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Our Declaration of Independence
Brought forth upon this continent
A nation new, conceived in freedom,
A land of faith and liberty,
It had a noble dedication,
A proposition true and good,
That men are all created equal and
Are bound in bonds of brotherhood.

This proposition has been tested
On battlefields of civil war.
In hallowed ground our loved ones rested
In tribute to the hopes they bore.
They gave their lives in an endeavor
To test this cause and to make sure
That nations so conceived and dedicated
Here on earth may long endure.

It is for us, the men now living,
To honor here our loving zeal,
To consecrate our lives by giving
Devotion to this great ideal;
That those who fought shall not have perished
Nor struggled for this cause in vain,
But that the hopes which they have cherished
May evermore with us remain.

And this shall be our dedication
As long as hearts and minds be true:
That under God our glorious nation
In freedom shall be born anew,
That government is for the people
And by the people who gave birth
To hopes of democratic life, which now
Shall never perish from the earth.

Anon. 1941.

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Investing To Get Dividends

Text for 4th Sunday after Trinity, Lk. 6, 36-42.

We scramble head over heels to make investments that pay the highest interest. It is supposed to be good business. Perhaps it is! However, many were fooled in so-called good investments which paid high interest. I recall many who got trimmed on Hotel investments paying 9% interest. They lost 100%.

Obviously, when we in a sermon talk about investing to get dividends, we are not thinking in terms of money. We are, of course, thinking in terms of life, personality, abilities and influence. We all recall hearing that Papa Børreson, one of the founders of our Santal Mission, used to say: "I invest in the Lord's Bank, because it always pays 100%". It is indelibly true.

That is what our gospel lesson for today tells about: investing the contents of our personalities so as to get 100% dividends. Listen once again: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; release, and ye shall be released; give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom." You see, mercy, sympathetic understanding, liberality pay high dividends.

In the fifth chapter of Acts we are told about how the people laid out their sick so that the shadow of Peter might fall upon them that they might become healed. I suppose that sounds rather superstitious to us today. Nevertheless, the fact remains that Peter was influencing people that day, some consciously

which were those he was speaking to and trying to win for the Kingdom, others unconsciously which were those upon whom his shadow fell, but of which he knew nothing.

Likewise we influence people both consciously and unconsciously. Some we are in definite contact with and try to win. However, perhaps the unplanned, unconscious influence is the most important. Certainly a father's shout at his son: "I'll show you how to behave," most likely will make the son show how a son ought NOT to behave. Rather, the unplanned and often unconscious influence of the father's love, honesty, personality, his fairness and self-discipline will influence his son to good behavior. It is not the roaring commands, the snap judgments, the rigid condemnations that count. Rather it is our unconscious actions which cast their shadow upon our associates that usually count the most. How understanding are you; how forgiving; though firm yet fair? That is what counts. I have noticed that people do not resent firmness if it is only fair. They respect you then.

Our Lord himself showed us how to put into action these words which are our text for today. Do you remember what Jesus did when an angry crowd brought to him a woman caught in adultery? What a good opportunity to preach a strong sermon on purity! Perhaps so as not to add to the woman's embarrassment by staring at her, he wrote in the sand for a while. Then when the crowd had quieted down and she regained her poise he calmly said: "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." When

He heard no stones fall, Jesus turned to the woman and said: "Doth no man condemn thee? Neither do I. Go sin no more." And with that he melted the crowd and the woman's sin with it.

You see, His influence outran his words. He was not a high pressure salesman selling his wares, nor a propagandist putting over his program. He quietly met people and touched them with his love and mercy and forgiveness.

And he set down as a rule of life that investing kindness, mercy, understanding and generosity bring large dividends.

That indelible rule is true. The more you give out of that which is good, kind, unselfish and prompted by love, the more you get back. You will get back, as Jesus said: "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." Ah yes, there will be individual disappointments. We all have experienced doing people kind favors and have gotten a kick for it. But on the whole it works. Certainly we have also experienced giving a gift to a friend or doing a neighbor a favor. Usually soon you get back some gift, not with the intention of repaying but as a token of appreciation, which more than equals the value of what you gave. Yes, it works that way because somehow a kindness shown calls forth a like response in the human heart. A kind deed, love shown is like heaping live coals upon his head. Kindness brings out the best in people. An old proverb says in effect: Appeal to the king and he comes out.

Then too, for example, in a home where the struggle is over who can do the most for the other rather than who can demand the most service of the other there grows up a rich home life.

On the other hand selfishness, harshness, insisting on one's rights, bitterness, calls forth the same qualities in the other person. The rest of the proverb says: "Appeal to the beggar and he comes out." Then there are no returns on our investment. There is only loss. Let us leave the beggar alone because he is not at all attractive.

Let us rather call forth the royal qualities in ourselves and in our fellowmen. Let us invest for 100 per cent dividends. It may be that some people are selfish, certainly some are hypocrites, others judging and condemning, still, others stingy. Pour souls; they are to be pitied! But YOU NEED NOT BE. In fact as Christians we MUST NOT BE. We are called to be kind, merciful, sympathetic and unselfish in word and deed. "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Let us remember that we are assured: Everything we invest will come back in full measure.

God help us to grow more kind each day. How the world needs kind folks. God touch our hearts. After all He is the only source from which we can become kind and merciful. Experiencing His love and grace makes us kind. To that end we have His Words and Sacraments as the means of grace. Let us draw of that fountain that we may have capital to invest. Amen.

June 24, 1945.

Holger P. Jorgensen.

THE HIGHWAY

Much of my time I have spent on the highways, and it never bored me. I enjoy a motor trip now as much as I did in 1916, and I could easily make 30,000 miles per year without wishing myself away from the road. The excellent maps of the road form a part of my choice literature. Why does the hard cement and asphalt road hold my attention so firmly? Partly because the curves, the bee line, the hills, fields and plants are beautiful; partly because the motor car seems to take one away from time (the plane, I assume, does that even more, but of that I know nothing); and partly because the highway is a strong symbol of history.

I frankly admit that I live on symbols and could not go on without them. I belong to the multitude who needs the parable. Even the facts must have wings on them if I am to live with them. The ordinary highway consists of two lanes with a white line in the middle. The traffic on the two lanes go in opposite directions. The white line is absolute. One cannot ignore it with immunity. There is destiny here and all attempts of free-willing oneself away from it are futile. I have never tried to argue with the patrolman.

There are times when nearly all the traffic is on the one lane. The next day it may be on the other lane. It also happens that there is evenness.

What is history but a story of state and church driving on the same road, but in opposite directions? Many a time there is but an inch between the two vehicles. Coming too close to each other they collide. All traffic is stopped. Hard words are spoken. Blood flows. Court procedure follows. Was there ever a war or revolution that was not a collision between church and state? The two are innately determined to move in opposite directions. They cannot shift lanes nor can they both drive in the same. No one can transform the church into a state or the state into a church. The tallest man in the state is the tiniest in the church and vice versa.

At the present time the heavy traffic is found on the lane of the state. The world is rushing pell-mell into a world state. Seemingly it is like a flood rushing trees, houses, governments and people down the river. It is cataclysmic. In 1917 one-sixth of the world was bulldozed into a totalitarian state, so fast that we all gasped. During the first hundred days of the Roosevelt administration a revolution took place in the United States. It was as far-reaching and effective as the Russian upheaval. Here it had been prepared by the industrial revolution, by the public school, nationalization and the unsociable nature of Wall Street. Therefore it was not necessary to use a proletarian army. The technique of the slogans was sufficient. They slew Goliath. Washington became the seat of power and now controls the affairs of the people of the United States.

During five nervous, turbulent years the forces of history determined that the world state was to be of the humanitarian type and not the terroristic. And now the world conferences astound the world by their achievements. Soon the site for a world government will be chosen and the first president elected or ap-

pointed. Meanwhile the ration book is kept in power and each person is numbered. Magnificent maneuvers in the air, on the sea, along the rivers and on the educational areas are being planned. Humanity dreams of a friendly, peaceful, co-ordinated one world.

No one can stop the traffic. It moves on so rapidly and in such volume that no time is left for people to think, judge or decide. The church is left in the lurch. Apparently it is doomed to wither away or at least to live in obscurity. The organized church tries to get on the band wagon, but it will not succeed. It will hardly be represented in congress. It must drive on its own side of the white line even though it is a lone driver.

The state has its own nature, color and objective. Even a temporary splurge of idealism will not change that. The communists understood that and therefore they said that the state would have to efface itself in order to reach the goal. The state cannot eliminate its tool, the sword. It can go a long way with persuasion, but all the time the loaded pistol is in the holster. The Russian and American states are very adept in winning the people by plausible promises of security, by sounding ideals, but both of them are compelled to maintain conscription and great armies. The state may provide for much free enterprise but each individual has the halter around its neck. The state may allow much freedom of expression but let no one forget that the red light is ready for use. The emissaries of the state will be as moral as they can be but legality will always come first. The letter will always be above the spirit. The state may prolong the trial and give circumstantial evidence a chance of expression, but it does not for a minute leave its premise—an eye for an eye. It cannot practice the grace of God. It may give the teacher much freedom in methods but the course of study must be rubber-stamped by the central power. The state can utter wonderful words about the dignity of man; but the personal relationship between man and God is compelled to take a secondary position. The Bible may be profusely used as a supplement but not as a base.

The church has used the sword only when it tried to drive in the wrong lane and it never won anything but shame and setback. The sword is compatible with the state but not with the church. The church has no other way of progressing than that of persuasion and it cannot hold a stick behind the back. To the church and its message there is no other security than that which is contained in the message itself. Instead of promising social security it offers social ostracism. The church has been commissioned to preach full consideration of all the circumstantial evidences and a full recognition of the fact that the spiritual law of seven times seventy forgiveness is superior to the natural law of an eye for an eye. Paul said that where the Lord's spirit is, there is freedom. He was right. The church does know the secret that the human spirit requires unlimited freedom. It also knows that the true dignity of man cannot be second to time limited institutions. Furthermore does it know that the essence of the Bible will never lend

itself to those who want to make a medicine, a fence or an ornament out of it, for it is the base of life. The church preaches a morality which is essentially superior to the legality of the best constitution. To the church there is only one law, the organic, flexible yet absolute, always personal, law of love. The church does preach a kingdom of God which is of a spiritual nature unto the tip of its tiniest fiber.

