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Gracious and Mighty God

Gracious and mighty God,
Shield what our hands have wrought!
Bless Thou the house which we have erected !
Save it from storm and flame,
Evils of every name,
Let by Thy Fatherhand it stand protected.

We laid foundation here,
Facing defeat and fear,
But Thou has built the house and Thou didst cheer us,
Now as it stands complete,
We kneel before Thy feet;
Whom Thou art near is safe, so be Thou near us!

Let us before Thy face
Walk here in truth and grace;
And lead us on to grand and noble visions !
Teach us the highest art;
Wisdom that warms the heart!
Give richer life to youth with true ambitions!

Bless those who sow the grain
Here for eternal gain!
Shed on young hearts the light of inspiration,
That all good seed strike root,
Grow up and bear much fruit
Worthy of Thee, our homes, our church, our nation.

Kr. Østergaard.

Written for the dedication of Grand
View College, Des Moines, Iowa, 1904.
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LOOKING FORWARD

When colleges open in the fall, trains will be moving young men across the country. The young men will be willing and eager to go to school, but the train will not leave them at the campus gates. They will be headed for points of embarkation. There was a time when we thought we could look forward to the return of the veterans to colleges in the fall of 1945, but we know now that we shall have to look further ahead than that in order to include young men in our college plans.

We are looking ahead at Grand View College. Our plans include the service veterans and we hope to be well equipped for their return. For this reason also we are preparing our building program. If we

prepare well and keep the faith, there will undoubtedly come a day when a new and larger Grand View College, which includes the best from the past and the present, will be filled with young men and women, preparing themselves for a useful and purposeful life.

But we are, of course, looking beyond the day of peace to the coming years. We must help train a coming generation which can keep the peace. We must help build a future day in our church and in our country when social, economic, and international problems will not suffer as gravely from lack of knowledge and understanding as they do now. We must help furnish the leadership which will be committed to goals and ideals and purposes far beyond selfish in-

terests so that the scope and quality of our living may be enlarged and enriched.

This is not an impractical goal. We must not be defeatists and give up before we start. There is no reason in the world why Grand View College should not grow to fill a fine and good place in our common life. The only factor which can prevent this growth is our lack of faith in ourselves. We must eliminate this factor; we must assert ourselves with belief in ourselves; we must grow to fill our place in life. If we fail to do so, we will not only have failed the church and our country, we will have failed ourselves.

Our goals are not only remote ones, however, and we are not only looking forward to the coming years. We are looking forward also to a school year starting the tenth of September. It may not be a year in which we regain our normal enrollment of boys, but it will undoubtedly be a good and valuable year for the young men and women who are privileged to come. It is a grand opportunity which comes once in a lifetime to a young man or woman and we invite them to grasp it this year.

The prevailing emphasis in education is upon practical training. We include that emphasis in our work at Grand View College and equip ourselves to give a good and helpful education. But we do not make

the practical our exclusive emphasis. We invite young men and women to take part in the more valuable features of living. It is a crime when parents do not help their children to understand that their spiritual needs are more important than their material or physical needs. When they send their youngsters to college with an eye only to vocational or professional training, they are not looking far enough ahead. Hundreds of young people have been lost to our church, because their parents lacked foresight in the choice of a school.

On my recent trip to the west coast a friend of Grand View College said to me: You can always tell the former Grand View students in the way in which they show their interest. I believe this is true and I am happy it is true. The future of our church rests with those who can look forward and among those the former students at Grand View College take their important place.

We appeal to the homes and the churches of the Danish Lutheran Church in America. Will you help us again to fill the halls of the college during the coming year? Will you look forward to the day when your young people will thank you for having understanding and foresight in the choice of a college?

Johannes Knudsen.

OUR HOPE

Following the withdrawal of the Inner-Mission group from the synod in 1893 the Danish Evangelical Church in America was small and weak. There remained 36 ministers and 40 congregations. But if the group was small in numbers and weak financially, it was nevertheless strong in spirit. It dared to set out on a great venture.

There was a great need for a school not only to train ministers, but to give a higher education to the young people of the church. The fact that the ministers could have been trained elsewhere and the school could have been done without did not satisfy the group. They wanted their own school. They were determined to build.

The convention at Carlston in 1894, which was composed of 19 ministers and 17 delegates, decided to go ahead with the plans which had previously been discussed and approved and which called for the building of a school at Des Moines, Iowa. Before the end of that same year the foundation for the east wing of Grand View had been laid. With the coming of winter the work stopped for a time, but some months later it was taken up again and by the fall of 1895 the building (the east wing) was completed.

It was not, however, ready to be opened that year. There were neither teachers nor students. The contract with Mr. Kooker, the Des Moines banker who had given the land, required that the school be opened by September, 1896. After a great deal of discussion and search for teachers two were finally found. Rev. Gravengaard promised to be the temporary president.

The opening of the school was set for September 27, 1896. On this day one student arrived (by the end

of the year there were 34). It was a great day for the Danish church. At last it was beginning to go forward again. There were many fine things spoken on that day but perhaps the most significant were these words of Rev. H. J. Pedersen:

"Today begins a new era in the Danish Church. From now on it is forward and upward. This much I dare say: what hope there remains for the Danish Church is to be found centered about the school here at Grand View."

It will soon be fifty years since those words were first spoken. They were spoken in a time of great fear. The future of the church was uncertain and yet in the hearts of the people lived hope and faith. They had dared to build on that hope and faith.

The time that has passed since then has to a large extent fulfilled their hope. The church has grown. The growth and progress has not always been steady. At times it has seemed as if there were more retrogression than progress. There have been difficulties from without and from within, but now as we look back over those years we can see that the progress has been notable, especially when we consider the small beginning and the obstacles that had to be overcome.

"What hope there remains for the Danish Church is to be found centered about the school here at Grand View," said Rev. Pedersen. How true those words were. It is largely due to the existence of Grand View that the Danish Church has been able to continue. It has first of all provided our church with ministers. It has made it unnecessary to seek help from the outside for this. Had we continued to rely

on the people in Denmark for the supplying of ministers, our church would undoubtedly have gone out of existence long ago. Had we likewise let our ministers be trained in other schools here in America we would soon have been swallowed up by one of the larger groups. It is Grand View that has saved us from both of these fates.

But Grand View has done more than that. It has, through providing a place for our young people to

hope there is for the Danish Church still is centered in Grand View. Grand View can and must serve in the future as it has done in the past. It must still continue to supply our ministers and it must still continue to be the tie that binds. We have a greater reason to hope that this will be so that they did in those early days. We have seen the record of the past. We know that they could continue to carry on despite severe obstacles. We know also that if



CHORUS AT G. V. C.

Back Row: Valborg Jessen, Gordon Miller, Donald Hjort, Harold Olsen, Hilmer Person, Lewis Nielsen, Kenneth Woody, Oluf Lund. Third row: Herdis Kilgren, Gloria Petersen, Alice Christensen, Bertha Rix, Ingrid Ellen Holme, Solveig Buhl, Mary Ann Gertsen, Evelyn Lerager. Second row: Marina Bonilla, Muriel Petersen, Naomi Jensen, Norma Due, Lillian Feddersen, Lillian Sloth, Ellen Andersen, Ellen Bollesen, Ruth Sutherland, Anita Kruse. Front row: Alma Nelson, Dora Krog, Jean Crosson, Esther Jensen, Gwen Erickson, Doris Fredericksen, Virginia Larsen, Lillian Vium, Pearl Plambeck.

come together in the interest of higher education, established a strong bond of fellowship within our church. Those who have attended Grand View are bound by exceedingly strong ties. I am confident that if a study could be made of the interest shown in synodical affairs by the various congregations of the synod it would be proven that the interest of each congregation in the affairs of the synod varies directly in proportion to the number of people in that congregation who have attended Grand View. Grand View is truly "the tie that binds."

Yes, the hope that remained in those days was centered about Grand View. Without Grand View I am sure the Danish Church would long since have gone the way of so many other small groups. It would have been no more.

But now, almost fifty years later we can still repeat those memorable words of Rev. Pedersen. What

we continue in the same faith and hope we too can carry on.

That small group fifty years ago had the courage to build. Their courage bore fruit. We must not now sit idly by and reap the harvest for the harvest doesn't last forever. We must sow new seed so that fifty years from now other generations may continue to reap a harvest. We must continue to build both materially and spiritually. We are better able to build materially than they were. We have better means, we have the ability and we have the foundation of their work upon which to build. If we can but be endowed with the same spirit of faith and hope which they had then, Grand View and the Danish Church can continue to go ever forward and upward. We must go forward and upward or die.

