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A Pilgrim-song

The 121st Psalm.

I lift up my eyes to the hills from afar:
How distant, how steep, and how rocky they are!
The road seems so dreary,
And I am so weary!
For Zion, the City of God, I am bound,
But where shall new strength and new courage be
found?

My help comes from God, the creator of all
For I am His pilgrim, I came on His call.
My strength shall not crumble,
My feet shall not stumble;
My Father and God will not slumber nor sleep,
Through deserts and mountains my feet He shall keep.

When wayworn I toil in the sun through the sand
My God is a shadow upon my right hand.
The sun shall not smite me
Nor moonlight affright me!
No evil shall harm me, His blessing with me,
Departing and entering, always shall be!

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Melody: "Vær trøstigt, mit Hjærte."

Sirs: What Must I Do to be Saved?

Acts 16,30.

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Holger P. Jorgensen.

Questions that have a vital bearing upon our spiritual lives have an uncanny way of pressing themselves upon people. We may avoid them for a while as we can avoid meeting a person by going around the block. We may even push them aside when we do meet them. Nevertheless, again and again, like a nemesis, they crowd in demanding their inevitable answers. In fact, to live well balanced and successful lives mentally and spiritually, these questions must be faced squarely and an honest answer given. Dodging questions of life has never been stepping stones to fullness and richness of life. Let us have no illusions that we can continually escape facing vital questions in life.

One of those questions is: Sirs, what must I do to be saved? It is one of those questions which takes priority, because when all else begins to crumble around us, we must look for that which can hold. Like in a shipwreck people clamor for a piece of wreckage to hold on to, so people look for the truths in life which can hold them up when life tumbles in. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." We must find that truth to hang on to. We may ride high on the crest of material suc-

cess for a while, but sooner or later it tumbles in and we must find that which is stable.

Perhaps that is what happened to the jailer at Philippi who put this question to Paul and Silas: Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

You will remember that Paul and Silas had come to Philippi of Macedonia to preach the gospel of salvation. Among the early converts was Lydia, seller of the royal purple who gave the missionaries hospitality in her home. Then one day a girl, possessed with the spirit of divination, follows Paul and Silas crying after them. After several days of this, Paul chased out this Spirit. When her masters discovered the profit which they had enjoyed by her fortune-telling was gone, their rage resulted in the arrest of Paul and Silas, their being dragged to the market place to be accused before the magistrate, whipped and thrown into prison. At midnight Paul and Silas sang hymns and prayed. Suddenly an earthquake shook the jail, and broke the locks and chains wide open.

When the jailer awoke gazing upon the ruins in utter dismay, he assumed that the prisoners had all fled. He had been riding high on the wave of success;

now he dreaded the inexorable Roman vengeance sure to strike. With intention of avoiding public humiliation, he drew his sword to end the unhappy prospects. Then Paul intervenes, assuring him that all the prisoners are intact. Surprised and impressed by such prisoners, his hopes are revived and in desperation he cries: Sirs: what must I do to be saved, thereby acknowledging a spiritual helplessness and hopeless plight. In his position as jailer he had gotten to know sinful nature. Nor was he, himself, innocent. Now he acknowledges his guilt before God and man. Then, apparently, follows a period of instruction and baptism.

You will say: "Well and good, that applies to such as the jailer. He was in dire need; he was a sinful man. But we who are church members and meet regularly in our churches for worship! How does the question apply to us?" Ah yes, it is a vital question which concerns us deeply. We are constantly confronted with the question.

I am thinking now of the widespread confusion caused by the many sectarian groups who are bombarding us with their teachings. They speak glibly of the "saved" and "unsaved" meaning of course that unless one has experienced a violent conversion according to their "prescription" he is not a Christian and not "saved." What must I do to be saved? According to some of them: Kneel down at your radio and confess Christ; or right there at your steering wheel at 50 miles per and zip you are saved. Nothing to it! I have had members of our church ask about it with concern. I could tell that they had felt belittled as if they were not "right" Christians. They were just a little skeptical about their own faith. Indeed, we are daily confronted with the question: What shall I do to be saved? Let us not forget, because it is of vital importance, that Paul followed up the expressed desire for salvation with instruction and baptism of the jailer and his household.

We Lutherans, and especially in the Danish church, believe that the beginning of Christian life is in the rebirth through our baptism. Then follows Christian nurture by His word and Sacrament of the Altar.

As a child is born into the home and grows up as a son or daughter in that home, so we believe that a baptised child can grow up in God's household as His son or daughter and may not need any violent conversion. Once an over-zealous person asked another: Have you made your peace with God? To which he answered: I did not know I was at war with God.

What shall I do to be saved? We believe that we are saved by faith. In baptism we are grafted unto the true vine. We are nurtured by His Word and Sacrament. Abiding in His grace, the grace of our baptism, and in utter faith in that Christ is the way to salvation. I firmly believe that.

Our weakness is: formalism. Too many rely on baptism, Sunday school and confirmation as sufficient. Let us note well that Paul answered: Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved. It means a **living** faith. It means more than just being members of the church, or even on the church board. Our lives must be lived in faith following Him and His way. We Lutherans do not overlook conversion: rather we put a different interpretation on it than others. We do not count the beginning of our Christian life from the moment of conversion as do some. Conversion to us in a baptised person means a return to the grace of his baptism. As long as he repents and returns to that grace he shall be saved. Surely we need conversion in our church. Many of our members need it sorely. It is one of the weaknesses in our synod not emphasizing repentance, sin and grace more than we do. Let us remember that Paul says, Gal 5,16-24: that such who take part in uncleanness, fornication, enmities, wraths, strifes, jealousies, envyings, drunkenness, revellings and the like shall not inherit the kingdom.