There is no compromise and no religious salve which can alleviate the pain of the people who must drive in loneliness on their own side of the road, seeing that the white line is a cross which eventually will be too strong for even a magnificent, benevolent world state.

Aage Møller.

AN UNDERSTANDING PASTOR

Rev. Petersen was a rural pastor in Vermont. Faithful to his pastoral duties, he was calling one day on some of his country parishioners. His third call was at the Mikkelsens' home where he found all the members of the family at work with decorating the Christmas tree. Being of a helpful disposition, he asked if he might make himself useful while visiting there; and for an hour he assisted the family in getting everything beautifully arranged.

As he turned to bid "Goodbye" he missed the genial presence of Mrs. Mikkelsen. She had disappeared. Five minutes after he had gone she reappeared and in her hands she carried an elaborate lunch, prepared with the pastor especially in mind. Her disappointment at his absence was plain to see.

One week later she met her pastor on the street in the village, where he lived. She lost no time in telling him of her disappointment the week before. Rather severely she took him to task for leaving as he did.

"I am extremely sorry," replied the pastor, "to have missed that lunch, both for my sake and yours. I know exactly how you feel. I have the same feeling nearly every Sunday. Last week I worked hard on the sermon for Sunday morning; I meant that it should be a spiritual feast to the congregation; but you were not there. I missed you. The same was true the Sunday before and the Sunday before that. I can sympathize with you perfectly. Preparing for guest who fail to appear is very trying indeed."

"I never thought of it that way," remarked Mrs. Mikkelsen softly in an apologetic tone.

The next Sunday the Mikkelsen's family were in church.

—Ansgar Lutheran.

Do It Now

Friends, in this world of hurry
And work and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing
A kindness to a friend,
Do it that very instant!
Don't put it off—don't wait!
What's the use of doing a kindness
If you do it a day too late!

—Charles Kingsley.

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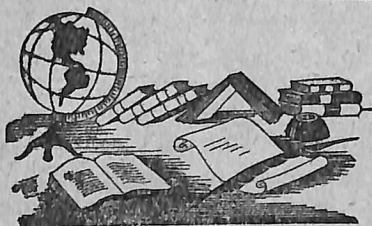
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Across the Editor's Desk

Convention Notes (Continued): We gave in our report in the last issue of L. T. a brief presentation of the beginning and general organization of the convention. We shall endeavor now to present briefly in this column some of the impressions that the Bible Hours, evening meetings and the Sunday services left with us, in order that the many who were not there can get something of a word-picture of the fellowship shared.

Wednesday 4:30 p. m. Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen spoke to the convention as a member of the Elementary Religious Education Board of our synod. Rev. Nielsen stressed the need of a coordinated plan for religious education from infancy to manhood. He related from his experiences in his own congregational work and especially stressed the program of using volunteer workers from the congregation in a well planned and well prepared summer vacation Bible school. A discussion followed.

Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m. we assembled for the Grand View College evening program. Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, president of the board of education for Grand View College was the first speaker. He stressed that Grand View College was conceived and has been developed as a "school for life." He pointed out that the church was not

born in a seminary, but out of the life of the people (Acts 2). In contrast to the Catholics who segregate the young men who study for the priesthood, we at Grand View College offer our seminary students the privilege of living in close contact with the young men and women who are students of the other branches of our College.

After a violin solo by Rev. Verner Hansen, accompanied by Mrs. Hansen, Prof. Erling Jensen, president of G. V. C. Alumni and president of the G. V. C. Jubilee drive, spoke. He presented to us in a brief historical sketch the growth of Grand View College from the first beginning in 1896 up to the present time, the growth in the physical plant and also the growth in the curriculum of our school. He then pointed out that the contemplated expansion is just another step in the natural growth. Prof. Jensen assured the audience that past experience will verify, that as the enrollment in the Junior College increases so is there a natural tendency toward an increase of students in the seminary. The speaker then briefly told about the plans for new and improved building facilities at G. V. C. He closed by stating that the future of the synod depends much on the future of Grand View College.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of G. V. C., was the last speaker. He stressed the tradition of the American college as a builder of men. G. V. C. has endeavored to be true to this program of developing in our youth personalities inspired for leadership. Thus we have something of the Folk School spirit prevailing at G. V. C.

Thursday, June 7th.—Rev. Niels Nielsen of Fresno, Calif., conducted the morning devotion and Bible hour, speaking in Danish. He spoke of the spiritual peace which gives men strength in the midst of tragedy and terror. He mentioned Martin Niemöller, Eivind Berggrav and Kai Munk as representatives of those who had found such peace of heart and soul.

Thursday evening we gathered for the annual convention Santal Mission program. Rev. J. C. Aaberg was in charge of the meeting. He spoke briefly as he voiced a "welcome home" to Dr. Erling Ostergaard and his family. Dr. Ostergaard, as the main speaker of the evening, spoke about the work in the Santal Mission during the World War. He pointed out the many tense moments, but also the many ways in which the Mission had been blessed in spite of adverse conditions.

After Dr. Ostergaard's address Rev. J. C. Aaberg told us about the recent annual meeting of the American Santal Mission committee, where several new workers had been accepted, three of them from our synod. He at this time introduced Mr. and Mrs. Harald Riber as two of the new workers, to the convention audience. Harald Riber spoke briefly in appreciation of the privilege of going into this field of work.

An offering was taken at this time for the Santal Mission. Then Dagmar

Miller spoke briefly. She informed the convention that she had been asked to return to the Santal Mission field and she is looking forward to another opportunity of service in a field of work she has learned to love. Dagmar Miller closed the evening with prayer and the benediction.

Friday, June 8th.—Rev. Arthur E. Frost, Waterloo, Iowa, was in charge of the morning devotion and the Bible hour. Rev. Frost chose as his theme, the story from Math. 15:21-28, the woman from the region of Tyre and Sidon who came to Jesus for help for her daughter. The speaker stressed that Jesus at this time endeavored to help his disciples to gain a vision of the need of the world at large, and to help them to realize that the Gospel was for the entire world.

Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, we gathered for the annual Women's Mission Society program. Mrs. Aage Engelbreth of Racine, Wis., conducted the meeting. The convention choir under the direction of Chaplain F. O. Lund, rendered two selections. Mr. Einar Andersen, student of theology from G. V. C., offered two piano selections. Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, Ruthon, Minn., was the speaker of the evening. His topic was: "Problem of Juvenile Delinquency in Wartime Society." An offering amounting to \$112.00 was taken and upon decision of the board of W. M. S. this was given to the Home Mission budget of our synod.

Saturday, June 9th.—Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., Bronx, N. Y., conducted the morning devotion and Bible hour. He chose as his text the 84th Psalm. He pointed out that many of the followers of Jesus have had the experience of living in the "Valley of Baca," but had also been given the strength to turn the "Valley of Baca" into a "Fountain of Joy."

Saturday evening had been set aside as a Youth Rally in charge of Rev. Harald Ibsen, Kimballton, Iowa, president of D. A. Y. P. L. The speakers of the evening were: Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn., and Rev. Howard Christensen, Cozad, Nebr. All the speakers centered on the theme: "Objectives of our Young People's Work." A discussion followed.

Sunday, June 10th.—At 9:30 a. m. a Danish service and holy communion was held in the spacious convention chapel. Rev. Alfred Jensen preached the sermon using as his text Luke 14:16-24, the parable of "The Great Supper." Rev. Holger Strandskov served at the holy communion. At 11 o'clock the English service was held, Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen preaching the sermon and Rev. L. C. Bundgaard in charge of the holy communion service. A large number attended the two communion services.

Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock Rev. Erik Moller, Omaha, Nebr., spoke on the topic: "The Christian Church and the Quest for Peace" and Chaplain F.

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GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



Extra-Curricular Activities at Grand View

It is rather difficult to draw a line between curricular and extra-curricular activities at Grand View College, for here the two are so closely interwoven that it would be impossible to think of the one existing without the other. It is sometimes quite a problem to keep the balance between the two in the right proportion; but though the combination makes for a busy life, it is also an interesting one.

Music has always been one of the integral parts of Grand View. Whether it is the singing of an anthem by the choir, or some hearty singing around the piano in the living room, it is all just as much at home here. Nearly all of the students take part in the college choir—for almost everyone likes to sing. The Christmas concert and the Sunday afternoon concert at Studentersfest are the choir's most important annual performances, but there are numerous other occasions for singing during the year.

As for the more informal music, the half an hour or so after "Andagt" each evening furnishes a good time for gathering around the piano and for singing favorite songs. The "World of Song", needless to say, is almost always put to use. Besides group singing, there is ample opportunity for those interested in solo work, both vocal and instrumental.

Folk-dancing is one of the more distinctive features of Grand View. The present "man-power" shortage is felt a great deal in this activity, but it has by no means stopped it. As a rule the folk-dancing is done purely for pleasure, but sometimes it is carried on as a part of the regular gym classes. Each year a folk-dancing exhibition is held in connection with Studentersfest, and at that time the bright-colored Danish costumes are donned. But even without costumes, and even with a lack of boys for partners, folk-dancing is fun to do.

Basketball is coming into its own again as a popular activity at Grand View. Although at the present time a boys' team is something only to be wished for, we can boast of the girls' team—and a very good one, too. During the past year this team played in the city basketball league, and made itself a very respectable record.

"U. K.", or "Unge Kræfter", the student organization, furnishes entertainment and recreation for Saturday evenings during the school year. Since most of the programs are planned by the students themselves, there is always a variety of them, from quiz programs to home-made comedies. Incidentally, for those interested in dramatics, there is excellent direction, and opportunities for practical experience in acting and stage management are fine.

Parties seem always to be springing up to pleasantly interrupt the routine at Grand View. Most of these parties are annual occasions, as, for instance, the "Echo" dance in the fall, and Fastelavn activities in February; but something unexpected often turns up which calls for a celebration.

Besides these parties in which the whole school takes part, dorm parties are a very frequent occurrence. A box from home, or a birthday, or just "nothing in particular" is enough to furnish the occasion for a get-together in someone's room. These informal gatherings are a good way to relax and to become better acquainted. And, by the way, there is usually something good to eat!

