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A Friendly Word

A friendly word, a friendly word,
What comfort it may bring!
Like dew upon the thirsty earth
Which calls a million flowers forth.
My thanks for every friendly word
That filled my heart with spring.

A kindly look, a kindly look,
How it may cheer the heart!
Like water to a wanderer lost
Upon a bare and desert coast.
I cherish every kindly look
Which bade my gloom depart.

A faithful hand, a faithful hand,
What blessed power it wields!
To break the chains that bind the soul
And make the wounded spirit whole.
How blest is every faithful hand
Which strengthens as it shields.

The heart grows often hard and cold
In life's turmoil and strife.
Blest Lord! let not my look grow hard,
Let coldness from my heart be barred,
Melt all in me that's proud and cold,
Thou heavenly Sun of Life!

May I to all, both friend and foe,
Extend the hand of love.
For only as myself I give,
I shall myself in fullness live,
And body forth to all I know
The peace of God above.

Kr. Arntsen.

Tr. by J. C. Aaberg.

Bible Hour At The Convention, 1945

Math. 15:21-28

In any hour with our Bible there are two primary questions which we seek to answer. First, as stated well in the title of a good book, "The Intention of Christ." What was in Jesus' thought; what was his purpose? And then, what lesson or help may we personally derive from the passage? What message does it bring to me in my time?

So far as we know this passage reveals Jesus' most westerly journey. He was out in the borderlands of pagan Sidon and Tyre, the great dye manufacturing center and slave market of that day. Whether Jesus actually took his disciples on a journey through the tragic and horrifying scenes and past the scene of human sacrifices to the heathen idols as depicted by Sholem Asche in "The Nazareen," the Bible tells us nothing about. His discription of the cruel pagan world, the multitudes of suffering beings under the lash and disease and the captives longing to be led out of captivity, is perhaps not overdrawn. When I read this chapter I must thank God for the many blessings come to us with Christ's going beyond the borders of Palestine and changing the hearts and minds of men, however much there still remains to be changed in the world.

But why did Jesus go there? Why did he leave his usual haunts and take his disciples along out into the borderlands? In Math. 10 we read, that they were not to go to the people beyond the borders of their own land. Did Jesus go there for his own sake or for the sake of being alone with his disciples, in order to teach them without being disturbed?

Reasons usually given for his departing have been (1) Perhaps to get far distant from the place of John the Baptist's execution, for Jesus still had much work to do; still had much to reveal to his friends. (2) According to Mark 7:24 "He would have no man know" of his whereabouts. Wanted to be alone with his disciples. Perhaps Jesus also was dead tired.

But might there not be a third reason? Surely there was something other than a pleasant vacation or geography study involved. Might there not be a definite lesson important to the future work of Christ's church which his disciples needed to learn and which best could be taught out there on the borderlands where they might get a glimpse of the waiting world beyond their narrow horizon? Were they to see the depths to which sin had brought mankind; see the great curse from which he had come to save mankind? And were they to get a glimpse of a faith and love so touching

that they could see the waiting fields beyond the borders and never refuse them the gospel of God's grace unto salvation?

In the hearts and minds of his disciples as of the Jewish people then were barriers of nationalism, provincialism, pharisaism, customs, hatred, et al, which must be broken down before they could effectively fulfill the great commission, Math. 28: "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, etc." One need only read the whole of Math. 15 and Mark 7 to realize the barriers confronting Jesus deep in the minds and hearts of men. How often Jesus must have experienced the truth in Bjørnson's words: "Det stakkers øje er bleven vant, det har saa svært ved at vende synet."

Quite commonly in our work with this passage we do not get beyond act one, or do not realize that the miracle in Act I is as the prelude to the miracle in Act II, namely the breaking down of barriers in the minds and hearts of his disciples, the future fishers of men. Will they understand; that Christianity knows no such boundaries, recognizes no such barriers? Until this becomes evident they are not fit for the world commission.

I do not want to take time this morning for meditation as to what Jesus that day meant to the Syrophenician woman, this mother in need. It is indeed a remarkable revelation of the love of God through Jesus Christ waiting for the opportunity to serve the burdened souls of all mankind.

I am interested in this hour in what this case meant in the training of Jesus' disciples, enlarging their mental horizon, preparing them for their world wide mission. This was a splendid case both as to revealing the barriers in their minds and hearts and revealing to them, how God's love knows no boundaries.

This woman apparently was not known before hand to Jesus or his friends and her meeting with them was not prearranged. Or was it in the sense that death of Lazarus (John 11:4) presented an opportunity "for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby?" This mother, I believe, became instrumental in furthering the work of God through Jesus with those men.

Her case was extremely pertinent to the lesson to be learnt. Meeting with them presumably in a Jewish home near the border was truly an outsider, nationally, politically, and religiously; a "Greek" Markus writes. Dummelow writes in his commentary: "She was one of that nation which the Jews had been bidden to exterminate and was therefore more hateful than an ordinary heathen.

"The rabbis often spoke of the gentiles as dogs, etc. 'He, who eats with an idolator, is like one who eats with a dog, for a dog is uncircumcised, so also an idolator. The nations of the world are compared to dogs. The holy convocations belongs to you; to you, not to the dogs; to you, not to them that are without."

With such teachings and attitudes instilled in them from youth we perhaps better understand the disciples' reaction: "Send her away." We perhaps realize more fully the problem before Jesus that day as he for a moment permitted them to see their whole thought background over against this representative from the waiting world. True, she was an outsider, but Jesus

would show them that even this foreigner God could use to open the eyes of the disciples to a faith rarely found in Israel.

Usually we see only this mother and her plight and have a hard time to understand Jesus' seemingly cold attitude toward her. Why, oh why, does he not receive her at once? But in reality Jesus faced two problems both requiring nothing less than a miracle. For which is most difficult to say: "Oh, woman, thy faith is great. Be unto thee even as thou wilt," or to break down the mental barriers that would shut out such as these from the love and grace of God? Surely the latter requires nothing less than the re-birth of the soul of man.

Would Jesus succeed in this most difficult task of instilling in his disciples something of the same attitude that was in himself so that they could see beyond the borders of their land the waiting world, "fields ripe unto harvest?" Could he awaken in them something of the mission mindedness so that they would long to share whole heartedly with others the bread of life from the Father to his children and not begrudgingly only the crumbs? Would they face to face with this representative from the heathen lands see in her a need and that longing akin to their own and also see in her faith that which Jesus was longing for to find in Israel? Would they see the universality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that God's love toward man knows no boundaries; that even among those, whom the rabbis spoke of as dogs, could be such faith and readiness?

Oh, ye men, so slow to understand! They seemed so anxious to get rid of her, so willing to remain in their Jewish prejudices and isolation as we even to this day may be. How wisely Jesus foresaw the need of developing a deeprooted attitude of love for all mankind in those men before sending them beyond the borders of their land. Closed minds and hearts cannot evangelize or win the world for Christ.

How difficult it was for even the leaders among his disciples to surmount their inherited prejudices we may read about in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 11 and 15. Peter perhaps was having a tussle with himself in prayer on this very issue and had to have a vision giving him with unquestionable evidence as to how far he might reach out with the overflow of God's love. As one writer says, fortunately the messengers from Cornelius were at the door or Peter might have wavered again. But after his experience in that home he could face the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem and defend his acts so that they could con-

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clude: "Then God also hath granted repentance unto gentiles." Yes indeed.

But as Skovgaard Petersen, I believe, has written: "If it had not been for Paul with his broader occidental outlook, it is a question if the church in Jerusalem would not have settled back in a self-centered clique with their own brand of christianity." They needed Paul's message: "Here is neither Jew nor Gentile. All are one through faith in Christ Jesus."

Now to us the universality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ undoubtedly seems self-evident. Why certainly, it is for all men regardless of racial or any other differences. But are we so certain that something of this curse is not prevalent even in our day of testing. Is it not still one of the major problems even among us Christians, this problem of breaking down barriers of race, religion, hatred, color, etc? Is it the common thing to find the attitude which was in Jesus in us, the willingness to go the second mile? Lest we come to a too hasty conclusion in our favor let me quote two statements that are quite revealing to me.

The one comes from out of a part of the world we usually think of as pagan. In her speech on Post War Attitudes in Madison Square Garden, New York, Madame Chiang said: "There must be no bitterness in the reconstructed world. No matter what we have

undergone and suffered, we must try to forgive those who injured us and remember only the lesson gained thereby." Thus spoke this Christian woman from out of the Orient having preserved something of the attitude of Christ even through long and trying years.

In contrast to this I quote the words of a leading New York psychiatrist who two days later was reported to have taken the opportunity on the program of the American Society for the Control of Cancer to attack Madame Chiang's words saying: "In order to make sure of a properly reconstructed world we must continue to remember with hate and with bitterness the terrible evils."

For security reasons we must keep up the barriers! Such barriers are not far distant at the San Francisco conference. In its final analysis is it not these mental barriers far more than the physical barriers that are so difficult to surmount even to this day and impede the progress of fulfilling Christ's great commission to his church. "Det stakkers Øje er bleven vant, det har saa svært ved at vende synet."