We need to emphasize that more. After all we cannot act as we please and still expect to inherit the kingdom. Paul's answer meant that the means of grace through the Word and Sacrament results in a commitment of the will. He did not urge an argument as to the merits of Christ or reasons for believing. He gave a command: Believe in the Lord Jesus A person may argue the merits or demerits of falling in love and getting married. But when he falls in love, he forgets the arguments and abandons himself to the other person. So we must commit ourselves to the Lord.

Then, too, this commitment gives us a true conception of life. We see God as the one who upholds the world in order that his gracious plan of salvation may be fulfilled. There is a divine deliverance taking place. "God so loved the world . . . Joh. 3,16." Faith in Christ Jesus gives us that concept of life.

Thirdly, the commitment results in a consecration of the whole life. You see, it is one thing to commit ourselves; another to bring all the interests of life into subjection to Him. Here is where we fall short. We may be converted in will, but not in taste; in sentiment, but not in our pocketbooks. We may long for the Kingdom, but we are not willing to pay the price. This business of being a Christian requires long and patient training. We have seen raw recruits become the skilled pilots of B 29s, as well as to handle other machines. Good soldiers of Christ require rigorous discipline, repeated practice, and progressive consecration.

What shall I do to be saved? Paul answers: Believe on the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved. The man who made that answer had first enlisted in the way of Christ. This commitment led him to a conception of life which gave him faith, hope and love. And thus he came to consecrate all his life's interests to the cause of Christ. Then in the end he could declare confidently: "I know whom I have believed and I am persuaded He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" 2 Tim. 1,12. Such is the power that saves unto the end.

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The Atomic Bomb

The perfection of this terrible weapon is so significant to me that I have spent a Sunday speaking about it from the pulpit. I don't know how many other churches have done so; I am sure, however, it has been mentioned in some casual manner. Many people undoubtedly think it is enough to leave this subject to some outstanding scientist, and it is enough to some that they can read about another marvelous discovery, and perhaps they even pat themselves on the back in behalf of the country in which the bomb was first perfected. They do not sense the danger there is in another discovered wonder. Electricity, TNT and now the atomic bomb have all been given to us—almost in a generation. Like so many other things we take all of this for granted as a product of man's mind. We do not realize that this comes from pre-existing matter which has its source in One Who first gave light to the world. And that this God becomes much more real to us as the days go by. It is alarming to see people live as if they are not related to their Creator. They are indeed ungrateful who stay at home every Sunday, as if they had nothing to be grateful for. This is not the first time a people have gone to—well, call it what you will—; but the fact is that God has not left himself without witness in nature or in the history of mankind. Long ago it was said of a people: "So they have no excuse, for tho they knew God, they have not honored Him or given thanks to Him, but they have indulged in futile speculations until their stupid minds have become dark." Rom. 1:21. — Never before have we had so much knowledge at our disposal for the blessing and glory of life. But I am alarmed how many people ignore this on a Sunday morning. I am becoming more and more convinced that the Roman Catholic church is right in saying that it is man's duty to attend worship service in fellowship with his neighbor.

Because I believe that the atomic age, into which we have just entered, is another significant revelation of what God has left for man to discover of Himself, I am asking Lutheran Tidings to print what I said at least in part about the atomic bomb. I am not a scientist, but I follow the work of scientists with great interest. I am sure that they and we in the pulpit are attempting to bring to people, in part, that man is living in a universe in which every bush is aflame with the glory of God.

Farther back than modern history and far back in old records, where most people do not move in their thinking, there sat a suffering man upon an ashpile and speculated upon his strange lot in the world.

Friends gave him much good and bad advice. Among them was a young man who spoke from an inner compulsion in spite of his lack of experience. —It is characteristic that though he spoke well and fervently, he did not speak anything that was new. It may therefore be considered anything that was new. The suffering man tells the young man:

"Look at the earth with its invisible pillars, the ocean with its marvels of power and limitations, see

how the morning rays of the sun changes everything upon the earth, look how the deep covers the springs in the ocean and the gates of death. Can you find the source of light and the storehouse of snow.—Tell us where the eastwind comes from or lightning, thunder dew and frost?"

Even with our most profound thinking, how much does man know about all of this?

But not being able to understand fully does not mean that we are not to think about the marvels of creation. We can at least learn to appreciate that there is ordered purpose and a definite plan in the creation; and we can strive to be more in harmony with that plan.

The higher we lift our eyes the greater becomes the plan.—Yes, it is true we do not understand the chain of laws which holds the various bodies of heaven in their course; but we can see their marvelous harmony, and we can see from time to time their power in the universe.

Man has learned to harness or to utilize some of that power.—There is a long distance from the day the voice first said "Let there be light" to the day when Edison first turned on a switch in Menlo Park, New Jersey, and from the time when we first discovered the powerful explosive known as TNT to the Atomic Bomb.

Every discovery of the usefulness of the created mysteries in the universe has been here all the time; man was given the charge to use these things to the glory of God and to the service of man.