On long, bright afternoons in the autumns and again in the spring, Sunday afternoon hikes are a popular pastime. The scenic spots in and around Des Moines may be few and far between, but there are some; and there is plenty of room for walking.

This is only a sampling of the "extra-curricular" activities at Grand View. Of course there is tennis, ping-pong, badminton, baseball, and many more "goings-on" which could have been mentioned. All in all, there is never a dull moment at Grand View—unless one makes it that way himself.

—Evelyn Lerager.

Report of the Board of Education for Grand View College to the Annual Convention

June 5-10, 1945

It has not been without concern, during the past years of war, that plans have been made for each term of our college and seminary. It has required a faith in the people of our church that they would continue their support, both financially, and by encouraging our youth, our sons and daughters to come to Grand View College for their education and training. This faith has not been misplaced, and because of it Grand View College has come through these years with a good enrollment, as compared with many colleges, small or large. This enrollment has not, as in many colleges, been bolstered by military classes and in view thereof it now finds itself functioning on a sounder and more solid basis. The Board of Education is also cognizant of the fact that you, the parents and friends of our synod, by sending your sons and daughters

to Grand View College, and in other ways giving it your support, have shown your confidence and faith in the administration and management of the school in general. From this the Board does not presume that mistakes have not been made, nor that criticism, made in a spirit of good will and a desire to be helpful and constructive, is not justified.

Now that the war in Europe is ended and numerous soldiers will be returning to civilian life, a new source of enrollment has been opened by the provision of the federal government for veteran's education. This creates an opportunity for boys returning from the service to continue in college, Grand View College is on the list of recognized schools, and information on this program, as it concerns our college, will be made available in pamphlet form, and otherwise publicized in our church papers. Aside from the opportunity any college may derive from this program in increased enrollment, it is also certain to present various problems and difficulties, as President Knudsen has pointed out in a report to the Board of Education. It will require an understanding of the needs and demands of the service man in his re-adjustment to civilian and college life, and a curriculum which will help him fill his place in life. It is commonly expected that the great demand will be for practical and vocational courses, including preprofessional. President Knudsen reports to the Board that in the preprofessional field we are well equipped, or will be with our expanding program. He emphasizes, however, that our purpose is primarily that of personal development through the medium of the liberal arts curriculum, and warns that there are already danger signs in artificially stimulated programs, and that unpleasant reactions may be the result.

The 1944 report of the Synod President recommended, and the 1944 convention adopted the recommendation, that special work be offered at Grand View College for the training of summer school and Sunday school workers. Subsequently the Board of Education appointed a committee of Rev. Alfred Jensen, Dean Alfred Nielsen, and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of the college, to study the matter. This committee has met, and while it has had no formal resolutions to present, the following may be taken as a summary of its findings.

1. The new course should constitute a special department in charge of one man who should give it all his time. He should be a good teacher but primarily a man of practical experience in church work. The courses should be non-credit courses but they should be co-ordinated with the Junior College curriculum so that eligible students could also take the credit courses.

2. The aim of the courses should be ideal and utilitarian. Personal development and inspiration should always be a basic feature but the practical aim should be to fit young people for service.

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OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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W. M. S. Night at Our Church Convention

The W. M. S. meeting at our church this year took place on Friday evening. It was preceded by the W. M. S. business meeting already reported on by Marietta Strandkov in "Lutheran Tidings" of June 5.

Mrs. Engelbreth, W. M. S. vice-president, bid the audience welcome and thanked everyone who through the past year has contributed to W. M. S. both with money and otherwise. The helpful deeds, which W. M. S. is able to do year after year, are possible only because of the many contributions from friends throughout our synod.

On several occasions during our convention we had listened to the piano music of Einar Andersen, theological student of Grand View College; he also accompanied all the "fællessang" through the whole convention. Mr. Andersen now played several selections for us.

Mrs. Anna Stub, in her own unassuming manner, gave us a brief resume of the work of W. M. S. up to the present time. Mrs. Stub was a former officer of W. M. S. and was also for a time editor of this page. The work of the home and foreign missions lies very close to her heart, consequently we felt that her talk was a plea to carry on with greater and better effort than ever. You can read her talk below; too bad that you cannot see Anna Stub as you read it.

A chorus assembled during the previous days by Chaplain Lund now gathered in the front of the beautiful mission church. They were tall and small, young and old, those singers, but their voices blended beautifully. How I agree with Rev. P. Rasmussen in his appreciation of their music! It was a treat that rested and inspired. We need more of that type at our meetings.

Rev. Eilert Nielsen was the main speaker on our evening's program. His subject was "Problems of Juvenile Delinquency in Wartime Society." I have asked Rev. Nielsen to let us have this talk in print—so I hope it will be possible for all to read it on a future "page."

Some of the younger girls took the collection which this year as always was very generous. Then our own missionary, Dagmar Miller, led us in prayer before we sang our closing hymn.

I think the evening had been very much worthwhile. We had reviewed the work done through W. M. S. in the past. We had received concrete suggestions for carrying on one phase of home mission work in our home groups. We had been reminded of our responsibilities in the foreign field through Dagmar Miller's prayer. And we had been uplifted and inspired by the words and the strains of song.

F. S. P.

Mrs. Anna Stub's Talk at W. M. S. Meeting

The board has asked me to tell you very briefly about the work of the Women's Mission Society, especially during this last year and I think the easiest way to tell you is just to say that the W. M. S. is the "Ladies' Aid of the Synod." We are trying to do some of the very same things in the Synod as the Ladies' Aids are doing in the congregations, some of the extra things that might come to mean a good deal. Sometimes the W. M. S. has helped new projects or new undertakings on their way. We heard this morning that they were some of the very first to give to the Church Extension Fund, and there have often been similar instances.

But first of all there is always the real mission work, both Foreign and Home Mission, which we never must neglect; we all know that a church grows only in proportion to the Mission work it does.

Last year the W. M. S. had an income of \$1,240, and that, of course, is all just gifts from people all over the synod, from Ladies' Aids, mission groups and individuals. The treasurer, Mrs. Agnete Jensen, says that this money just sort of "rolls in." She never sends out letters asking for money, but I know that she is very faithful about writing letters and thank you notes to people who send her money.

This year the W. M. S. gave \$360 to different missions, and last winter, when Dr. Østergaard arrived home from India, they gave him a gift of \$200 to help him have a good vacation and also to show him our appreciation of all his good work on the mission field during these very trying times for missionaries.

And then there is the usual gift of encouragement, as you might call it, to the seminary students. It is sort of an old tradition that they get a gift every year; this year it amounted to \$130. And also each year Grand View College gets a gift, generally for something extra. This year it was for beautifying the student living room and the amount was \$100. The Jubilee Fund was given a bond amounting to \$1,596.46. To our new historian, Rev. Enok Mortensen, was given a gift of \$100 to help him get files and other things needed. "Lutheran Tidings" and John Campbell's Folk School each were given a gift of \$50.

This Mission group still has six or seven hundred dollars in the treasury to be used for other good work. We are so thankful for all this, thankful to the good women all over our synod who so freely and generously send in their gifts because they love God's work and because they love our church. Money given that way just can not help bring its blessings both to those who give and to those who receive.

Anna J. Stub.

From the Business Session of the Convention

We shall not be able to give a detailed account of the business session, but shall endeavor to present some of the reports to the convention, possibly something from the discussion and the final action taken.

A committee on Voting Rights, consisting of O. C. Olsen, Hermod Strandkov and Erling Jensen offered its report on the first day of the convention. The final action taken on this was the adoption of a substitute motion offered by the St. Peder's church of Minneapolis. The following shall be eligible to vote at the annual conventions:

A. The members of the Synod Board, the Board of Education for Grand View College, the Pension Board, the Publication Committee, the President of Grand View College, the Superintendent of the Old People's Home in Des Moines, the President of the D. A. Y. P. L. and the President of the Women's Mission Society.

B. The Pastors, the Missionaries, the Editors of our official church papers and the Statistician of the Synod.

C. Delegates from the congregations elected according to the regulations given in chapter VII."

Rules for the Committee on Publications were adopted. This committee shall consist of four members elected for four years by the convention, two laymen and two pastors, and the synodical president, who shall be a member ex-officio. The committee will direct the publications of all periodical publications and papers of the synod. It shall further be **authorized to publish books and material for use in churches and schools of the synod.**

Proposed rules and regulations for the Home Mission Council were adopted as presented by the committee for same. The purpose of this council shall be "to carry on, stimulate and promote Home Mission work and church extension and to rehabilitate such congregations as may be in need of special assistance." The Home Mission Council consists of the synodical board and the presidents of the nine districts.

The Omaha Proposal in regard to a change in the fiscal year of the synod was amended with a substitute motion and adopted affecting the following change in paragraph 45 of the By-laws of the synod: "The District Presidents shall submit to the synodical President a complete report of the activities of their respective district not later than April 30th." The following was also adopted: "The reports to come before the annual convention shall be printed and published by June 1st." With these changes the entire Omaha proposal was adopted.

The Proposal from Minneapolis about possible meetings at Grand View College for the lay people, and the report of the committee that had worked on plans for Danebod Folk School, resulted in some discussion and the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas it is the conviction of this convention that the cause of Christian fellowship, its growth and en-

lightenment will be greatly furthered by meetings of the kind recommended by St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and whereas such meetings in order to be of the fullest service to all parts of the synod should be arranged for at various points in the synod.—Be it resolved, that this convention express itself in favor of the district boards and meetings providing the facilities necessary for such meetings.—And be it further resolved, that plans and projects worked out by district leadership with such meetings in mind be placed before the next annual convention through the reports of the district presidents."

