but Miss Nessel recovered so as to organize and carry on the Girls' School. Miss Malmstrøm, who was still studying Bengali, was harassed first by a very severe infection of typhoid and, struggling bravely to overcome this, she was attacked with gallstones. So within that year, 1938, Inger Malmstrøm and those who watched with her, went through anguishing days. Her operation took place in the fall of that year as soon as surgeons in the Welsh Mission hospital in Skillong advised.

A Women's Mission Station was to be founded and built amidst the people — Santals and Bengals of Molda District. Kampp returned alone in 1939 for a three year term, affording him the privilege to return to Denmark to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. We all know who moved into Denmark on April 9th, 1940 — and stopped this — and a few other plans.

D. M.



GETTING CLOSER

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, By Dr. Ernest Kaper, Translated by Rev. L. C. Bundgaard.

Martin Luther made one of his boldest strokes when he wrote his catechism and placed it in the hands of the German people. Here were the high lights of Holy Writ in a form which the common man could learn to master. Nothing like it had ever appeared before. How different from the Latin rites of the church and the terrifying superstitions called religion. It was a godsend and a classic. Four centuries have paid constant tribute to the genius of Martin Luther by using his manual extensively.

The original intention with the catechism was to teach the ignorant clergy of the land how they should go about instructing the lay-people in the Christian principles. The common people could not read and so it was necessary to repeat the sentences over and over until they had been learned by heart. And the system of learning the catechism by rote has been followed ever since, even though it is the most deadly way of learning the truths of Christianity; — it leads to thoughtlessness, boredom and resentment. I do not believe it is stressing it too far to say that by this method Luther's catechism became the most hated book in all Christendom.

There is no getting around it; Luther wrote his textbook in basic Christianity chiefly with the pastors and adults in mind, rather than for the children. They came in only as an after-thought. It has been the ill fortune of these many confirmation classes that no one thought of placing them closer to the center of the picture, since it was they who had to swallow the manual with or without appreciation.

Fortunately, it has been realized that there is dire need for a new initiative in religious education. The cry for a different approach has become a steady crescendo. New religious manuals are appearing with increasing frequency. But the authors, even though they are trying to blaze new trails for religious instructions, keep on paying tribute to Luther by including his Little Catechism in the pages of their new books. However, underneath the homage to the great reformer there is a dissatisfaction which will not be ignored. There is a groping for a new and better way.

Among the many new religious manuals which have appeared on the market, here and in Denmark, "**Kort Laerebog, Indførelse i Kristendommen**", by Dr. Ernest Kaper is one of the outstanding. There can be no question that Kaper's approach is much closer to the child's mind than that of Martin Luther, who only made a half-hearted attempt to reach the children. Kaper's book has been ably translated by Rev. Bundgaard who calls it, Introduction to the Christian Re-

ligion. (Luth. Publ. House, Blair Nebr.). I dare say, it is just as good and in many ways better than most similar material to which we have access in America. But there is also this to be said, that Kaper's manual was written with the children of Denmark in mind; children who receive regular religious instruction all through the grade school. They come to the confirmation class better acquainted with the contents of the Bible than the children of America who have spent far less time receiving religious instruction, even though they have attended Sunday school for years. I have this experience in common with many other pastors of our synod that the ignorance of religion which we find in most of the children whom we receive for confirmation is amazing, to say the least. They know who Captain Midnight, Skee-zics, Orphan Annie, and Superman are, but they are at loss with the names of Noah, Abraham, David, Simon Peter and Paul. And that makes a difference in the approach which must be used.

While I am ready to hail Bundgaard's translation as a fine step in the right direction, I know that the many allusions and references in the books which will register quickly in the minds of the catechumen of Denmark, will mean absolutely nothing to the greater part of the children over here. This is not a blemish upon Kaper's catechism, but upon the religious instruction in America.

I extend my personal gratitude to Rev. Bundgaard for giving us this translation, but I am still not satisfied. It should be possible to get still closer to what we need for the children of our day and age. Here is a project for the Publication Committee of our synod to sponsor. In the meantime I recommend the use of Kaper's book to my fellow pastors.