Long before we discovered TNT there was a man who had a mysterious insight into the world of atoms, electrons and molecules. Listen to this from the 38th chapter in the book of Job v.v.22-25;

Hast Thou entered the treasures of the snow,
or has thou seen the treasures of the hail,
which I have reserved against a time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?
By what way is the light parted,
or the East wind scattered upon the earth?
Who had cleft a channel for the waterflood,
or a way for the lightning of the thunder;"

From the history of the last war we have this remarkable story. When our country entered World War I, it was soon realized that we had little hope of final victory with our allies unless some way could be found to transport the powerful explosive TNT for use against our enemies. But this powerful explosive was so difficult to handle that slight impurities rendered it almost impossible for transportation.

After many experiments, a shipment of 7,000 tons with no more than a pound of impurities to the ton, was sent on its way; it exploded in the Brooklyn harbor and caused great damage to the surrounding buildings.

A new effort was made to render it safe for transportation; and in order to avoid risk it was to be shipped from the city of Halifax in Canada. The new shipment

of 14,000 pounds contained no more than one pound of impurities, but it exploded before it left the harbor, causing damage of two miles in radius to the city.

Thus it became evident that if TNT was to be shipped it had to be made absolutely pure. In the experiments which followed it was discovered for the first time that mist becomes pure in snow at two degrees above freezing and likewise that mist becomes pure in hail at the same temperature.

Following this discovery many shiploads were sent across the Atlantic with no loss to human life or the property which transported it. (I am indebted to Dr. Oliver D. Baltzley for this information).—When we hear about so-called "heavy water" in connection with the making of the atomic bomb we can begin to surmise some of the mysterious insight that Job had.—And maybe it helps us to understand that the Bible is more than a human book.)

There are some who are asking: was the atomic bomb left for "a time of war" to end war?

A friend wrote to me: "Now that we have the atomic bomb we will either have a new era or the end of an era. Is man wise and good enough to handle so much power?"

The record is against us.—I am sometimes afraid Adam took too big a mouthful when he tasted the fruit from the tree of wisdom and knowledge."

Dr. Smyth, one of the scientists who worked on the control of the dangerous Uranium 235, said: "Many scientists could and did hope that some principle would emerge which would prove that atomic bombs were inherently impossible.—This hope has now faded."

In the periodical "Time" we read these significant words: "The rational mind has won the most Promethean of its conquests over nature, and had put into the hands of the common man the fire and force of the sun itself." — — —

— — — "The promise of good and of evil bordered alike on the infinite — with this further, terrible split in the fact: that upon a people already so nearly drowned in materialism even in peacetime, the good uses of this power might easily bring disaster as prodigious as the evil. The bomb rendered all decisions made so far, at Yalta and at Potsdam, mere trivial dams across tributary rivulets. When the bomb split open the universe and revealed the prospect of the infinitely extraordinary, it also revealed the oldest, simplest, commonest, most neglected and most important of facts: that each man is eternally and above all else responsible for his own soul and in the terrible words of

the Psalmist, that no man may deliver his brother, nor make agreement unto God for him.

Man's fate has forever been shaped between the hands of reason and spirit, now in collaboration, again in conflict. Now reason and spirit meet on final ground. If either or anything is to survive, they must find a way to create an indissoluble partnership."

Jesus said once to his critics: "You know then how to read the face of the sky, but cannot read the signs of the times." Matt. 16:4.

The signs of the times was embodied in the person who spoke to them, the one who was called the brightness of His father's glory.—He spoke about coming judgment for the rejection of what he was and said. He spoke about a judgment upon everything which had no abiding value, His own power over everything temporal including earthly life.

A recent cartoon pictures an old man holding an atom in his hand reaching out over the round globe which we inhabit; on top of the globe crawls a baby with the attached sign "humanity," underneath are the words: "LIFE OR DEATH."

We that are living now have again been given a marvelous insight into a divine law. We are passing a dangerous formula on to the younger generation.—What will they deduct from this discovery? Some of the men who helped to make this bomb began their discoveries during the last war. What will those who are babies now deduct from the atomic discovery—Will it be life or death?

The tree of knowledge of good and evil has marvelous fruit upon it. Will we be as selfish as our early ancestors in the use of this knowledge?—Will another generation reap before the fruit is ripe?—Adam's mistake was not so much that he took the forbidden fruit—but that he took it too early in his life—he should have grown to know good and evil.

Those who have perfected the atomic bomb know that they are playing with divine elements. — Like Prometheus in mythology we have stolen fire from the chariots of the sun.

When we say we have harnessed the Universe, some may proudly mean that we have limited its power, like we may limit a horse with a harness to serve our purpose; in a positive sense we say we have discovered a new way to make the powers of the Universe serve us.

There can be no wrong in this attempt; but can and will we use these potentialities for good? May we seek the wisdom which makes us do so!

L. C. Bundgaard.

A Greeting From Danevang, Texas

Last I wrote through these pages it was to share with friends and readers of Lutheran Tidings the memorable days we experienced during the 50th anniversary of Danevang Community last fall. This time I also write of memorable days, but what a difference.