The Synodical President's Report was considered at this time: Rev. Arthur E. Frost read the report of the committee. He also read a resume of the message of the Cleveland Conference held January 16-19, 1945. We submit same:

THE CHURCHES AND WORLD ORDER

(Christian Century, February 7, 1945)

A message to the churches adopted at the Second National Study Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, January 16 to 19, 1945 under auspices of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

I. CHRISTIAN FAITH AND WORLD ORDER

- 1) **Reaffirm our faith** in that God's righteous rule is over all men and nations; that in Christ He confronts us all alike in judgment and mercy; that men though sinful, are made in His image and . . . are each of value in His sight without distinction of class, race or condition; that the church is the creation of His spirit and the steward of His purpose; that His Kingdom on earth is an unconquerable kingdom of justice and mercy and truth. In this Christian faith, the purpose which we seek to realize are fashioned. It is in this Christian faith that our confidence is grounded.
- 2) **Church's Mission**—"Home Mission" and "foreign missions" are aspects of our world mission to which the church is called.

The world mission of the church has helped to create among our people concern about international affairs and opened channels for the efforts of the churches toward a just and durable peace . . . given impetus to ecumenical movement. What is called for is a united Protestant missionary movement.

- 3) **Principles and Action**—Christians must act in situations as they exist and must decide what God's will demands of them then.
- 4) **American Attitudes and World Peace**—A peaceable world depends upon the attitudes of individuals and groups in our nation. These attitudes should be developed which support the growth of world community.
- 5) **Demands Order and World Order**—The church must condemn any failure of our economic systems to meet the basic needs (of our people). Recognized changes may be necessary in our economic practices, brought about by democratic processes and consistent with Christian principles. Only if our domestic order is born again with fresh vision and determinations to meet the needs of men can America fulfill her new mission and bring hope and encouragement to a broken world.

II. CHRISTIAN STANDARDS AND CURRENT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

- 1) **Commend the Dumbarton Oakes Proposals** to the Consideration of the churches and recommend that the

churches support (these) proposals as an important step in the direction of world cooperation—but given specific (9) suggestions for further improvements of proposals.

- 2) **Political Conduct** required to promote further collaboration.
- 3) **Economic Cooperation**—to avert widespread poverty and maladjustments.
- 4) **Establish a special commission** on human rights and fundamental freedom in the world organization.
- 5) **Peace settlements in Europe and Asia** possible only in the framework of world organization should be inspired by the desire to secure the maximum of collaboration among the peoples.
- 6) **Dependent Peoples** given self government as soon as ready.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

Solemn pronouncements are not enough. Upon the minds and consciences of our people must be laid the duty and opportunity of using the world-wide resources of the church to bring about a world organized for justice and peace.

- 1) **Church and Federal Unity.**
- 2) **Youth and the World Order.**
- 3) **Children and World Peace.**
- 4) **Study and Action** for American participation in International cooperation.
- 5) **Relief and Reconstruction.**
- 6) **Race relations**—Prejudice is a primary obstacle to world brotherhood. Church and members urge a continuing campaign against race prejudice in all its forms.
- 7) **New Study Conference Proposals.**
- 8) **Recommendations with Regard to Specific Immediate Action.**
 - a. Urge a meeting of the United Nations, at earliest possible moment, to consider the Dumbarton Oakes Proposals.
 - b. We concur in the resolutions of the Federal Council of Churches and many other religious and educational bodies urging that congressional action on peacetime military conscription be deferred until after the war.

CONCLUSION

Before we can do Christ's work, we must appropriate more of His life, basic to all else are greater depth of Christian faith, greater endurance in Christian fortitude and courage, more whole-hearted devotion to Him and a more universal experience of His forgiving and creative graces.

As the Christian Church faces its duties and the dangers of this hour, it must undergird its own life and the life of its people with prayer through which are made available to men the infinite resources of God. Without Him we can do nothing. With Him we can advance toward His Kingdom of righteousness and brotherhood.

The committee on the President's Report moved the following: "Resolved, that the convention expresses its appreciation to our president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, for his clear interpretation of Christian Democracy and the responsibilities inherent therein, and it reaffirms its acceptance of the 13 Guiding Principles as passed by the Delaware Conference on Churches on a Just and Durable Peace as further clarified and amended by action of the National Student's Conference at Cleveland, January 16-19, 1945, as recorded in 'The Christian Century' of February 7, 1945." This resolution was adopted.

It was further "Resolved that the convention (a) expresses its joy and gratitude for the liberation of Denmark and other nations and hopes that the contact and fellowship with our Mother Church in Denmark which this synod formerly enjoyed may very soon be restored. (b) That the convention reapproves the plan to send an official representative of this

Synod to Denmark for the purpose of investigating and reporting to as many of our church groups as possible on the conditions in Denmark when and if the Synodical Board deems it advisable, and (c) expresses its appreciation of all the work that has been done for our Mother Country by the American Denmark Relief, Inc., and other organizations." This resolution was approved with a rising vote.

A resolution was offered by the committee "that the convention reindorses the work of the Lutheran World Action in all its branches and urges our congregations to give Lutheran World Action their whole-hearted support by meeting our 1945 quota 100%." This resolution was adopted by the convention.

Upon motion from Rev. A. E. Frost, speaking in behalf of the committee, it was "Further resolved: that the convention authorizes the Synod Board to appoint six delegates to the conference of the National Lutheran Council to be held in Columbus, Ohio, this fall." This was adopted.

In regard to the Home Mission work of the past year, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that the convention notes with approval our president's reference to (a) the increase in the understanding of the need for Home Mission work in our Synod and (b) the projects that have been started and proposed by the Home Mission Council as a result of said increased understanding." It was further decided "that the convention discontinues the Church Extension Fund Committee and transfer the Church Extension Fund to the Home Mission Council for use in accordance with the Rules of the Church Extension Fund."

The convention at this time joined our president in expressing a "Welcome Home" to Dr. and Mrs. Erling Ostergaard and family. This was done with a rising vote.

(To be continued)

Greetings From Pastor M. F. Blichfeld, Denmark

A postal card sent by air mail arrived July 3 from Pastor Blichfeld, the chairman of the Committee for Danish American Mission (Udvalget for Dansk Amerikansk Mission).

It reads as follows in part, translated: "I send this to you in the hope that it finds you, even if you are no more located in Kimballton. This is a greeting to you and the Danish Church and its officers. It is a greeting from friends in Denmark, which I ask you to bring to as many as possible.

During the separation we have sought to find you in prayer and in the hope that the day of liberation would again arrive so we might again get together. God has been good to us and has spared us many losses and we are undescribably happy that we are free again. Write soon, for we long to have a message and greeting from you . . . I am feeling fine in spite of the many years and am looking forward to news from friends in America. Many greetings to friends in the Danish Church.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. BLICHFELD."

Pastor Blichfeld is a former pastor of the Danish Church. We are happy to hear from our friends in Denmark again. We hope that soon unrestricted communications can be established with Denmark. The above postal card was U. S. censored.

Des Moines, July 5.

Alfred Jensen.



HARRIS JESPERSEN, Editor
405 N. 4th Street, Clinton, Iowa

EIGHTH ANNUAL GRAND VIEW CAMP FOR JUNIORS

First Week—Age 12 to 14½
July 30-August 4

Second Week—Age 14½ to 16
August 6-12

GRAND VIEW CAMP

The Grand View Camp is located at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. The college and the campus are the camp grounds. Campers are to sleep in the college dormitories, eat in the dining room, and use the class rooms, gymnasium and athletic field during the daily program. The swimming will take place at the Birdland pool.

DAILY PROGRAM

8:00 —Arise
8:15- 8:30—Exercise in gymnasium
9:00 —Breakfast
9:30-10:00—Clean up
10:00-10:15—Devotion
10:20-10:55—Bible hour
11:00- 1:00—Organized play and craft
1:00- 2:00—Dinner and rest
3:00- 4:00—Swimming
4:30- 5:30—Quiet games and craft
6:00 —Supper
7:00 —Singing
8:00- 9:30—Games
9:45 —Camp fire
10:45 —Lights out

Sunday, August 5

Parents who bring juniors for the second camp should provide their own picnic dinner. The college will serve coffee.

Sunday, August 12

On this day parents of out of town campers are invited to be guests of the camp for dinner.

Program Sunday, August 12

10:45 Church service
12:15 Dinner
2:00 Closing meeting

RULES

The first camp (July 30—August 4) is open to boys and girls of the age 12 to 14½ inclusive.

The second camp (August 6-12) is open to boys and girls of the age 14½ to 16 inclusive. A camper may not have reached his seventeenth birthday.

Campers may not leave the grounds without permission.

Campers who wish to swim must

present a written permit from their parents.

Campers must attend all sessions, unless excused.

All campers must clean their own rooms, and in their proper turn take part in policing the grounds and setting and clearing tables and washing dishes.

The leaders reserve the right to dismiss any camper who fails to conform to the rules of the camp.

Campers must pay for property damaged or destroyed.

EXPENSES

Room, board and tuition for first camp ----- \$8.00

If two members of the same family attend, this will be reduced to \$7.00.

Board, room and tuition for second camp ----- 9.00

If two members of the same family attend this will be reduced to \$8.00.

Room, board and tuition for shorter stay, per day ----- 1.50

Price for one meal ----- .50

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals will be served to the first camp beginning with supper Sunday, July 29, and for campers who cannot get away earlier, picnic dinner Sunday, August 5.

Meals will be served to the campers of the second camp beginning with supper Sunday, August 5, and ending with dinner Sunday, August 12.

Be sure to bring towels, soap, swimming suits, tennis shoes and gym suits. If you play tennis bring your racket. **Do not fail to bring sheets, pillow case and one blanket for your bed.**

Bring your New Testament and World of Song.

Due to war-time rationing it will be very difficult to feed the campers. It would help us a lot if each camper would bring a glass of jelly or jam—and much patience.

Enroll early. Be sure to give your age. We cannot guarantee to accommodate young people who are not enrolled. In order to make our plans, we should like to receive your enrollment not later than July 25.

When enrolling, write to:

Alfred C. Nielsen
Grand View College
Des Moines 16, Iowa

To Our Youth

July 5, 1945

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District IV D. A. Y. P. L. Camp and Convention

Bass Lake, Mich., July 19-22, 1945.

District IV of D. A. Y. P. L. will gather for camp and the annual convention July 19-22 at Bass Lake near Greenville, Mich.

The camp will begin with supper Thursday evening and the convention will begin Friday evening.

The cost per person will be: Registration fee \$1.00; maintenance fee \$1.00; meals \$1.35 per day; cottages 50 cents per night. Each person is asked to bring: Bible, Hymnal, World of Song, Ration book, bedding, including linen.

