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Come, Christmas, With Peace!

Church bells are ringing; Church bells are calling:
Christmas morning is here with gladness,
Breaks through the night of fear and sadness.
Even the tired and fearful eyes
See through the mist a dawn arise.
Come, Christmas with light!

Church bells are ringing; Church bells are calling:
Christmas morning with peace unending
Came to our world from God descending.
Bethlehem's child to earth has brought
Peace among men and peace with God.
Come, Christmas with peace!

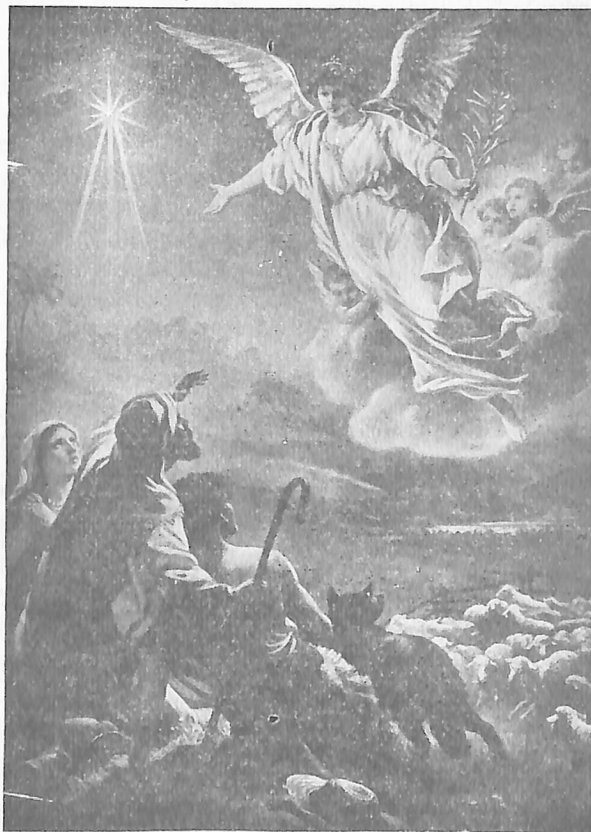
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Church bells are ringing; Church bells are calling:
He, who lay in the manger sleeping,
He is our hope in this valley of weeping:
Now man no longer to death is slave,
Bethlehem's star shines o'er the grave.
Come, Christmas with hope!

Church bells are ringing; Church bells are calling:
Lift your voice in the pilgrim's chorus;
Follow the star that goes before us
Now as it did for the men who came
Out of the East to Bethlehem!
Come, Christmas with joy!

Vilh. Malling.

Translated by S. D. Rodholm.



A
Blessed
Christmas

Peace
in the
New Year

TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY!

A Christmas Prayer

O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

The human heart will always rejoice in Christmas and the assurance it gives of God's grace and kindness. There will always be room for the message of good cheer, of good will and peace, no matter how much at war we may find ourselves. Christmas will survive all wars and at last triumph. For Christmas is God's supreme gift to men, a gift so pure and powerful that no enemy will in the end be able to resist.

It seems that both the mind and heart of man as well as God's mind and heart meet and merge at the Christmas crossroads. It is for this simple reason that Christmas will conquer. "God and sinners reconciled" that is the avowed purpose of Christmas.

Because of God's Christmas gift; His only Son, it was made possible for us to believe in such reconciliation. He works in us both to will and to do. We are no longer left to our own volition, our own determination and forced efforts to be good. Such is the nature of Christmas that God somehow manages to make it easy for us to will and to do that which is good, to believe in the final victory of life with God, of reconciliation with Him.

Our main shortcoming and our most monstrous sin is to abbreviate Christmas and confine it within a short period of time and a few places around the homes of men. Christmas must cover the entire earth and at all times. Until that time comes we will have wars and saddening conflicts, distress of soul and heart.

The first Christmas night has been multiplied through its many successors and it has gathered volume and strength as it has rolled on through centuries and continents. It has gained, not lost. Tyrants and oppressors of men have sought to stay the course of Christmas, to malign it, to libel and damn it with faint praise, but it has no rival, it knows no defeat, it cannot be enslaved or put in chains. Its origin is with God, it is born within His everlasting design for the salvation of His children.

These times try the souls of men. But the souls of men need to be tried in order that these may find and build upon the foundations that God has laid from the beginning and which he will cause to stand forevermore. Therefore, also through these sad years of sorrow and death, a conviction is created within us about Christmas and its place and final victory.

So much of the usual pride and sham is being replaced with that which has eternal value. I can wish for nothing better at this Christmas time for myself and all my friends and fellow members in the Danish Church, than a growing consciousness and conviction about the true values inherent in the Christmas message and spirit and the importance of nourishing its impact upon the souls and hearts of men under all circumstances. Only at Christmas is it given for men freely to live as Christians. We will work and pray for the day when it shall be God's Christmas over all the world forevermore.

A happy Christmas and new year in our Saviour's name.

Alfred Jensen.

New Year After Winter Hoary

A Christmas Greeting to the Young People in the Armed Forces Out in the Wide World!

God bless you wherever you are at the present moment on land, in air or on the sea. A greater benediction can not be given to anyone than God's blessing. He has loved you with an everlasting love and His love endureth forever.

He is near you even if you do not see Him. "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me," said David of old.

Christ was never alone on this earth but always had communion with His heavenly father. Paul has this statement to make: In Him the Lord, we live, and move, and have our being and He is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart, so also does John tell us: "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men."

And what a chain of promises we have in God's word. Just one example: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Can we think of a greater promise given by the almighty God.

First God, His blessing, His love, His protection and then love from home and your congregation. "We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord." In one sense you are not far away from home. All the blessed memories of a good home will be in your heart as a great inheritance and valuable treasure. In the spirit you can see everything in the land far away: the old homestead with the barns and the windmill, the dining room with the table decorated Christmas eve, the Christmas tree with all the lights and the gifts underneath. You can hear us sing: "Be welcome again, God's angels bright, from mansions of light and glory, to publish anew this wintry night the news of your joyful story; Ye herald to all that yearn for light New Year after winter hoary." And the church bell calling, calling, and other tones!

On the other hand your home is brought to you through our best thoughts, letters, boxes and daily prayers for you. We read so much about bridgeheads these days; we will not forget the bridge of love from heart to heart, from heaven to earth.

We thank you for days past; we sincerely hope to have you with us again. We trust you and are convinced that you will do your duty wherever you are placed. It was to those on duty, the shepherds, that the angel of the Lord came with the good tidings, and they were the first missionaries; "for when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

There may be those among the armed forces who have not been blessed with a good home inheritance, a Sunday School teaching and the communion of saints. You may be able to influence them through

your way of living. For "the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

In the last line of the verse referred to above we have these words: "New Year after winter hoary." That is what you are fighting for, that is what we are all longing for and we hope it will be here ere long. Until then just these words in conclusion: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issue of life."

Today the sun is shining across the prairies after cold and foggy days. May the sun of righteousness shine throughout the world. With the very best wishes for us all.

P. Rasmussen.

"GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

How do they celebrate Christmas Eve in India? Is that what you want to know? Well, I shall tell you a bit about how we celebrated Christmas Eve at Kaerabani.

It started, as Christmas always does, with a lot of work. For all the Santals want to have their houses clean and fine for Christmas. So they go over all their clay walls and repair all the cracks, and then they take a mixture of white earth and water, almost like white-wash, and make all the walls as smooth and clean as new. They even take some of the "white-wash", and using a dipper made of a gourd, they spatter it all over the inside of the roof. I wish you could see a Santal woman while she does this job. She is almost as well covered with the "solution" as the ceiling is. But when the job is done, and the floors are all covered with a new layer of clay, the Santal houses are "sweet and clean".

For a day or two before Christmas the men and women and older children sit and make paper flowers and garlands. It would surprise any of use to see the wonderful colored flowers they make. And for the church they make some large "chandeliers" that stand about four feet high and about equally wide. These are made of bamboo and paper, cut in beautiful designs, and are fitted with candle holders of tin. Everywhere among the Christians you see the families busy preparing for Christmas. It is the cold season, so they sit in the sun along the veranda.

On Christmas Eve they get up early to make the last preparations. There are always leaf garlands to be made. From the village potter they bring little "lanterns", made of clay in the shape of a pumpkin. With letters pierced through the sides of the "lantern" the potter has written "Marang Din Johar", which means, "Merry Christmas", and he has decorated the lantern with stars, so that when a candle is lit inside the lantern, the stars will shine and the Christmas greeting will shine through. So the ordinary village things are adapted to the celebration of the Christmas.

But I must not forget to mention that one great preparation for Christmas was always the trip to the

market place a week or two before Christmas to get new clothes. Even though some of the poor Santals could have only one or two new saris a year, nevertheless there must be a new one on Christmas. During these war years this has changed. The price of cloth is so high that many Santals have to appear in the rags they have. So say the missionaries who returned just this week.