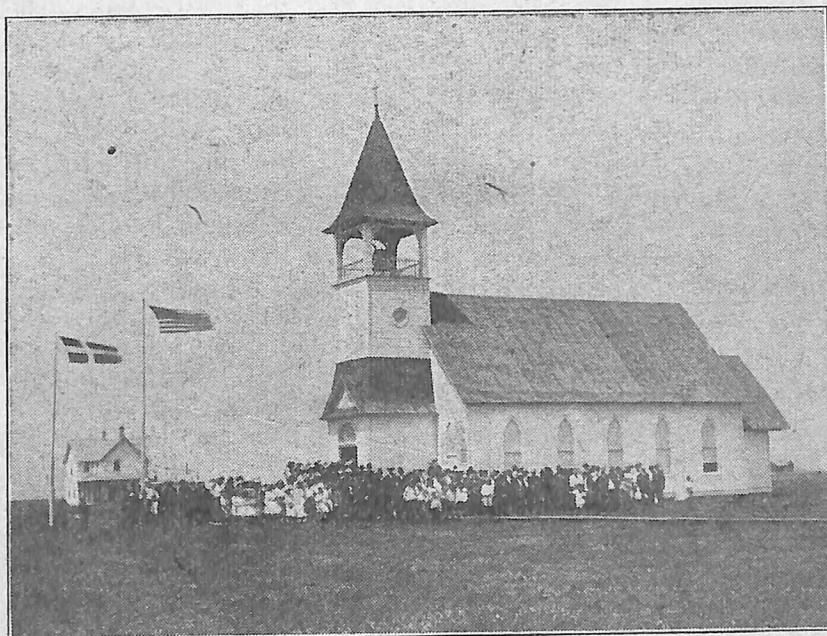
The worst hurricane of Danevang's history completely demolished the church in a few short hours. The place in which perhaps more of joy and sorrow has been shared than any one other place in Danevang,

and which took years of hard work to build. The community hall is also wrecked beyond use, and all community property: the cotton gin, the telephone system, the co-op grocery and warehouse suffered great losses. All communication was halted. Electricity and water system out of order, and still is today, four days after the storm. All property owners suffered great damage to nearly all buildings, and a big per cent of the barns and sheds in the community are down. (The old red

barn here at the parsonage included). All the unharvested cotton is totally lost, and those cotton bales which have been ginned are strewn over a large area. Rice fields in the immediate community are a total loss too. The loss of livestock and poultry was heavy, but no human life in this community was lost. For this we are very thankful.

Many in the community boarded up their windows and drove away from the storm. Those who stayed behind were kept very busy all afternoon and all night mopping up water and trying to save their household furnishings from complete ruin from the water that came through the attics, siding, windows, and what was even worse, that which came up through the floors and poured in through the windows, which the wind blew out. Some took their doors off to board

of our work and gave up completely exhausted and completely beaten. After getting into dry clothes and salvaging a piece of bread out of our water soaked kitchen we huddled into the only dry room in the house and tried to keep up our spirits by singing with the children. Since our refuge was on the second floor it got plenty rough during the evening in the utter darkness and in the dinning noise of the storm with only the creaking and groaning of the house raising above the noise. At times we felt that the house simply could not last the night through. When the storm subsided around mid-night we ventured out into the other parts of the house by the light of our flashlight and the sight was appalling — Water running down the steps and water several inches deep on the floors. Yet we considered ourselves extremely fortun-



Danevang Church and Parsonage

up the windows as the panes blew in, and one reported that the water was so deep that it actually poured in through the windows. The rain was so intense that the water stood 1½ feet deep on the level and was much deeper in places. The terrific wind tore at everything that projected above the water. Peter Harton measured 20 inches of rainfall, but in such wind it is doubtful if an accurate measurement were possible. Nearly every home housed many negroes and Mexicans. Groups of 40 or more were not unusual. Many of the small houses which the colored folks call Home were washed off of their foundations and others completely demolished.

Here in the parsonage we began mopping up water as it came in at the windows and through the ceiling at 3:00 p. m. and continued desperately while the wind kept increasing its velocity and the rains increased until around 6:00 p. m. Then we saw the futility

ate to be alive, one and all. These days after the storm are hectic days — mud, debris, daily rains, no electricity, no drinking water, no sewage connections, no windows will open, no doors will close, no screens left to keep out flies, mosquitoes and the multitudes of bugs that miraculously survive. Yet somehow there is a great deal of comfort in the fact that we all are experiencing the same thing. The tales that are told are always equalled or even surpassed by someone else.

This year when the Danevang congregation has its 50th anniversary, they start from scratch. May they find courage and strength to continue the work which has been carried on in Danevang for fifty years.

May I take this opportunity to greet friends throughout the country and ask that you receive this as a personal note; for there will not be a great deal of time for letter writing in the days to come.

Gerda Duus.

August 31, 1945.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

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TO-DAY

So here hath been dawning
Another blue Day:
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

Out of Eternity
This new Day is born;
Into Eternity
At night, will return.

Behold it aforetime
No eye ever did:
So soon it forever
From all eyes is hid.

Here hath been dawning
Another blue Day:
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

T. CARLYLE

Do You Read "LUTHERAN TIDINGS"?

Tonight I must assemble the Women's Page for Lutheran Tidings. I wonder how many ever read what is on this page—or on any of the other pages of our church paper? Every two weeks Lutheran Tidings is delivered to the home of every member of our synod. It brings announcements, reports and explanations of the work we are doing. It contains news of special interest to us as a church group. It furnishes us with many inspiring and constructive articles. It keeps us posted on and in touch with our whole synodical work, as well as with important outside events.

With absolutely nothing in the editor's basket from any of you women, this page is proceeding this time as a big question. The questions that follow all pertain to issues of Lutheran Tidings that have come out since our last church convention. How many of the questions can you answer? Why not go back and check yourself?

The June 20th Lutheran Tidings consisted chiefly of our synod president's yearly report. Did you read it?

1. Which man from our synod has been selected to go to Denmark to study conditions there?

2. How much is each of us asked to contribute to L. W. A. to meet our quota?

3. Last year we were the only synod affiliated with L. W. A. to fall below our quota. How much did we lack?

4. Did you read the part under "Character of Our Work"? If not, and your Lutheran Tidings is lost, you can buy the complete yearly report of our synod for 25c and read the part referred to on page 10.