Rev. Richard Sorensen will be camp leader.

Registrations must be in by July 10. Send your registration to

Agnes Kildegard,
Gowen, Mich.

Soldiers Discover Foreign Mission

A U. S. seaplane was forced to make a landing on the island of Rossel southeast of New Guinea. "We beached the plane, and saw about 30 natives dashing toward us," writes the pilot.

What would happen when the wierd-looking savages captured them? the fliers wondered. The natives wore pieces of bone pierced through noses and ears. They had very bushy hair, a high comb as headdress, and a sort of knee-length skirt.

"About the time I was deciding they might be dangerous," says the pilot, "their leader—a particularly ugly gent with bright tattoos on his body called out—'hello, airmen!'"

The friendly natives cared for the stranded fliers for a month until they could be rescued by their comrades. There was a mission station near by. That explained why these people, who had been cannibals until fairly recent times, were courteous and kind.

Many an American, lost in the jungle in the Pacific war, has stumbled upon a lonely mission station where a few white men and their faithful native friends have nursed them back to health and have helped them on their way.

Many times soldiers in China, Australia or India have gathered up all the cash they could get together and have turned it over to mission agencies, to show their gratitude and admiration for the work they have seen done.

Vacationing in the South

By Nanna Goodhope

Homeward Bound (Concluded).

His response was that the Catholic clergy does not like ignorance and superstition any more than he and I do; but that the Catholic Church recognizes its major trust and responsibility as that of establishing among men the faith of the church. He said that without a firm foundation on which to stand, life is meaningless. He quoted the well known scriptures; "What profiteth it a man that he gains the whole world, etc."

I told him that in spite of what he had said, my preference is to do my own thinking rather than accept without question the decision of even my own church fathers; that Christianity is, according to my humble understanding, a personal experience between God and man, and is in no way dependent upon dogma, doctrine, ritual, or theology.

"And you are a Lutheran," he said; "does your church teach you that?"

"By tradition and heritage I am a Lutheran," I said; "by conviction, if that means the adherence to every tenet and doctrine advanced by the church fathers, no." But here again I choose to make my own deductions, I told him.

He leaned back thoughtfully, and then said that he was not surprised at the lack of unity which prevails within the Protestant denominations; that he had himself known young men just out of the seminary who obviously held no absolute doctrine of faith. "Can a blind lead a blind?" he again quoted.

I ventured to suggest that he might be wrong in his presumption that lack of uniformity is tantamount to disunity, and still maintained that progress is possible only through freedom of thought and interpretation, even in religious matters; that a totalitarian, absolutist domination of the church can only stifle progress.

He then went into great detail explaining to me that the Catholic Church possesses all the wisdom, grace, and power necessary to man's salvation; that Saint Peter, who was the rock on which the true church is built, had been endowed with these by Christ Himself when He gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom. He again quoted scriptures to substantiate his claim.

I replied that I find it fortunate that I was not born a Catholic; for I would undoubtedly, like Will Durant, have looked for rifts in the ecclesiastical canopy in order to get a clearer view of God's earth and bright sunlight than the Orthodox teachings allow.

In a friendly but frank manner we also debated recent articles published in *The Christian Century* and elsewhere, in which the Catholic Church is being criticized for intolerable practices and restrictions against Protestant missionaries and social workers in Mexico and South America.

He insisted that it is not the Catholic clergy so much as the people themselves who object to Protestant proselytizers; that the unbidden guests force themselves upon a people more than ninety per cent of whom are Catholics, disturbing their peace of mind and causing strife and disunity.

"These Protestant workers are at least offering the

people some education and a chance for self-assertion," I said, "which it seems to me the Catholic Church is not. And though original thinking might evoke doubt in the minds of some people, I would say that I prefer an honest skeptic to a religious hypocrite, or one who accepts blindly the teachings of another."

The priest calmly persisted that if the salvation of the individual is dependent upon his own ability to think and choose in spiritual matters, then he feared that only few will be saved; that it is a well established fact that a large majority of the people are unable to think clearly if they wanted to do so, and that others who have the necessary mental faculties are either too lazy or too busy providing the necessities of life to engross themselves in spiritual thinking. "Should we let all those people perish?" he asked. "No," I replied, "I suppose it is better to leave them undisturbed in their lethargic state of complacency, and instead place upon the clergy the responsibility of the salvation of their souls. But," I ventured, "if what you say in regard to the people's inability to think is true, then it seems to me you have made a very fine plea for fascism; for if people are unable to think for themselves on religious matters, then, certainly, they are no more able to do so in politics. Why then pretend to believe in democracy?" I said, "which under such circumstances is only a farce, not a fact."

Others took part in the conversation from time to time, among them a Wac, a Wave, a Sailor, and a peroxide blonde of undetermined age, with voluptuous brown eyes, and a beauty parlor complexion. The latter spent most of her time aboard trains playing poker with service men, all of whom she addressed in endearing terms.

The young wife of a Service man who held a tiny baby in her arms, asked the padre if he approved of women smoking. She said that she had recently been converted, and her pastor had requested that she leave off smoking, which she hadn't done, although she had abandoned many other bad habits.

The young priest, who never for a moment lost his dignity or grace of manner, replied affably that, although he did not consider the use of tobacco in moderation wrong, he would, nevertheless, regard it as sinful if one of his parishioners disobeyed the rules or precepts of the church.

The talk now turned to politics. The sailor, who had observed the padre reading a book by the late G. K. Chesterton, advocated by G. B. Shaw, now questioned the priest on his opinion on government.

The father said that although he found much in Fabian Socialism to his liking, he feared that if adopted as a world system it would become a dictatorial power similar to State Socialism and leave no room for democracy. He advocated instead a benevolent form of capitalism that will provide social security for the aged, the disabled, and the unemployed, as well as protection against monopolies and cartel in industry. He complained that our so-called capitalist government is in reality neither capitalism nor socialism, but proletarianism; which latter he said, is the inevitable result when a majority of the people are at the mercy of a few who have control of a country's wealth. He said that there must be a wider distribution of wealth as already proposed by President Roosevelt and Henry Wallace; that everyone who is willing to work must



OUR YOUTH IN U. S. SERVICE



Youths From Our Synod In The U. S. Service

Alden, Minn., 47 young men.
 Askov, Minn., 114 young men, 5 WACS and 1 nurse.
 Badger, So. Dak., 22 young men, 1 WAC.
 Bone Lake, Wis., 10 young men.
 Bridgeport, Conn., 29 young men, 1 WAC, 1 nurse.
 Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men, 1 Wave, 1 nurse.
 Brooklyn, N. Y., 62 young men, 2 WAVES.
 Brush, Colo., 27 young men, 1 WAC, 1 cadet nurse, 1 Red Cross worker.
 Cedar Falls, Iowa, 80 young men, 1 WAVE, 2 nurses.
 Chicago, St. Stephen's, 26 men and 1 Marine.
 Chicago, Trinity, 63 young men, 1 Red Cross worker.
 Clinton, Iowa, 15 young men.
 Cordova, Nebr., 22 young men.
 Cozard, Nebr., 17 young men, 1 nurse.
 Dagmar and Volmer, Mont., 26 young men.
 Danevang, Texas, 48 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 2 nurses.
 Davey, Nebr., 14 young men.
 Des Moines, Iowa, 41 young men, 1 nurse.
 Detroit, Mich., 64 young men, 1 nurse.
 Diamond Lake, Minn., 22 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE.
 Dwight, Ill., 61 young men, 1 WAC, 3 cadet nurses, 1 chaplain.

Easton, Calif., 15 young men.
 Enumclaw, Wash., 36 young men, 2 cadet nurses.
 Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAC.
 Fredsville, Iowa, 46 young men, 2 WAVES, 2 cadet nurses.
 Gardner, Ill., 6 young men.
 Gayville, So. Dak., 8 young men.
 Granly, Miss., 13 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 1 nurse.
 Grant, Mich., 12 young men.
 Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.
 Greenville, Mich., 45 young men, 2 nurses.
 Hampton, Iowa, 14 young men, 1 WAC.
 Hartford, Conn., 41 young men, 2 WAVES.
 Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.
 Juhl, Mich., 16 young men.
 Junction City, Ore., 36 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 nurse.
 Kimballton, Iowa, 72 young men, 5 nurses.
 Kronborg, Nebr., 30 young men, 1 nurse.
 Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.
 Los Angeles, Calif., 31 young men.
 Ludington, Mich., 46 young men, 1 chaplain.
 Manistee, Mich., 14 young men, 1 chaplain.
 Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young men.
 Minneapolis, Minn., 48 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Muskegon, Mich., 35 young men, 1 WAVE.

Nysted, Nebr., 18 young men, 2 young women.
 Newell, Iowa, 69 young men, 2 nurses, 3 cadet nurses.
 Oak Hill, Iowa, 25 young men.
 Omaha, Nebr., 39 young men, 1 nurse, 1 SPAR, 2 Cadet nurses, 1 Gold Star.
 Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.
 Perth Amboy, N. J., 51 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 Cadet nurse.
 Portland, Me., 24 young men.
 Racine, Wis., 58 young men, 1 WAC, 2 WAVES, 1 chaplain.
 Ringsted, Iowa, 58 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Rosenberg, Nebr., 15 young men.
 Ruthton, Minn., 30 young men, 1 nurse, 1 Spar.
 Salinas, Calif., 25 young men.
 Seattle, Wash., 67 young men, 1 nurse.
 Solvang, Calif., 50 young men, 4 young women.
 Tacoma, Wash., 26 young men.
 Troy, N. Y., 42 young men, 3 WAVES.
 Tyler, Minn., 130 young men, 1 nurse.
 Viborg, So. Dak., 29 young men, 1 Navy nurse.
 Victory, Mich., 13 young men.
 Waterloo, Iowa, 52 young men, 1 Spar, 1 nurse.
 West Denmark, Wis., 30 young men.
 White, S. D., 3 young men.
 Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.
 Withee, Wis., 51 young men, 1 WAC, 1 Cadet nurse.

Total: 2411 young men, 91 women, 4 chaplains.

Also send us the number of Gold Stars on your Service Roll.