Thorvald Hansen.

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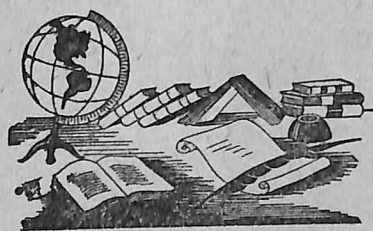
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Across the Editor's Desk

Grand View Camp For Juniors.

The eighth annual camp for juniors to be held at Grand View College is scheduled for the period July 29- August 12. The camp has proven itself to be of real value in bringing the junior youth of our synod into closer fellowship as they meet year after year on the campus and in the class rooms of our church school. At the same time it gives to these boys and girls their first impression of the rich cultural and spiritual values offered at Grand View College, thus inviting them to return later for a year or more as students at G. V. C.

The camp was instigated under the able leadership of Dean Alfred C. Nielsen when he was president of the College. Prof. Nielsen has been chosen to be the camp leader this year and he will be assisted by a number of able helpers.

A new plan has been developed this year. Due to the fact that the camp attracted more and more children each year a number which was greater than the capacity of dormitory rooms and otherwise, this year's camp will be divided into two sections. The children of the age group 12-14½ will meet during the week July 30 to August 4. And children 14½-16 will meet during the week August 6 to 12. Thus the group will be smaller, the individual

class groups will be comparatively smaller and it will be possible to offer a program which will apply itself more directly to a definite age group.

The camp theme will be "Human Brotherhood." It is the experience in most camps of similar nature that such a camp theme helps to coordinate all activities and interests of all members of the camp, leaders as well as the campers.

We heartily recommend the camp to all the children of our synod that possibly can attend. It gives an experience to the children that may do more than anything else toward future participation of our synod's work. They are our children, let us endeavor to keep them as a part of our church of tomorrow.

National Lutheran Council Service Commission has asked us to call to the attention of all our churches that it is very important to furnish the Service Commission with all names of youth in the U. S. service. The Service Commission realizes that many of our youth will be returned from the theatres of war and will be hospitalized in various parts of our country, often far from their homes. The Service Commission however, stands ready to report names of all Lutheran service men to the nearest Lutheran Service Pastor or Chaplain and thus give regular ministry to these youth from men ready to serve. But it is important that the Minneapolis office be furnished regularly with a revised list of all youth in the U. S. service. The address of the Service Commission is: National Lutheran Council Service Commission, 915 Metropolitan Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Lutheran World Action.

A recent report from the New York office of the Lutheran World Action gave proof of the interest shown by the Lutheran churches in America in response to the appeal made for funds to continue the extensive program of the Lutheran World Action in all parts of the world. A number of reports have come to our attention both from our own synod and from other Lutheran groups showing that many congregations will more than meet the maximum quota of \$1 or more per congregation showing that many congregations will more than meet the maximum quota of \$1 or more per confirmed member. However, we were a little saddened to note that in the last complete report from the New York office our synod was lowest on the list of the eight Lutheran bodies in the percentage reached of the quota expected. We hope that this is only a temporary situation. We were the only synod that did not meet our quota last year. That should not be our answer this year to the need that is so apparent in the many fields where Lutheran World Action is ready to serve according to the funds available. It should be a small matter for us to raise the approximately \$1 per confirmed member in all our congregations. We can and we must do this.

BUSINESS SESSION OF CONVENTION

Upon discussion of our synod's relationship with other Lutheran Church bodies the following was adopted: "Resolved that this convention recognizes the need for cooperation with the other Lutheran churches in America by supporting the projects engaged in by the National Lutheran Council, nevertheless, it wishes to emphasize that by so doing it has no intention of submerging these values for which our synod has stood these many years."

In view of the fine response the synod budget had received from the congregations the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the convention expresses its appreciation of the fact that contributions to our synodical budget has gone 'over the top' but deplores the fact that all congregations do not figure the number of contributing members in a uniform manner and therefore be it further (a) Resolved that the decision of last year's convention in regard to allocation of district quotas be continued in order to give it a longer trial and (b) Resolved that as contributing members to the synod all congregations shall count all accepted and contributing members of the congregation irrespective of the amount of their contributions."

The president's report was thus accepted with an expression of appreciation from the convention "to our synod's president and the members of its board for their faithful work during the past year."

The committee acting on the report on the Jubilee Fund gave a report to the convention. It was reported that temporary plans have been drawn for a girl's dormitory at an approximate cost of \$75,000; a new west wing on the old main to match the east wing at an approximate cost of \$35,000. There are then other repairs of the old building which must be done. Major Ingemann of St. Paul, architect, gave a very interesting presentation of the building plans. A discussion followed in which S. N. Nielsen, contractor from Chicago and others differed some with the proposed building plans that had been presented by the Jubilee Fund Committee. An interesting discussion followed. It was later moved and adopted: "That the architectural plans so far as possible be kept in harmony with the main building."

As the term of incorporation of the synod had expired the task was before the convention of having the papers of incorporation renewed for another period of 50 years. James Hall, an attorney from Des Moines, was present and gave legal advice on various points. The name of the synod was changed slightly and reads now: "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of

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Teachers Training at G. V. C.

The educational effort to assist and guide students toward preparing to teach takes on a twofold aspect at G. V. C. (1) public school teaching and (2) parochial school teaching.

In this article I shall tell briefly what G. V. C. has to offer pertaining to the first of these. But my main theme is to describe what is being done toward the training of teachers for the summer schools conducted in a number of our congregations.

For a number of years the G. V. C. yearly bulletin has carried a caption which reads like this:

"Upon the completion of two years of work in the Junior College, with the prescribed courses in education successfully completed, the student, if a resi-

I now turn to the effort made at G. V. C. to influence and guide students toward teaching in the schools of our congregations.

The G. V. C. contact is by and large responsible for arousing in the young person a desire to teach summer school, as we usually call it. Here are students who have tried it. Here meetings and institutes are held in tune with synodical aims and here students come to know many of our pastors. Here the college courses are taught by professors who as a rule are past summer school teachers themselves and whose background is rooted in the free-school movement. Here the school day resembles in its con-



FOLK DANCING AT G. V. C.

Standing: Dagmar Jensen, Clayton Nielsen, Norma Due, Alma Nelson, Esther Jensen, Dora Krog, Evelyn Lerager, Pearl Plambeck, Lillian Feddersen, Gordon Miller. **Seated:** Alma Bollesen, Lillian Sloth, Lillian Vium.

dent of Iowa, is eligible for a First Grade Uniform County Certificate under Section 3876, Code of Iowa as amended by the 45th General Assembly."

To this let me add that with the present shortage of teachers it is an easy matter to secure certificates in neighboring states as well for one who has met the requirements above stated. Students from other states have in the past found it quite simple to establish residence in Iowa.

Ordinarily beginning teachers seek rural schools. But a number of G. V. C. graduates have in the past begun their work in the grades of city or village school systems.

Thus far public school teachers. The Registrar will gladly answer any additional questions pertaining to this.

tent and spirit the day of the summer school raised to an adult level.

Every year one of the professors is appointed to take charge of the parochial teachers' program, aided and abetted by all others upon whom he may call. This faculty member has his other teaching duties and he realizes that the teachers-to-be usually have a full college course to carry in addition to the specialized pre-teaching assignments.

At the beginning of each semester the Registrar lists on the bulletin board the subjects which would-be summer school teachers should select as a part of their schedule.

The subjects are the ones which in the opinion of the faculty should be essential for summer school

teaching. I shall list some of these: Bible, physical education, recreational leadership, Danish language and literature, historical biography, school management, educational psychology.

These are all fully accredited subjects. A goodly number of students enroll for some or all of them.

Through these courses comes an opportunity to gather a background in subject matter for parochial school teaching. Certain of the courses are quite directly applicable in method and content. Who knows but what a mite of inspiration also enters in.

Then in the spring when students have made up their minds to teach summer school, a more direct approach is made.

The director calls meetings of the teachers who are about to go out to our congregations to teach.

An attempt is made to find out just what the program is in each individual situation as to what the congregation wishes taught and when.

A discussion is then undertaken comparing the different programs and how to make recitations dovetail with seat work. The director presents suggestions and discussion follows.

Of the various duties usually expected of the teacher we selected the following for consideration: The Devotional Exercises, Bible and Mission History, The Story Hour, Singing, Games to Play, Gymnastics, Crafts and Seatwork, Facts Pertaining to our Synod.