5. Who are the three young people from our synod who are preparing to go to India as missionaries?

6. Who is our synodical president?

7. Can you name the other members of the synodical board?

The July 5th issue.

8. What took place at G. V. C. from July 30th to August 12th that should be of interest to all parents?

9. What interesting traveling description was concluded in this number?

10. How far have we come towards our G. V. C. Jubilee Fund goal?

The July 20th issue: (This was the yearly G. V. C. issue.)

11. Is G. V. C. doing anything about training summer school teachers? Read Peter Jorgensen's "Teachers' Training at G. V. C.."

12. Do you think the recreation program of G. V. C. is good—better than average? Read paragraph 1 on page 10 and I think you will turn back and read H. K.'s whole article.

August 5th issue:

13. What were the two main items on the agenda when the Board of Education for G. V. C. met July 18th? Read what the board did with these two important matters pertaining to G. V. C.'s future.

14. How long has Lutheran Tidings been in existence?

15. Who is its present editor?

16. Those of us who like to sing from "A World of Song" know it has been a good investment. Has it been so financially?

17. By the end of July had our synod's treasurer, Olaf Juhl, taken in one-twelfth of the yearly budget?

August 20th issue:

18. What well known song had Rev. Rodholm translated for this year's Junior Camp?

19. In his article on the Home Missions page, why does Rev. Bundgaard object to the term "foreign missions"?

September 5th issue:

20. What are 19 leading church bodies in America planning to do through their Church Christmas Packages?

21. Will Martin Niemoller visit the American Lutheran churches in the near future?

22. Will there be a Christmas "Ungdom" this year?

The preceding questions cover only a very small part of the contents of the six issues of our paper. Do not think that I am trying to seem to know all the answers. But as I started out to say, I often wonder if our church paper is serving the purpose which it is meant to do: that of being the tie between all the people in our synod. Of course, the first requisite is that it be read. There is a wealth of material covering such wide fields that there is something of interest for every member of the family. Make it a family habit to discuss its contents.—F. S. P.

From Prison Cell to Prime Minister's Mansion. — From the King's Palace to a Shepherd's Tent in the Wilderness of Midian.

But God

"Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon, and he shaved himself and changed his raiment and came in unto Pharaoh.

"And Joseph answered Pharaoh saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. . . .

"And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: See I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck."

In that meeting between the mighty king of Egypt and the young prisoner from Canaan we notice the firm stand Joseph takes, and at the same time revealing a wonderful wisdom as he interprets King Pharaoh's dream. But through it all he in a most modest way confesses his God. When years before he had been sold by his brothers and had been bought by Potiphar we read this profound comment: "And the Lord was with Joseph."

Joseph had to go through a bitter school, but in that school of life he learned that when he was true and faithful to the moral and spiritual inheritance from his home, was kind and sympathetic to his fellow men, then God would be with him. He had learned that God would then give him strength to resist temptation and would reveal to him that which otherwise belongs to the unseen world.

For "blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God" and that which belongs to God. Through that which had happened to him he saw God's plans, therefore he could in the most comforting way say to his brothers: "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."—How securely he stands there before God and man. How different would it not have been if his conscience had troubled him.

But as he never forgot his God, so he could never forget the land from which he had come. Therefore he asked to be brought back to that land in due time and to be buried there: "God will surely visit you and ye shall carry up my bones from hence."

This decision of his stands out so much more remarkable because he had been married to an Egyptian, the daughter of a priest.

As Joseph had brought the Israelites into Egypt, so four hundred years later Moses brought them out of the bondage. But also Moses had to go through a bitter school before he could be the great leader of his people. Moses undoubtedly had learned much in the Egyptian school where the princess had placed him. There were many very wise and able teachers among

the Egyptians. However, there was that which he could never forget: His mother's strong spiritual influence during his early childhood days. Because of that he loved his people and could never part with them.

Another lesson was to be learned the forty years of schooling in the desert, it was that difficult lesson: Have patience! A shepherd must have patience with the straying sheep and with the little lamb. But if ever there was a man who would need the strength of patience and love it was the man commissioned to lead the Israelites out of bondage and into the promised land. Again and again they murmured and complained about the many problems before them on the journey: the water, the food and even the land. We learn later about Moses: "Now the man Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." What a contrast to the Moses during the period of his youth. It took forty long years to prepare him for his life work.

Yes, even God had to have patience with Moses and the chosen people. Moses excused himself again and again when the call came to him. It is challenging to note the difference between the hesitant Moses and the response from Isaiah when he was called: "Here am I, send me!"

But God!

He led his people by the pillar of cloud and fire. And every time Moses was confronted with trouble he turned to God for help. When the Israelites stood by the Red Sea they were enclosed by mountains on both sides, and behind them was the Egyptian army "Fear not, stand still and see how God will save you." And we read that a road was made across the sea and God brought them safely over. Later we hear that the drinking water was foul, but God taught them how to overcome this tragedy. They had lacked food in the desert, but God fed them through forty years with Manna. Thus as we read the story of the chosen people of God we find on page after page the refrain: "But God"

We are living in a time and an age in which great changes are taking place. There is much confusion in the minds of men and there are many difficult problems to be solved. Facing this situation we shall learn to say: But God is still living.

If we turn to the 136th Psalm we find the profound testimony about God: "For His loving kindness endureth forever." Thus a man even in the days of the Old Testament had learned to know God. When Jesus came he assured his friends of something more when he said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than the sparrows."