Just at sunset the church bell rings, telling all the people of the countryside that soon the Christians will be gathering for worship. And after half an hour you see them begin to gather, so that when the bell rings the second time, the congregation has assembled for the Christmas Eve worship.

What a festive occasion! The white pillars of the church have been garlanded with green garlands. The colored paper "chandeliers" and flowers. The tall, white candle holders, standing at intervals in the aisle of the church, bearing proudly their seven white candles. The altar and chancel beautiful with their fronded palms and flaming poinsetias. The Santals enjoy that which is festive, and Christmas is called in their own language, "The Great Day".

And it is a Great Day. To the Santal it is symbolic of his great liberation. Sitting there in the dim candle light, looking up at the messenger who is giving to him again the age-old message of the coming of the Saviour, the One who alone has liberated him from the bonds of superstition and fear of the demons, a smile comes over his face. A spirit of calmness comes into his heart. No longer does he fear the evil spirits lurking everywhere to harm him. This is the Eve of the birth of Jesus, his liberator. The slavery of fear is past. The joy of redemption is his to keep in his heart. Outside, the night is dark. Outside, life is dark in the villages. Life is dark in the hearts of the villagers.

But here in the church, all is calmness and light. He hears the choir singing, "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come". From the distant villages he hears the roll of the drum of the heathen at their festivals. Out there they are carousing, and giving themselves to sin. But here is peace, peace in the presence of the Lord. Out there they are "Lost in the night". But here in the church, a little Sunday School child is standing in front. What is that she is saying? He leans forward to hear.

"Cot utarkore Isor reak thonok

Ar pirthemire suluk, khusiakawatko manwakore."

"Glory to God in the highest

And on earth peace, good will toward men."

The service is over. The Santal goes quietly home through the night. In his heart he keeps hearing the words: "Good will toward men. Good will toward men." But he still hears the heathen drumming in the villages. Suddenly he realizes the meaning of it all. He turns to his wife. "Mother of our little Samuel, tomorrow I must find time to go to speak to my cousin in the village. He knows not our Lord Jesus."

Bernhard A. Helland.

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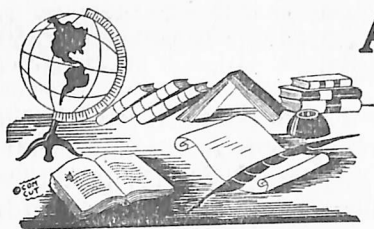
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Across the Editor's Desk

The First Christmas Service:- (Luke 2:8-15)

THE CHURCH—"In the field."

THE CONGREGATION—"Shepherds keeping
watch over their flocks by night."

THE CHOIR—"A multitude of the heavenly host
praising God."

THE ANTHEM—"Glory to God in the Highest, and
on earth peace, good will toward men."

THE PREACHER—"The angels of the Lord."

THE SERMON—"Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto
you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."

THE RESULTS—"The Shepherds said one to an-
other, let us go and see this which the Lord hath
made known unto us. And they came with haste, and
found the Babe lying in a manger. And when they
had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which
was told them concerning this child."

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all the people." This is the central
theme of the Christmas message. The well known
picture which we bring on the front page of this issue
tells the story of that first Christmas service, where
the first Christmas hymn was sung, the first Christ-
mas sermon preached, the first Christmas decorations
of lights and the manifold beauty of nature.

As we approach the Christmas season this year, we
realize that there are deep and dark shadows which
will endeavor to keep that light from above, the glory
from God, the joyous melodies of song and most of all

the good "Tidings of Great Joy" away from many
throughout the war-torn world. We have probably
never faced a darker world than we do in this year
of 1944. A few months ago we were led to believe that
possibly before Christmas the firing on the battle
front would cease. Now the latest reports are that
the fighting is more bitter than ever.

Can the spirit of Christmas penetrate this dark-
ness, the noise of cannon and super-bombers? During
the World War I strange stories came back to us tell-
ing of the sudden silence of guns during the Christ-
mas night and of the silence broken by the singing
of Christmas hymns by the men in the trenches. These
men were not filled with hatred and a desire to
kill their fellowmen. They were only trying to do
their duty. And on this Christmas night that some-
thing which was more impelling than an officer's com-
mand, prompted these soldiers in trenches and fox-
holes to sing out into the shadows of war their Christ-
mas message. Also to them a Saviour was born.

As we do every Sunday in our many churches, we
who share in Christian fellowship will now at Christ-
mas time reach out in our prayers and in our medita-
tion to all of our youth who are far away from home,
many are in distant countries and many on distant
seas. We greet you all with our greeting: "Merry
Christmas." It may to some seem absurd to use this
traditional phrase in these wartime days. But we all
know something about the depths of joy and good
wishes expressed by the real meaning of this age-old
Christmas greeting, a joy which no one can take from
us.

The "good tidings" of the first Christmas greeting
telling of God's love for His children will ring out
again. By His grace we shall be given guidance to
offer ourselves as the manger in which the Christ
spirit may be laid that once again His light may pene-
trate even the most dense shadows of hatred and ill-
will.

With special greetings to all our youth in the serv-
ices of our country and to the many homes where one
or more is away during this Christmas season. Every
member of our church shares in that feeling of having
some of "our own" far away from our "home-fires"
this Christmas. And at the same time we share in the
Fellowship which reaches out to every one of them
and thus we extend our hands to one another as one
large family before God.

We bow our heads in humiliation and sing:

"How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessing of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in."

With best wishes of a most joy-filled Christmas to
all.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



Daily Life at Grand View College

"Did you hear the news?" This was the key sentence of the one-act play "Spreading the News", presented at "Unge Kræfter" on Saturday night, December ninth. It was plain to be seen that the Irish had taken over, every character speaking with an Irish accent. The theme of the play was the idea that news spread by word of mouth soon becomes distorted and exaggerated beyond reason. Students taking part in the play were Ingrid Ellen Holme, Ellen Bollesen, Naomi Jensen, Dagmar Jensen, Jean Crosson, Vernon Frost, Gordon Miller, Oluf Lund, and Lewis Nielsen. A special bouquet to Ingrid Ellen and hearty congratulations to each member of the cast!

"Unge Kræfter" is now governed by an all-girl board, since Ellen Bollesen was elected president to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kenneth Woody.

On December fifth, M. V. Berstedt, architect from St. Paul, visited the college to discuss proposed building plans. Pictures of clay models of the "future campus" are at present on display.

Dr. Knudsen has lectured in chapel during the past two weeks. One sentence that stands out in my mind is this: The greatest peril of the perfect is the approximate. The life, work, personality, and ideals of Christian Kold occupied our attention for a few days; Leo Tolstoi has also been in the focus of our attention. Mondays have been spent discussing post-war problems and problems of the present conflict.

The thirty-four students from Iowa Lutheran Hospital will complete their courses at G. V. C. on December 19. We students living here at the college will miss them; though our classes have been separate, we have enjoyed their fellowship on the three days a week they have had classes here.

Preparations are under way for the pre-Christmas festivities. The Christmas dance will be held on December fifteenth, and the annual Christmas concert will be held on Sunday evening the seventeenth. A full report of these and other events will be carried in the next issue.

Since this is the last issue before Christmas, I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the students, faculty, and personnel to wish each member of our congregations a very blessed

and joyous Christmas from the Grand View College family.

Clayton Nielsen.

An Autumn Sunday

Sunday at Grand View College is usually a perfect day for most of us. It is spent not only in sleeping, eating, hiking, and going to church, but also in catching up on things that have been neglected during the week just past.

Nearly everyone sleeps through breakfast, dressing just in time to make a scurried trip across the street to church. After church we hurry to get back to the school before the dinner bell rings. Making it with a second to waste, you sit down to the most delicious dinner a person could ever dream of. A typical Sabbath day dinner consists of not only chicken, potatoes, a vegetable, and salad, but also dessert. Stuffing yourself until you can hardly walk up the stairs, you decide to lie down for a while to rest. Before you know it, you're drifting away into dreamland, thus getting some needed rest.

Hearing doors slamming and voices echoing down the halls, you wake suddenly to discover everyone is leaving on a hike. Rising quickly, grabbing a coat, you're off again, walking through golden-brown leaves. Although at this time of the year there are neither birds in the trees nor leaves on the branches, it is a gorgeous season. Everything appears as if Mother Nature herself had been trying her ability as an artist. When, reaching school just before dusk, you find you have accumulated a starved feeling in your stomach, you rejoice at the sound of the supper bell. The evening of such a Sunday you spend in hard study; then you go off to bed a little early for a change.

Gwen Erickson.

Why Catholic Mass Impresses Me

Belonging to the Presbyterian Church and attending a Lutheran college, I feel quite broadminded in discussing why Roman Catholic mass impresses me.