During the last semester of the past school year we proceeded via the special report method. The director knowing his group, assigned the topics, having in mind the special interests and aptitudes of the individuals composing the group.

One Seminary student who had tried his wings in summer school teaching, presented his way of opening the school session, on the first day and each other day. He proposed the proper closing exercises as well. An evaluation and discussion followed. Student teachers were given suggestions as to how they might best ready themselves for this function and were asked to do so.

Another Seminary student with similar experience formulated for us the manner in which Bible and Mission History should be taught. He gave the proper source books from which a teacher might draw. Discussion followed and prospective teachers were advised to find out as far as possible what their prospective communities expected them to do pertaining to this field and then prepare for it.

A second year student whose scholastic thoroughness was generally recognized, undertook to work out a compilation of the best stories to tell children. She presented this and some pointers in re-story telling were added. Exact references as to where the stories could be found were given.

One member of the group, our little songbird, selected for us the songs which every summer school teacher should know. She gave hints as to how to overcome pitch difficulties in starting of songs and other problems. Students who didn't know some of the songs had an opportunity to learn them.

Since the course in recreational leadership covers the selection and leading of games to play, it was a simple matter to procure and post a list of games. Students were asked to drop in on the class then in

session and gather experience in how to lead games.

All students take physical training and the group was instructed to consult with Harold Knudsen and obtain the best set of exercises to use, as well as the technique in directing them.

Anyone who has taught summer school knows that he must provide some materials for busy-work. One student gathered information and reported on this phase, what materials to use and where to get them and what the cost would be.

It was thought well to teach directly a few facts pertaining to our synod. To further this some work forms were gotten up and charts made.

Copies of the various phases of the reports which could be rendered definite, were made. Each student teacher got his copy.

Students dug out reference material, borrowed useful books from helpful faculty members and sent home for material there at hand.

The director forewarned the group of possible misgivings, disillusionment and worries. He suggested ways in which to dispel these drains on effectiveness. But he constantly stressed the joy there is in sharing the world of beautiful things with children, the challenge of accepting responsibility and the satisfaction that comes with a thing well done.

This then is a brief presentation of what is being done at G. V. C. toward helping students get ready to teach in the summer schools of our congregations.

P. Jorgensen.

Why I Am Returning To Grand View College

About five months ago, in a large auditorium, I stepped from a platform with a diploma in my hand feeling inwardly a little proud and satisfied—I had completed twelve years of schooling. Who could help but absorb a store of learning and experience after spending that many years in school. Surely all I needed now was a little special training in a subject or two and then I could "offer the world my services." I thought I knew what was necessary to obtain the position in life I wanted—at least, I thought I did.

At such a point in a boy or girl's life, he or she, believing that they have had sufficient schooling, decide that there really is no sense in continuing their education and pursue their life's work immediately following their graduation. I probably would have arrived at the same conclusion if it were not for my parents and friends who, realizing the value of education, persuaded me to go to Grand View College.

I can never regret my decision to attend the school, for it opened my eyes to a new world; an interesting and beautiful world waiting for a person like me to step inside and glean all the wonders it had to offer. Eager and curious, I took the step forward to seek out these mysteries. The more I sought and found, the more I could see awaited me. Grand View College was a challenging light that led me to the commencement of, what seems now, to be a more interesting life to look forward to.

The value of education can never be put too

strongly. Education offers us the fullest opportunity to live long, happily and well, to enrich our lives and the lives of others, and to leave the world better for our having lived in it. It prepares us to serve better our fellow men individually and to society, to church and to state for playing well our part in the world. Through education we are led from a world of ignorance to a world, where our seemingly total blindness done away with, we are given a glimpse of the wonders of the world. To direct me in my pursuance of more education, I am returning to a college which I believe excels in guiding young people's lives at a time when they most need it.

But knowledge alone, people say, cannot give a person all what he craves or requires. Work and feed the brain what you will, cram it with sound knowledge and leave your soul or heart dormant, your life will be colorless. Yes, that is true, and education is not all I want from life. I want experiences, happy and gainful; I want treasured memories; I want true friends. In one semester, Grand View College gave me a wonderful sample of these experiences and I expect even more in the year to come.

Mere words cannot express how helpful the school is in aiding students to develop their inner resources, offering the willing person that chance to help himself gain experiences that will strengthen him inwardly; that will be there ready for him to fall back on when he is in need of something to pull him through a trying problem. May they be happy experiences or may they be sad ones, something beneficial is always obtained.

A human being cannot live life to the fullest extent without the human relationship of true friends. Friendship is a wonderful thing and Grand View College offers the ground for planting good seed from which true friendships grow. The small enrollment, the daily contacts, the students themselves cannot help but furnish the material for establishing lasting friends. It is difficult to find words which will express how wonderful it is to gain friends who have enjoyed the same background and environment and who now share all your most happy moments. But then, your whole life at Grand View is almost inexpressable—to understand it fully, it must be experienced personally.

At Grand View, when words fail us, we usually sing together those songs that have come to mean so much to us. A song such as this, expresses better than I, what is in my heart.

"Give me a simple life, a merry heart,
And kings may keep their pomp and garments splendid;
Let me in hut or mansion live the part
Of one from worthy ancestors descended,
With eye for things above as God ordained,
Awake to greatness, goodness, truth and beauty,
Yet knowing well the yearnings unattained,
Thro' knowledge, great achievement, deeds and duty."

Mildred Pagard.

Recreation

Our church communities need to re-evaluate their recreational activities. Though I am well aware of the fact that there are noteworthy exceptions, I do feel that the vitality that marked much of their recreational program years ago has been lost. The activities that seemed satisfactory then do not stir to response as they did before.—It is tempting to say, that there are so many agencies that provide recreational facilities that it is impossible to compete with these and consequently we should not try.

I am convinced that we should and must try to perform the task much more satisfactorily than we are doing. I believe that the experience in human fel-



GIRLS' GYM AT G. V. C.

Back row: Marina Bonilla, Lillian Feddersen, Ellen Bollesen, Lillian Sloth, Lillian Vium, Norma Due, Ingrid Christensen, Dora Krog, Bertha Rix. Third row: Ellen Andersen, Alma Bollesen, Jean Crosson, Doris Fredericksen, Virginia Larsen, Valborg Jessen, Helen Stub, Gloria Petersen, Kathrine Utoft. Second row: Elsie Baadsgaard, Esther Jensen, Alma Nielson, Dagmar Jensen, Gwen Erickson, Solveig Buhl, Evelyn Lerager, Astrid Christensen. Front row: Mildred Pagaard, Herdis Kilgren, Pearl Plambeck, Ingrid Holme, Viola Frimand, Agnete Nielson.

lowship we thus would gain would strengthen and broaden our Christian fellowship.

I am not trying to say that I believe we can build our church on such a program; that is not the "rock" upon which the church is founded. I do believe, that as a church group, we must be aware of our opportunity and responsibility to live a well rounded, full life.

A democratic and sensible approach to the problem would be to call a meeting of all church organizations within the congregation. All members at all interested in the problem should be invited to attend. At this meeting the desires and needs of all members should be expressed. Against a summary of these needs should be balanced a survey of leaders available, facilities such as buildings, grounds and materials controlled by the congregation and opportunities for sharing in a larger community program.

Begin with what you have and plan for future development of leaders and facilities.

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405 N. 4th Street, Clinton, Iowa**IOWA DISTRICT**

The Iowa district of D. A. Y. P. L. will meet this year in Cedar Falls on August 17—19 inc. We hope many will come, bringing with them the enthusiasm of youth. Bring your World of Song, your good spirits, and an open ear to receive new inspirations. Below is the program for the meeting:

Friday, August 17.

8:00 p. m.—Opening meeting. Short devotional period by Rev. H. O. Nielsen followed by a lecture by Rev. A. C. Ammentorp. Games and folk dancing after the meeting.

Saturday, August 18.

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions and message from Rev. Harold Ibsen.
10:00 a. m.—District business meeting and general discussion of our young people's work.
1:00—3:00 p. m.—Sports.
3:00 p. m.—Lecture by Rev. Marvin Nygaard.
4:30 p. m.—Group singing.
8:00 p. m.—Program sponsored by the Cedar Falls young people.

Sunday, August 19.