P. Rasmussen.

District II Convention

BASS LAKE, NEAR GOWEN, MICHIGAN

September 7-9, 1945.

Minutes.

The business session of the convention was called to order Saturday at 10 a. m., by Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, President and Chairman.

Votes were tabulated as follows: 34 elected delegates from the congregations in the district, one from the treasurers office, two from the Finance Committee and six pastors, a total of 43 votes.

The following pastors were present: Rev. C. A. Stub, Svend Jorgensen, Holger P. Jorgensen, Willard Garred, Richard Sorensen and Svend Holm.

As district secretary, Rev. Svend Holm, of Grayling, acted in the capacity of convention secretary.

Minutes of last year's convention were read and approved.

District treasurer's book duly examined and found correct by the Finance Committee, was submitted and reported as follows:

Receipts for the year -----	\$369.14
Total expense -----	122.65
Balance on hand -----	\$246.49

It was moved, and voted that the report be accepted and placed on record.

On motion from the District President it was voted to send special greetings and flowers to Mrs. R. Hanson of Grayling, Mich., who celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary September 7.

It was also moved and voted to send special greetings to Rev. A. J. Tarpgaard and Rev. A. W. Andersen on the occasion of their 50th anniversary of ordination as ministers in our church.

The district president, Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, submitted and read his report on activities in the district during the year. No discussion. Accepted with thanks.

It was now moved and carried that reports from the delegates be postponed to first thing on the agenda after the dinner recess. It was so ordered.

The following agenda was discussed:

Big Rapids.

It was moved and seconded that greetings and wishes of God's blessings on the work of our old congregation be sent to Big Rapids. So ordered.

Roscommon.

Rev. Svend Holm of Grayling offered as his opinion, that the congregation in Roscommon would make no move for a change until it is definitely established, that they can no more be served from their own synod, the Augustana synod.

Lutheran World Action.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, the synod president, extended greetings from other congregations in our synod, which he had recently visited, and, expressed his pleasure of being together with representatives of District 2. In regard to the work of L. W. A. he informed us that the synod up to September the 1st had collected

\$7,553.00 and urged that we contribute \$1.00 per confirmed member. An urgent appeal was made to get our full quota subscribed this year. About the work for 1946 Rev. Jensen told us that the plans call for an expenditure of \$2.00 per confirmed member. The need for next year is tremendous, he said, the main expense being help for Lutheran churches in Europe. American Lutherans are today the only Lutherans in the world who have the ability and the means to help with the restoration of Lutherans and their devastated churches the world over.

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund.

Rev. Alfred Jensen informed us that District 2's contribution amounted to about 22 per cent of its proposed quota figured according to allocation of synod dues. In percentage we stand, so far, lowest of all the districts in the synod. He urged every congregation to form a committee with personal contact, expressing as his opinion, that this is the only way to complete the ingathering. The plans call for a renewal of G. V. C., the building of a girls' dormitory being the main project, costing about \$75,000.00. But, of course, this is only to be thought of as a necessity in order to take proper care of the students entrusted to us.

Pension Fund.

A letter from the president of the Pension fund, Rev. A. E. Frost, was read. Rev. Jensen called to our attention that the pastors have last year contributed \$1,000.00 in dues to this fund.

At this time it was moved and seconded that we send a message to the congregation in Danevang, Texas, expressing our sympathy and sorrow over the calamity which had overtaken them.

Home Mission Fund.

It was moved and seconded that \$150.00 be set aside for possible future use. Carried. So ordered.

Reports From Delegates.

After the dinner recess the various delegates gave some very interesting reports of the work and expectations in the congregations which they represented.

Sunday Morning Offering.

It was moved and seconded that all of the offering go to the Grand View College Jubilee fund. Carried. So ordered. The collection totaled \$89.00.

Special.

It was moved and seconded that the district treasurer pay the expenses of cottages made available for the district convention.

Synod Budget.

Rev. Alfred Jensen called to our attention that the synod budget, at the annual convention, was increased to \$527,400.00, the main reason being plans for a Home Mission fund of \$3,000.00. Accordingly proposed district allocation of the synod was increased proportionately. He informed us that the population of District 2 was 12.26% of the synod, whereas the asked collection was only 10.93% of the synod budget.

Proposition No. 1 was accepted by the delegates, allocating to District 2 an amount of \$2,775.00 at a rate of \$4.35 per assessed member. The following are the allocations by congregation: Detroit, \$856.95; Grayling, \$147.90; Muskegon, \$304.50; Ludington, \$174.00; Victory, \$43.50; Manistee, \$152.25; Juhl, \$139.20; Grant, \$60.90; Greenville, \$896.10.

Welfare of District.

The president of our Young People's Society, Rev. Richard Sorensen, was interested in finding a place that could be used for instructive meetings in the district in the future. From the floor it was remarked that Bass Lake Bible Camp would probably be available. It was moved and seconded that the chair appoint a committee to look into the possibilities of finding such a place. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Rev. Svend Holm, Grayling, that the chair appoint a committee to investigate the arrangement of a Sunday school Teachers Institute for District 2. After discussion the motion was amended to add the two words: "this year". The amended motion was seconded and carried.

Elections.

Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, Muskegon, was re-elected president of the district for two years by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Christ Loding, Greenville, was re-elected as treasurer of the district by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Tom Knudstrup, Manistee, was re-elected on the finance committee by acclamation. Rules suspended.

Place of Next Meeting.

Detroit extended an invitation for the district meeting in 1946, which was accepted with thanks.