First of all, the quiet reverence in the sanctuary is sincere and beautiful, making the entire atmosphere peaceful. When one enters mass his attention is immediately turned from the toil of the weary world and is directed heavenward through the many beautiful statues and meaningful symbols. The magnificent altar in the front of the church is the perfect climax of the spiritual journey. In prayer everyone kneels before God — an act which humbles the hardest heart. The choir sings from the rear of the church, a procedure of which I heartily approve. The choir's purpose is to bring a message in song to the congregation. The music is more effective if it seems to just float down on the people's souls. This does not mean that I am advocating that choirs should be simply heard and not seen. On the contrary, upturned faces in song are an inspiring

sight to behold. I previously mentioned that the altar is very ornate and beautiful. The respect and sacredness which the altar symbolizes creates a feeling of holiness. There are several basic prayers and passages which are used in most churches. The chief passages include: The Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, the Apostles' Creed, and the naming of the Holy Trinity. English is the language in which the sermon is given, although much of the mass is conducted in Latin by the priest. Whereas most Protestant services are held in brightly lighted sanctuaries, mass is held with lights dimmed, adding humility and restfulness. Altogether, my feeling for Roman Catholic mass is one of admiration. I only hope that the individual Protestant worshipper attains as much personal growth from his service as the Roman Catholic does from mass.

Ruth Sutherland.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Andersen preached in Wilbur, Wash., on his return from the Home Mission Council meeting in Des Moines. Rev. and Mrs. Andersen are now residing at 928 South Sheridan Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Seattle, Wash.—The Ladies' Aid of St. John's Church has given a complete set of new chairs for the church parlors. The chairs have leather seats and are a good addition to the already attractive auditorium. The Ladies' Annex has purchased an electric range and coal kitchen heater for the parsonage. Rev. K. Nyegaard, pastor of the United Danish Church in Eugene, Ore., was scheduled to speak in the Seattle Church on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

Racine, Wis.—The annual Danish Christmas service broadcast over W. R. J. N., Racine, will be heard Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 7:30-8:30. E. Hansen will give the sermon and be in charge of the service. People of the congregation will gather in the church to help in the singing of Christmas hymns and thus help to make it a complete Christmas service for the many who "listen in", some of whom will not be able to partake in any other Danish Christmas service.

Chicago, Ill.—The quarterly Sunday school Institute of the Chicago area of the two Danish synods was held on Sunday afternoon and evening, Dec. 10th, in the Golgatha Church, 8000 S. Michigan Ave. At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Marietta Strandskov of Dwight, Ill., introduced for discussion the subject: "Relation of Sunday School Teacher to Parent". A supper was served by the Missionary circle of the Golgatha church. Immediately following the supper the evening session was held. Rev. Hans C. Jersild of the Ebenezer Church, Chicago, introduced the subject: "The Sunday School Teacher". As weather conditions were rather adverse only about 30 Sunday school teachers were present.

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OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thanks for the Christmas greetings from the two W. M. S. members from Manistee! Mrs. Knudstrup, a charter member, has for many years given such faithful time and thought to the mission work. Mrs. Ness is our present president. And thanks to the treasurer for her greeting! It has a little different form than the others; but it is still a very timely greeting. It must tell us all that the years of work given to the mission cause have not been in vain. There are still many friends who are interested in our work and show it with their dollars. The contributions listed below have all come in since September.

From your editor: "Glædelig Jul, store og smaa!"
F. S. P.

Glædelig Jul

The editor of Our Women's page in Lutheran Tidings has asked me, as one of the oldest members of W. M. S., to write a Christmas greeting to all our women. This I do gladly, but may I also include the men? During the years when I acted as treasurer, there were so many calls for help for our different projects. Then the men were so generous. A plea in "Dannevirke" always brought good results. And many are the dollars pressed into my hand, when at our church conventions some man or another would bid me good-bye. So let this be a Thanksgiving as well as a Christmas greeting.

Thanks to all the willing workers who through the years have helped W. M. S. to carry on. Thanks for every gift large or small! Thanks for every prayer you have said for W. M. S.! And let us thank God who has blessed this undertaking, started by a few women in Humboldt Park, Chicago, those many years ago. And today I thank God for the younger group who must carry on into the future. Believe me, friends, it is a privilege to take part in this work. It brings its own blessing.

In a short time we will meet in our schoolhouse to tie greens, wreaths and garlands to decorate our dear old church for Christmas. It is an old custom which brings the real Christmas spirit to us. Then we know the Yuletide is right around the corner. So let this be my wish for us all, that we may have a Happy and Joyous Christmas in our churches and in our homes! A special greeting to our boys and girls in service wherever they may be! We will remember them in our prayers.

Glædelig Jul i Jesu Navn!

Mary Seeley Knudstrup.

At Christmas Time

With the passing of Thanksgiving our thoughts have turned to Christmas. We are busily and happily planning for those we love.

This year, in many homes, there will be lacking some of the happiness of former years. Dear ones

will be missing from the family circle. Some will be celebrating Christmas in the Heavenly Kingdom; many will be in far distant countries fighting so that some day we may have lasting peace.

At Christmas time we all feel the urge to spread happiness among those less fortunate than ourselves. This year let us "give ourselves" by giving gifts that will bring cheer because they are given with a loving heart rather than as an obligation. Maybe this gift will be a newsy letter to a boy far away from home and very lonely on Christmas eve; or perhaps it might be a remembrance to someone who has done us a friendly service during the year.

The Women's Mission Society has always "given itself" not only at Christmas but throughout the year. To all members and friends I extend the heartiest wishes for a good Christmas and a blessed one!

In closing, I quote from Alexander Smith's article, "Christmas Day":

"And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with snow; the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more keenly the comforts we possess; and, above all, it should make us remember the poor and needy; for a charitable deed is the best close of any chapter of our lives, and the best promise, too, for the record about to begin."

Mrs. Ingeborg Ness.

Contributions to Women's Mission Society

Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo., \$10.00; Mrs. Sam Andersen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Fred Miller, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. L. C. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Ida Rasmussen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. A. P. Andersen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. P. Sorensen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Christ Frost, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Nels Lisbjerg, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Marius Jensen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Carl Andersen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. Christ Nielsen, Withee, Wis., \$1.00; Mrs. F. G. Muller, Kimballton, Ia., \$1.00; Mission Group, Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; Mrs. Thorvald B. Holst, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$2.00.

To Porto Nova Mission, Bethlehem Study Group, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$10.00; collection at D. K. M. coffee table, District No. 1 meeting, Bridgeport, Conn., \$17.50; in memory of Peter Nielsen, Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marck, \$3.00; in memory of John Cook, Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marck, \$3.00; to Porto Nova Mission, Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$50.00; Ladies' Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$20.00; East Badger Ladies' Aid, Badger, S. D., \$5.00; to Santal Mission, Bethlehem Study Group, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$40.00; collection District No. 4 Convention, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$40.00; Mrs. Hjarne Duus, Tyler, Minn., 50c.

Mrs. Sigvald Martensen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. N. C. Nielsen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Sig. Sinding, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Peter Petersen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Aage Jacobsen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Svend U. Hansen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Jens S. Bollesen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Michael Jorgensen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Einar Jensen, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; Mrs. Chris Bovbjerg, Tyler, Minn., \$1.00; W. M. S. Group, Kimballton, Iowa, \$20.00; Mission Society, Manistee, Mich., \$25.00; Friendship Circle, Los Angeles, Calif., \$10.00; women of Askov community, Askov, Minn., \$60.50.

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Sincere thanks for these many good gifts.

Mrs. C. B. Jensen, Treasurer,
1604 Washington St.,
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College.

THE POWER OF CHRIST IN HISTORY

In an age of tanks, bombers and cannons we are apt to think that naked force is the only thing that has counted in history. This is not true.

Rome was the military and political capital of the world when Jesus lived, but Jesus was born not in Rome. Jesus lives today, but what is Rome?

Athens was the intellectual and cultural capital of the world when Jesus was born, but he was not born in Athens. He was born in Bethlehem, in a simple stable. Christ lives, but what is Athens now?

Pilate consented to His death and that is the only thing he is known for in history.

On Good Friday while hanging on the cross He said it is finished. Cynics who stood near and heard these words must have felt that He was finished. He was alone and dead. No, not quite. After Pentecost His scattered friends took courage again and spoke with the spirit of fire.

Let us not forget that Christ lived in an age of great brutality. Unwanted children were exposed and left to die. Women were degraded and not admitted to places of learning and beauty. Bestial slave traders followed the armies and bought up prisoners and sold them into slavery.

Slavery was one of the dark spots on the ancient world. A thousand rebellious slaves were crucified along the famed Appian highway leading to Rome, and no one protested. Scholars tell us that in all Roman and Greek literature there is not one protest against the abuses of slavery. Christ was not there.

But He came to Rome and men and women found Him. He filled their hearts with love and their wills with steel. Christians were ordered to worship the Emperor. They had but one God, and refused. Persecution followed.

Some four hundred years passed. The lights of the Roman world were going out. Barbarian hordes entered the Eternal City and for days pillaged the place. The old Romans were driven to despair. But there was one Roman who did not despair; for there was an eternal light in his soul. His name was St. Augustine. When other men gave up hope for the world, he gave to the world his immortal **City of God**.