9:00 a. m.—Danish service by Rev. Juhl.
10:30 a. m.—English Service with Holy Communion, Rev. A. E. Frost and Rev. H. O. Nielsen.
2:30 p. m.—Songs by the district choir, directed by Mrs. Mary Crawford; lecture by Prof. Otto Holberg of South Dakota State College.
4:30 p. m.—Folk dancing exhibition, societies of the district uniting in this event.
8:00 p. m.—Lecture by Pres. Johannes Knudsen of Grand View College.
Closing meeting.
Rev. Harold Petersen, Dist. Pres.

Please enroll early. Tell us when and how you are coming so we may be sure to find lodging for you.

Write to Miss Evelyn Marcussen, 804 Olive St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; or to Rev. H. O. Nielsen, 1410 Main St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**D. A. Y. P. L. DISTRICT IV
CAMP AND CONVENTION**

Bass Lake, Greenville, Michigan
July 19 to 22, 1945.

Thursday Evening, July 19.

5:30 p. m.—Supper and Registration.
7:00 p. m.—Games and Sports.
8:30 p. m.—Campfire, Singing, Devotion (Rev. Holger Jorgensen).

Friday, July 20.

8:00 a. m.—Breakfast and cleanup.
9:30 a. m.—Devotion (Rev. Holger Strandskov).
10:00 a. m.—Bible Hour (Rev. Holger Jorgensen).
10:45 a. m.—Swim.
12:00 noon—Dinner.
1:15 p. m.—Lecture (Rev. Edw. Hansen).
2:00 p. m.—Hike.
3:30 p. m.—Swim.
5:00 p. m.—Quiet games and singing.
6:00 p. m.—Supper.
7:00 p. m.—Games and sports.
8:30 p. m.—Campfire, singing and Devotion (Rev. H. Strandskov).

Saturday, July 21.

8:00 a. m.—Breakfast and cleanup.
9:30 a. m.—Devotion (Rev. Edw. Hansen).
10:00 p. m.—Convention business session.
12:00 noon—Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Convention business session continued.
3:30 p. m.—Swim.
5:00 p. m.—Quiet games and singing.
6:00 p. m.—Supper.
7:00 p. m.—Games and sports.
8:30 p. m.—Evening entertainment (Devotion: Rev. Stub).

Sunday, July 22.

8:30 a. m.—Breakfast and cleanup.
10:30 a. m.—Church services (Rev. Edw. Hansen) with communion (Rev. C. A. Stub).
12:30 p. m.—Dinner.
2:00 p. m.—Lecture (Rev. H. Strandskov).
3:30 p. m.—Swim.
5:30 p. m.—Supper.
7:30 p. m.—Closing meeting (Rev. Stub).

DISTRICT III

District III D. A. Y. P. L. held its annual convention June 15, 16 and 17 at Ruthton, Minn. The convention centered around the theme, "Teach Us to Build." The three-day program consisted of:

Friday, June 15.

6:30—Fellowship supper.
8:00—Games.
9:30—Candlelight service. Dedicated to the youth of our church who are in the Nation's service.
Coffee following service.

Saturday, June 16.

9:00—9:30—Devotion by Rev. J. C. Aaberg.
10:00—12:00—Business session.
12:00—Dinner.
2:00—Trip to Pipestone Indian Quarry, Indian School and Reservation. Visit to Indian Trading Post, noted for collection of Indian Relics. (Refreshments).
6:00—Supper.

8:00—Program: Skits and other specialties.
9:00—Folk Dancing.

10:00—Camp Fire and Coffee.

Sunday, June 17.

10:00—English Service: Hope Lutheran

church. Service by Rev. Enok Mortensen. Liturgy and Communion by Rev. E. C. Nielsen.
Danish Service: High School. Sermon by Rev. J. P. Andreasen. Liturgy and Communion by Rev. J. A. Holst.

12:00—Dinner.

3:00—Music by District Choir. Dr. Thomsen, Director. Lecture by Rev. Harald Petersen, Ringsted, Iowa.

4:00—Coffee.

4:30—Group Singing, Games, etc.

6:00—Supper.

9:00—Lecture by Rev. Holger Andersen.

10:00—Coffee.
Sing.

Farewell.

New officers for the coming year were elected at the business session. They are: President, Rev. Holger Andersen of Viborg, S. D.; Vice-president, Gordon Miller of Gayville, S. D.; Secretary, Ingeborg Skov of Alden, Minn.; and treasurer, Emery Thomsen of Tyler, Minn. The societies from Alden, West Denmark, Minneapolis, Tyler, Diamond Lake, and Viborg were represented at the convention.

We wish to thank Rev. Nielsen and the Hope Luther League for their kind hospitality and the ladies of Ruthton for their marvelous meals. Many thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Nielsen who worked untiringly for the success of the convention.

We would be building; temples still undone

O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift;

Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,

And hearts creative bridge the human rift;

We would be building, Master, let Thy plan

Reveal the life that God would give to man.

COMMENTS

At the convention of our church at Medicine Lake, Minnesota several of our younger pastors spoke at a meeting dedicated to the work with our young people. One of the speakers was the Rev. Axel Kildegard, Jr., whose lecture appears in this issue of "Ungdom." I am sure we would all like to hear from others, who may have something to share with the youth of our church — or help us point the way forward.

I am sorry we did not receive a more complete report of the young people's meeting at Ruthton, Minnesota. From the talk I hear, it was an excellent meeting — May I say, "Please do not be too brief in your reports, because of limited space in 'Ungdom,' so far the trouble has been that there is nothing to print except lifted articles. In eight point type we have room for a good 3,000 words, which takes care of a couple of fairly long contributions.

Harris A. Jespersen.

The Objective of Young People's Work.

The word "direction" can often be substituted for that which we mean when we speak of the objective of our young people's work; and as men do not travel in more than one direction at one time, so we actually have but one objective in all our organizations and efforts within the Christian church. Whether we speak of our young people's work or any other phase of our activity, we are always faced with the need of making our faith vital for all who want to follow Jesus. We have heard it said many times that Christianity is not a religion but a life. Our one need is to integrate our faith and our life in order that we may also find that greatest gift—Life itself.

Søren Kierkegaard uses a phrase which can be very useful to us in spite of his usual depressing and individualistic emphasis. He speaks of "appropriation," in the sense that we must appropriate the very truth, mercy, and love that was revealed and given to us through the life of Jesus. Thus Christianity becomes something far more than only a sentimental remembering of all those events that took place nearly 2000 years ago. It becomes more also than following a system of logically derived moral and ethical living prescribed for us by law. If we appropriate that faith or take it into our own lives, we find that Christ is alive now; He has become the dynamic of our lives. This is essentially the nature of the preparation which Jesus had for the disciples, before Pentecost could actually take place for them. The Pentecostal experience must always underlie any real experience of Christianity as the fount of life.

There are few of us that will not admit that the Christian community has fallen short in its attempts to make the Christian faith real according to this definition. One of the main reasons for this is that we have spoken so much of objectives, and in so doing have divided and dissected Life itself. We have, for example, when planning young people's activities, made divisions such as these:

1. Devotion—in order to give a religious approach and to justify existence as a religious society.
2. Recreation—to satisfy the urge for play that can be expressed in games with fellowship value.
3. Discussions and lectures—on social, political, and economic questions to stimulate intellectual development.
4. Business activities—to encourage stewardship and to contribute toward the material progress of the congregation.

There is nothing wrong with any of these activities except the basic fact that these are named as objectives and not as means. The main objective of integration is so often forgotten.

As a result, a large group has become devoted to that which is most real to them, usually the recreational which they speak of as "having fun." They may still respond to business activities, but usually rebel from anything more serious. Even the devotional emphasis is not desired for the simple reason that it is

something separate; they have not felt a real need for this. It has not become alive for them.

Another group perhaps primarily those who have attended one or more years of college, becomes absorbed in their intellectual emphasis. I have often been amazed at the number of young people of my own age or younger for whom the old forms are meaningless and constitute only a maze of unnecessary and antiquated theology. They go for something streamlined and philosophical instead. These young people are often found among those who have attended Grand View College. Somehow they have missed that integration, though they have come from our homes, our congregations, and our school. The particularly rich insight which is ours within Danish-American Lutheranism has never become theirs.