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

be given an opportunity to share in his country's wealth in the form of a decent standard of living, including the ownership of a home and a plot of ground if he so desires.

We were all pretty well in agreement on the last point, though opinions varied on how to attain this more abundant life for all.

Thus time sped on and my train was fast nearing home. Before retiring that night I watched for a time the padre, the sailor, the Wac, and the young wife of a Service man play a few games of rummy. I was asked to take a hand but preferred to watch the others.

Long after most of the passengers were asleep in their berths and the lights were lowered, I could still hear the shuffle and clatter of poker chips and the sugary prattle of the peroxide blonde.

And so ended my summer vacation tour. I returned home with a somewhat lighter purse, but richer in experience and friendship than I had left six weeks earlier.

(The End)

Soldiers Discover Foreign Mission

"Dear Mom and Pop," writes a soldier from the South Pacific to his parents in Pennsylvania, "Take \$10 from my account and give it for foreign missions."

He goes on to describe an evening in a chief's hut in the Fiji Islands. "The natives wanted us to sing with them. They had a book with hymns in their language on one side, and in English on the other. It was just like singing in church at home. Some of the tunes they knew better than I did."

The simple Christian faith and fine character of the friendly natives in faraway places revealed to many American soldiers and sailors the amazing results of missionary work. "It is all due to the missionaries our church has had on these islands," a soldier writes.

Buy War Bonds Now

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

(Continued from page 4)

O. Lund, Ruston, La., spoke from his experiences as a chaplain in "a war prisoners' camp on the topic: "The Prisoner of War, His Share and Influence." Both speakers gave challenging addresses and touched on many vital problems as the church faces the task of reconstruction.

At 4:00 o'clock Rev. P. Rasmussen of Dalum, Alberta, was the speaker at the "Dansk Folkemøde og Takkefest for Danmarks Frigørelse." Only P. Rasmussen could have touched the hearts and have voiced the sentiment of "Taknemlighed for alt, der er dansk". The speaker gave himself completely to the task and expressed his own personal appreciation for the privilege that had been afforded him. Danish songs appropriate for the occasion had been mimeographed and were sung by the large audience in the usual Danish singing spirit.

Sunday evening.—Rev. Viggo M. Hansen spoke on the theme: "The Church in a World of Darkness." After Rev. Hansen had spoken, Rev. Alfred Jensen voiced words of thanks to Rev. Viggo Hansen for his nine years of service as synodical secretary. Rev. Jensen also expressed sincere appreciation to Prof. Ernest D. Nielsen for the service he had rendered as Professor in Theology at our seminary. Prof. Nielsen has chosen at this time to continue his studies in order that he may later be of greater service. We wish him the very best in doing so, and are happy to know that he is still in our fellowship.

Several spoke words of appreciation for the fellowship that had been shared during the days we had been together in convention. These words can best be voiced in the words of Rev. J. C. Aaberg, the local pastor of the Minneapolis church, as he said: "May we now go home and make the vision we have had a reality in our daily lives."

In closing, the audience, standing, sang "And now we must bid one another farewell" and Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, declared the 68th annual convention of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church closed in the name of the Triune God and he pronounced the benediction.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ice in their home congregation and community. Summer school teaching in our broad traditional way; Sunday school teaching; leadership; leadership in choral work, singing, play, and gymnastics; knowledge of and interest in our common tasks and ways; organizational and secretarial work, all these should belong with consideration taken for individual interest and ability.

3. The principle subjects should be Bible studies, history, and literature. Included in history should be the historical background of our church (the Reformation, the Danish church, the

Danish Folk School, and the Danish church in America). Music, singing, choral work, educational methods, physical and recreational leadership should all be taught.

4. While all this work should belong in a special department, cooperation should exist between this department and the Seminary and the Junior College, and the students should be an integral part of the general college life.

5. Recognition is made of the fact that while the department should be organized on a new basis and with present day needs and methods in mind it embodies the ideals and the ways of the Folk School and of the former Danish Teachers' Course.

Acting upon the expressed need for a revision of the Governing Rules of the College, the Board of Education has appointed a sub-committee of two members of the board, who with the president of the college, will make a study of the relationship between the Seminary, the Junior College, the Board of Education, the Board of Examiners, and the Synod, and will make a report of such study to the regular meeting of the Board of Education in February, 1946.

On the basis of such study this committee is to propose to the meeting of the Board of Education in February, 1946, whatever revision of the governing rules it may deem advisable, in order that such proposed revision, if approved by the Board of Education, may be brought before the annual convention in 1946.

Architectural plans for the expansion and building program of Grand View College have been prepared by the firm of Ingemann and Bergstedt, and approved by the Board of Education. They are herewith submitted to this convention for disposition. These plans are the result of careful investigation. Numerous meetings have been held with members of the executive committee of the Jubilee Fund, and also with a group of building contractors, from within our synod, who have acted in an advisory capacity. The board feels greatly indebted to these men, who have made a study of the present building and grounds, and the proposed plans. They have been extremely helpful by their advice, suggestions and criticism. The architects, Ingemann and Bergstedt, have been very cooperative and understanding in gathering all information and ideas and assembling them into the present plans. Numerous revisions have had to be made, and their suggestions and advice also have been invaluable.

In the Seminary, we have this year been unfortunate in not having a complete staff of full time teachers due to the absence of Rev. Ernest Nielsen. At Rev. Ernest Nielsen's request he was granted a one year's leave of absence so that he might accept a position with the Augustana College, and also further his own studies. We have, however been most fortunate to have had the very able assistance, during the year, of Rev. V. S. Jensen and Dr. J.

Hamilton Dawson. The Seminary has also been served, as formerly, by Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Rev. S. D. Rodholm, and Rev. A. C. Ammentorp.

The Board of Education greatly regrets that Rev. Ernest Nielsen has later found it necessary to resign his position as teacher in the seminary. One year remained in the fulfillment of his contract, and added to this the assurance of Rev. Nielsen, in a meeting with the Board as late as February 14, that he would be back for the next term, it was with full confidence of his return that the Board accepted this assurance. An answer to a request from the Board, to reconsider his resignation, disclosed the fact that Rev. Ernest Nielsen had already made other commitments for the coming year despite the fact that one year remained of his contract with Grand View College, and the verbal assurance made as recently as February 14 of this year. Although differences have existed between the Board of Education and Rev. Ernest Nielsen on matters of policy, the Board has always held a deep respect for Rev. Nielsen, for his sincerity and for his ability as a teacher.

During the year Grand View College has been host to the following meetings and committees: Junior Camp, Home Mission Council, D. A. Y. P. L., Leadership Conference; Liturgics Committee, Pastor's Institute and Studentfest.

Outside speakers at Grand View College have been: Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, Rev. Enok Mortensen, Rev. P. Rasmussen, Miss Enis S. Pugh, Student Volunteer Movement Secretary, Hon. Henrik Kauffmann, Chaplain F. O. Lund, Dr. Krumbholz, Rev. Fredrik Schiotz of Lutheran Students Association, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Miss Dagmar Moller, Forrest Spaulding, Professor Christian Petersen, and Professor Otto Hoiberg.

During the first semester 34 cadet nurses from Iowa Lutheran hospital received their science training at Grand View College as also did 20 cadet nurses from the same hospital, during the second semester. Courses were in Anatomy-physiology and Biology, taught by Professors Harold Knudsen and Gudmond Petersen. These two, with Professor Peter Jorgensen have also taught classes of cadet nurses at Broadlawns hospital in Des Moines.

In the Junior College, Miss Olga Strandvold has taught English and instructed plays, Mrs. R. Carlson has taught commercial subjects, and Lowell Lockridge has instructed in chemistry. As already mentioned, Rev. V. S. Jensen and Dr. J. H. Dawson have taught in the Seminary. Oluf Lund has very ably directed the chorus.

The Board of Education met at Medicine Lake, following the convention, June 14, 1944; and at Grand View College September 19-20, 1944, February 13-14-15, 1945, for a special meeting at Grand View College April 20, 1945, and the regular meeting May 17, 1945.

The present members of the Board of Education are: Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, chairman; Herbert Lang, secretary; Rev.

Alfred Jensen, Rev. C. A. Stub, and Jens Thuesen. The term of Jens Thuesen expires this year.

In the lobby of Grand View College is a service roster containing the names of Grand View College alumni who are serving our country. It has had to be enlarged to make room for the increased list of names now on the honor roll. Four gold stars have now been added. In the face of their enormous sacrifice we can not but feel humbled and penitent, but also a renewed conviction that church and school must create within the heart of man the inspiration to follow God's will.

CHURCH and HOME

"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way."

Yet, so many of us hesitate because we feel that we are unworthy. Moses was a shepherd for forty years before he was called to accept a leadership in Israel. He tried his very best to convince God that of all the responsibilities in the world this was the one that he was least fitted for. He could not express himself very well; he did not get along with other people very well; there were so many things which a man should have in order to be a real leader which he did not have; he was not tenderhearted, he was not sensitive to the experiences and needs of others, he was not deeply humble. As a shepherd of sheep he could pass; he loved that task and wanted to continue as such.

Simon had been a fisherman for many years when he was called to become a fisher of men. He, too, was afraid of the responsibilities involved. He was happy in his present calling; why should he be taken away from that and given another task which required talents he did not possess? He would never be happy doing things he didn't know how to do.

They seemed to know better than God what they could do to the best advantage of all parties concerned. There is a lot of self-consideration involved. They want to be sure of the enjoyment. The new task may bring them only disappointment and dissatisfaction.

In order to find God and know Him as Jesus knew Him man must find himself first as a sinner. Man can follow Christ only by leaving his own things behind. "Let the dead bury their dead." The word of God must mean more to him than personal skill and satisfaction and all the things he owns.

"The time for decision" is now. Simon Peter would have never been such a power among men had it not been for the new direction given to his life through the word which not only changed his whole life and gave him a new and better future, but it gave him a better and truer understanding of himself in his relationship to God and

man both; his own work was not nearly as important as it had been, and the prospect of a God-directed task did not seem nearly as repulsive as it did before.

Moses would never have become the great leader in Israel had he not heard the word that gave new meaning and new direction to his life.