Nine hundred years rolled by. In the city of Florence was a man called Dante. A beautiful woman, Beatrice, kindled his love. He did not marry her, but the love she had kindled in his heart made it necessary for him to give to life something so beautiful that it would not die. He wrote his imperishable **Divine Comedy**, one of the great Christian poems of all times.

During the middle ages western European culture was Christian through and through. The magnificent cathedrals were "the Bible in stone". The sculpture, painting and music expressed adoration of Christ.

Meantime idolatry and materialism had taken pos-

session of the church. In Bohemia a man named John Huss could endure the "holy humbug" no longer. He spoke as his Master bade him. Huss was brought to trial for heresy, and condemned to die. He was burned at Constance in 1415 and his ashes were thrown into the Rhine, but his soul went marching on.

A century later Luther rose up to protest again against the abuses of the Roman church. He too was asked to recant. He refused. The time was ripe and he succeeded. The Protestant world was born.

A small band of men, women and children, the Pilgrims, set sail for the new world. They did not seek riches, but they did seek a place where they might worship God as they pleased. It was no small force that could make them leave their homes and kindred and go to live among savage Indians in a wilderness, — just to worship God as they wished.

The Earl of Shaftesbury could have lived in ease, but there was a voice in his heart that would leave him no rest. He spent days and nights in working for the less fortunate of England.

A Florence Nightingale went to far off Crimea to minister unto the wounded soldiers. Just as Albert Schweitzer went deep into Africa to bring light to the dark people there. Why? Because a voice was calling.

During the time of Christ human slavery was taken for granted. In our country William Lloyd Garrison could not find rest while slaves were in chains. He spoke in flaming words. Not because it was easy to break the peace, but because he had to speak. These words expressed his burning indignation, "Urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest! I will not equivocate — I will not excuse — I will not retreat a single inch and **I will be heard**". This was in 1831.

In 1865 a tall, gaunt man stood on a platform in Washington, D. C. There was sorrow in that tired face. For over four years he had carried the awful burden of a terrible civil war. All about him the tide of hatred was rising. Men cried for revenge, for blood. Could he stem the tide? He would try. He uttered these words, Christ-like in sweetness and simplicity, "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in . . ." This was something new in statesmanship.

For nearly two thousand years the spirit of Christ has been at work in the hearts and minds of men. Many things taken for granted in His day are not tolerated now. His spirit still moves. The world is still full of sin and sorrow, **but He will not let the hearts of men alone. Men will try to escape Him, but He is incapable.** He stands before us with outstretched hands.

It may seem irreverent to say it, but He is on the field of battle. He is there to help and keep the boys. At Christmas 1944, He is here, there, everywhere. May He bring a happy Christmas to us all.



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In Our Youth

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DUSTY CANDLE

By Gordon Mayne

It was a tall, red candle, one of a parade of Christmas candles to have been used last year. I found it one evening in a drawer, dust covered. Evidently it had not been needed and so was thrust back into the darkness to be forgotten for at least twelve months. It was quite useless now — who wants to use on bright Christmas Eve an old, dusty candle?

But before I returned it to its forgotten corner it talked to me of Christmas, and so perhaps fulfilled some destiny after all. Candles, you see, are not made to carry dust. They are made to carry light. They spend their substance doing it, of course, but in so doing they alone fulfill themselves. Light, not dust, is the destiny of a candle. It is to burn away so it may shine. What was it the Man said who, long ago this holy eve, was a Child?—"Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

There is glory in the air tonight. Above the tramping feet of late shoppers, above the garish noise of Christmas commercialized, there is the Christmas glory on the world tonight. Somehow the glamour of it weaves an eternal spell around the human heart. Folks are so different at this time of the year. Different downtown, different at home, until sometimes I wonder—are they their real selves at Christmas, or at those other times? They are so much more willing to be helpful, to put away selfishness, to be kind and thoughtful, to practice self-denial for the sake of others.

Perhaps it is easier to be a little more like Jesus, on Christmas Eve. The candles are more apt to shine.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world!" His coming to earth was surely the supreme self-denial. What He gave up none of us can really know — just conjecture. Yet it comes to me this Christmas Eve, that perhaps Jesus was not denying Himself after all. That He was really fulfilling Himself. That this may have been the only possible way the full and splendid person-

ality of Him could have been released.

Apart from Jesus, it certainly is that way with human folk. These last few years much has been said, and written, about sacrifice and self-denial due to economic pressure. And there has been much silent resignation and much open complaint; even some muttered threatening. We have reckoned it a hardship. Not all of us, though. Some have found themselves through it, discovering new talents, new creativeness, a new joy of self through the surrender of that which hitherto had bound them. Women who once were only slaves of fashion, butterflies of the social suns, have suddenly become thoughtful, creative, useful mothers and wives. Young people carelessly anticipating a four-year collegiate holiday and suddenly deprived of it became over night young people heroically facing the realities of life and were saved from themselves. From dusty candles they became shining lights.

There is, too, the age-old doctrine of self-denial in Christianity. "If any man will come after Me," said Jesus, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Centuries of Christianity have interpreted that as surrender of wishes and desires, the narrowing of life by withholding one's self. It was the sort of teaching that sent men and women to the mountains and caves to live as hermits, deprived of all comforts and all companionships. Even today youth is still so often taught that Christianity consists of the things they must not do, and they are not satisfied. It sounds as if it were all a "give up".

But this Christmas Eve I wonder if this is not all wrong. Christianity does not consist of subtractions. The Babe of Bethlehem brought this—"I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill . . . I am come that they might have life . . . more abundantly." According to that, omitting some things from life is not self-denial but self-release. There are some things I can never do, and never be, so long as I indulge myself in practices that counter the best in me. I must

take my choice. If I refuse to surrender whatever holds me from my life fulfillment, if I refuse to burn, I may be always only a dusty candle, made for light but never shining. My light depends upon my "self-denial" — but so does my glory! Denial is not subtraction, it is release for expansion. Whatever hampers my living abundantly keeps me in prison, and that is sin. To leave captivity is not self-denial. It is the wonder of freedom.

It may be this is why at Christmas time our own best selves are so much more in evidence. In unconscious memory of Him who gladly gave up heaven that He might fulfill Himself on earth, we his followers, bound all the year by the candle forms of social living, come out of our hiding and let our candle burn. The lower melts away that the higher might shine.

They talk to me about the "price" of leadership. I have used that same phrase to others, myself. There are, no doubt, payments for this privilege, but self-denial is not one of them. Instead, that is one of the rewards of leadership. He who gives up in this spirit is collecting a reward, not paying a fee.

The greatest compliment Jesus ever paid a man was the beautiful tribute he paid John the Baptist. "What went ye out . . . to see? . . . He was a burning and a shining light." Notice that the "burning" comes before the "shining". No dusty candle was John. He fulfilled a candle's destiny. For a candle to remain a candle is disgrace.

Through my window I can see the stars, unnumbered millions. No doubt there are many more I cannot see. The stars saw the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night; those stars heard the angels sing their song.

What old stars they are — old before that first Christmas Eve. What makes them shine? I am not sure I know. Some have their own light, some reflect from other suns. Some day the star fires will burn out, for something dies whenever fire burns. The stars and suns must give up that which makes them

stars and suns. But so alone do they fulfill their destiny — they gather no dust.

They are stars and suns more abundant.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY SIMPLY TOLD

Setting: Darkened platform with back drop of hills, or a plain curtain. Manger scene at back of platform concealed by screen or curtains. Choir out of sight. Readers may be invisible, or stand well to side of platform. If in view, the Scripture passages should be memorized. Colored spotlights or colored glass in stereopticon lantern at rear of church produce the lighting effects on tableaux. Guardian Angel stands behind Holy Family.

Organ Prelude.

Reader: Isaiah 11:1-5.

(Enter Watchman or Herald with trumpet. Advances to platform and puts trumpet to lips. Red spotlight. Stands thus while choir sings first stanza of "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night".)

Reader: Isaiah 60:1-3.

(Exit Watchman).

Choir: First stanza of "Angels,

From the Realms of Glory".

Reader: Luke 2:8-12.

Choir: Second stanza of "Angels, From the Realms of Glory".

(Enter three or four Shepherds. Blue spotlight.)

Reader: Luke 2:15.

(Exit Shepherds.)

Choir: Third stanza of "Angels, From the Realms of Glory".

(Enter three Wise Men. Red spotlight.)

Reader: Matt. 2:1.

Choir: "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning."

(Exit Wise Men.)

Reader: Luke 2:1-7.

Choir: First and second stanzas of "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

(Manger scene is unveiled during singing. Blue spotlight.)

Choir: First three stanzas of "Silent Night".

(After a little, Shepherds and Wise Men enter quietly. Wise Men present gifts; Shepherds assume attitude of adoration. All should be in position at close of hymn.)

Solo: First stanza of "Fairest Lord Jesus".

Grand Chorus: "O Come, All Ye Faithful".