Near the end of the book Rev. Bundgaard has some fine little essays dealing with questions which are close to the adolescent mind. These alone make the pages a fine book to place in the hands of the young people, and a help to the pastor to get closer to their hearts.

Marius Krog.

Chicago, Ill. Oct. 20, 1944

THE SECOND CHRISTMAS, By John Hayes Holmes.

To many people a book is a most welcome Christmas gift. Seldom do we find a more appropriate Christmas gift-book than "The Second Christmas", a trilogy of stories, by John Hayes Holmes, pastor of the Community Church of New York City. It is published by The MacMillan Company, New York City (Price \$1.25).

Dr. Holmes is a widely known and beloved preacher, writer and traveler. Among his other widely read books are, "Re-thinking Religion", "Palestine Today and Tomorrow", "Out of Darkness", and a play "If This Be Treason", which was produced by the New York Theatre Guild in 1935.

The Second Christmas is the first story of the trilogy. The others are "The True Song of the Inn Keeper" and "The Wise Men Come to Herod". All three stories which are built on a combination of historical facts and fancy bring home the Christmas message with unusual vividness and power. The book has a bright red binding with white lettering.

Nanna Goodhope.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

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also fighting and dying in Burma and India.

So many stories of personal heroism on the part of these Japanese-Americans have appeared in the papers that it is not possible to tell all of them. However, there is the story of Ben Kuroki which should be mentioned. His father was a potato grower near Hershey, Nebr. Two days after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for the Air Corps. He became a gunner. He has taken part in thirty missions over enemy territory. He took part in the very dangerous bombing of the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. He has received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the highly coveted Air Medal with four oak-leaf clusters. It is a high

tribute to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco that it arranged a celebration for Ben Kuroki in the spring of 1944.

That our War Department has been convinced that Japanese-Americans are good citizens is proved by the fact that the Nisei are now inducted into the service just like other young Americans.

A great wrong was done to thousands of Japanese-Americans when they were torn from their homes and communities. The War Department has admitted as much. Let Christians do all they can to right this wrong. If there is one of these persons working in your community, say a kind word to him. Or better still, invite him to your home and your church.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

In order to maintain at all times a proper attitude in their relationship toward each other the church and the homes should always be eager to listen to the voice of one another. Each represents an institution which is so well fundamentally established that apparently none of them need the support of the other.

I may mention a third factor in the set up of the social functions of man: The state. This together with the other two: The home and the church, are the three institutions which in our opinion are indispensable to society. They may function each in their own way and in their own particular fields; it is but right that they should do so, but when they also begin to function independently of one another without any consideration of each other, then the errors begin to appear and a breakdown is imminent.

What the world would be without these is perhaps a little difficult for some of us to perceive. We are so used to have them that the thought of not having them never entered our minds. The home is for shelter; the church is for spiritual consolation and comfort, and the state is for our protection. Man's security depends upon the stability of the state to give him the protection he needs. His earnings must be safeguarded. Food and clothing for himself and his family must be bought for a part of his earnings. A man is no richer than the worth in money of his labor; he must be protected against exploitation; this is the state's business to provide such protection.

A man's home is his castle. A home may be so many things. It may be a kingdom, and a paradise; above all it should be a place of peacefulness and rest; it is a building, but it is also a life lived together by the members of the family. Again the function of the state must be emphasized, for unless the right of man to build his home and to maintain it with the effort of his labor and its monetary value is protected by the state there can be no security and no peace of mind to enjoy the comfort of a temporary home.

The church is in a social sense the most unimportant of the three institutions. It was built under protest and without the protection of the state. At a time when neither man's home nor his labor was respected by the state the Christian church made its humble beginning in the hearts of men. It moved forward to greater and greater strength through persecution and suffering. Instead of personal security denied the poorer class by the state Christianity became a spiritual security of heart and soul which gave them the strength to bear the burdens which normally would have crushed them.

The time came when the church was recognized by the state and went about its task protected by state powers.

But again today mighty world pow-

Our Church

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Portland, Maine—A joint Luther League meeting of the Portland and vicinity area was scheduled for Sunday evening, Dec. 3rd in St. Ansgar's church where Rev. Johannes Pedersen is the pastor. Rev. Otto Nielsen of Westbrook, Me., and Rev. A. Olsen of Portland were invited as speakers.