The greatest of all things that may happen to man during any one day is the newness of life which may take a hold of him and change his direction.

The new life is a life of love for Him who first loved us. It is a life of God-directed action, and service.

OUR CHURCH

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Rev. John Christensen of Hartford will be the speaker for the "Dansk Aften" in St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church parlors on the evening of July 18th.

Mrs. L. C. Laursen, who for the past eleven years has resided in Enumclaw, Wash., is visiting in Perth Amboy. This is her first return to her former home community in 32 years. The Perth Amboy Ladies' Aid will have her as guest of honor at its meeting on July 12th.

Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colo.—The annual meeting of the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute will be held July 12-15. Members of the Board of Trustees from our synod who are scheduled to appear on the program are Rev. Alfred Jensen, Rev. A. W. Andersen and Rev. Hakon Jorgensen. Rev. I. M. Andersen is the superintendent of the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute.

Muskegon, Mich.—On June 27th, the church gave a supper in honor of the choir members and the Sunday school teachers.

On Sunday, May 27th, the drive for funds for the new church building was completed. The final standing is now: Approximately \$5,000 in cash and about \$10,000 pledged. It is the plan to build as soon as the war conditions are somewhat settled.

Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Gravengaard, former pastor and his wife of the Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines, were honored there recently with open house for them in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gravengaard.

The Santal Mission Moves Its Headquarters.—During the fifty years of its existence in America the Santal Mission has had its office headquarters in a building of the Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis, and without any rental charge. The building in which the office has been located will now be demolished, and in view of the constant expansion of the work of the Santal Mission, it was found advisable to move the office to a new location. Such office space has now been secured in the Fourth Northwestern National Bank

building at the corner of Cedar and Riverside Avenues. The address of the Santal Mission will be: 401 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis 4, Minn.

Tyler, Minn.—The customary "4de Juli Fest" was observed at Danebod with Dean Alfred C. Nielsen from Grand View College as the guest speaker.

Einar Andersen, student of theology, from Grand View College who is the assistant pastor in Tyler this summer, preached in the Danebod church Sundays, June 17th and 24th, in the absence of Rev. Enok Mortensen.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Independence Day picnic was held on the College campus with Rev. Alfred Jensen as the speaker.

Rev. A. C. Ammentorp, pastor of Luther Memorial Church, is taking his vacation during the month of July. Rev. S. D. Rodholm is in charge of the services the first three Sundays of the month.

The summer school for the children of the church closed July 3rd. Gudmund Petersen, student of theology at G. V. C., has been the instructor.

St. Stephen's Chicago.—Rev. Marius Krog is spending his summer vacation in the Hetland-Badger, So Dak. community. He was formerly pastor of the churches there. In his absence Rev. Ernest Nielsen, former professor of theology at the G. V. C., will conduct the services in the St. Stephen's church. Prof. Nielsen is taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. His address is 6843 South Marshfield, Chicago 36, Ill.

Askov, Minn.—The annual July 4th celebration was observed again this year with Dr. O. G. Hoiberg of Brookings, So. Dak., as guest speaker.

Dagmar, Mont.—The annual "Midsummer Fest" was observed June 29-July 1st with Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Dr. Erling Ostergaard, missionary from the Santal Mission, as guest speakers.

Prof. Erling Jensen, president of the G. V. C. Jubilee Drive, and president of the G. V. C. Alumni has moved to a new residence in Ames. His address is now: 1209 Marston Ave., Ames, Iowa.

The Young People's Convention of the Iowa district will be held in Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 17, 18 and 19 under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Bethlehem Church.

Mr. Sigurd Jorgensen, former instructor of music at G. V. C., and in the public school of Tyler, Minn., received his Ph. D. on June 8th at the University of Ohio in Columbus. He wrote his thesis on the topic: "The Danish Folk High School with emphasis on The Living Word, Folk Singing and Gymnastics."

The Seattle, Wash., District of Danish War Relief consists of seven units. These seven units cover a large area of

the northwest in and around Seattle. One unit is centered at the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Tacoma, Wash., where Rev. A. W. Andersen is the pastor. These seven units have now reconditioned old clothing and made new to the amount of 100 boxes which are packed and ready to send to Denmark to alleviate the need for clothing there, especially amongst children.

Junior Camp at G. V. C.—There will be two camps this year, first week July 30-August 4th for the age group 12 to 14½; the second camp August 6-12 for the age group 14½ to 16. The camp theme will be: "Human Brotherhood." See complete program in "To Our Youth" section of this issue.

Cedar Falls, Iowa.—Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn., was guest speaker in the young people's society on Friday evening, June 29th.

Student of Theology, Gudmund Petersen, from Grand View College, conducted services in the Bethlehem's Church on Sunday, July 1st, in the absence of Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, pastor of the church.

Diamond Lake, Minn.—On Sunday, July 1st, the Hope Lutheran Church of Ruthton, Minn., and the Congregation from White, So. Dak., joined the Diamond Lake congregation in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen. Rev. Nielsen observed the 25th anniversary day on June 6th. Prof. Ernest D. Nielsen, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker.

The Annual Youth Camp and Convention of the D. A. Y. P. L. District including the Michigan and Illinois and part of Wisconsin youth groups in our synod will be held at Bass Lake, Mich., during the days July 19-22nd. Rev. Richard Sorensen of Marlette, Mich., will be camp leader. The Greenville, Mich., young people are acting as hosts as they did so splendidly also a year ago.

The Annual Sunday School Institute of District VII will be held August 9 to 12 at St. John's Lutheran church, Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr. Sunday, August 12th, will be Parents' Day. A complete program and other details will appear in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings.

Acknowledgement of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the Period May 15 to June 30, 1945

Towards Budget:

General:

Congregation, Easton, Calif.	\$ 96.50
Congregation, Port Chester, Conn.	34.50
Congregation, Volmer, Mont.	49.00
Congregation, Rosenborg, Neb.	55.00
Congregation, Troy, N. Y.	60.00
Congregation, Marinette, Wis.	5.00

Congregation, Moorhead, Iowa	35.00
Congregation, Oak Hill, Iowa	162.00
Congregation, Askov, Minn.	33.13
Congregation, Pasadena, Calif.	25.50
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	30.00
Congregation, Viborg, S. D.	150.00

Pens. Fund Misc.:

Congregation, Gayville, S. D.	\$ 33.80
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	8.50
Mrs. Emma Fricke, Chicago, Ill.	2.00

Pension Fund, Pastors:

Rev. Svend Holm	\$ 8.94
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Home Mission:

Women's Mission Society	\$ 112.57
Offering at convention	146.62

Total towards budget ----- \$1,048.06

Received for Items Outside Budget:

Grand View College Endowment Fund:

Martin B. Petersen, Ruthton, Minn.	\$ 100.00
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For Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged, 1945	\$2,473.55
Congregation, Rosenborg, Nebr.	5.75
Congregation, Newell, Iowa	251.50
Congregation, Grayling, Mich.	85.10
Congregation, Grant, Mich.	30.00
Congregation, Gayville, S. D.	65.00
Congregation, Ringsted, Iowa	116.85
Congregation, Ludington, Mich.	65.00
Congregation, Dagmar, Mont.	96.00
Congregation, Oak Hill, Iowa	5.00
Congregation, West Denmark, Wis.	112.50
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa	100.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	125.00
Congregation, Dannevang, Tex.	216.00
Congregation, Perth Amboy, N. J.	78.20
Congregation, Davey, Nebr.	15.00
Congregation, Portland, Me.	100.00
Congregation, Tacoma, Wash.	50.00
Mrs. Clara Hornsyld, Solvang, Calif.	5.00
Anonymous	20.00
"Memory of Alfred Hansen" friends, Ringsted, Iowa	17.00
"Memory of Karl Laursen" friends, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Oak Hill Kvindeforening, Oak Hill, Iowa	5.00
Betania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa	25.00
Young People's Society, Ringsted, Iowa	5.00
St. John's Women's Mission Group, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00

Total ----- \$4,237.45

For Grand View College Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged	\$31,334.92
P. C. Rasmussen, North Troy, N. Y.	18.75
"In memory of Wayne S. Andersen," A Friend	18.75
"Anonymous," Los Angeles, Calif., "I Taknemliged over Danmarks Befrielse"	100.00
Germania Church, Marlette, Mich.	20.00
Miss Betty Jensen, Clinton, Ia.	10.00
Gerald L. Nelson, Exira, Ia.	5.00
Chris. J. Rasmussen, Exira, Iowa	18.75

Miss Agnete K. Jensen, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Miss Alma Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
Miss Gunver Mailand, Des Moines, Iowa	18.75
Mrs. Helvina Mailand, Des Moines, Iowa	18.75
Marie Dyhr, Dagmar, Mont.	18.75
Marie Olsen, Ruthton, Minn.	15.00
Maren and Marie Williamsen, Marquette, Nebr.	5.00
"Unknown," Sheridan, Mich.	.50
Anita and Kenneth Johnson, Aurora, Iowa	5.00
Thomas Sundsted, Dagmar, Mont.	50.00
Mrs. J. C. Jacobsen, Lucedale, Miss.	10.00
Chr. Bjerg, Omaha, Nebr.	10.00
Herluf H. Ries, RT 1c, U. S. Navy	20.00
Albert Larsen	15.00
Mrs. Jensine Nielsen, Kalamazoo, Mich.	5.00
Louis Holm, Caberry, Ill.	5.00
P. Chr. Jorgensen, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Mrs. Caroline Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Miss Helen Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
J. A. Jensen, Pasadena, Calif.	25.00
Wm. Svendsen, Ruthton, Minn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frode Andersen, Tulsa, Okla.	50.00
Jacob Sonderby, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Knud Lund, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Holger Ries, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Carl T. Hansen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Einer M. Jensen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
H. P. Norgaard, Tyler, Minn.	2.00
Michael Jorgensen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Albert Nielsen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Niels Dam, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Sigurd Holm, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
S. Chr. Sorensen, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Niels S. Nielsen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Louis Kuld, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
M. G. Petersen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
R. J. Martensen, Tyler, Minn.	20.00
Victor Sorensen, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
N. J. Kyhl, Askov, Minn.	1.00
Mrs. Margrethe Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
C. Fred Christensen, Tacoma, Wash.	25.00
John Lauridsen, Puyallup, Wash.	10.00
GVC Students and Faculty, "In memory of Wayne Andersen"	38.00
Miss Mildred Hansen	10.00
Hans Mosbaek, Askov, Minn.	5.00
Anker E. Johnson, Santa Ynez, Calif.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Johnson, Ynez, Calif.	18.75
Eva and Victor Nielsen, Putman, Wash.	10.00
Rev. P. N. Christiansen, Sydney, Nova Scotia	20.00
Muller & Son, Kimballton, Iowa	25.00
Mrs. Dagmar Knudsen, Lake Benton, Minn.	18.75