(Near conclusion of this hymn,

a large candle is lighted as if from manger light and carried from platform. Spotlight off, leaving only the light from manger. The large candlelight is carried from the platform by angel who takes position just below platform. Other characters, except Holy Family, follow. They light their candles and from these the entire audience files past, each lighting his candle. All sing "Joy to the World" as processional).

Correction—The article in the Christmas issue of "Ungdom" entitled "Christmas at a Folk School" was not written by Mrs. Goodhope, but by Mrs. J. C. Campbell.

AN APOLOGY to Mr. Thomas P. Christensen for omitting the brief review of his new book, "The Discovery and Rediscovery of America".

MAY I encourage those who are interested in the youth of our church to send items and articles of interest for these two pages? May I hear from some of the young people?

MERRY Christmas
HAPPY New Year.

Harris A. Jespersen.

Home Mission Council Meeting Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 15-16, 1944

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, the Home Mission Council of our synod, as created by the last annual convention at Minneapolis, assembled for its first conference in the assembly room of Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines, Iowa. The Council, consisting of the nine District presidents and the members of the Synodical Board, met with all members present, except Mr. Herluf Hansen, Synod Trustee.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, Synod president, called the meeting to order and extended his welcome to all present. It was decided at once that the president serve as chairman and the Synod secretary, Rev. Viggo Hansen, serve as secretary of the meeting.

The question was raised as to how we could best proceed to create a working agency to further Home Mission activity in our Synod and what authority had actually been granted the Home Mission Council. Opinions were divided since the minutes of the Synod convention are incomplete on this point. The following resolution was offered by Rev. Enok Mortensen:

"Resolved: That the Synodical Board constitute the executive Home Mission Board to carry out the proposals adopted at this meeting, in cooperation with the respective District Boards."

This resolution was adopted.

The chairman next presented an agenda for the meeting under the heading: "The Objectives of the Home Mission Council", covering in considerable detail such phases as:

1. A survey of present Home Mission opportunities in the Synod;
 2. Development of interest in and care of Home Missions;
 3. Financial support of Home Missions;
 4. Organizing the Home Mission Council.
- It was decided to follow this agenda for this meeting.

In order to get an over-all picture of the Home Mission possibilities within the Synod, the chairman called upon each of the District presidents to present the Home Mission needs of each District as he saw them. These reports revealed that we have a considerable number of good opportunities for such work throughout the Synod. A survey of the available pastoral supply for carrying on such work naturally came up for immediate consideration. While we do not at the present have the pastors we could use to place in all the potential fields, an earnest attempt was made to provide pastors for the several Home Mission fields which ought to be developed very soon. Such endeavors will naturally be sponsored by the Synod Home Mission Council and given financial aid through available Home Mission funds.

It is obvious that if we are to carry on an effective Home Mission program, the Home Mission Council will need sufficient funds at its disposal. The annual convention at Minneapolis, made available a loan of \$2,000.00 from the Church Extension Fund. This amount will not be adequate, if the contemplated projects are to be carried through. The Council was agreed that it would be necessary to stimulate interest and love for such work throughout the Synod, in order

that funds might be obtained to promote it. Each respective District will naturally have a special interest in the Home Mission projects within its own borders. Though the Council was agreed that all Home Mission projects should be financed through the Synodical budget, each District will be urged particularly to assist in the support of the projects within their areas. A resolution to this effect was adopted by the Council.

The Council also passed a motion to propose to the next annual Synodical convention, that the Committee on Church Extension be dissolved and its duties taken over by the Home Mission Council.

Regarding future meetings of this Council, the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved: That the annual meeting of the Home Mission Council of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be held about Nov. 1st. Special meetings may be called if and when the chairman finds it necessary."

"Resolved: That the expenses of the members of the Home Mission Council (with the exception of the members of the Synodical Board) to the annual meeting of the Council, shall be paid by the Synodical treasurer from the Home Mission funds."

This year the expenses of the District presidents were paid by the respective Districts.

It was deemed wise to elect a temporary secretary for the Council to serve until the next meeting. Rev. Edwin Hansen of Racine was elected. A motion was also passed that the Council appoint a committee of three members to write up a set of rules and regulations to govern the Home Mission Council in its activities to be approved by the members and submitted to the annual Synod convention for ratification. The men appointed for this task were: Rev. Edwin Hansen, Rev. Holger Jorgensen and Rev. Viggo Hansen. In connection with the work of this committee, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved: That the Home Mission Council 'Rules Committee' be instructed to draw up suggestions for uniform survey and canvassing materials and methods."

A number of recommendations were made by the Council to make for more effective Home Mission activity in the future. They are as follows:

The Home Mission Council recommends that the Synodical Board prepares and prints pamphlets about our work, similar to those of last year. It also recommends that the use of the old form of subscription lists be discontinued, and that the above mentioned pamphlets be sent out to the congregations before October 1st each year.

The Council went on record as being in favor of all ministers preaching specific Home Mission sermons at intervals.

The Council recommends to the editor of Lutheran Tidings that the secretary of the Home Mission Council be given the use of one page of the paper every other issue, and if necessary share the page now given to the Women's Missionary Society.

The Council recommends that all congregations arrange special meetings annually where, among other topics, Home Mission work is stressed.

It was recommended also that courses of instruction be adopted at Grand View College dealing with Home

Missions, such as Sunday School Teachers' courses, Vacation School Teachers' courses, recreational and leadership courses, course in the history, aims and ideals, etc., of our Synod, courses in Bible and church history, etc.

To strengthen the love and interest in Home Mission activity, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That in recognition of the benevolent work done by the many women's organizations and groups in our Synod, we recommend that they and other groups continue to support Home Mission projects proposed by the Home Missions Council."

Having completed the discussion of the various topics on the agenda, this meeting, the first of its kind in our Synod, signalling the beginning of a real Home Mission program, was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Viggo Hansen, Sec. of meeting.

Rev. Edwin Hansen, Sec. of Council.

PEACE ON EARTH

New Christmas hymns may possibly be born out of the sorrow, the misery, and the distress amongst peoples in the world of today. They are not likely to come from us who are still comfortably at ease in our good American homes celebrating Christmas in the old traditional fashion. Traditions can strangle man. We are still tied to our "pebernodder", our fruit cakes, our Santa Claus, and our holiday parties. And as long as Christmas does not penetrate deeper than our traditional make-up, even though it be ever so beautiful, it will not bring to us the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas can come only to children reaching out to all of life wanting to be lost in its magnificence.

Christmas means that lasting peace has come to earth. Christmas does not have its center in the Babe in the manger, it grew out of Easter. With the resurrection of Jesus from the dead His kingdom was established in our midst for all time. And His kingdom is one of lasting peace. It is the one and only kingdom which can make such a claim. In order that it might be established and that man might submit to it, Jesus gave His own life at Golgatha. His death and resurrection crowned His life, and it also crowned the lives of all who submit to Him.

That is why His birth is important. That is why man began to sing in harmony with the Heavenly choir. Christ brought Heaven to earth. He brought Heaven to the hearts of all who would give themselves to Him—poor shepherds, poor fishermen, humble tax collectors, defeated pharisees, and many, many others.

That kingdom is, by the grace of God, our kingdom. Lasting peace is not merely an empty slogan; it is a reality. But it is not gained by playing Santa Claus or by paying lip service to the Babe in the manger. Many people never get further with their Christianity than to pay polite service to a Babe in a manger whom they have almost hidden with Santa Claus and the season's celebrations. Nor is it gained by going to church that one day in a year. Every Sunday is as closely associated to Jesus Christ as the day of His birth and to every Christian it should be

just as joyous. For it was on a Sunday when He arose from the dead establishing God's eternal kingdom in our midst. And this kingdom is God's gift to sinners. Therefore, we sing "Joy to the World".

Not until the kingdom of lasting peace becomes the one deep longing of the soul to which we will submit ourselves will the full meaning of Christmas dawn on us. Lasting peace is not a futile dream; to deny it is to deny Christ. But it will never come to us apart from Him. It can be ours only if we submit ourselves to Him in full obedience to all that He has commanded of us. That means that we must break our isolated prisons where we sit as proud kings in our little dominions and join hands with the dirty, blood-soiled humanity crying in agony throughout the world. We must sacrifice our pride, our wealth, our prejudices,—yes, our all in order to find All in Christ-Jesus.

Then shall lasting peace be ours. It is God's gift to His children. Oh, that we may begin now to understand and to submit to Him who has understood our need. For He saw that men could not build a world of lasting peace. But now, by the grace of God man can build upon it for it is in our midst and Jesus Christ stands in its center with His "Come unto Me." Never again must we say, "There have always been wars and therefore there will always be wars." It must not happen again or it will be the end of the human race. If we want to live we must submit to Christ.

Let us then sing, for it is Christmas.

Harold Petersen.

IN MEMORIAM

JENS C. MØLLER, WATERLOO, IOWA

It was a great sorrow for me to see in "Dannevirke" that Jens C. Møller, Waterloo, was dead. He and his wife attended the District Convention at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Sunday, November 12, where I talked to both of them. At that time Jens Møller seemed to be feeling as well as usual.