Greenville, Mich.—Some time ago we reported in these columns that Rev. C. A. Stub was now conducting services regularly every Sunday morning in the city of Greenville in addition to the original four churches he serves in the Montcalm County, Mich., area. A Sunday school is now conducted also in Greenville and the enrollment is constantly increasing. The two Ladies' Aids, respectively of Greenville and Trufant have recently had their annual bazaars with a combined net income of over \$500.00. The South Sidney Ladies' Aid introduced a new idea at its bazaar, by having the members of the Young People's Society help serve the supper. The young people were then allowed a certain percentage for the treasury of their society.

Correction: In the last issue of L. T. we brought a news item in this column entitled "Gathering Enjoyed". By mistake the name of the community was omitted. We apologize to the Withee, Wis., Men's club for the omission, as your report indicated a very festive program.

Omaha, Nebr.—At a recent meeting of the Men's club of Our Savior's Church, Mr. O. C. Olsen introduced the following topic for discussion: "The Future Education of Our Youth". After considerable discussion of the subject it was decided to write Director F. J. Brown of Washington, D. C., on behalf of the Men's club. We have succeeded in getting the following report about this meeting which we are happy to submit to our readers:

Education in Review — An Appeal for Folk Schools.

The following are extracts from a recent article in New York Times:

"To determine ways of helping those institutions in need of funds to remain open, the House of Representatives Committee on Education is conducting a study of higher education.

In an unusual move the House committee appointed an advisory board of

ers have undertaken to disregard the sacredness of the home and of man's right to use for himself and his family the equivalent value of his labor. The church, for offering spiritual protection to the persecuted, and holding high the banner of its crucified Lord and Master, is today facing its real enemy.

Within us lives the church; the home and the state are for us to live in.

nationally prominent educators to explore the field on the college and university level and bring forth recommendations for possible legislative action.

Information on the financial needs, enrollment, administrative problems, personnel, and on means by which the government can help maintain the institutions at their high level is being sought from the 1800 colleges and universities of this country. In the light of the replies the committee will formulate a specific program."

Under the direction of Dr. F. J. Brown and Dean H. C. Olsen of Dartmouth the committee has mapped a survey of the field of education.

The above mentioned action of Congress together with an address on folk schools delivered by C. A. Olsen at the recent conference on Post War Problems, held at Antioch College, was made the subject of discussion at the Men's club of our church in Omaha, resulting in the following appeal to the director of the above mentioned study:

"We are heartily in favor of the idea of the proposed action, but the academic schools are reaching only a small proportion of the youth of our country. The future welfare of the nation depends not alone on the academically trained youth but also, and perhaps to a larger degree, upon the 90 per cent of our youth not academically trained.

This youth can be reached through the people's college, an educational institution which has played such an important part in the life of the Scandinavian countries.

At the recent conference on the Post War Community, held at Antioch College, the form of education of the people's college was discussed, and we quote from an address delivered there:

"The people's college is of the people, by the people and for the people; its purposes and methods are determined by and are responsive to their needs. Its main objective is the development of personal character, rather than the giving of specialized, technical instruction. Its purpose is to prepare young men and women for a more effective and abundant life at the "level" of family and community living rather than for vocational activity at the professional level.

It seeks to awaken the inner life of its students and to give them a sense of human, national and spiritual fellowship. It would create a genuine culture of the heart and mind, which, projected into everyday living, produce better men and women, and therefore better farmers and artisans, more wholesome and happier community, and thereby a wealthier and healthier national being.

The people's college is a school for life, akin in spirit, philosophy and method to the famous folk schools of Denmark, but growing out of our American soil of home and community, nurtured by the hopes, ideals and visions of our national life and being.

The primary function of a people's

college is to teach young people to live, not merely how to make a living.

To some the people's college does not seem practical, since it is neither academic nor vocational. But it is profoundly practical, because it is concerned primarily with those factors and forces which are the fundament and source of culture and community.

Its philosophy, its technique, its structure and its fashion, all are concerned significantly and fundamentally with the basic, controlling factors of civilization.