The solution to the problem that is painted darkly here for the sake of emphasis, can only lie in the genius of the Christian faith. Here we are concerned with one Life, and here is the power to integrate all life. Our objective is not religious in the ordinary sense. That is, we are not more religious when we are at devotion or studying the Bible. Jesus promised that whenever two or three were assembled in His name, He would be in their midst. But he was not referring to solemn faces or folded hands or any other such forms. These may be a natural response of our awe and reverence, but they are not religion! Jesus was speaking of the spirit of that gathering. Whether within our homes, or at our church services, or at Y. P. S., or any other gathering, wherever we meet in the spirit of brotherliness and love, there He is present. Thus a young people's meeting conceived in laughter and gayety can actually be more religious in the Christian sense than the most solemn high-church service which may be colored by selfishness. The determinant is not the subject or the form, but the spirit of Love. That gathering must be in His name.

We should certainly be interested in means and materials in the sense that these do not become our objectives. These should always be evaluated according to their worth in the task of integrating our life. They might well include a study of our Christian heritage in terms of its application to current problems of social, economic and moral nature. They must also include recreational and creative activities. Dramatics, song, games, and dances can all offer real fellowship experiences that bind young and old in that spirit of which Jesus spoke.

When we consider that particular heritage that is given to our group as spiritual descendants of a very real insight into life, we become humble in our gratitude before our wealth. The appreciation of the folk-life as it is known through our song, our camp-life, our folk-dances, and our experience of the Living Word, is the very integration which must remain our one objective. None of these activities are in themselves religious, and yet to the degree that they bind the hearts of men in love, they are the power of life.

—Axel C. Kildegaard, Jr.

Recreation

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The term recreation is broad and a variety of definitions have been given. I like to define recreation as **wholesome** leisure time activity. Emphasize the word wholesome and use your activities so that they contribute toward sound integrated living.

Make the program all-inclusive. Young and old, skilled and unskilled, boys and girls, all should be considered. Activities that give experience in group living should rate high. Provide opportunity for children and adults to share in participation. There is too little opportunity in modern life for the child to gather experience in group living with adults, to strengthen his feeling of oneness with the whole social group. The school life is child centered, and too often there



GIRLS' BASKETBALL AT G. V. C.

Standing: Esther Jensen, Dora Krog, Alice Christensen, Lillian Sloth. Front row: Ellen Bollesen, Elsie Baadsgaard, Bertha Rix, Ingrid Christensen, Kathrine Utoft, Jean Crosson.

is not sufficient opportunity for the child to feel that he is a part of the stream of cultural and religious life of the community.

The activities that can be included under our definition are many and become limited mainly by the available leadership and facilities.

Two decades ago gymnastics would be placed high on the list of activities. There are still many who can lead. Will the renewed interest, throughout the land, result in renewed activities in this field?

In the field of play and sports there are many opportunities.

Dramatics should be seriously considered, as a very diversified program for all age levels can be arranged. The opportunity for self-expression should be emphasized in this field.

For study and discussion groups there is a wealth of material in current magazines and publications and certainly there are enough vital problems and issues to choose from. City communities should learn to make better use of their public libraries for such a purpose. These study groups would also stimulate

purposeful individual reading habits, which certainly could be classed as a good use of leisure time; and most of us could benefit by learning some facts about the things we so vehemently discuss.

Many communities should be able to find leaders and facilities in the field of crafts. It wouldn't be out of the way to teach some practical skills, that could be employed on the farm and in the home.

Folk dancing and singing games provide another fine opportunity for group living. The new section in the World of Song, which should soon be forthcoming, should provide splendid help in this area and where in the wide world could we find better opportunity for sharing our hopes and our fears, our joy and thankfulness than through the songs found in our hymn books, the Danish song book and the World of Song? Fill your leisure hours in the home with song and sing with the group.

Each group must find its own path. Leaders and facilities will differ. Use what you have and use them well, but remember that the all-important factor is a group of willing participants, who share in the planning and the responsibility. They alone can make such a venture succeed.

Do you believe that a good recreational program would help to make the returning service men and women feel that their community was worth returning to? If you do, what should you do about it?

Would such a program help to keep your young people in the community?—Many of those, who have attended my classes in recreation, have gone on, usually on the basis of further study, to good positions in the recreational field. They have not returned to their own community and we can hardly expect them to disregard their opportunities in a larger field. I believe, however, that there are within our groups others with as much ability to lead, let us help and encourage them, to help us.

Our pastors could well take the initiative in making the preliminary survey. If they feel unable to lead the activities their encouragement and guidance should be of value in launching and piloting the program. In the field of sports, for instance, their influence certainly would be in the direction of good sportsmanship and fair play. Who, better than they, could point out the lessons, in cooperation and loyalty, to be learned in team games.

I have tried to indicate a method of initiating and putting into effect a recreational program. While I believe such a method to be sound, other procedures might prove successful and other content could be given a program. I do hope that we can become more effective in the use of our opportunities in this important phase of our living.

H. Knudsen.

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HOME MISSIONS

Bread Upon the Waters

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

This text in its first part at least is very descriptive of the rural church, which forever seems to train promising youth who after they attain maturity slip away from the community never to return for permanent residence. It is a common experience to find the pillars of our city churches were trained in country places so that not all love's labor is lost.

It is not only the country church but also the down-town city church which reaches out to serve individuals who within a few months pass on to other communities. One such pastor of a down-town city church told how by a special effort he had received a large group by adult confirmation, but he found within a few months that nearly all his new members had left the city or moved to suburban communities. Many, it is true, joined churches in the new neighborhood. After reviewing recent events which follow the same pattern he became convinced that it was to be expected that with improved ideas of relationships a family would naturally seek a better environment. This pastor believed it was a part of his divinely ordered activities that he should develop and send out people who would thus seek to better themselves. If only there were more pastors like him in place of the morbid type of minister who holds on to his members by personal ties until these are the only connections left.

The point we wish to emphasize is that we have a large number of churches so situated that no matter how effective their ministry, they carry on under conditions which make permanent growth of the local institution well nigh impossible, while they are year after year making their steady and often amazingly large contribution to the life of the church as a whole.

One mission church has within seven years sent scores of families out to other churches. A home mission worker writes that he discovered a rural church on a crossroad in Georgia which through the years sent out 78 persons into the Christian ministry and provided 13 foreign missionaries. Woodrow Wilson's father was once a pastor of this church and the adjacent cemetery contains a monument to the grandfather of Theodore Roosevelt.

Recent detailed studies have revealed how utterly dependent even the stronger churches are upon the smaller congregations. These investigations reveal that some mighty suburban churches whose properties approach a million dollars in value, could not maintain themselves even in membership were it not for the inflow of members from these more modest churches. This ought to bring some satisfaction to the producing churches and create a sense of obli-

gation in those churches which profit from the work of others. It is a happy thing indeed that many of the stronger churches do recognize this obligation and either through their missionary contributions of their service to the rural areas are undertaking definite discharge of some of that obligation.

Ecclesia Platanda.

A Home Mission Burial Service

Late one evening the telephone rang. A young doctor friend asked the pastor if he would go with him to conduct the funeral service for a little babe who had passed away at a ranch home the day before.

Early the next morning the doctor, his wife, the undertaker, the pastor and his wife started out for their destination some fifty miles away at the foothills of the snowy mountains. It was not long until they left the main roads and were forced to travel on a narrow winding trail over the open range. As they neared the mountain they entered a thickly wooded section where travel was very slow.

They finally came to the ranch. The three buildings were constructed of roughly hewn logs. They naturally expected to find that all of the arrangements for the service were completed. To their surprise they discovered that all of the men at the ranch had just started out to find a family burial place.

Leaving the ladies at the ranch, the doctor, the undertaker and the pastor started out in search of the men. After some time they discovered them in a little clearing up on the mountain side. They were in the process of digging the grave and constructing the fence around the plot. The doctor, the undertaker and the pastor realized that unless they helped they would be very late in getting back to town. They pitched in and helped the men. After an hour or two of hard labor the work was finished.

All of the men then went back to the ranch. The ranch men started to clean up and get ready for the service. It was up to the doctor, the undertaker and the pastor to proceed with the rest of the arrangements. Their first object of concern was to find a means of conveying the casket to the grave. This presented a perplexing problem as only two cars were available. The problem was happily solved when a neighboring rancher drove up in an old model "T" with a little box fastened on behind. A large hide robe was secured and his was placed in the bottom of the box.

The three men went into the house to complete the preparations there. The service was to be conducted in the larger of the two-room cabin. The only piece of furniture outside of a couple of benches along the side walls, was a small table. The casket was placed on this. The only flowers were those picked by loving hands of the family from the mountain slopes.

When everything was ready the mourners filed into the room. The members of the family stood in a circle about the table with the young father and mother directly behind the coffin where they could see their little babe. Scripture was read and prayer offered. Words of comfort were addressed to the mourners.