Jens Møller was born in Denmark, December 28, 1881, and he came to Hampton, Iowa, in 1905. Two years later he moved to Waterloo and made that his home the rest of his life.

In Waterloo he soon became acquainted with the Danish Young People, who for years gathered at the home of A. P. Jensen and wife on Washington Ave. Mrs. A. P. Jensen was my Godmother. She was commonly known as "Tante Mine". Their home was for a number of years a real blessing for me personally, and I know it has meant so much for many young Danish people. Mrs. A. P. Jensen had experienced a Christian awakening as a young girl in Denmark and she was a good worker in the service of her Master for the Kingdom of God.

In this good home Jens Møller learned to know their only daughter, Marie, and in 1908 they were married. Their first home was on Washington Ave., near the old home of A. P. Jensens. When A. P. Jensens grew old and could no longer manage their own home, they moved into Jens Møller's home, and remained there the rest of their lives. I shall always remember how lovingly they took care of these old people, and especially of my old Godmother, who one

Lo, God's Earth Is Beautiful

Wondrous is heaven,
Lo, God's earth is beautiful,
Lovely the humble pilgrim soul!
Bright through the earthly,
Glorious spaces
Pass we with paradise as goal!

Time rolls forever,
Ages comes and vanish,
Mortals follow throng in throng;
Never grow silent
Tones from heaven
In happy, thankful pilgrim song.

Angels in heaven
Sang it for the herdsmen,
Beautiful words of Christmas morn;
Glory to God on high,
Peace and good-will to men,
To us a Saviour is born!

B. S. Ingemann.

Translated by Svend Holm.

"Christmas is here with joy untold;
Now young and old are rejoicing.
What angels made known to men of old
The lips of all babes are voicing;
Branches from Eden's tree stand bright
With lights that point to the Giver;
All children whose joy is pure and right
May harbor that joy forever."

From the heavenly radiance which glorified the fields of Bethlehem has emanated a beautiful, unfading glow which is CHRISTMAS. Each year it returns with its marvelous message and charming customs to gladden our hearts. May the warmth and beauty of this season bring you joy that will abide in this coming year.

day fell and broke her hip, and needed daily care for the rest of her life.

Jens and Marie had a good home, where love and Christian fellowship prevailed. They were faithful members of St. Ansgar's Danish Church. They were willing workers wherever they could give a helping hand. They had two daughters, one of whom was organist of the church for a number of years. A young girl, a daughter of Marie's brother Gustav, also found a good home at Jens Møller's, after the death of her own mother.

All of the girls are now married and it must be lonesome for Mrs. Møller after her husband's death, but she knows how to put her trust in God, and He will be her comfort.

Jens Møller was a carpenter by trade and was for many years manager of the Jens Miller Construction Co. He suffered a bleeding of the brain November 17, and was brought to the St. Francis Hospital in Waterloo, where he died November 25. He was buried from St. Ansgar's Church November 27. Many attended his funeral and the Rev. A. E. Frost spoke lovingly of his life and work. May God's blessing be with his memory.

Henrik Plambeck.



OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



Youths From Our Synod In The U. S. Service

Alden, Minn., 46 young men.	cadet nurse, 1 chaplain.	Nysted, Nebr., 18 young men, 1 nurse.
Askov, Minn., 114 young men, 5 WACS and 1 nurse.	Easton, Calif., 15 young men.	Newell, Iowa, 62 young men and 2 nurses.
Badger, So. Dak., 22 young men, 1 WAC.	Enumclaw, Wash., 21 young men.	Oak Hill, Iowa, 19 young men.
Bridgeport, Conn., 29 young men, 1 WAC, 1 nurse.	Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAC.	Omaha, Nebr., 32 young men.
Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men, 1 Wave, 1 nurse.	Fredsville, Iowa, 46 young men, 2 WAVES, 2 cadet nurses.	Parlier, Cal., 14 young men, 1 Wac, 1 Wave.
Brooklyn, N. Y., 62 young men, 2 WAVES.	Gardner, Ill., 6 young men.	Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.
Brush, Colo., 24 young men, Red Cross worker.	Gayville, So. Dak., 8 young men.	Perth Amboy, N. J., 51 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 Cadet nurse.
Cedar Falls, Iowa, 63 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 marine, 2 nurses.	Granly, Miss., 13 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 1 nurse.	Portland, Me., 24 young men.
Chicago, St. Stephen's, 26 men and 1 Marine.	Grant, Mich., 12 young men.	Racine, Wis., 54 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 WAC, 1 chaplain.
Chicago, Trinity, 63 young men, 1 Red Cross worker.	Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.	Ringsted, Iowa, 52 young men, 1 WAVE.
Clinton, Iowa, 15 young men.	Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2 nurses.	Rosenborg, Nebr., 15 young men.
Cordova, Nebr., 22 young men.	Hampton, Iowa, 14 young men, 1 WAC.	Ruthon, Minn., 30 young men, 1 nurse, 1 Spar.
Cozard, Nebr., 17 young men, 1 nurse.	Hartford, Conn., 41 young men, 2 WAVES.	Salinas, Calif., 25 young men.
Dagmar and Volmer, Mont., 26 young men.	Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.	Seattle, Wash., 67 young men, 1 nurse.
Danevang, Texas, 48 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 2 nurses.	Juhl, Mich., 16 young men.	Solvang, Calif., 50 young men, 4 young women.
Davey, Nebr., 14 young men.	Junction City, Ore., 36 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 nurse.	Tacoma, Wash., 21 young men.
Des Moines, Iowa, 41 young men, 1 nurse.	Kimballton, Iowa, 72 young men, 5 nurses.	Troy, N. Y., 42 young men, 3 WAVES.
Detroit, Mich., 49 young men, 1 nurse.	Kronborg, Nebr., 30 young men, 1 nurse.	Tyler, Minn., 130 young men, 1 nurse.
Diamond Lake, Minn., 22 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE.	Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.	Viborg, So. Dak., 29 young men, 1 Navy nurse.
Dwight, Ill., 61 young men, 1 Wac, 1	Los Angeles, Calif., 31 young men.	Victory, Mich., 13 young men.
	Ludington, Mich., 46 young men.	Waterloo, Iowa, 45 young men, 1 young woman.
	Manistee, Mich., 12 young men, 1 chaplain.	West Denmark, Wis., 30 young men.
	Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young men.	White, S. D., 3 young men.
	Minneapolis, Minn., 28 young men.	Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.
	Muskegon, Mich., 25 young men.	Withee, Wis., 51 young men, 1 nurse.

Total: 2259 young men, 73 women, 3 chaplains.

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

A Prayer For Christmas

O faithful God of love and light, in this blessed and holy time we come before Thy face, pleading for mercy on the war-torn world and for the healing of its deep wounds and bitter hatreds. Grant to the homeless and distressed people of all nations a safe refuge and an established place.

Give the desolate and the weary the comfort and the assurance of Thy near Presence and so guide the hearts and hopes of men that they may desire only those things which will guarantee happiness and peace and understanding for all people, great and small, in the whole world. Continue unabated Thy sustaining and protecting love to all the lonely and forsaken, to the exiled and the imprisoned, to the enslaved and the tortured, and grant that their hopes may be revived and their courage sustained by the spirit of peace and good will which is emphasized by this holy season of remembrance and self-less giving.

To Thy fatherly tenderness and all-embracing love we commend our sons and brothers, our loved ones over all the world, our leaders and commanders, and ask Thee to grant them wisdom from on high and on a constant willingness to pursue only those purposes which serve to enthrone love and truth and dethrone hatred and bigotry.

Grant these petitions out of Thy great pity, for there is no help in the mere wisdom of men and in the narrowness of their desires. Enlarge all hearts to receive the glory of Thy vision and embrace all men with the same love which grants us in these blessed days true light and the promise of the Peace of God.

Amen.

Prayer For Our Boys

(8.8.8.8. Tune: Old Hundred. L. M. Dox)

To Thee we lift our hearts and pray
For all our boys who serve this land;
Watch over them, Dear Lord, each day
And guide them with Thy loving hand.

Thou art their guide, their strength, their peace;
Be they in air, on land, or sea,
We know Thy care will never cease,
For Thou wilt keep them close to Thee.

Give strength to all who suffer pain,
Grant faith to those whose death is near,
O Christ, we pray, bring peace again;
Restore the ways that we hold dear.

Uplift the anxious hearts of those
With loved ones in the midst of strife;
The acts of men, O Lord, dispose,
That they may turn from death to life.

Eilert C. Nielsen.

May the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of good will, be yours! May the great joy of the heavenly host gladden your heart! May the faith of the shepherds animate your life and go with you into a New Year of happiness.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

Under this heading may legally and logically belong for discussion and consideration many things which are connected with life in the home and the church. It is quite natural that such problems which are of general interest to most of us get the first consideration. The relationship of the home and church to the outside world and the situation arising out of national and foreign policies and relationships is quite vital and, therefore, demanding our close observation.