God help us to "Break down every idol, cast out every foe." Only in the same measure as this is done may we become fit to go out to all nations and fulfill the will of God.

A. E. Frost.

Board Of Education Meeting

The Board of Education for Grand View College met July 18, 1945 at Grand View College. All members and Dr. Knudsen were present. Architect William Ingemann and Professor Erling Jensen, chairman of the Jubilee Fund Committee, joined us in the afternoon.

At a meeting held at Medicine Lake June 8 and 9 the board had organized itself by electing the same officers as the previous year, namely Ottar Jorgensen, chairman, and Herbert Lang, secretary.

The main items on the agenda for this meeting were (1) the securing of a teacher for the seminary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Ernest Nielsen and (2) further deliberation and action in regard to the building program.

President Knudsen had informed the Board of Education that Rev. V. S. Jensen did not feel that he could continue as part time teacher and also continue to serve the congregations, Oak Hill and St. John's, but that Rev. Jensen had offered to accept a two-year contract as a teacher at the seminary. It was therefore decided to offer Rev. Jensen a two-year contract as professor at our seminary.

We hope that the arrangement will be realized. The immediate needs of the seminary will thereby have been met. The board naturally looked ahead and discussed the matter of what could be done to secure a man to fill the teaching position in years to come. Several names of younger ministers and others who might qualify for this position were mentioned.

Mr. Ingemann presented a revised sketch of the exterior of the proposed new women's dormitory which was an attempt to comply with the resolution passed by the convention, "that the architectural plans as far

as possible be kept in harmony with the main building."

What is in harmony with the old building is of course a matter of opinion and a question of discussion. The Board of Education will, however, do its best to fulfill the intent of above mentioned resolution without doing violence to fundamental and recognized architectural principles.

The floor plans for the remodeling of the old main building to provide more class rooms and improved dormitory facilities for the men were gone over again with Mr. Ingemann. It was decided to retain a small apartment on the first floor of the west wing of the present building.

Professor Erling Jensen and Mr. Ingemann also went over the floor plans of the proposed new science building; a west wing addition to the old main building comparable to the east wing where the library is located.

Through its chairman the Jubilee Fund Committee informed the Board of Education that it was planning a drive for funds among the businessmen of Des Moines. It might here be mentioned that through years past Drake University in Des Moines has received many thousands of dollars for its expansion program. Why should Grand View College which has served the city and the state of Iowa for nearly 50 years not be remembered?

Upon request of the Jubilee Fund Committee the Board of Education authorized Architect Ingemann to draw up a plan to be used by the Jubilee Fund Committee in its proposed drive for funds in Des Moines. This plan is to include a new women's dormitory, a new science wing and a new gymnasium and heating plant, all to be built as soon as funds are available. This

overall plan would also show a new men's dormitory to be erected in the future whenever the need arises. It was estimated that a new gymnasium with stage equipment and a central heating plant should be set at \$75,000. Mr. Ingemann was authorized to draw plans for such a building.

In regard to the Church Leadership Course the Board of Education requested President Knudsen to draw up a tentative outline for this course for presentation to the board at its meeting in September. It is our desire to see this course become a definite and vital part of the curriculum of Grand View College as soon as possible.

During the summer months the college building is being renovated. There is cleaning, painting and repairing to be done. Some of this work was already in progress at the time of our meeting.

I have seldom, if ever, seen the college campus as beautiful as at the present time, thanks to the labor and artistic touch of Mr. Carl Eriksen.

In conclusion may I be permitted to make the observation, that it cannot be denied that during the last few years money has been flowing freely into the coffers of many people. Who is paying the heavy price for this questionable by-product of the war? Our young men mainly, who are called upon to spend some of their best years in the armed forces, many giving their lives or their health. Now is the time for us of the church to show plainly that we know that we are debtors and stewards. May we be faithful stewards.

Ottar S. Jorgensen.

What Shall We Do With Germany?

By P. O. Bersell

This article does not deal with politics, nor with international relationships. Others, the men in authority backed by the public opinion of the dominant nations, will have to settle the question of the government of Germany and the political and military controls.

We are interested in that aspect of the matter, of course, because the future destiny of the whole world hangs in the balance. From the long-range point of view the destiny of America is very much involved in the European equation. Isolation is a thing of the past in the minds of thinking men who know the score.

We have had high hopes for the San Francisco Conference. The most optimistic have had many of their hopes shattered already. Much good may yet result from the deliberations of these national and international leaders, even if we now despair of the attainment of the ultimate, so devoutly wished for by men of goodwill and prayed for by Christians throughout the world.

The world powers will undoubtedly continue to have their say and the culmination of their selfish national and international interests and policies will suffer but little diminution. If all were of the mind and heart of our own United States we would have little to fear in regard to the future peaceful state of the world. But the question marks are already so much in evidence that we are truly concerned and considerably disturbed. Let not the soldiers of peace give up the fight! It is not yet lost.

In my travels in Europe during recent months, I had opportunity to speak to many men in various walks of life, some of them men in authority and with a vast fund of knowledge of the realities of the European situation. The consensus of these men was that the war against Germany, though gruesome and indescribably costly, was a rather simple thing, with a well-defined technique, in comparison with the baffling post-war problems, political, economical, social, educational and spiritual. To solve these problems will take the entire financial, intellectual and spiritual resources of the world.

The devastation is so terrific that it defies any attempt at description. I refer not only to the loss of millions of human lives and the wrecking of millions of human bodies, nor to the unprecedented destruction of property. I think of the tearing down of that which it has taken centuries of Christian civilization to build up. I am mindful of the dislocation of entire racial and national populations, of the entire disruption of social structures and the distortion of Christian morality. I am thinking of what this hell that is called war has done to the people that are left. It has seared and poisoned and polluted the souls of men. It has bred lies and hatreds and bitterness. The harvest is appalling. It will be reaped for a generation at least. Long after the last gun has been fired on the Asiatic battlefronts, war will continue to take its toll in its grim aftermath.

The disposition of Germany by the Allied councils is not fundamental, but right now it is pivotal and it will set the pattern for future actions. It is therefore of vital importance to the whole world.

As Christians and as Lutherans we are tremendously interested. What shall be our attitude toward the German people? Shall the spirit of hatred and vengeance prevail over against the concepts of the Kingdom of God and the genius of the Gospel of Christ?

I saw with my own eyes what the Germans had done so ruthlessly and barbarously to conquered peoples. I listened by the hour to stories of refugees. Many of them were men of God. I do not believe that they lied to me. I spoke to diplomats who had documentary evidence of terrible atrocities. I heard the story, as told by men who had come right out of Germany, of almost unbelievable wholesale liquidation of Jews and other "undesirables," political and religious. I shuddered as I sensed the terrific inner struggle that has been going on for years and I was almost overwhelmed by a sense of frustration and futility as I pondered the thought that this was the homeland of the Reformation and the historic stronghold of the Lutheran Church.

What hope is there for the future if a minority,

To The Members Of District II

Our District constitution provides that the District President must submit a report to be published in Lutheran Tidings four weeks before the District convention. Again this year I will not reprint the report I submitted to our synod president, but rather refer you to the annual report of the synod where the report will be found. Suffice, then, to report on the matters

which have developed since that report was written.

First: Our District Convention. On June 15 I received a letter from the Detroit congregation informing me that it found it necessary to retract its invitation to hold our district convention there. While it was not unexpected it did cause disturbance in our plans. In response to the letter I sent to the congre-

dominated by gangsters who have scrapped all that is beautiful and good and godly in the Christian religion, can thus seize control of a whole nation and systematically and effectively indoctrinate a whole generation with the perverse tenets of a destructive paganism?

From a military point of view the Allies have laid Germany low. Its great cities have been reduced to shambles. A large part of the country is a mass of ruins. But let it be said and known, in truth, that the Allies have not destroyed Germany. Hitler and his gang did it, with vengeance, to the bitter end. Hitler's crime was primarily a crime against the German people. How and why they stood for it will continue to be one of the enigmas of history. Whatever the answer, the German people, as such, must share the blame for what happened.

However, the Christian Church cannot and must not succumb to a spirit of hopeless defeatism. That would indeed be a denial of the faith and an abdication of the power given to the Church. It would also be disobedience to the command of the Lord whose orders may be summed up in three words, "Love, go, evangelize." These are still the marching orders for this day.

The cause is not a hopeless one. While in Europe I learned from authoritative sources of a spiritual resistance movement in Germany of no small dimensions. It was not one that gained utterance first in the promise of Allied victory and in the twilight of Nazi domination. It was there all the time with cumulative power.

There are names of spiritual giants in Germany just as illustrious as those of Bishop Berggrav in Norway and Kaj Munk in Denmark. I mention here only Cardinal Faulhaber of the Catholic Church and Bishops Wurm and Meiser and Pastors Niemöller and Thieliiche of the Lutheran Church. They and thousands with them have stood heroically for the freedom of the Church and for Christian principles. Under Bishop Wurm of Stuttgart 85 per cent of the Protestant churches (mostly Lutheran) have banded together in the "Einigungswerk," a united front of the churches for evangelical freedom and Christian liberty and for the liberation of the Church from the tyranny of the state. Underlying it all and undergirding it has been a deep spiritual movement with prime emphasis on the return to utter dependence on the Word of God as the absolute authority in faith and life.