As an illustration, Danish agriculture is organized on a system more thorough and scientific than that of most countries. Yet it is the folk schools, which deliberately pass by much of the "wordly practical", which are credited with this remarkable achievement, and not the many excellent, local agricultural schools."

The folk schools of Denmark are all endowed by the state. In the United States attempts are being made to carry on similar educational enterprises. This can not be done without outside aid, any more than our higher educational schools can exist without support of endowment funds or state aid.

We would appeal to this Congressional committee that it recommend to Congress also to offer aid to such educational enterprises as the people's college. We have undoubtedly groups in these United States who could and would, to a larger extent than it is now being done, sponsor such colleges if they were encouraged by the offer of financial aid.

Respectfully submitted.

This letter brought a prompt reply from Director Brown. While he questioned the desirability of seeking to create such schools by legislation he gave assurance of his agreement as to the value of such schools; promised to bring the appeal to the attention of the advisory committee and use every effort to carry out at least the spirit of the recommendation.

TO OUR YOUTH

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Report; Majority — moves:

1—That there be a revision of the contents of the paper and its name.

2.—That a committee of two be appointed to assist the editor in making such a change.

3—That this committee also seeks means for providing for the financing of the paper.

O. C. Olsen.

Verner Hansen.

Minority — moves:

1—That "Ungdom" be discontinued in its present form with the Dec. 1944 issue.

2—That a committee of three (not necessarily from this meeting) be appointed at this meeting to study the possibilities of a new youth paper considering such angles as the demand, the support, its financial backing and general appearance and content.

3—That this committee has some definite plans for presentation at the 1945 convention.

4—That this committee try to find someone who is willing and capable of editing a youth paper.

5—That the editor of such a paper be solely responsible for contents and assistants.

6—That a page in Lutheran Tidings would not be a sufficient substitute for a young people's paper, but that we should encourage such a page even as a supplement to a paper.

7—That advance payments be added to the debt and paid. Likewise, as far as possible to collect payments due "Ungdom".

Harold Petersen.

There was considerable discussion. Motion was made to vote on the point of continuing or not continuing "Ungdom". The vote was in favor of not continuing "Ungdom". It was apparent, however, that there was confusion and uncertainty in the minds of many. Motion to reconsider, carried.

The final decision reads as follows:

"That the tradition of 'Ungdom' be carried on with two pages in Lutheran Tidings until the National Convention of DAYPL. That a committee of two be appointed by the president of DAYPL and the chairman of the meeting to work with the editor of 'Ungdom' in a study of conditions for a new publication. To report at National Convention."

Committee number four on Articles of Incorporation reported. The Articles were read by Harald Ibsen and accepted by the meeting.

To conform to demands made by Incorporation Articles (that two members of the National Board must live in Iowa for a certain length of time) a secretary must be elected. Harold Petersen was nominated, seconded and elected. The office of secretary to supercede the office of "Ungdom" representative.

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Committee number three on program material reported.

Report:

Point No. I—Your committee recommends that the young people's meetings begin with a devotional period. We find that it is a good practice that all of the young people pray the **Lord's Prayer** together.

Point No. II—**The Program.** In accordance with the purpose clause of the D. A. Y. P. L. constitution your committee recommends an active young people's program which shall include these four elements: 1—religious; 2—educational; 3—social; 4—business.

We find that it is well to devote a whole meeting to one or other of these aspects.

Point No. III—Your committee would encourage that programs be arranged with special speakers, and that at such programs the congregations be invited.

Point No. IV—Your committee recommends that the national board of D. A. Y. P. L., together with the district presidents, elect a committee of five (5) to investigate and present possible program material. The expenses of this committee to be defrayed by the D. A. Y. P. L. treasury.

Rev. V. S. Jensen.

Rev. Charles Terrell.

Peter Thomsen.

Point number IV in the committee's report was, after considerable discussion, eventually seconded and carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that each society be requested to contribute \$5.00 to the National Treasury for this purpose.

Moved, seconded and carried that mimeograph machine belonging to DAYPL be sold.

Moved, seconded and carried that expenses on the part of individuals at this meeting not paid by other agencies be paid out of the National Treasury.

Meeting adjourned.

Harris A. Jespersen, secretary.

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