In order to be on the safe side one is tempted to generalize and write in the abstract. This may be all right to some extent, but it is not always right, although it may seem to be safe. People in different countries of Europe who used to be, before the invasion of their country and their homes, very considerate and careful about their conduct; perhaps they were even a little complacent and bought coziness at an excessive price, are not so today; they have changed. Snugness is not their highest aim. They are no longer bargaining and compromising. They have seen things. The truth of life has been revealed to them; the truth about their fellowmen, and the truth about God. They understand a little better the value of life as compared to the value of the things of this world. They are no longer tempted to seek at any price their own safety.

Instead of writing about home-life in general, and about church-life in abstract terms, I should like to write a series of articles about people in the homes and the churches, such as, the father, mother, son, daughter; the pastor, the president, the organist, the board members, the church member, the charter member and the most recently admitted member. Not that I have in mind to present personality sketches of the different characters in church and home life; it is not the individual person as much as the particular office, each is required to fill, I am concerned about. Father, pastor, church member, etc., are collective terms; each as such carries in itself a tremendous responsibility; yet, it is possible to write about these concretely and individually without being personal.

The danger seems to be the same for all of them. They are all caught up in a whirl of more or less important activities which tend to make them less able to perform their duties. As for the modern pastor, he is perhaps more concerned about knowing what people like to hear, than he is about knowing what God would have him say. It is essential that pastor and parents and others alike understand the importance of a quiet retreat at which they can collect themselves before God, and get strength to fill their place and accomplish their particular tasks so that God, at least, would be

OUR CHURCH

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Dr. and Mrs. Erling Ostergaard and children, David and Sylvia, who recently returned from the Mission field in Santalistan, India, for a much needed rest and furlough are at present located with Mrs. Ostergaard's parents in Mooreton, N. Dak., (thus Mooreton, N. Dak., is the present address). After January 7th they will locate at 526 Bancroft Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn., and plan to make their home there for about six months. Dr. Ostergaard writes that all members of the family are well, really "much better than we had hoped but need a few months of rest." We hope to bring a greeting directly from Dr. Ostergaard in one of the first issues of L. T. in the new year.

Muskegon, Mich.—It is now more than two years since the Muskegon church was destroyed by fire. Since then efforts have been made to rebuild, and in spite of priorities on building material and labor it has been possible for the congregation to erect the lower half of a new church building. The basement of the new church has now been completed and will be used for the duration as the place of worship, for Sunday school, etc. According to plans this part of the building was to be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 17th. We hope later to bring a full report of the festivities on this day. Rev. Holger Jorgensen is the pastor of the church. Rev. Jorgensen attended the Home Mission Council meeting in Des Moines in November and upon his return trip he visited the Alden, Minn., congregation, speaking in the church. This was the first church he served after his ordination in 1926. The Muskegon congregation recently voted its pastor a \$150 bonus for the year 1944, and the organist's salary was increased to \$20 per month.

Dr. A. Th. Dorf, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been honored by the LOOK magazine for December 26th, with a three page leading article entitled "Christmas, 1944 — V-Day for Religion". The article quotes Dr. Dorf saying that "Christmas sermons may carry a note of exultation as well as of hope" this year; the article further notes the rejoicing with which church groups in freed territories in Europe are resuming their activities, and mentions Dr. Dorf as typical of those whose native lands have been, or are about to be, freed from Nazi-Fascist and anti-Christian domination. The article is illustrated with six beautiful photographs of Dr. Dorf going about his church, one a full page Kodachrome of the pastor in his study.

Askov, Minn.—Dr. Ejvind Fenger from the Glenn Lake Sanatorium, Oak

well pleased.

Such a retreat (daily) would mean going in where life is given strength and authority to serve the need of the people around us.

Terrace, Minn., was recently the visiting speaker in the Askov community. Dr. Fenger is a son of the late Dr. P. N. Fenger of Askov.

Salinas, Calif.—The annual Harvest Festival was observed in St. Ansgar's Church on Sunday, November 26th. Twenty-four new dining room tables were recently given to the church by a member and these were used for the first time at this occasion. A Christmas concert by the church choir consisting of 25 voices was scheduled for Sunday, December 17th.

Withee, Wis.—The Study Club of the church had a Thanksgiving dinner for the members and their families on November 23rd. This club meets once a month in the homes of the members. Several books are secured regularly by the club and these are discussed at the meetings. "The Time For Decision" by Sumner Wells is the present study book in the club.

Granly, Miss.—Rev. Holger Strandkov of Dwight, Ill., was the guest speaker here Sunday and Monday, Dec. 3-4. An invitation has been extended to Dean Alfred C. Nielsen of Grand View College to visit the Granly congregation during the Christmas week. A plan is in the making by which there is a possibility of a number of substantial improvements in the Granly colony. One plan which is being given consideration is the development of a modern Dairy farm on quite a large scale. The commercial clubs of Pascagoula and Moss Point, Miss., two neighboring cities, have expressed a willingness to help promote and also finance such a venture. The possibilities of dairying is undoubtedly very good in this part of Mississippi. However, it is necessary to find a plan both for the development of a good dairy herd and likewise plans for the marketing of dairy products. Other plans are in the making for better facilities for the clearing of trees and stumps from the land needed for cultivation. About twenty Danish families are located in the Granly colony. And there undoubtedly will be good prospects for more families moving in, especially after the war is over. Land is cheap and the climate is ideal. On one farm can be seen a poultry farm of about 1000 hens. And the pecan groves yield well the very delicious pecan nuts.

Juhl-Germania, Mich.—Richard Sorensen, student of the Grand View Theological seminary at Des Moines, Iowa, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the churches in Juhl and Germania. According to plans he will be able to begin his work in February after his graduation from the seminary in the beginning of the new year. He served the two churches on Sunday, December 3rd, and at the same time had a meeting with the two church boards formulating a program for the work in the church upon his arrival.

Acknowledgment of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer For November, 1944

For Budget:

Previously acknowledged ---\$ 3,047.19

General:

Congregation, Muskegon,
Mich. ----- 26.50

From Dagmar, Mont.

We have had a good harvest of about 30 bushels an acre.

In October both our Ladies' Aids had a well attended sale. Dagmar ladies took in about \$400, and the Volmer ladies about \$300.

The Volmer ladies decided to donate \$300 for the remodeling of their church inside. The church members have given another \$300. They have been able to get the material, a carpenter and a painter; and right after New Year the work will be done. Nothing has been done to this church since Rev. Frost was in Denmark in the later twenties.

At Dagmar a committee of members from the church board and the Young People's Society has decided to build a new meeting house for about \$5,000. We will patch up the old meeting house for a year or two, or until the war is over, and we can get the material and the men. In December we are going to collect as much as we can for this purpose. We may build the meeting house across the road where the church is. We will dig a basement, and we all agree that we are to have a building that we all may be proud of; and which will serve its purpose of being a place where our young people may be glad to gather both summer and winter.

Letters of Sorrow and Letters of Joy.

We have counted the numbers of young men and women in the service of our country; but it may soon be our sad duty to count also the number of those that did not return.

Now and then comes to our homes those terrible words: Missing in action. Sigvald Jensen, Dagmar, Montana, was burned to death during a tank attack in North Africa.

Vernon Christensen, Volmer, Montana, was missing in action over Germany. But then came a letter of joy, he was a prisoner of war in Germany. No wonder the depot agent in Reserve drove all the way out to Volmer to tell the parents, Folmer Christensens, the glad news. Who should think that it was such a great thing to be a prisoner and alive.

A few days ago, Carl Lodahl, Dagmar, got a telegram that their son, Leo Lodahl, was missing in action over the Aleutian Islands. He was rear gunner on one of the Flying Fortresses. We hope and pray this letter of sorrow also may be turned into a letter of joy.

John Enselmann.