After the short service the pastor picked up the flowers and led the way to the home mission hearse. The doctor and the undertaker followed carrying the coffin. Considerable difficulty was experienced in finding room for the people in the three cars that were on hand. The pastor and the undertaker stood on the running board and hung on to the sides of the model "T" hearse as it bumped its way over the rough stretches of ground leading to the mountain side last resting place.

Upon arriving at the grave the pastor again led the way

carrying the flowers. The doctor and the undertaker came with the casket and lowered it into the grave. There, out under the open skies, in that beautiful little clearing on the mountain side, surrounded on all sides by the stately pine trees, the little infant child was laid to rest.

Immediately after the committal the mourners left for the ranch. They seemed to take it for granted that the doctor, the undertaker and the pastor would complete all of the arrangements. There was only one thing for them to do. Tak-

ing off their coats the three started to work. They shoveled the dirt into the open grave, placed pine branches on top, fastened the fence gate, gathered up the tools and drove back to the ranch.

They soon started back for their home very much enriched by their experiences. The doctor, the undertaker and the pastor agreed that this home mission burial service was unique for each one of them in their respective fields.

—Lutheran Herald.

CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION

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America." (formerly read "in America").

The new incorporation papers designates the third full week in June as the time for the annual convention. This may prove an asset in the annual planning of convention-going from all parts of our synod. It may thus be possible for people to plan their convention-vacation week a full year in advance.

The following proposal was presented by the pastors, Holger Strandskov and L. C. Bundgaard: "Whereas considerable time is lost each year in organizing our annual convention: We move that a committee of three be appointed by the chair at this convention to consider improved organization and working plans for future conventions." The motion was adopted. Later the chair appointed the following committee: Jens Thuesen, Fredsville, Iowa, chairman; Walter Andersen, Chicago and Rev. Holger Strandskov.

The chairman also appointed the following committee to work on a merging of the Old People's Home's "Reserve" and "Endowment Funds" Charles Lauritzen, chairman; Olaf Juhl and Erling V. Jensen.

At the Saturday morning meeting the report from Grand View College was considered.

At the Saturday afternoon meeting Prof. Ernest Nielsen and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, in accordance with the decision of the convention, were given the floor to present their respective views in regard to their differences. Prof. Ernest Nielsen also briefly expressed his appreciation for the years in which he had been privileged to teach in the theological seminary and assured the convention that his resignation did not imply that he severed his relationship with the church.

After considerable discussion a vote of confidence was given to the Board of Education for Grand View College, and the report from this committee was adopted.

In connection with the discussion of the report of the pension fund, Rev. A. E. Frost, chairman of the board announced that it was possible again this year to pay an extra pension of \$50. Some minor changes were made in the rules for the paying of pensions.

The reports from the committees on Publications, Council of Elementary Education, etc., were presented one by one and adopted without much discussion.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

Talking to a group of people gathered about him one day on a street corner in a large city a man said: "I was rich once; I had all the money I cared for in my pocketbook and more in the bank. But I lost it all and thought I was poor; I thought I knew what poverty meant."

Then one day I stood beside my mother's grave. There, for the first time I realized that I was really poor, that I had lost my best friend on earth,

The report of the committee to make a survey for the pooling of expenses of delegates reported and their entire report was adopted. The committee found that a "pooling plan" covered the entire traveling expense of delegates in our synod to the annual national convention to be "impractical and unworkable." They did, however, recommend that "Districts I, VIII and IX when over-subscribing their District quota to the synodical budget be returned in full, the sum over-subscribed to the budget for the express purpose of paying in full or in part the traveling expenses for delegates in the congregations of the above mentioned Districts." This was adopted. It was further decided that "the two outlying congregations in District VII receive from the over-subscribed quota in the above mentioned District a sum of money large enough to pay one delegate from each of these congregations."

Rev. A. W. Andersen gave an oral report from the Committee of Liturgy. Later it was decided that this Committee be discharged after finishing its work on the Collects.

Due to the present situation, that a young man who is a student of theology is preparing himself for the work in the Santal Mission, a change in the synodical constitution chapter V paragraph 17 was voted which then shall read: "A man thus examined who has received a call from a congregation or from the Executive Board of the Santal Mission shall consult the president of the synod."

The budget for the coming year amounting to \$27,400 was adopted.

An invitation for the 1946 convention was presented: "Luther Memorial church and Grand View College jointly invite the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to hold its annual convention in Des Moines in 1946." This invitation was accepted with thanks.

for she meant more to me than all the money in the world."

Poverty and riches are not measured by a monetary standard. One may have heaps of money and still be very poor. You are not, therefore, insured against such losses as may occur through the separation by death.

The real poor fellow is he who has nothing to long for. Those that long for their dear ones from whom they have been separated by circumstances of one kind or another, or even by death, they are rich in the hope of reunion, they need not fear that at any time they shall be without sufficient strength to bear the burden of loneliness and loss.

One may resent very strongly the condition which exists in the world and which eventually leads to war between the nations for the settlement of their problems and disputes; the very fact that such resentment is present proves that there is a longing for something better in the line of a new set up and it gives us something definite to work for and look forward to. We should all be willing to seek the peace of the world in which we live and I am sure that we are. But building a new world or at least a better world, requires that we should give of our time and talents and influences to remove the sources of moral infection from the areas in which we have a responsibility.

There are more ways than one in which precious life can be destroyed. When Jesus spoke to His contemporaries about the commandment; Thou shalt not kill, He said that they did not understand the spirit of it and He warned them against a prevalent complacency which was noticeable in their conduct in regard to certain conditions which they openly endorsed and by which growing lives were systematically wrecked.

Our ultimate goal should be a brotherhood of good will and peace on earth.

People in Germany living in the vicinity of some of the concentration camps where the most horrible crimes were committed have tried to escape the responsibility by claiming that they did not see and did not know about the actual conditions.

A Christian should be happy to lend his aid in the building of the Kingdom of God in his community, happy to know that he is so much a new man himself that he can be used in the building of the new world which we all long for to replace the present inhuman killing and destruction.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, President of District V of our synod, is at present on a tour of the District. Some of the speaking engagements included: Dagmar and Volmer, Mont., July 8-9; Flaxton, N. D., July 11; Dalum, Alberta, Canada July 15-16; Canwood and Clouston, Saskatchewan, July 20-23.

Rev. John Christensen, Hartford, Conn., according to reports has accepted a call from the Ludington, Victory, Mich., churches. Rev. Christensen served these churches before moving to Hartford in March, 1943.

Omaha, Nebr.—Rev. Erik Møller will be away on vacation and consequently there will be no services in Our Savior's Church the last Sunday of July and the two first Sundays of August.

Vancouver, B. C.—Rev. Clemens Sørensen has resigned from the pastorate of the Danish Lutheran Church in Vancouver. He and his family will leave for Denmark as soon as passage is available. Another pastor has been appointed by "Dansk Kirke i Udlandet" and he will arrive from Denmark as soon as possible. Rev. Clemens Sørensen has visited a number of our churches in our synod and was known to many as a good speaker and also as a good writer. He has published several books mostly sketches from life as he has found it in his many travels and varied experiences.

Solvang, Calif.—Miss Hilda Gade from Brush, Colo. and Harald M. Johnson were united in marriage in the Solvang church June 15. Miss Gade was assistant instructor at one of the summer terms at the Danebod Folk School a few years ago.

Trinity, Chicago.—Rev. O. S. Jorgensen will be away on vacation during the last part of July and the first part of August. Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, who now resides in Chicago while pursuing his studies at University of Chicago will conduct Sunday services in the Trinity church Sunday, July 29 and Sunday, August 5.

Seattle, Wash.—Dr. Johannes Knudsen, President of Grand View College, was the guest speaker at a G. V. C. Rally sponsored by the Junior League at St. John's church, Friday evening, July 13.

The annual cruise on Lake Washington and Pudget Sound under the auspices of "Maagen," the literary society of St. John's church, has been scheduled for Sunday, July 29. This year the cruise will be made to Vashon State Park on Vashon Island on the S. S. "Sightseer." The steamer has a capacity of 300 and is well equipped for such a Sunday cruise. The party will sail from the Leschi Park dock at 10

o'clock Sunday morning. Worship services will be held either on board the ship or after arriving at the Park. A year ago a similar cruise was taken to Tacoma, Wash.