The convention secretary was charged with dispatching telegraphic greetings which the convention had voted. It was so carried out.

Meeting adjourned Saturday at 3 p. m.

Delegates present from the various congregations were as follows:

Detroit: Mr. and Mrs. Christ Jensen, Mrs. Jens Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Emanuelsen.

Grant: Arthur Nielsen, Mrs. Osterbye.

Grayling: Mrs. Laura McLeod, Mrs. Justine Holm.

Greenville: Niels Lamb, Mrs. Albert Clock, Mrs. Dewey Hansen, Miss Frieda Nielsen, Christ Nielsen, Harald Kildegard, Mrs. Olga Carlsen, Mrs. Dorothy Holm, Mrs. Carl Miller, Carl Petersen, William Bekke.

Juhl: William Kraft, B. Christensen, Mrs. Delbert Henderson.

Manistee: Miss Thora Hansen, Mrs. Tom Knudstrup, Mrs. Ingeborg Ness.

Muskegon: Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Hansen, Mrs. Carey Nielsen, Mrs. W. C. Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Jensen.

Ludington: J. M. Jeppesen, N. J. Christensen.

SVEND HOLM, Convention Sec.

The theme chosen for the convention was taken from the Gospel of Mark 13:31 and Luke 21:33 —

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

A pastoral meeting was held Friday afternoon at the parsonage in Greenville discussing practical church work.

At 8 p. m., opening services were held in the chapel located at the camp, conducted by Rev. Richard Sorensen, Juhl. Rev. Sorensen preached on "What is Truth?", John 18:38, expressing that we must face the truth and the commitments that follow, and that — "to whom we turn for the answer to the question is more important than our attitude itself." —

Saturday at 9 a. m. morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Willard Garred, the topic being "Whom say ye that I am?", Matth. 16:15. Rev. Garred spoke interestingly of the various answers to that question through the ages, bringing out that "there is a bond between human and Christian, which we should stress in our Lutheran church. In doing this he referred to Grundtvig's word: "Menneske først og Kristen saa."

At 3:30 p. m. Rev. Alfred Jensen spoke of "The Work of Our Synod," explaining what the figures and statistics in the annual report meant. For instance — in the last 35 years we have lost many congregations for reasons unnamed, one of which, however, was our reluctance in using the English language. A survey of our finances discloses that we have less debt today, — but, that may only reflect our fear of expanding, of putting ourselves under obligation.

In the pioneer days our synod looked for guidance to the men who had blazed the trails. Today we look for guidance from our collective groups, boards, committees, etc. Rev. Jensen conceded that we are no longer held together by Danish language nor culture, but by our common interest and responsibility for our work.

At 7 p. m. a W. M. S. business meeting was held. Mrs. Justine Holm of Grayling was elected as representative of the Michigan district.

At 8 p. m., Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen spoke on the scripture verse "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?", Acts 16:30. As I understand this speech will be printed in full in Lutheran Tidings, I am not summarizing here.

Sunday morning at 10:30 church services were conducted by Rev. Alfred Jensen with holy communion by Rev. C. A. Stub. Rev. Jensen preached over the text of the day, as in Matth. 6:24—34, "No man can serve two masters," taking as his theme: "How to relate ourselves to the things in this world," and bringing out that "you can not fulfill the purpose of God on earth with you, unless you first seek His Kingdom."

The chapel was filled to capacity, close to 200 people being present. The offering as already mentioned was \$89.00.

At 12:30 dinner was served at the camp's dining hall. So many people were present that two sittings were necessary.

At 3 p. m. Rev. Svend Holm spoke of "Will also ye go away?", John 6:67. Rev. Holm brought out from scripture verses in the Gospel of John, chapter 6, that the various expressions there used by Jesus actually represent the same, namely — the living Christ; the point being that we can not receive more nor less at the Lord's table, than that which His disciples re-

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To Our Youth

DISTRICT I D. A. Y. P. L. CAMP AND CONVENTION

The young people of District I D. A. Y. P. L. met again this year at Oak Park, Seward, Nebraska for their camp and convention.

Monday evening began with supper. After that, as we gathered around for camp fire, we made new friends and greeted old ones.

Bright and early (?) the next morning we arose to struggle through gym and to eat a delicious breakfast. We all wish to thank the ladies who prepared the wonderful meals for the campers this year.

Immediately after breakfast the Camp Council, which was composed of members elected from each cabin, met and discussed camp problems. This group set up several "Guiding Principles" which aided in carrying out the theme—**Responsibility**. The Council met every day. Mildred Due was president and Lillian Feddersen, secretary.

Devotions came next and we sat in reverent silence while our leaders gave us words of inspiration.

Folk dancing, volley ball, soft ball and boating completed our morning program.

After dinner we discussed various phases of our theme. The discussion periods covered "responsibility" of a person to the school and the school to the person and so on with the church and community.

Swimming and boating provided the afternoon's entertainment. Then supper and camp fire brought us together again. After a cup of hot chocolate we said good night and departed for our cabin.

On Saturday morning convention was officially begun. Those voting were the ministers, district board members and the following delegates: Omaha, Esther Petersen and Marvin Christensen; Cordova, Myrna Jensen and Robert Volcek; Marquette, Evelyn Elkjer, Delores Andersen, Dorene Andersen, Bonnie Benson and Dale Hoegh; Cozad, Aksel Jensen, Donna Smith, Anna Jensen; Brush, Mildred Petersen; Denmark, Kansas, Joy Rasmussen, Bill Errbo and Jack McMillan.