LUTHERAN TIDINGS

Congregation, Detroit, Mich....	350.00
Congregation, Bronx, N. Y....	12.05
Congregation, Racine, Wis....	49.80
Congregation, Des Moines, Ia....	25.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia....	200.00
Congregation, Hampton, Iowa....	125.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr....	60.00
Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	20.85

Pension Fund:

Congregation, Bronx, N. Y....	8.50
Congregation, Greenville, Mich.	6.00
Congregation, Grayling, Mich....	20.00
Congregation, St. Stephens, Chicago, Ill.	60.00
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa....	2.00
Congregation, Kimballton, Ia....	58.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia....	6.50
Congregation, Hampton, Iowa....	44.50
Congregation, Canwood, Sask....	9.00
Congregation, Dalum, Alb.	29.30
Congregation, Hetland-Bad- ger, S. D.	28.00
Congregation, Gayville, S. D....	29.25
Congregation, Davey, Nebr....	10.00
Congregation, Watsonville, Calif.	6.00
Congregation, Tacoma, Wash....	25.00
Mrs. Carl Christopher and daughter, Kamma, Chicago, Ill.	100.00
Ladies' Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y....	30.00
Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Kim- ballton, Iowa	10.00
South Lutheran Society, Vi- borg, S. D.	12.55
Rev. Svend Jorgensen, Detroit, Mich.	11.20
Rev. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma, Wash.	8.00

Home Mission:

General:

Congregation, Greenville, Mich.	23.00
Congregation, Racine, Wis....	38.69

Earmarked Child's Friend:

West Dan. Ladies' Aid, Cor- dova, Nebr.	10.00
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Earmarked Lutheran Tidings:

Congregation, Greenville, Mich.	14.00
Congregation, Menominee, Mich.	1.25
Congregation, Ringsted, Iowa....	4.50
Pfc. Ernst Hansen, Italy	10.00
Skaldborg Nielsen, Perth Am- boy, N. J.	1.25
Bertel Nielsen, Chicago, Ill....	2.00
Andrew Petersen, Exira, Iowa....	2.00
Rev. Jens A. Holst, Alden, Minn.	2.30
Fredsville Ladies' Aid, Freds- ville, Iowa	10.45
Sunday School, Kimballton, Ia....	15.00

Annual Reports:

Bronx, N. Y.	1.25
Manistee, Mich.	1.25
Greenville, Mich.	6.25
Grayling, Mich.	1.50
Menominee, Mich. and Mari- nette, Wis.	3.50
Dagmar, Mont.	3.75
Omaha, Nebr.	5.00

Cordova, Nebr.50
Cozad, Nebr.	3.00

Administration, Presidents' Travel:

Congregation, Fredsville, Iowa	15.00
Congregation, Rosenborg, Nebr.	14.53
Congregation, Cordova, Nebr....	16.80

For Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.:

St. Stephan's Congregation, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
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For Children's Home, Tyler, Min.:

Sunday School, Kimballton, Ia....	15.00
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Total towards budget to

date ----- \$ 4,661.96

Received for Items Not on Budget.

Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged ----	\$ 5,068.97
From Tyler, Minn., in memory of Kenneth Kuld -----	48.75
St. Stephan's Young People's Society, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
Ladies' Aid, Argo-White, S. D....	5.00
Emergency Mission Group, Brush, Col.	45.60
Congregation, Bronx, N. Y....	1.50
Congregation, Greenville, Mich.	51.50
Congregation, St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa....	5.60
Congregation, Exira, Iowa	2.00
Congregation, Cedar Falls, Ia....	44.75
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr....	75.10
Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	4.00

Total to date ----- \$ 5,427.77

For Eben-Ezer:

Congregation, Portland, Me....	21.26
Congregation, St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa....	25.00
Congregation, Newell, Iowa....	33.85
Congregation, West Denmark, Wis.	12.02
Congregation, Alden, Minn....	13.80

For Grand View College

Jubilee Fund, Cash

Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----	\$25,422.11
From Hampton, Iowa:	
Nels P. Hansen -----	10.00
Einer Jensen -----	5.00
A. Henry Hansen -----	5.00
Alfred C. Miller -----	10.00
John C. Christensen -----	10.00
Folmer M. Jorgensen -----	5.00
Peter F. Nielsen -----	10.00
Evald Jensen -----	5.00
Holger Rasmussen -----	10.00
Herluf Hansen -----	5.00
From Tacoma, Wash.:	
Mrs. Th. Christensen -----	5.00
Mrs. Thora Petersen -----	5.00
Mrs. E. K. Dorwin -----	20.00
Frank Christensen -----	50.00
St. Paul's Ladies' Aid -----	25.00
From Des Moines, Iowa:	
C. Chr. Skov -----	25.00
Svend Bidstrup -----	10.00
Miss Susanne Sorensen -----	20.00

From Withee, Wis.:	
Sigurd Mikkelsen	5.00
Emil H. Hansen	2.00
Sam Andersen	5.00
Robert Johnson	5.00
C. B. Andersen	5.00
Viggo Rasmussen	2.00
Arnold Rasmussen	5.00
Harold Christensen	10.00
Peter Christophersen	.50
From Diamond Lake, Minn.:	
Iver Andersen	20.00
Niels Bonde	5.00
Carl Tambo	5.00
Jorgen E. Krog	20.00
John Gylling	1.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hansen	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Nielsen	10.00
Miscellaneous:	
Danish Ladies' Aid, Kronberg, Nebr.	10.00
Agnes Foged Carlson, Cozad, Nebr.	5.00
Chris Nelsen, Cozad, Nebr.	5.00
"A Friend", Marinette, Wis.	25.00
Andrew Lamb, Greenville, Mich.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa	200.00
Mrs. Elna Nielsen, Oakland, Calif.	18.75
N. C. Nielsen, Oakland, Calif.	10.00
Mrs. P. Søndergaard, Keyport, N. J.	5.00
Total cash receipts to date	\$26,192.36
Contributions in Bonds (listed here at maturity value):	
Previously acknowledged	\$23,100.00
St. Stephan's Young People's Society, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
The Willing Workers Society, Dwight, Ill.	50.00
Sophus Hermansen, Fredsville, Iowa	100.00
Mrs. Axel Sorensen, Withee, Wis.	25.00
J. Mabley Hansen, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Mrs. A. J. Andreasen, Greenville, Mich.	25.00
Aage Jacobsen, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Pfc. Herluf M. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens P. Holm, Racine, Wis.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Al. Feddersen, Racine, Wis.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Svend Madsen, Racine, Wis.	25.00
Total in bonds to date	\$23,475.00

In closing I wish to call to the attention of congregations and district presidents that the fiscal year for National Lutheran Council ends on De-

ember 31st. All our contributions for Lutheran World Action should be in before that date. In looking over our records I find that a few of our congregations have contributed little or nothing to this worthy cause. Unless this situation is remedied during the next three weeks we as synod will not have met our quota. Please let us have your cooperation.

This will be my last receipt list for 1944 and let me finish by wishing you all from coast to coast a Merry Christmas. May the new year bring relief to our suffering world.

Sincerely,
Olaf R. Juhl, Treasurer,
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Minneapolis 7, Minn.

To Santal Mission

General Budget.

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Mich., \$5.00; Mrs. Jennie Mason, Big Rapids, Mich., \$2.00; St. Ansgar's L. Aid, Pasadena, Calif., \$25.00; Dan. L. Aid, Clinton, Iowa, \$20.29; Oak Hill L. Aid Exira Iowa \$5.00; Mrs. Helena Nielsen, Everet, Wash. \$10.00; Luth. Mem. S. S., Des Moines, Iowa, \$15.00; Marquette Dan. L. Aid, Marquette, Nebr., \$40.00; Andrew Christensen, New Hartford, Iowa, \$1.00; Eng. L. Aid, Askov, Minn., \$10.00; Hope L. Aid, Ruthton, Minn., \$15.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jensen, Hutchinson, Minn., \$25.00; Chris. Riber, Dwight, Ill., \$100.00; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sørensen, Solvang, Calif., \$10.00; Dannevang Jubilee, Dannevang, Texas, \$37.75; Dist. No. II annual meeting, \$39.10; Miss Alice Jensen, Mpls., Minn., \$5.00; Diamond Lake Church, Lake Benton, Minn., \$11.00; Hope Luth. Church, Ruthton, Minn., \$8.37; West Dan. Luth. Church, Cordova, Nebr., \$16.70; Immanuel's Luth. L. Aid, Troy, N. Y., \$50.00; St. Peter's Dan. L. Aid, Dwight, Ill., \$20.00; Mrs. Jens Nielsen, Askov, Minn., \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauritzen, Dwight, Ill., \$100.00; Denmark L. Aid, Denmark, Kans., \$10.00; Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Iowa, \$20.00; Dan. Ev. Luth. Church, Denmark, Kans., \$32.00; St. John's L. Aid Mission meeting, Hampton, Iowa, \$4.23; Mrs. R. M. Jensen, Newell, Iowa, \$1.00; Nain's L. Aid, Newell, Iowa, \$25.00; East Badger L. Aid, Badger, S. D., \$15.00; Kronborg Dan. L. Aid, Marquette, Nebr., \$25.00; Our Savior's Dan. L. Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$25.00; Diamond Lake Dan. L. Aid, Lake Benton, Minn., \$25.00; Bethlehem Church, Askov, Minn., \$26.44; Young Women's League, Easton, Calif., \$5.00; Bethany Luth. L. Aid, Ludington Mich., \$5.00; Friendship Circle, Los Angeles, Calif., \$20.00; Fredsville L. Aid Mission boxes, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$4.00; Ingemann's Luth. Church, Moorhead, Iowa, \$5.00; Women's Mission Group, Manistee, Mich., \$15.00; St. John's Dan. L. Aid, Seattle, Wash., \$50.00; P. Hassing, Seattle, Wash., \$2.50; Miss Anna Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn., \$25.00; Immanuel's S. S., Kimballton, Iowa, \$15.00.

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Total for month, \$1,679.41.

Total since Jan. 1st, \$6,208.96.

On behalf of the entire Mission, thank you.

Dagmar Miller.

Tyler, Minn.

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