Space does not permit further detail, but I call to mind an incident from the history of ancient Israel. One of the great prophets, Elijah, was ready in his hopelessness to turn his back upon his own people in

one of the periods of its deepest decadence. But God turned him back to face his task as a man of God as He told him, "There are yet 7,000 in Israel who have not bowed their knees to Baal."

The Christians of England and America are getting ready to give material and spiritual aid in the re-evangelization of central Europe. The Methodists and the Presbyterians and others here in America are gathering large funds, a considerable portion of which will be spent in Germany. The Lutherans of America are right now in the midst of an ingathering of millions of dollars for the same purpose. And well they may, for 85 per cent of the Protestants on the continent of Europe are Lutherans.

What aid can be given immediately is contingent upon political situations and Allied control authorizations. But without question, Christianity is the only power that has any hope of saving the German nation, or Europe, or the world. Its principles and truths and life alone can win the battle against Nazism or any other phase of godlessness and paganism.

Therefore, as opportunity is given, let us Christians unitedly join in this battle for Germany's soul. The church in Germany must be given aid to build tabernacles for religious worship to take the place of the thousands of churches destroyed to integrate the congregational life, to furnish Bibles and Christian literature by the millions, to prepare and sustain pastors and other Christian leaders, to rehabilitate Christian institutions of mercy, in brief, to build up a vibrant, strong Church life.

The big task is to evangelize the millions of paganized German youth. That is a stupendous undertaking in itself. The leadership of the Church must be purged of all that "bowed the knee to Baal," and of all sympathizers with Jewish or other racial persecutions. In the accomplishment of this there will be a spontaneous response on the part of the new evangelical leadership in Germany which bodes well for the future.

Even as I write this I am on my way to New York to attend a meeting of church leaders from England and the Continent with American church leaders under the auspices of the World Council of Churches to lay plans for the execution of the task that is ours. Ours is a solemn obligation and we approach it with "fear and trembling" because we are humans, but with courage and hope because the cause is God's. It is the battle for Europe's soul. That battle must be won, or else hell will break loose again with renewed fury.

This is the day of the church's opportunity. Let us not come with too little and too late.

gations of our district we received an invitation from the Greenville congregation provided we could make arrangements to have it at Pleasant Hill Lutheran Camp near Gowen, Mich. During our Y. P. S. camp held there June 19-22 the church district officers met to discuss the matter with the management. Arrangements were quickly made. Convention will be held there Sept. 7-8-9. All meals will be served at the camp for \$1.35 per day. Lodging may be had either in cottages at the camp or as guests of the members of the congregation. The added expense of cottages as well as other incidental expenses of the camp will be carried by the district treasury. The officers felt justified in making this decision subject to the approval of the convention. All meetings will be held at the chapel of the camp. While this is quite a different setting for our convention, we feel happy and satisfied that the dates and arrangements for our convention are now completed. Now we hope many will attend and share these days of fellowship and inspiration. Please register early. It is absolutely necessary that you do it.

Second: Big Rapids. Now that the final steps of the merger in Big Rapids have been completed, I will briefly give this information. Last year I reported that a merger of our church with two Augustana synod churches was in prospect. During the fall these three churches had union services in our church. Within a short time the attendance increased to about 50. After about two months the people from all three churches realized that this was what they needed and wanted. In order to legally merge, on Dec. 18 our Big Rapids congregation sent in a request to our synod board for release from the synod, which request was soon granted. During Christmas a student from Augustana seminary served the church there. This summer a student is serving. I have talked with one of the students and he reports encouraging progress. The official merger has perhaps not yet been completed, but is approaching completion. The membership of our church had been reduced to six since our last convention. While we deeply regret having to bid our Big Rapids congregation farewell from our synod and district, we rejoice that the merger seems to be for the benefit of the Lutherans in Big Rapids. We wish to thank our Big Rapids congregation for the many years of fellowship and ask God's blessing over the new congregation which is emerging.

Third: Roscommons. Shortly before Rev. Stockholm left Grayling we had received unofficial inquiry from the Augustana synod church at Roscommons about having our Grayling pastor serve that church. However, since we then had a long vacancy before Rev. Holm came, nothing further has been done. In January this year, Rev. J. Benson of Traverse City, who serves the church now, contacted Rev. Holm about serving the church. As a result I contacted the proper authority, Dr. Oscar Benson, president of the Illinois Conference of the Augustana Synod in regard to the matter. We now have its consent, blessing and hopes that the Roscommons church will join our synod and become part of the Grayling parish. Of course such a merger must be done by the consent of the congrega-

tion concerned and such takes time. Rev. Holm is to preach there in August. As the matter now stands it appears very favorable. Our synod president has, of course, been informed and consulted in this whole matter and it has his approval. Perhaps by the time we meet at convention we will have a little more to report.

Fourth: As you all know, Rev. Verner Hansen has enlisted as Chaplain in the U. S. army. We are sorry to have him leave our district after only two years of service, but we are glad that our service men will get the needed chaplain. We pray God's blessing in his new field and that peace may soon come so that he and all our other service men may be home with us again. The Ludington congregation immediately called its former pastor, Rev. John Christensen, who has accepted the call and will begin his ministry there about October 1. We will be glad to welcome Rev. Christensen back to our district and we wish him a blessed ministry in Ludington. During the vacancy the district pastors will serve one Sunday morning a month and Rev. Garred of Manistee the other Sunday evenings.

Fifth: District Allocation. As you will recall, last year we did not follow that new synod regulation of allocating our synod quota. This year we will follow that regulation. It will be well for each congregation and its delegates to bear this in mind (see Annual Report for 1944, page 114, col. 2.)

Sixth: A mission fund. For two years we set aside \$150.00 for home missions in our district. Last year we did not, mostly because I forgot to present the question. Should we not consider it this year? We will discuss this at our convention. We may need to offer a little help in the possible new work at Roscommons.

Miscellaneous: Let us work hard for Lutheran World Action. Some congregations have already sent in their quota, but several have not. Our synod is the lowest among the Lutheran churches in sending in its quota so far. We should be able to spare that dollar!

We did well in our synod quota this year. Let us do it again. Thank you one and all.

I have no proposals sent to me yet. Should you have some, please send them in so that if at all possible they can be forwarded to the other congregations before the convention.

We look forward to our convention Sept. 7-8-9.

Greetings,

Holger P. Jorgensen, Dist. Pres.

PRAYER

Open my ears to music; let
Me thrill with Spring's first flutes and drums—
But never let me dare forget
The bitter ballets of the slums.

From compromise and things half-done,
Keep me, with stern and stubborn pride.
And when, at last, the fight is won,
God, keep me still unsatisfied.

—Louis Untermeyer.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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Maybe it would interest our friends in other states to hear what is being done for Danish War Relief in Seattle. Headquarters for Oregon and Washington is situated in the social hall under the parsonage of the Danish church. Here Seattle ladies sort, repair and pack what is being sent in for final shipment to Denmark. The work is done under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. H. P. Petersen, and her splendid helpers, Mrs. C. W. Olsen and Mrs. John Eskesen. These ladies constitute our "Big 3".

It is only 15 months since we began our work here in earnest. Of course our "Big 3" would not have anything to work with if the rest of us did not continually search our closets for articles of clothing that we can do without. Danish people in Portland, Eugene, Junction City and McMinneville, Oregon, have been very generous with their donations both in regard to quantity and quality. From Tacoma, our sister city, we have received wonderful donations all in the best condition—clean and repaired. Everett, Wash., has spent quite a large sum on new underwear for Danish children and their mothers. Wilbur, a thriving small community in eastern Washington, has started a unit and a box of real nice things has been received from there. Such nice hand-made wrapping blankets! Won't the babies just love to be wrapped in them? Bremerton, our Navytown, also is sending in good-sized boxes of usable things. Bickleton, Wash., and Bellingham have started units; and others may be working from whom we have not yet heard.

Besides the used articles sent in, each unit does its share of work on new clothing. These garments are sent and furnished by National Headquarters in Chicago. Many women are knitting stockings and sweaters. Real ingenuity is employed in making the sweaters as nice as possible. Individuals as well as groups are working at and giving new things especially for infants. We must have more than 100 complete layettes. Each one consists of all new infant's wear as beautifully and daintily made as if they were made for their own babies—such adorable booties, hand-made quilts, etc.

One group of ladies has made 45 quilts for children's beds, all gay and cheerful looking. Another group has knitted booties and sewed hand-embroidered slips and nighties. Infants' shirts by the dozens are

being donated. Money for the purchase of boys' pants is coming in from various clubs.