Askov, Minn.—Niels Seier Petersen, a resident through many years of the Askov community died July 6 following a prolonged illness. Funeral services were held Monday, July 9. Rev. M. Mikkelsen, pastor of the Askov church and Rev. Ottar Jorgensen of Chicago officiated at the burial service. N. S. Petersen was born in Denmark and after coming to America settled in Racine, Wis. In 1913 he and his family moved to Askov, Minn., and immediately became active in the community and church work in this new and growing Danish colony. N. S. Petersen was a brother of the former Prof. P. P. Hornsyld, who through many years was instructor at Grand View College and later lived at Solvang, Calif. Children from the Petersen home have been active in the Danish Lutheran church and are known by many: Alma is the wife of Rev. O. S. Jorgensen, Chicago, Ill.; Valdemar S. lives in St. Paul and is member of the St. Peder's church in Minneapolis; Harald A. is Superintendent of Schools in Tyler; a son Robert lives in Philadelphia and a daughter, Clara in Ventura, Calif.

Waterloo, Iowa.—A fall festival will be held in the St. Ansgars church with Rev. B. Helland, former missionary in Santalistan, India, as the guest speaker.

Kimballton, Iowa.—The annual convention of District IV is scheduled to be held in Kimballton, Iowa, September 14, 15 and 16.

Muskegon, Mich.—The Sunday school of the Muskegon, Mich., church will have a vacation after Sunday, July 22, until Sunday, September 9.

St. Stephen's, Chicago.—The Sunday school is taking a vacation through the summer having its last session Sunday, July 8. The summer school of the church is scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 24.

Manistee, Mich.—The following has been reported from the Manistee church: "June brings to a conclusion many activities of our church and its organization during the spring months.

On the evening of April 13 over 40 women of our church surprised Mrs. Garred in the school hall. During the evening games were played under the direction of Mrs. Rita Norden. Dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening from tables decorated daintily and appropriately in pink and blue. A collective gift was presented to Mrs. Garred. This party was sponsored by the Ladies' Aid and the choir.

The Altar Guild entertained at a silver tea Sunday afternoon, May 20. A goodly number of friends responded

to the invitation of the Altar Guild and enjoyed an afternoon's entertainment on Stephen Foster's life. A trio of ministers, Rev. Seastrand of Messiah Lutheran church, Rev. Dimke of the American Lutheran church and Rev. Garred, sang a number of Foster's songs. From a lace covered table centered with an array of purple iris, lilacs and yellow tapers delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Charles Sell and Mrs. Garred were co-chairmen of this delightful event.

May 23 marked the 80th birthday of Mrs. Peter Simonsen. In the afternoon of this day the Ladies' Aid members surprised the birthday lady at her home.

During the last week of May the members of the Danish class met at the home of Mrs. Lorenz for a pot luck dinner. This class meets regularly during the year to study the Danish language. The dinner was in honor of the instructor, Rev. Garred and his wife.

June 3 marked the arrival of Laura Ellen Garred. She was born at Mercy hospital and weighed 7½ pounds.

Election of officers was the important business of the choir at their meeting the first Wednesday in June. After the business meeting a social hour followed in commemoration of Mr. and Mrs. Al Anderson's 25th wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served from tables resplendent in pink, green and silver and a collective gift was presented the honored couple from this organization.

Last but not least is our Sunday school. On Sunday afternoon, June 24, many parents and friends attended the closing day exercises before our summer recess. An interesting program of songs, recitations and a review of our year's work was enjoyed by those in attendance. Six of our cradle roll members responded to the roll call. Pins and certificates were awarded the children. After the program refreshments were served to all.

But this does not conclude our festivities for, Sunday evening, June 30, the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hansen, better known as Smed Hansen, met in the school hall to bid farewell to this couple who left July 4, to make their home in California with their children. The evening was spent in singing and reminiscing.

A new organization has been started in our church called "The Young Married People." They meet once a month in their homes. Their aim is to work for the church. The membership is about ten, but much interest has been shown."

Danish American Service Man Visits King Christian.—The following account has been taken from the "Askov American" and we find it an account of general interest:

434th Troop Carrier Group, France —Flight Officer Gunnar D. Frederiksen combat glider pilot from Askov, Minn., journeyed by air to Copenhagen re-

cently to visit with relatives and completed the trip by having a short visit with King Christian X, 76-year old monarch of Denmark.

Frederiksen's trip to the land of his father's birth was quite by accident. The young flyer met the exiled ruler of Greece, King George, at a Paris banquet celebrating the liberation of Denmark. King George suggested that Flight Officer Frederiksen visit his old friend, the king of Denmark, if the opportunity presented itself.

A few days later, Lt. Col. Ben A. Garland of Waco, Texas, commanding officer of Frederiksen's 434th group and Col. Adriel L. Williams, Shelbyville, Ky., commanding officer of the 436th Troup Carrier group, were planning a flight to Copenhagen. Frederiksen went along and by speaking fluent Danish and conveying King George's message was able to obtain an audience with King Christian. The ruler of all Denmark was most cordial and told of his great admiration for the fighting qualities of the American armies. He said that all his countrymen marveled at the superior force of arms the Americans were able to mass on the continent of Europe in the successful conquest of the German Wehrmacht. The greying king, who was imprisoned by the Nazis for the greater part of the German occupation of his country, was tall and erect as he greeted the unassuming pilot. He was slowly regaining his health after being subjected to many privations by the Germans.

When Flight Officer Frederiksen visited his relatives he learned that his cousin, who was active in the resistance movement of Denmark, had been killed by the Germans for his activity. His two aunts, who haven't seen their brother — Frederiksen's father — Chris Frederiksen of Askov, for 34 years, were surprised when the dark-haired glider pilot announced his arrival. Frederiksen also learned that one of his aunts had been imprisoned by the Nazis for 10 days for possessing American firearms that were intended for resistance movement use.

Frederiksen visited many points of interest in Copenhagen and he and his party were stopped on the streets many times by the admiring Danes, who have seen very few Americans in their country since occupation by the Germans in 1940.

"Hymns and Hymnwriters," the new book by Rev. J. C. Aaberg has been given a very hearty welcome in our sister synod, the United Danish church. We find the review given the book in "Ansgar Lutheran" worthy of a reprint in this column:

The title indicates the contents of this fine book, which was written by a man who knows and understands Danish hymnody, and who can make his subject understood by American readers.

The three main biographical sketches of Kingo, Brorson and Grundtvig are

Program for District VII Sunday School Institute

St. John's Lutheran Church,
Marquette, Nebraska.

Thursday, Aug. 9.

- 8:30 a. m.—Devotional Period.
- 8:45 a. m.—"Studies on the Life of St. Paul"—Rev. S. S. Nielsen, Denver, Colo. U. Ev. Luth. Church.
- 9:45 a. m.—"Origins of the Bible" (illustrated), Rev. Ole Larsen, S. S. Director, Nebr. Dist., UELC, Hampton.
- 10:45 a. m.—"Studies on the Mystery of the Cross", Rev. P. C. Stockholm, Marquette, Nebr.
- 12:00 p. m.—Noon Recess.
- 2:00 p. m.—"From Malachi to Matthew", Mr. Clayton Nielsen, G. V. C. Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 3:00 p. m.—Recess for Coffee.

written so interestingly that they hold the attention of the reader. Many of the hymns are quoted in translation. One of Brorson's is quoted in the original, namely "Her vil ties, her vil bies," which, says the author, "One can hardly transfer to another language without marring its tender beauty."

Those who may not understand the Danish language will find this book a welcome source of information and inspiration on the Danish hymnbook, certainly one of the greatest collection of hymns in the world. The translations by the author, Rodholm and Paulsen and others do furnish the English reader with the message of the hymns. Those who can read Danish will get out their hymnbooks and sing them and thank the author for this new, refreshing book.

The last chapter of the book is devoted to a fine brief treatment of other Danish hymnwriters with special attention given to Ingemann.

The Committee on Publications of the Danish Lutheran Church in America is to be commended for making this material available in the English language.

—Lawrence Siersbeck.

Rev. Siersbeck is now pastor of the United Danish Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was formerly the president of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

A Mistake was made in the reporting of Mrs. C. A. Stub's talk given at the Women's Mission Meeting as same appeared in the July 5 issue of L. T., in regard to the gift from W. M. S. to the John C. Campbell Folk School. The amount given was \$15 and not \$50 as reported.

3:30 p. m.—"Practical Aids in Presenting the Lesson", Rev. Erik Moller, Omaha, Nebr.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

8:30 p. m.—"Religious Art", Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Cordova. Second Speaker (to be announced).

Friday, Aug. 10.