Aksel Andreasen, Reserve, Mont. -----	25.00
"In Memory of N. P. S. Miller," Mrs. Cecelia Helland and Mrs. George Holck, Ruthton, Minn. -----	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Goodhope, Garfield, Wash. -----	500.00
Miss Elin and V. S. (Jr.) Petersen, St. Paul, Minn. ----	37.50
Jacob Berggren -----	5.00
A. E. Nielsen, T/5, U. S. Army "Virkelyst," Minneapolis, Minn. -----	4.12
Chr. Grau, Exira, Iowa ----	10.00
Walter Hansen, Exira, Iowa--	18.75
Harald O. G. Hansen, Newton, Conn. -----	10.00
Jean and Peter Jorgensen, Grand View College -----	37.50
Niels Abildgaard, Portland, Me. -----	5.00
Lawrence Jepsen, Atlantic, Iowa -----	18.75
J. N. Christofferson, Atlantic, Iowa -----	25.00
B. C. Hoegh, Atlantic, Iowa--	25.00
A. N. Hoegh, Exira, Iowa ----	25.00

Total cash contributed to date ----- \$33,001.04

GVC Jubilee Fund, Contributions in bonds: (Maturity Values)

Previously acknowledged ----	\$26,450.00
Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Des Moines, Iowa -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Jensen, Clinton, Iowa -----	25.00
C. W. Loding, Greenville, Mich. -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jensen, Solvang, Calif. -----	25.00
L. L. Jorgensen -----	25.00
Peter A. Rasmussen, Minneapolis, Minn. -----	25.00
"Virkelyst," Minneapolis, Minn. -----	125.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Magnusson, Clinton, Iowa -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Knudstrup, Manistee, Mich. ----	100.00

Total bond contr. to date...\$26,850.00

Respectfully submitted,
Olaf R. Juhl.

News Briefs

**MISSOURI LUTHERANS
EARMARK \$1,800,000 FOR
POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION**

By Religious News Service

June 11, 1945.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States has earmarked \$1,800,000 of a special fund of \$5,000,000, now being raised among its churches, for post-war reconstruction and missionary expansion in Europe, South America and other countries.

Districts of the Church will retain \$1,000,000 for mission work in their

own territories, \$1,500,000 will be devoted to the building and alterations' program of its seminaries and colleges, and \$500,000 will be allocated to missionary activity in China, the Philippines, India and other fields.

The remaining \$200,000 will be used to erect a new Synodical Headquarters building at St. Louis, Mo., to be dedicated in 1947, when the Missouri Synod celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding.

**NORWEGIAN CHURCHES HOLD
LIBERATION SERVICES**

By Religious News Service

June 12, 1945.

OSLO, Norway (by wireless)—Bishop Eivind Berggrav, Primate of the Norwegian State Lutheran Church, preached at special services in the Vor Frelzers Church here for Norway's liberation. The overflow attendance included King Haakon and other members of the Royal Family, as well as leading representatives of the Norwegian Government. Similar thanksgiving services were held in all churches throughout the country.

**ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIANS
PROTEST ODT BAN ON YOUTH
CONFERENCES**

By Religious News Service

June 11, 1945.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—A protest against the ODT's ban on summer youth conferences, and a demand that the travel restrictions be lifted, was voiced here by the Synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

"In view of the fact that very few of your young people travel to these conferences on trains and that travel to amusement camps and race tracks is freely permitted, we can only conclude that this ruling of the ODT . . . results not so much in the restriction of travel as in the restriction of culture and religion," said a message sent to Fred Vinson, director of war mobilization.

**LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH PLANS
GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

By Religious News Service

June 11, 1945.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A golden jubilee celebration will be held by the Lutheran Free Church in 1947 in observance of the 50th anniversary of the church's founding, delegates to the 49th annual conference voted here.

The conference authorized the church's board of organization to report on jubilee plans at the 1946 annual meeting.

Delegates voted to complete the church's three-year victory building fund in two years by raising \$100,000 in 1945. Of the \$250,000 goal, \$150,000 was raised in 1944.

The fund is for a \$200,000 library and science building at Augsburg College and Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, and for a \$50,000 physical education building-dormitory at Oak Grove Seminary, Fargo, N. D.

Budgets approved for the 1945-46

SYNODICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, President,
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1111 Pershing Blvd., Clinton, Ia.
Dr. F. N. Thomsen, Trustee,
Tyler, Minn.

Miss Dagmar Miller,
Santal Mission, Treasurer,
Tyler, Minnesota.

Dr. A. T. Dorf,
Danish Seamen's Mission,
193 Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

(All contributions and gifts to be sent to the synodical treasurer, Olaf R. Juhl, with the exception of gifts to the Santal Mission and the Danish Seamen's Mission).

fiscal year included \$60,000 for Christian education, \$36,000 for foreign missions and \$35,000 for home missions. Budget for home missions was increased by \$7,000 over last year while the other two remained the same.

In addition to its victory building fund and regular benevolences the church is seeking to raise \$38,000 in 1945 as its share of the \$2,500,000 Lutheran World Action Appeal goal.

Five candidates for the ministry were ordained at one of the conference's concluding services.

A service was held in tribute to the church's 8,246 men and women in the armed forces, its 14 chaplains and 194 members who died in the service of their country during the war.

**LUTHERAN BROADCASTER
INVITED TO VISIT AFRICA
AND AUSTRALIA**

By Religious News Service

June 11, 1945.

NEW YORK—Dr. Walter A. Maier, who has just completed his 12th season of broadcasts on the Lutheran Hour, has been invited to visit Africa and Australia.

The Kano Bible School of Nigeria, West Africa, has asked Dr. Maier to address the Sudan Interior Missions Organization in Africa, and Dr. Clarence Hoopmann, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia, has asked him to investigate the possibilities of expanding Lutheran Hour programs in Australia.

**1,000 SERVICE MEN REPORTED
INTERESTED IN BECOMING
MINISTERS**

By Religious News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. Names of 1,000 men in the armed forces who have shown a definite interest in becoming Christian ministers after the war have been submitted by 590 chaplains to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, it was reported here by Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the interdenominational agency.

Beginning last February, the Commission has sent out questionnaires to more than 8,000 Protestant chaplains, asking for the names of service men who were interested in the ministry.

"The highest rank of any man recommended was a major," Bishop Lee said. "Good numbers of first and second lieutenants and naval ensigns were recommended, but the great majority were sergeants and corporals. Only a few of them are men who already had a vocation before entering the service and now wish to become ministers."

The Commission agreed to appoint a committee to work with Bishop Lee in further studying the task of obtaining recruits for the ministry from the armed forces.

It was also reported by Bishop Lee that chaplains and troops in every military camp in this country will be visited before the end of the summer.

In regard to overseas visitation, he said that missions to bases in China, India-Burma, and other areas have been approved by the joint Chiefs of Staff.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, and Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, newly elected chairman of the General Commission, are now visiting the Mediterranean and European theaters of operations, while Dr. William Barrow Pugh, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., will leave for a tour of Pacific bases in mid-June.

NIEMOLLER SUGGESTS RE-EDUCATION

In an interview in Naples with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America, Pastor Martin Niemoller, for eight years a prisoner of Hitler because of preaching his beliefs, declared that Germany required "a long period of controlled re-education" before it would be ready to take its place as a self-respecting nation. Such re-education, the Lutheran pastor added, should be a thorough policy of truth-telling about Nazi poli-

cies and practices. He believed that the United States should direct its re-education efforts at Germans under the age of 22.

BISHOP BERGGRAV PRESIDES AT NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY SERVICES

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OSLO, Norway (By Wireless). Bishop Eivind Berggrav, Primate of the Norwegian State Lutheran Church, presided at outdoor services in the great Akershus Square here before a crowd of many thousands gathered to observe Norwegian Constitution Day. Taking part in the observance were Crown Prince Olav and several members of the former Government-in-Exile in London who have returned to Norway.

Sounding a keynote of thanksgiving for Norway's liberation, the Primate, obviously referring to Norwegian pro-Nazi collaborationists, declared that "it is true that God can take vengeance on the enemy's children for their ill deeds, but we must not."

BISHOP BERGGRAV URGES NEW SOCIAL SPIRIT

By Religious News Service

OSLO, Norway (By Wireless). A new social spirit in Norway was urged by Bishop Eivind Berggrav, Primate of the State Lutheran Church, in a radio address following the first meeting of bishops since the liberation.

"The storm has been dispersed and Norwegians are giving thanks to Him who governs the people's fate," Bishop Berggrav said. "Thanks to each of you who joined in the country's and the Church's fight, we have re-won our rights."

"But our happiness obliges us to bring a new social spirit into our people's lives. Let us not forget that there is much to do so that, in God's name, we may share equally in fruits of the future."

WORLD COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTS YOUTH SECRETARY

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NEW YORK—The American Com-

mittee for the World Council of Churches has appointed Prof. William Keys of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., as youth secretary, it was announced here by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, secretary of the committee. He will assume his duties on September 15.

According to Dr. Leiper, Mr. Keys' task will be "to help young people of all denominations to work effectively together toward common Christian goals."

Mr. Keys will work largely through the Christian Youth Movement to advance ecumenical education and activity in the United States. He will be in contact with youth groups of similar interest throughout the world and will seek to relate the American youth movement to its world-wide associations, particularly in regard to matters of post-war reconstruction.

One of his major undertakings will be to revive the ties created at the international and interdenominational youth conference at Amsterdam, Holland, just before the outbreak of the war, looking toward the holding of another similar conference as soon as possible.

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