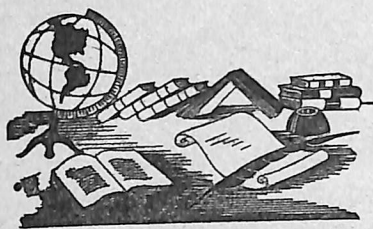
Many a woman who has sent a coat or a dress with some misgiving as to its usefulness will be glad to hear now, if the garment is otherwise in fair condition, Mrs. John Eskesen puts in a new lining, changes the collar or adds missing buttons. Really it is remarkable what is being done. If the coat or dress is not in too good a condition, Mrs. C. W. Olsen starts looking wise and before we know it the sad looking article blossoms out as a jacket, jumper dress for a little girl or a skirt. Mrs. Olsen has made more than 125 skirts for little girls to wear with blouses or sweaters. It seems that there ought to be a special reward for such unselfish devotion to a cause.

Mrs. Petersen never misses a day at the center. She is doing a big job for Danish War Relief. These ladies spend many hours hunting for just the right things needed and in convincing managers of clothing departments of the necessity of the large amounts they want. Many times the ladies are surprised at their own success in regard to quantity, quality and price. We feel that our "Big 3" deserve special commendation for their untiring efforts—their work is one of love and therefore brings its own reward. They, together with all the women who have worked with them regularly, truly feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

It has been a pleasure to meet week after week as we have worked to make all these useful things for those less fortunate than ourselves. It is good to know that when the time comes that the boxes can be sent to Denmark, the women who have filled them can feel that theirs has been a work well done.

Mrs. Alfred Nielsen, Secretary.

The above letter was received in May, but due to convention reports this is the first opportunity that has been open for its publication. The work that has been done by women of Danish extraction from all over our country has, in a very definite manner, been a part of their mission work during the past years. For that reason the above letter is very interesting. That we now hear that the Danish people are not in as great need as we were afraid of, can only fill us with gratitude. We can still be sure that all this good work has not been done in vain, for we know that there are thousands of children and grown-ups in other countries who are destitute. The Danes are demonstrating to the world that they feel their responsibility as their brother's keepers, so the big boxes from U. S. A. will no doubt fulfill their mission.—Editor.



Across the Editor's Desk

"Lutheran Tidings" Goes Into Its 12th Year

With this issue the "Lutheran Tidings" goes into its 12th year. The convention in Des Moines in 1934 voted to begin an English publication. It was voted to support this venture with the sum of \$100 from the synodical budget. Later the synodical board appointed Rev. C. A. Stub as editor and Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen as business manager of the proposed paper. The present name of the paper was decided upon and the first issue appeared August 5, 1934.

Rev. Stub served as editor for a period of six years and at the convention in Cedar Falls in 1940 asked to be relieved from his duties. Your present editor was then elected at the 1940 convention and has now served for a period of five years. Through the first seven years of its existence "Lutheran Tidings" appeared in eight page issues published semi-monthly. However, at the annual convention in Troy, New York, in 1941 upon the recommendation of your present editor it was voted to increase the size of the paper to 16 pages. This increase in size proved to be a valuable help in making the paper serve its real purpose in the synod.

At the annual convention in Minneapolis in 1943 it was decided to make "Lutheran Tidings" a membership paper paying the cost of same from the synodical budget. The reports from our congregations throughout the synod testify to the advantage of having this synodical publication come to all our homes.

With the adoption this year of new Rules and Regulations for the Committee on Publications, "Lutheran Tidings" as well as other publications of the synod are under the direction of this Committee. The editor and the business manager are to be appointed by the committee. The general policy of the paper is also in the hands of the Committee on Publications.

Your editor through the past five years has been asked to continue another year. As Axel V. Pedersen of Los Angeles who was the business manager through the past year asked to be relieved of his duties, the committee has appointed Svend Petersen, Askov, Minn., as circulation manager beginning August 1. We welcome him to the "Lutheran Tidings" staff. All changes of addresses, new subscriptions, etc., should be sent to him.

With this issue we are initiating a new arrangement of the content of the paper. In order to avoid the continuation of articles from the first part of the paper to a possible later page, we are trying out this new plan. It is a recommendation from the Committee on Publications that some change be made to this effect. Although all the Lutheran publications from other synods received here on our desk use the system of starting each department of the paper at the top of a certain page and when necessary will forward the preceeding article to a later page, we are going to try this new plan. We hope our readers will respond to the advisability of continuing same or not.

The most important task before us is to find the material for the content of the paper that will help serve the real purpose of such a synodical publication. We have enjoyed very fine cooperation from many who have either sent us contributions without our request and from others who graciously respond when we ask for some help.

We have repeatedly asked all pastors to send us regularly the monthly Church bulletins. We receive some regularly. Some come to our desk off and on at intervals. Others that we know are being published regularly will stay away for a year at a time and then suddenly appear again. And from quite a large number of our congregations, we never hear one word. Yet the editor is charged with the task of bringing news items from "all our congregations." We shall be happy to do so if and when we have the news sent to us. For those who do not send out regularly a church bulletin, we suggest that a postal card be used now and then giving us some of the most important news of the local congregation.

An Un-American Marriage

By Benjamin Lotz, Lutheran Pastor, Bethlehem, Pa.

"John, Father Murphy said you will have to go to instruction before we can get married. It is a diocesan regulation. Its purpose is to teach you something of the church, the priest said, and to clear up difficulties."

"Does that mean, Jane, that you will go to instruction to my pastor, too? You ought to know something of my church and what it teaches."

"That's different, John; you know I am a Catholic."

I

John Parkridge went faithfully to instruction. He did it because of his love for Jane. He was given a catechism and he read it carefully. The parish priest by his friendly manner easily dispelled prejudice and won his confidence. The date of the marriage was fixed and all other arrangements were well in hand. After

the ceremony at the rectory, there would be a reception at the American hotel to which fifty guests would be invited. The invitations were ordered from a local engraver.

At one of the periods of instruction, some time before the wedding, Father Murphy gave John a form for him to sign, explaining that he was to sign one side and Jane would sign the other side.

John took the paper and began to read it. The blood rushed to his head but he managed to speak calmly.

"Do you mind, father," he said, "if I sign it when I come next week? There is still time and I would like to take it home and read it over carefully."

"It's a bit unusual," the priest answered, "but take it along with you. There must be no compulsion about it. But unless you and Jane sign it, I cannot marry you."

And unless Jane is married by me, the priest of her church, she is virtually excommunicated. There can be no other decision."

II

John Parkridge went directly home that evening. He sat down at his desk and read the paper carefully.

Ante-Nuptial Agreement

(To be signed by the non-Catholic party in a mixed marriage)

I, the undersigned, not a member of the Catholic Church, wishing to contract marriage with _____ a member of the Catholic Church, propose to do so with the understanding that the marriage bond thus contracted is indissoluble, except by death I promise on my word and honor that I will not in any way hinder or obstruct the said _____ in the exercise of _____ religion and that all children of either sex born of our marriage shall be baptized and educated in the Catholic faith and according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, even though the said _____ should be taken away by death.

I further promise that I will marry _____ only according to the marriage rite of the Catholic Church; that I will not, either before or after the Catholic ceremony present myself with _____ for marriage before a civil magistrate or minister of the gospel. (Signature)_____

Signed in the presence of Rev. _____

Place _____ Date _____

Then John Parkridge turned the paper to the other side and read a similar pledge to be signed by his bride. But in addition to the provisions for the baptism and education in the Catholic religion of any children born to the union, he discovered that Jane must promise "that I will do all in my power to bring about the conversion" to Catholicism of her husband.*

It seemed strange, John Parkridge thought to himself that he should be called on to sign anything like that. For that would bind his life and conscience, regardless of what changed circumstances the years would bring. If children were born to them, he thought if then Jane should die, if he should marry again, this time a Protestant — remote possibilities, to be sure — he would be obligated to raise their children in the Roman Catholic faith. He was binding his life to an unknown future.

III

The next evening John Parkridge visited his own pastor. He showed the pastor the paper he had been asked to sign. Together they read it carefully.

The pastor indicated to John that first of all it involved compromising his faith. It would mean, too, a divided family in which a common devotional life would be impossible. And it might mean that his children would be reared in a faith completely alien to his conception of Christianity. Then the pastor pointed out some implications of the pledge to be signed by the Catholic that had more or less escaped John's notice.

"Do you see what else is involved? Jane is to work for your conversion. That is not wrong for her religion means anything to her that is what she ought to do. Religion is something we ought to share

with those we love. But on the other hand, there is no such reciprocal right accorded to you. The Roman Catholic Church denies you what it requires for Jane and demands that you acquiesce in this demand. This attitude is undemocratic and un-American because it is essentially unfair.

"If religious freedom means anything," the pastor continued, "there goes with it the freedom to be a missionary as long as common decency, respect and good order are maintained. But you are to be denied that right in your own home, to those you support and to those whom you are to cherish and love as long as life lasts.

"Most people would resent not being allowed to tell about a new automobile or to recommend a new type of oil burner. But here is something that counts infinitely more and here you must promise to keep silent — yes, even if you and Jane live together happily for fifty years."

"But can't I sign it with my fingers crossed?" John asked rather reluctantly.