- 8:30 a. m.—Devotional Period.
- 8:45 a. m.—The courses begun Thursday forenoon will be continued during these periods.
- 2:00 p. m.—"A Study on Child Psychology", Rev. H. Christensen.
- 3:30 p. m.—"Practical Aids in Presenting the Lesson." (Cont.)
- 8:30 p. m.—"Psychology and the Middle Way", Rev. H. Christensen; "The Blessings of Worship", Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Colo.

Saturday, Aug. 11.

- 8:30 a. m.—Devotional Period.
- 8:45 a. m.—The forenoon classes will be continued.
- 2:00 p. m.—"A study on the Psalms", Rev. J. J. Lerager.
- 3:30 p. m.—"Practical Aids in Presenting the Lesson." (Cont.)
- 8:30 p. m.—Concert.

Sunday, Aug. 12—PARENTS' DAY.

- 9:30 a. m.—Adult Sunday School, Rev. Erik Møller, Omaha, Nebr.
- 10:30 a. m.—Sunday school; English Services and Communion; Sermon, Rev. Ronald Jespersen; Communion, Rev. J. J. Lerager.
- 12:00 a. m.—Dinner.
- 2:30 p. m.—Lecture, "The Influence of the Home in Christian Education", Rev. S. S. Nielsen.
- 6:00 p. m.—Supper.
- 8:30 p. m.—Lecture, (Speaker to be announced).

Above is the program which has been planned for our Sunday school institute, which is to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Marquette, Nebraska on August 9 to 12, inclusive.

You will note that Rev. S. S. Nielsen, Denver, Colo., and Rev. Ole Larsen of Hampton, Nebr., are among the speakers. We feel that both are well qualified as instructors. Rev. Nielsen is the author of one of the books of the new series of graded Sunday School texts recently published by the United Ev. Luth. Church.

Rev. Ole Larsen will give illustrated lectures on "Origins of the Bible." He is Sunday School Director of the Nebraska District of the United Ev. Luth. Church. Our own pastors need no introductions. Mr. Clayton Nielsen of G. V. C. Seminary is supply pastor at Denmark, Kansas, this summer.

Upon approval by our District Board and the hearty endorsement of Rev. Harold C. Jorgensen, president of the Nebraska District, and by Rev. Ole Larsen, their S. S. Director, we have invited their District to share our Insti-

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL AT DAGMAR, MONTANA

Our Midsummer festival was held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 29, 30, and July 1.

We met in a happy frame of mind, our wheat had gotten a lot of rain. After the seeding we had to wait for several weeks for a good solid rain. And now it looks like the Lord and the sun will give us another fine harvest.

The congregation had invited Dr. Erling Ostergaard. The young people had invited Rev. Verner Hansen, but three weeks before the festival he had to inform us that he would not be able to come as he had been accepted as a chaplain in the army and had to report the last week in June. We then invited Rev. Holger Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Our pastor knows him from the time he was pastor at Tacoma, and Rev. Holger Nielsen at Junction City, Oregon.

Rev. Holger Nielsen and his wife arrived at Reserve on Thursday morning. They had not listened to our warning that it would be impossible to get hotel-room in Williston, and they had to spend the night at the railroad station. In the afternoon we got Dr. Ostergaard at Williston where he had been visiting Dr. Skovholt.

The first two days were cold with local showers. Dr. Ostergaard froze and we had to start a fire in the furnace. He did not have much use for his straw hat, but had to borrow an old hat from the pastor. Rev. Holger Nielsen soon asked for an old winter coat, and both gentlemen had forgotten to

tute with us.

We are looking forward to a well-attended Institute. The invitation is extended to everyone who is interested in Sunday schools, whether they be in direct contact with the Sunday school work or not. The Sunday program is planned especially for the purpose of impressing on the parents their responsibility in giving their children a thorough Christian education.

You are therefore urged to interest as many as possible in attending Institute, on at least Sunday, if not the full four days.

The fee for the Institute has been set at \$5.00. You will be guests in the various homes of our congregation. Please register as soon as possible, indicating whether you will come by auto, bus or train. Hampton, Aurora and Central City are almost equally distant from the church and have good bus and train service. Please register with the undersigned, stating the time of your arrival at any of the above-named points.

We hope that this Institute may not only be successful in its purpose of instructing our Sunday school teachers, but also in furthering a Christian fellowship and neighborliness among the congregations of our two synods.

S. S. Supt., Dist. VII.

bring their rubbers. But Sunday morning dawned with sunshine and a clear sky.

Rev. Holger Nielsen preached in Danish Sunday morning; and gave Danish lectures both at Volmer and Dagmar. But Sunday afternoon he gave a fine lecture in English about Jacob Riis. Dr. Ostergaard spoke to us about the Santal Mission, and preached in English at Volmer, where we had three meetings on Saturday. We took up a collection to the Santal Mission both at Dagmar and Volmer. The result was \$185, so you see Dr. Ostergaard did not speak in vain.

Volmer congregation has now spent \$900 on the decoration of their little church, and everything looks fine both up- and downstairs. When we drove home from Volmer late Saturday afternoon we all agreed that it is a good place to visit.

Sunday morning the church was filled, and many took part in the communion. Our choir sang, not only Sunday morning but also Friday evening and Sunday afternoon at both English lectures. After the service we took up a collection of \$115 for the travel expenses of our speakers.

The ladies served a free dinner to 300 people in the church parlor. Afterwards we had an opportunity to speak with friends from nearby towns, from Flaxton and Westby, North Dakota, and even from San Diego, California.

We closed the meetings Sunday evening with speaking and singing in Danish and English. Dr. Ostergaard told us that he as a very young fellow before he went out to India, had thought of settling in Dagmar as a doctor. Rev. Holger Nielsen spoke about the international situation and our responsibilities. Later we celebrated in the parsonage the birthday of Mrs. Mads Strandskov.

We got a lot to think about and to pray for during the coming days; and we want to thank our speakers for their messages.

The following Sunday, July 8, Rev. L. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis., paid us a visit. He came a little too soon after our Midsummer Festival, but he was on his way to our good friend, Rev. P. Rasmussen, Dalum, Canada. Rev. Bundgaard preached at Volmer in Danish and gave a lecture in English at Dagmar in the afternoon.

Monday evening many met in the parsonage to hear him read Kaj Munk's Play, The Word. The reading took two hours, but all listened with great attention.

We are now getting back to normal. The sun is shining, the weather is nice and warm. People are busy haying and summer-fallowing. And late in August we expect to start harvesting.

Many of us have had post cards from Denmark, and now we are waiting for long letters from home, and around Christmas we are waiting for ships to and from Denmark.

John Enslemann.

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News Briefs

DANISH SHIPPING

In co-operation with the stipulations fixed for the administration of the United Nations merchant fleet, Denmark is reported to have joined the United Nations shipping pool. A Danish shipping delegation returned from England

on June 16 after having taken part in negotiations.

All Danish ships which sailed for England during the war will be transferred back to the Danish register. This amounts to 71 Danish ships of 227,000 tons, 67 ships of 335,000 tons having been lost in the past five years of war. There are seven ships of 52,000 tons in the British Dominions while four ships of 22,000 tons were lost. In addition to these ships there are those which sailed for the United States. Their number was 41 to begin with, but only 17 are left. It has been revealed that 1,400 Danish officers and men lost their lives during the war. (Norpress, June 16).

A "Berlingske Tidende" correspondent reports that during a recent inspection of Kiel harbor, a number of Danish sailors led by the Captains Westergaard and Larsen found 35 ships belonging to the Danish navy, most of which were in excellent condition. Twenty Danish merchant ships were also discovered, in addition to a number of torpedo boats, minesweepers and minesearchers. These vessels will now be directed to Danish ports.

Mr. Svend Petersen of Askov, Minnesota will assume the responsibilities of circulation manager for Lutheran Tidings, beginning Aug. 1. Correspondence concerning change of address and other business related to Lutheran Tidings should be addressed to him after that date. We welcome Mr. Petersen to the staff of Lutheran Tidings and wish him well in this new capacity. Let us co-operate with him in every respect. —(Publications Committee, by Harris Jespersen).

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH JOINS WORLD COUNCIL

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK. The Lutheran Church of Denmark has joined the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions throughout the world that plan to join the World

Council of Churches when it is formally organized, it was reported here by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council at Geneva, Switzerland.

He revealed that the Danish Lutheran Church had made known its intention to affiliate with the World Council in 1941, during the German occupation of the country, but that no announcement of the action was made for fear of Nazi reprisals.

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