"I suspect many people do it. They do it to please a pious old mother or grandmother. But it is to begin a new life with a lie on one's lips. Rome with its spirit of legalism has always used coercive measures. True religion ought to spring from a willing heart and not from force and coercion."

IV

Of course, his pastor could give John and Jane no easy solution for their problem. He could only make them understand what was involved. If they were not married by a Roman Catholic priest, the marriage would not be recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. Hard as the words sound it would only be legal concubinage. If they were married by the priest, John would have to sign a paper which would make him compromise his faith, divide his family and close his mouth when he wanted to talk of what religion meant to him.

Any other solution would not be easy and could not be accomplished in any brief period of time. It would require the building of a common faith through a better understanding of God's word. It would be a religion born of God's spirit and God's truth but it could be brought about only through study and prayer. But it would mean a faith that would unite them and their family and make a marriage truly blessed of God.

—Christian Century.

*The form of the ante-nuptial agreement may vary in different parts of the Roman Catholic Church. In the diocese of Richmond this additional promise is required of the non-Catholic: "That I will not interfere in the least with the free exercise of the Catholic party's religion and that I will lead a married life in conformity with the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church regarding artificial birth control, contraception or so-called 'planned parenthood,' realizing fully that these practices are against the natural and divine law."

KAUFFMANN LAUDS UNITED NATIONS PACT

Minister Henrik Kauffman presented the following tribute on the signing of the United Nations Pact in San Francisco:

"At a moment like this when we here in San Francisco are signing the United Nations Pact in behalf of Den-

mark, our thoughts go back in time and forward.

"We are thinking of previous attempts by the nations to prevent war, and in this historic hour we remember two great fighters for understanding between nations, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt.

"Our thoughts are today focused on what the future will bring humanity.

If this war has taught all who want peace to hold together, and has taught us not only loyalty toward our own country and society, but also duties as citizens of the greater society which today has received its charter here, the world will move forward to a happier future.

"We in Denmark will do our utmost to reach that goal."



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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 Hoiberg 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.

District I

District I of D. A. Y. P. L. will have their camp and convention August 20—27 at Oak Park, Seward, Nebraska. The last two days will be devoted to the annual convention. The theme of the camp will be **Responsibility**.

Campers, bring bed clothing and A World of Song.

Lillian Feddersen.

Greetings From Ringsted, Iowa

During the past two years our Young People's Society has been organized with much success, and much enthusiasm from every side has been shown. We all know that there is one specific thing, namely "cooperation" that success largely depends upon.— Without it goals are never reached, ideals amount to nothing and groups of young people slowly tire of creating new hope in attaining something they can work with and call "their own."

Our Young People's Society has fourteen members, consisting mostly of the younger group between the ages of 14 to 17; only a few of us are older, but nevertheless our meetings are interesting.

You would be surprised at some of the topics discussed at one meeting after another. One night we held discussion on books we had read, telling the stories' climax and why the book proved interesting to us. It was good sound knowledge and the material was worth listening to. Many comments were made as to the amount of reading done by certain ones—more than supposed belonged to book clubs and read the latest novels with much interest.

We have many times brought up the subject of the "Ungdom" and how we felt about it. Our conclusion has been that it should be forgotten at least for the present time—until a new and different type of paper could be published with a new name, lots of material and a good cooperative staff, so as to inspire the modern young people to read it with a sincere wish to keep it going. —

The fourth Thursday and the second Sunday nights in every month are when our Young People's Society meets. We hold our week night meeting in the gymnasium, so after our adjournment of business we can learn and practise new folk dances. Sunday night meetings are held in the different homes of our members. This has proved to help the young people plan our varied programs for entertainment.

The "World of Song" is one book I know we couldn't get along without. We like it very much and at the beginning of our meetings we sing at least eight or ten songs.

Our activities this year have been many—our annual Christmas and Hal-low'e'en parties, also Fastelavn and after confirmation we gave a party for the confirmands, inviting parents of both the confirmands and young people. One of the most enjoyable things we have ever done is to go Christmas caroling.

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The happiness shown in the expressions of the older people gave us much inspiration to continue this particular activity yearly.

With the convention at hand in August we have been busy working new dances and practising our choir numbers, also our kittenball! We hope the coming meeting will find more new goals for us to work toward.

Until then our very best wishes to all.

Ines Nelsen.

D. A. Y. P. L., District IV, Camp And Convention

Thursday afternoon, July 19, 1945, campers and convention goers started arriving at the Pleasant Hill Lutheran Bible Camp near Gowen, Michigan to attend the annual camp and convention of District IV. It was a beautiful Michigan day, and before long everyone was well acquainted. At 5:30 camp officially began with supper and registration, and at 7:00 the campers gathered on the grounds for singing games and a game of volley ball. When the sun had gone down, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen of Muskegon led the campfire and evening devotion by the lakeshore, where the singing of the campers was accompanied by that of the frogs and crickets around the lake. After evening coffee, served by the mothers of the Greenville group, everyone was off to bed, and all was quiet (almost) by 11:00 o'clock.

Friday morning after breakfast and cleanup, all the campers met for a devotional period led by Rev. Holger Strand-skov of Dwight, followed by a Bible hour conducted by Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen. After "classes" were over, there was just enough time for a swim before dinner. At 1:15 Rev. E. E. Hansen of Racine, Wis., gave a lecture. It seemed that everyone was very energetic that afternoon and despite the heat, swamps, ramblers, bees and mosquitoes, the whole camp, en force, hiked around the lake, a distance of four miles. A cool swim really felt good after that ordeal.

The district convention officially began Friday evening, July 20th; but because of the shortness of the camp, it would not have been evident where the one ended and the other began had it not been announced. That evening, however, the spirit of the gathering and of the work of our district was symbolically portrayed in a beautiful and appropriate candlelight service held around the campfire by the lake. The service was under the direction of Rev. Holger Strand-skov. During the service a representative of each of our young people's groups put a log on the fire

and read a short verse symbolizing what each society contributes to the whole to make the flame and fire in our groups grow brighter. Symbolically, then, each representative lit a candle from the fire and spread the light to each one by lighting the candles which had been distributed to all those present. During this ceremony six candles were placed out on the lake on little rafts, one for each society represented at the convention, in honor of our men and chaplains in the Pacific. Before going to bed, marshmallows, crackers and watermelon were served.

Saturday morning the day began with morning devotion led by Rev. E. E. Hansen of Racine.

The business meeting was called to order by the district secretary and acting president, Miss Marie Sorensen, due to the absence of the district president, Rev. Verner Hansen, who had joined the army as a chaplain. As this left the convention without a secretary it was necessary to elect one. Helen Stub was elected as convention secretary.

The acting president proceeded to account for those having voting privileges. Delegates were as follows: Trinity, Chicago, Edna Jensen; Dwight, Ill., Robert Skonetski and John Gram; Muskegon, Mich., Bonny Eklund, Arnold Paulsen and Sylvia Jorgensen; Racine, Wis., Doris Hansen; Greenville, Mich., Eileen Nelson, Marilyn Hansen, and James Sprague. There were no delegates from Chicago, St. Stephens, Ludington, Marinette and Menominee, Manistee or Detroit. Pastors present with voting rights were Rev. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill., Rev. E. E. Hansen, Racine, Wis., and Rev. Richard Sorensen, Marlette, Mich. District officers with voting rights were District Secretary Marie Sorensen and District Treasurer Gladys Lauritzen.

Next the convention secretary read the secretary's report of the last convention held July 14-16, 1944, at Pleasant Hill Lutheran Bible Camp. The secretary's report was approved as read.

Marie Sorensen read her report as acting president during the absence of the district president. As there was no National D. A. Y. P. L. president's report, Rev. Richard Sorensen, national treasurer, offered to give a resume of the work of the National D. A. Y. P. L. during the past year. He reported that at the district president's meeting in Des Moines UNGDOM had been discontinued and that as a temporary measure it was arranged to have a few pages for "Our Youth" in LUTHERAN TIDINGS but that the Christmas issue of UNGDOM be continued. The D. A. Y. P. L. tried to have a National Convention in connection with this year's National Church Convention. These plans were halted because of O. P. A. regulations. Plans are being made to acquire material to be helpful and useful to the various societies. Such things as suggested programs, pageants, etc.

The treasurer's report was read by the district treasurer, Gladys Lauritzen, showing a balance on hand, July 14, of

\$47.04. The treasurer's books had been audited, found correct and the convention approved the report as read.

The acting president brought up the matter of the UNGDOM deficit. The motion was made, seconded and carried that each society should raise \$5.00 or more to be paid toward this deficit.

As the reports of the convention were so short, the motion was made, seconded and carried that no committee be appointed to look over and report on them and that any matter contained therein should be brought directly before the convention.

There was no report of the camp held a year ago.

The next order of business was the reports of the delegates concerning the work of the societies. First to report was Edna Jensen of Trinity, Chicago. Edna reported that they had in their group about 12 members. The second Wednesday of each month the juniors and seniors met together for a social meeting and on the fourth Thursday of each month the seniors had their business meeting. They have had several gatherings with the St. Stephan's young people and are planning another, have had outings to museums and have had a joint meeting with the G. V. C. alumni in Chicago. At the church bazaar the young people sponsored a grab bag and at Christmas time the group gathered for a party and trimmed the church Christmas tree. They have had a Halloween party, a party for Edna's brother who left for the service and they are sending birthday cards to the soldiers from their church.

Next to report was Robert Skonetski of Dwight. The Dwight Young People's Society has 33 contributing members and 15 confirmed members who are exempt from the paying of dues for their first three months as members. Two meetings are held each month, one being a Fellowship meeting with the congregation invited. The Dwight group has done some work in dramatics. They also edit a soldiers' paper, have given to the Jubilee Fund, had a Kids' party for Christmas, each member bringing a toy for the Children's Home in Chicago, and have had a Christmas party at the Veterans' hospital. At Christmas and Easter, the young people put flowers on the altar in the church. On the Fourth of July four young people's groups from the community met together. Four members have left for the service. Robert reported that this year they have tried something new in Dwight which seems to be working very well. Various members in the group are assigned articles from LUTHERAN TIDINGS to be reported on at their meetings. The success and benefit of this was stressed by Rev. Holger Strandskov and he highly recommended this procedure to all the groups. He stated that it proved very worthwhile and that it helped to focus people's attention on our church paper, which now reaches all the homes in our synod.

James Sprague of Greenville, Mich., was next to report. The big event in

their group was their week-end outing at Rainbow Lake last August. Several boys, who left for the service were honored with parties. At Christmas and Easter they were remembered by a gift from the group. Over 70 Lutheran identification tags were sent to the boys in the armed forces from the local church. The group had a Christmas party, two hay rides and had the county school commissioner as a guest speaker. To help financially the society helped serve two banquets and suppers. The society ends the year by being hosts for this year's district camp and convention.

The fourth to report was Arnold Paulsen of Muskegon, Mich. He reported that it has been hard going for them the last year, due to the absence of so many of their young men and the lack, for a time, of a central and permanent meeting place. They have, however, sponsored a ping pong tournament, have had a party in honor of their parents and have also had a beach party. On May 8 they invited all the Lutheran young people of Muskegon as their guests and introduced them to many new folk games.

Rev. E. E. Hansen of Racine reported that their society was rather small, from 10-12 members. Their meetings are held each second and fourth Thursday of the month, one being business, the other social. They have had special activities at Christmas and around the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. In May they also had a party in honor of their parents and are now planning a beach party. Rev. Hansen said that they were handicapped by a lack of leadership among their young people and were working to solve the problem.

Although Marlette did not have a delegate, as their group is just getting started and does not yet belong to the District, Rev. Richard Sorensen said that they had had good meetings with about 45 attending. They have a good start and hope to be really going in a few years. This spring they had an ice cream social and are now planning a picnic and are thinking of operating a stand at the 4-H county fair.

This ended the reports from the societies.

The president suggested that all delegates remember to report back to their groups about giving reports from articles in LUTHERAN TIDINGS.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that the Sunday offering should be divided between Lutheran World Action and the Santal Mission. One reason for remembering the Santal Mission especially was that our church now has three young people preparing themselves for the mission field, one being a former member of District IV.

Rev. Strandskov suggested that the Christmas Issue of UNGDOM be given a new name to which Rev. Sorensen reported that the national board has asked for suggestions for a new name. Each society was urged to think of a name and send it in.

Rev. Sorensen made the motion that the district keep its fellowship closer

during the year by publishing a bulletin or news letter every three months to exchange ideas, keep up with the progress being made and to print news items of the young people in our district and that the UNGDOM representative be given the added duty of editing this news letter. This motion was seconded and, after discussion, carried.

Rev. Strandskov suggested that the UNGDOM representative be renamed "Our Youth's Publications Representative." This would entail a change in the constitution, which according to law could not be done unless each society had been informed two months before the convention. Rev. Richard Sorensen made this as a motion. This motion was tabled with the understanding that it be acted on according to proper procedure at next year's convention when the district board shall have informed each society of the motion two months before the convention.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that the district board should announce plans and program of next year's camp and convention no later than April of next year.

Rev. Richard Sorensen made the motion that the president instruct the secretary to inform the church conventions of Districts II and III that we are interested in making more permanent arrangements than we now have for young people's and other church gatherings, and that we are willing to cooperate in so doing. The motion was seconded and, after discussion, carried.

Rev. Holger Strandskov suggested we try to get some young people's gathering in connection with next year's annual convention to be held in Des Moines because of the 50th anniversary of Grand View College.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that the secretary should write and thank Chaplain Verner Hansen for his work as district president.

There was no invitation for next year's convention.

The next order of business was the election of officers. For president, Rev. Richard Sorensen and Rev. E. E. Hansen were nominated. Rev. Hansen declined and the convention unanimously elected Rev. Richard Sorensen.

Nominations for secretary were: Marie Sorensen, Marilyn Hansen, Sylvia Jorgensen and Helen Stub. Marie Sorensen and Helen Stub declined and Sylvia Jorgensen was elected.

Gladys Lauritzen and Bonny Eklund were nominated for treasurer, Gladys Lauritzen was re-elected.

The convention chairman checked up on the addresses of the local young people's officers.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the acting president and retiring secretary for her work and the Greenville Society for being hosts to the camp and convention again this year.

As no other business was brought up, the motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Saturday afternoon was spent swim-

ming and boating until 5 o'clock, when a ball game was scheduled, Illinois vs. Michigan. Supper interrupted the game and it was played off after supper, Michigan being victorious. After the ball game, singing games led by Rev. Richard Sorensen, camp leader, were played on the lawn. Darkness ended this and everyone gathered by the lake for campfire, where many songs were sung and evening devotion was held by Rev. C. A. Stub of Greenville. Lunch was served and everyone was off to bed.

Sunday morning services were held in the camp chapel where Rev. E. E. Hansen delivered the sermon and Rev. Stub conducted the communion service. The Settlement church choir sang a number and Charlotte Jones also sang, beautifully, a communion hymn. At 2 o'clock, after a sumptuous dinner, the campers assembled again for a lecture by Rev. Strandskov. At this meeting the camp choir, under the direction of Rev. E. E. Hansen, sang two numbers, "My God! How Wonderful Thou Art" and "Peace Hymn."

At 5 o'clock the closing meeting of the camp and convention was held. Rev. Stub, the new district president, Rev. Sorensen and others expressed their pleasure and gratification over the success of this year's venture and expressed hopes that by next year, as Rev. Sorensen said, the district's blood pressure would be brought up. It was announced here that the district board had appointed Alice Hansen of Greenville as the new UNGDOM representative and editor of the "News Letter."

After supper everyone departed toward their various localities taking with them treasured memories, new hopes and growing plans for next years camp and convention, not forgetting to be thankful that we as a group of Christian young people were able to gather in fellowship together to listen to inspiring lectures, talks and sermons and to work and pray, united, for the furthering of God's work on earth.

Respectfully submitted.

Helen E. Stub.

Believe It Or Not

It Happened At District IV Camp and Convention at Bass Lake, Mich.:

A registration of 38 campers proved that in spite of short notice the young people of the district were anxious to get together.

In the "Preacher's Cabin" the guests awoke the first morning to discover that the cabin did not provide running water, only "walking water" if fetched from the pump down near the lake.

After finishing shaving the first morning, Rev. Richard Sorensen offered the use of his mirror on the wall to the pastor from Racine, who immediately asked for a chair to stand on in order to be able to view his own facial area.

Dorothy Paulsen, Bodil Strandskov and Kenneth Thompson from Dwight really "made history" by coming to the

Camp on Friday morning in a chartered plane. Dorothy was the pilot, Kenneth the navigator and Bodil acted as hostess serving chewing gum.

The 11 campers from Dwight and the one representative from Chicago challenged the "Michigans" for a ball game. But, oh boy! what a pitcher the "Michigans" had provided! — The "Illinoisians" went down in glorious defeat.

Rev. Richard Sorensen was a "next-to-perfect-Camp-leader," especially did he feel proud when on Saturday evening after his 11 o'clock inspection tour he came back to the "Preacher's Cabin" reporting: "Everything quiet at the girl's dormitory" (Only to be told by his wife that the girls had moved that afternoon to another cottage.)

Helen Stub and Gladys Lauritzen literally went "up in the air" on Sunday morning and missed breakfast (otherwise attendance for all parts of the program was 100%.)

Edna Jensen from Chicago discovered when she arrived in Muskegon Sunday evening that she had left her suit case standing on the Camp grounds. Rev. Strandskov and his crew rescued the stranded belongings and brought them to Muskegon the next morning. You should have seen Edna smile!!!

Friday afternoon the campers took a hike around the lake. It was pretty tough going, through swamps, trees, etc. and one camper remarked: "That was no hike, that was an obstacle course."

Danish-American Young People's League National Treasurer's Report

July 14, 1944 to June 30, 1945.

Balance July 14, 1944	\$299.06
RECEIPTS:	
District dues:	
District IV, 1943-44...	\$ 14.80
District V, 1944-45 --	6.20
District 1, 1944-45 ---	14.30
	35.30
Program material fund:	
Ringsted, Iowa, Y. P. S.	5.00
Des Moines, Ia. Y. P. S.	5.00
	10.00
Ungdom-debt fund:	
Anna and Adia Frost...	10.00
Jens Lauritzen -----	1.00
Peter Osterlund -----	5.00
Ringsted, Ia. Y. P. S.---	5.00
	21.00
Total receipts -----	66.30
	365.36

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel expenses to Des Moines meeting ----	50.60
Jas. W. Hall, attorney, incorporation expense	30.90
On Ungdom debt ----	200.00
President's expenses 1943 - -----	2.08

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

Service Men and Grand View College

Fortunately, a good number of service men are now being released so that they can re-enter civilian life. Many of them will want to complete their education and the government has provided for them through the so-called G. I. Bill. It is our hope that many of the

Total disbursements ---- 283.58

Balance June 30, 1945 -- \$ 81.78

Richard H. Sorensen,

National Treasurer, D. A. Y. P. L.

Please note that the list of receipts is very small. Several districts have not paid their national dues and most societies have not contributed their \$5.00 to the program material fund. The receipts to retire the Ungdom debt are only those contributions sent directly to me. Other contributions have been sent to the Ungdom business manager, Rev. Howard Christensen.

Financial Statement For "A World Of Song"

July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945.

RECEIPTS:

Sales, (old accounts) \$ 11.35
Sales for year ----- 1,655.28
Gifts ----- 520.00
Balance July 1, 1944- 424.75
----- \$2,611.38

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing (3rd edition) \$1,150.00
Freight charges ----- 28.66
Insurance ----- 18.60
Binders ----- 326.90
Bank charges ----- 1.05
Sales commission ----- 189.68
Committee expenses
(office supplies,
postage, traveling) ----- 282.69
----- 1,997.58

Balance on hand

July 1, 1945 ----- 613.80

ASSETS:

Die for covers ----- \$ 50.00
Type and music plates 750.00
Jane Keene's work ----- 450.00
Copyright and royalties ----- 75.00
Punch ----- 1.00
Covers on hand ----- 240.00
Units on hand ----- 3,950.00
Balance ----- 613.00
----- 6,129.00

LIABILITIES:

Lutheran Publishing
House, printing ----- \$1,000.00
Loan ----- 400.00
----- 1,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Christensen, Treas.

Audited and found correct July 17, 1945.

Arnold Krogh.

men from our congregations will decide to attend Grand View College. But we cannot know who they are and where they are unless we get help. And they will probably not think about our college, if they are not reminded of it. I would therefore like to encourage all the pastors of the Synod to help us establish this connection. The same encouragement naturally goes to all homes and congregations, but especially to the pastors. We have printed a little bulletin explaining this matter and we will be glad to send a number of them to anyone who wants them for use. Above all, however, we would like to have names suggested to us so that we might write to them. You are therefore requested to send requests or information to Dean Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College, Des Moines, 16, Iowa.

Johannes Knudsen.

G. V. C. Scrap Book

Hi kids! You're scattered all over now, but the other day when I was assembling my G. V. C. scrapbook you were all together. When I leaf through it, immediate goings-on are deaf in my ears, a smile comes to my face, and my mind wanders back to the days which are now two months past.

As I look at my first semester schedule I recall our 8:00 o'clock English and the cause of our "before breakfast" risings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; Bible class and "Where's . . . ?" with the answer "She'll be coming!" from her roommate; American Government and important footnotes; Danish and "Er du med?"; and gym and its dire results.

Those 361 dollars had something to show for themselves (or did they?) but what happened to all that other loose money? Gone with the cokes?

Remember the Echo drive and the winning team's surprise at their victory? Our memory of the dance may vary but I'm sure we all shall remember the fine work the losers put into it.

Birthdays were fun—generally a box from home, cokes or ice-cream, "skaal," and sometimes a tub of water!

And who will ever forget "She loved me for the dangers I had pass'd" and "Then you must speak of one who loved not wisely but too well." Yes, Paul Robeson, the blacker devil, in "Othello."

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!", the Christmas concert, its innumerable practices and its first false announcement in the Des Moines Register.

"Merry Subordination and Happy Parallelism"—Miss Strandvold's idea of correlating English knowledge with holidays. Remember Agememnon and little compound-complex? The ensuing Silver Wedding created quite a stir.

A fireplace, candles, a story, songs, and food—Christmas parties in the dorm are gone but never forgotten. Then packing for our trip home for Christmas, saying good-bye to those who remained at school, and realizing the strong ties that we had formed with

Grand View and its occupants.

"I now pronounce that ye are husband and wife. . ."—first Mary and Riber, then Peter and Kirstine. The latter gave us all "en lille smag af en kransekage."

February brought Fastelavn with its pie-eating, peanut rolling, barrel breaking, crowning, and dancing. The latter two were performed in the living room but it seems that a new, quite different "throne room" appeared later on.

Easter meant a week-end visit for some, and sunrise services and the opera "Carmen" for others. Pastors' institute brought ministers from far and wide. "Studenterfest" followed with its rush orders and hurry-scurrying.

And then examinations and reports were due—all too soon for most of us. The sudden studiousness which came over us was somewhat humorous but entirely necessary.

Fall picnic and dance; parties for the nurses, L. S. A. 'ers, Japanese-American Nisei, and departing students; various escapades; spring picnic; studies; and much, much more could be included, but all good things must come to an end and we were soon collecting belongings, returning borrowed articles which had been revealed in the first "all out" cleaning, sitting on suitcases for forcible closings, collecting boxes and cord for all left-over possessions, and getting everything to the station via Railway Express.

Soaring temperatures, cyclonic winds, and showers prevailed in G. V. C. the last days.

This summer the spirit of Grand View rests quietly and securely within the brick walls described in the last Pegasus column of '44-45. A grand reawakening is scheduled for this fall.

A Student of '44-'45.
(Who Will Be Back.)

Summer Camp At Solvang, California

August 15—21, 1945.

The annual summer camp at Solvang will be held August 15 to 21 (inclusive). Camp will begin the morning of August 15th and will end the evening of August 21st. The camp will be directed by A. E. Farstrup who will have the assistance of Mr. Viggo Tarnow, Rev. Aage Møller, Rev. Svend Kjær, Rev. and Mrs. N. Nielsen and Mr. Aage Jensen.

The program is planned for the age group 16—21, but it is open for anyone who might wish to participate.

The cost for the week will be \$15.00 per person. This includes room and board. Bring your own towel and any musical instrument that you play.

The program will consist of Bible Hour, Discussion and Lecture period; also singing, swimming, ball games and folk dancing.

Please enroll as soon as possible, either to Mr. Viggo Tarnow, Atterdag College, Solvang, Calif., or to A. E. Farstrup, 4260 3rd Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif.

A. E. Farstrup.

CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

To his pastor back home a young soldier writes: "There is a great deal I should like to tell you in this letter but it's the sort of thing I have never heard expressed. When it comes to simple elementary living, just getting along from day to day, there seems to be nothing better than the kitchen lectures that seemed to go in one ear and out the other. Little pieces of them come back to me.

"Could you somehow know that the day would come when I would be here and you would be there and there would be so many things I should know?

"Will you remember always that the preaching was not in vain, that I have a big advantage because I think I have a solid foundation? There never seem to be any new problems, just old ones I have heard about years ago in the kitchen. Wherever I may be, remember that I am a lot better off because I have what you gave me. I have a lot of equipment acquired years ago that most people sadly lack.

"Remember, too, while buying bonds may stop inflation, as far as I am concerned the little 'God bless you' on your letter does a lot more for me."

Life here is like a journey through time and space. Until suddenly we run into the tunnel our observations may vary in number as well as in nature depending upon the agility of the observer and his readiness to register the various impressions; in the tunnel however all is darkness except for the light that burns within us, only the objects are visible now that can be seen with the eye of the soul.

To a friend back home a youth in Denmark writes: "It is possible to live with death so long and so intensely close that there is intimate understanding."

This young man was shot by the gestapo on the 23 of June 1944. A few hours before he writes that he is going into the mountains now for the last time beholding "visions of our home up yonder." The memories of the past blend with the visions of the new day he is permitted to see as it dawns with promises of a new and better life for all mankind. He is not sorry that he is going to die. He did not choose death deliberately, just because there was no other way for him. Try to make my people understand, he writes, why this is the way for me, and that I cannot change it.

They were eight young men who reached the tunnel together that day—there was no darkness for the light of truth that was in them illumined the way before them.

The Annual Report

The annual report of our synod has now been issued and mailed to all congregations in the number of copies as ordered and to the address sent to the statistician. The price is still the same,

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Viggo M. Hansen.

District II Convention

September 7-8-9, 1945.

Upon invitation from the Greenville congregation District II will hold its annual convention at Pleasant Hill Lutheran Camp, Bass Lake, near Gowen, Mich., September 7-8-9, 1945. Further details and program in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings.

Holger P. Jorgensen,
District President.

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.
- 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, August 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, August 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 Moller, Omaha, Nebr.

August 5, 1945

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, Kans., 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 Institute 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.

Miss Dorothy Swishholm of the Nebraska department of assistance and child welfare will lecture at the Sunday evening meeting. A musical pageant, "We

Are Building for Tomorrow," will be presented by the young people's society on Saturday evening under the direction of Mrs. Westen Birdsall, recent graduate of the University of Nebraska. Rev. S. S. Nielsen of Denver, Colo., will lecture on Sunday afternoon, on the subject, "The Influence on the Home in Christian Education." Please send your registrations to Emilie Stockholm, Marquette, Nebraska.

OUR CHURCH

Dr. Johannes Knudsen president of Grand View College, was scheduled to speak in Troy, New York, July 31 and during the following two weeks in all the churches of District I: August 2, Portland, Maine; August 5, Hartford, Conn.; August 7, Bridgeport, Conn.; August 8, Port Chester, Conn.; August 9, Bronx, New York; August 10, Brooklyn, New York; August 12, Perth Amboy, New York; August 13, Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Knudsen is traveling during the entire summer vacation in the interest of the Grand View College Jubilee Fund. He recently completed a tour of the Pacific Coast churches in California, Oregon and Washington.

Marinette, Wis.—Rev. and Mrs. Viggo M. Hansen are at present on vacation from their many duties in the Marinette, Wisconsin and the Menominee, Michigan churches. They recently visited with their son Alfred in Chicago, who otherwise is attending a Military Government School at the University of Virginia.

The annual picnic of the two churches served by Rev. Hansen will be held Sunday, August 12 in the Henes Park where services will be conducted at 11 o'clock.

Correction: In the July 5th issue of L. T. in the article "Homeward Bound" on page 10, column 2, the 19th line from the bottom up was left out. It should have read: "The sailor who had observed the padre reading a book by the late G. K. Chesterton in which the author criticized Fabian Socialism as advocated by G. B. Shaw" — etc.

Acknowledgment Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

For Month of July, 1945.

Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged ----- \$ 1,048.06

General:

Congregation, Troy, N. Y.	30.00
Congregation, Muskegon, Mich.	45.21
Congregation, St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill.	130.05
Congregation, Racine, Wis.	74.67
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa	80.00
Congregation, Des. Moines, Ia.	25.00
Congregation, Askov, Minn.	64.10
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	30.00

Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	30.80
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	51.16
Pension Fund, Misc.:	
Congregation, Des Moines, Ia.	64.10
Congregation, Tyler, Minn.	2.00
Home Mission:	
"In memory of Howard Madsen, lost on Iwo Jima, March 20, 1945:	
Mr. and Mrs. Chris B. Peder- sen, Ruthton, Minn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matus, Ruthton, Minn.	2.00

Total towards budget to date ----- \$ 1,679.00

Received for Items Outside Budget:

For Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged, (1945) -----	\$ 4,087.45
Congregation, Bronx, N. Y.	100.00
Congregation, Troy, N. Y.	101.50
Congregation, Marlette, Mich.	60.00
Congregation, Racine, Wis.	434.75
Congregation, Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	250.00
Congregation, Dwight, Ill.	227.00
Congregation, Gardner, Ill.	20.00
Congregation, Waterloo, Ia.	200.00
Congregation, Fredsville, Ia.	7.60
Congregation, Moorhead, Ia.	33.00
Congregation, Askov, Minn.	276.00
Congregation, Clinton, Ia.	60.00
Congregation, Alden, Minn.	139.50
Congregation, Volmer, Mont.	11.00
Congregation, Nysted, Nebr.	28.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.	2.00
Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.	138.74
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	126.00
"In memory of Howard Madsen," Mr. and Mrs. Art Pries, Ruthton, Minn.	1.00
District IV, Danish American Young People's League	19.73
Pastor and Mrs. J. Kr. Jensen, Pasadena, Calif.	10.00

Total to date ----- \$ 6,333.27

Grand View College Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged -----	\$33,001.04
Paul Holme, Aptos, Calif.	100.00
Mrs. Annie Christensen, Salinas, Calif.	100.00
Mrs. Lena Bardin, Salinas, Calif.	25.00
Mrs. A. Jarvis, Salinas, Calif.	5.00
Niels Koue, Salinas, Calif.	75.00
Mrs. Julia Mortensen, Salinas, Calif.	50.00
Magnus Bjerregaard, Sanger, Calif.	10.00
Henry Petersen, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Jens Jorgensen, Tyler, Minn.	50.00
Albert Jorgensen, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Sophie Jensen, Los Angeles Calif.	25.00
Danish American Athletic Club, Chicago, Ill.	40.00
Karl J. Moller, Pasadena, Cal.	20.00
Mrs. Louise Andersen, Beverly Hills, Calif.	300.00
Hans and Oda Simonsen, Pasadena, Calif.	25.00
Mrs. Holger Pedersen, Los Angeles, Calif.	15.00
Miss Margaret and Mrs. Christine Jorgensen, Los Angeles, Calif.	20.00
Anton Nielsen, Inglewood, Cal.	25.00
Paul Christiansen, Los Angeles, Calif.	100.00
Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Mrs. Fred Lauritsen, Inglewood, Calif.	25.00
Miss Karen Madsen, Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00
Axel H. Lindvang, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Miss Doris Christiansen, Los Angeles, Calif.	15.00
M. M. Mikkelsen, Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00
Miss Elna Thuesen, Solvang, Calif.	10.00
Miss Meta Kjaersgaard, Solvang, Calif.	10.00
Alfred Petersen, Solvang, Cal.	25.00
R. S. Rasmussen, Solvang, Cal.	25.00
H. Skytt, Solvang, Calif.	100.00
Axel Nielsen, Solvang, Calif.	75.00
Viggo Tarnow, Solvang, Calif.	25.00
Hans Andersen, Solvang, Calif.	18.75
Hansine Larsen, Enumclaw, Wash.	3.00
H. V. Thorup, Los Angeles, Calif.	300.00
Mrs. A. Steffensen, Detroit, Mich.	6.25
Elmer Riber, Dwight, Ill.	37.50
R. M. Petersen, Omaha, Nebr.	10.00
Carl C. Rasmussen, Los Angeles, Calif.	37.50
"Folkmeeting Committee" Chicago, Ill.	75.00
Congregation, Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Mrs. N. H. Madsen, Inglewood, Calif.	25.00
Harald Nielsen, Bakersfield, Calif.	20.00
Ivan Nielsen, Bakersfield, Cal.	10.00
Til and Spec Schmidt, San Leandro, Calif.	50.00
"A Friend of GVC," Alameda, Calif.	10.00
Niels Lauritsen, Alameda, Cal.	25.00
Carl Johansen, Enumclaw, Wash.	50.00
John Hansen, Enumclaw, Wash.	10.00
Harold Smith, Seattle, Wash.	20.00
L. P. Holgersen, Watsonville, Calif.	50.00
Mrs. Henry Petersen, Los Angeles, Calif.	50.00
Erhard F. Sorensen, Royal Oak, Mich.	18.75
Chris Marck, Detroit, Mich.	18.50
St. Ansgar's Lutheran Guild, Salinas, Calif.	25.00
St. Peder's Ladies Aid, Minneapolis, Minn.	18.75
Mrs. Karl Moller, Pasadena, Calif.	50.00

Total cash to date ----- \$35,335.04

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund; Contributions in Bonds. (Maturity Value.)

Previously acknowledged -----	\$26,850.00
Erling Utoft, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Hjarne Duus, Tyler, Minn.	25.00

Ansgar Bollesen, Tyler, Minn.	50.00
N. Peter Duus, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
Johannes P. Johansen, Tyler, Minn.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Andersen, Manistee, Mich.	25.00
Miss Esther Jensen, Hampton, Iowa	25.00
Danish American Athletic Club, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
Eiven Olsen, Buellton, Calif.	25.00
Herluf Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.	25.00
Rev. V. S. Jensen, Atlantic, Ia.	25.00
Walter M. Schmidt	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vium, Racine, Wis.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Miss E. Mary Olesen, Cedar Falls, Iowa	25.00
Mrs. Charles Sanders, Royal Oak, Mich.	25.00
Trinity Guild, Chicago, Ill.	25.00
Harold Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa	25.00
Walter Christensen, Racine, Wis.	25.00

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and Mrs. Ole Tonnesen \$2,	
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jacobsen \$5,	
Mrs. Jens Lehman \$1,	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen \$2,	
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nielsen \$5,	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dall \$4, total bond value	125.00
"Virkelyst", Minneapolis, Minn.	100.00
Chicago Chapter G. V. C. Alumni Assoc., Chicago, Ill.	1,000.00
District IV, D. A. Y. P. League	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Thuesen, Fredsville, Iowa	200.00
Alfred Sorensen, Marquette, Nebr.	100.00
Total	\$28,925.00
Less bond erroneously credited to Peter A. Rasmussen	25.00
Total bonds to date	\$28,900.00

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