The annual meeting of the D. A. Y. P. L. of District I was opened on August 25, 1945 with the singing of "Youth Undaunted" and a prayer.

Rev. Howard Christensen was unanimously elected chairman of the convention and Lillian Feddersen convention secretary.

The minutes of the 1944 convention were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was given by Margaret Christensen. The books, audited by Bob Volcek and Doyle Andreasen, showed a balance of \$67.12.

The motion was made and carried that Clayton Nielsen and the Rosenberg society each be given a vote.

The reports from the societies were given in this order: Brush, Mildred Petersen; Cordova, Bob Volcek;

Cozad, Aksel Jensen; Davey, Rev. Jespersen; Hay Springs, Rev. Christensen; Marquette, Dale Hoegh; Nysted, Rev. Christensen; Omaha, Marvin Christensen; Denmark, Kansas, Joy Rasmussen; Rosenberg, Doyle Andreasen. Every society had contributed funds to help deplete the **Ungdom** debt and various things had been done for their service men. Cozad had sent out special papers at Christmas for their boys in the armed forces while Omaha sends one regularly to theirs. Marquette sends out Christmas boxes to each one. Brush is preparing to give a concert and Marquette had already given one. Hay Springs Y. P. S. is eager to help pay a full-time minister. One of their members, the district vice president, Harmon Smith, has been in an army hospital for quite some time. Cordova's society had bought a piano. Davey is attempting to continue their meetings till the boys come home. Rosenberg does not have an active society but hopes to soon.

The president's report was then given, followed by a report of the National D. A. Y. P. L. meeting in Des Moines.

After some discussion it was decided that convention should be held at the home societies and that camp be held near the convention at a good site.

A motion was made and carried that we accept Brush's invitation to have camp and convention there next year.

The question of extending an invitation to the national convention to be held with our district camp was discussed. The motion was tabled until after noon.

Marquette suggested that the societies again change the dates of election from September to January. The motion was made and carried that we re-affirm the statement of last year that officers of the local societies be elected in September.

The report from the committee on the Nysted-Campsite told us that the Nysted High School Samfund is to continue their work and it will be impossible for us to do anything now to make use of this site.

Each society was asked about the number and expense of speakers. The committee which reported on the allocation plan recommended that we use the same plan used last year of assuring each speaker \$15. This was moved and carried.

The motion was made and carried that we have three speakers in a year and if the district president cannot come he should make provision for another.

The motion was made and carried that we accept the share in Nysted High School with thanks. It was also decided that when it is possible to buy shares, that the district buy two.

Ungdom in **Lutheran Tidings** and a news letter in the district was discussed, but nothing was decided.

A motion was made and carried that we take up

a collection in church on Sunday; half of this amount going to the Grand View College Jubilee fund and the other half to the Santal Mission.

A leadership school was discussed but it was tabled until next year in order to bring it up for consideration in the individual societies.

The meeting recessed until after dinner.

The first action taken was on the national convention. The motion was made and carried that we invite the national convention to be held in 1946 at Estes Park along with our camp.

It was decided that we begin a news letter to be sent out every three months, not edited by a minister. The editor is to be appointed by the district board. Verna Olsen of Omaha was chosen.

The results of the election follow:

President, Rev. Howard Christensen.

Vice President, Dean Christensen.

Secretary, Delores Andersen.

Treasurer, Dale Hoegh.

The meeting adjourned.

Sunday morning Rev. Howard Christensen delivered the sermon and Rev. Jespersen conducted communion. The building transformed into a little church was crowded with campers and guests.

In the afternoon Rev. Schultz lectured. A chorus made up of a group of campers under the able direction of Rev. Schultz sang two numbers. "Oak Park Acorn," the camp paper edited by Dale Hoegh, was read, followed by the convention minutes.

This year our leaders were: Rev. Erik Moller, Rev. John Schultz, Rev. Howard Christensen, Rev. Ronald Jespersen and Clayton Nielsen. To them the campers offer their sincerest thanks for this week of fellowship.

See you at Brush next year! ! !

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Feddersen.

(By D. J. A.)

Convention Secretary.

D. A. Y. P. L. DISTRICT V CONVENTION

Cedar Falls, Iowa, Aug. 17—19, 1945.

Our meeting was officially opened Friday evening with a welcome from Rev. H. O. Nielsen, the local pastor, and Rev. A. C. Ammentorp was the speaker of the evening. Rev. Harold Petersen made the announcements for the next day and then we met in the gym hall for folk games under the leadership of Mrs. Harris Jespersen.

Saturday morning we met for devotions and Bible hour led by Rev. Harold Ibsen. After a brief recess the business meeting was opened by Rev. Harold Petersen. Election of convention chairman and secretary resulted in Harold Petersen and Esther Jensen, respectfully.

Roll call of those with voting privileges brought 24 votes in all.

Minutes of the convention held at Newell were read and approved.

The district treasurer gave his report which showed a balance of \$69.64 in the treasury. Books were

audited and found correct by Ardith Willadsen and Dagmar Jensen. All societies but one had paid their district dues this year.

The district president gave his report on what was being done and what could be done in the future. He was certain there was a growth of spirit in the district.

Our national president did not have much to report but said that all committees were working and hoped to have results by next year.

We then went on to our discussions and the first was what the young people liked to do at their meetings. Various ideas were expressed and Rev. Ibsen said one of the committees was working on a project that should be available to all societies to help furnish ideas and materials for planning programs, etc.

After a detailed discussion about the leadership of groups, the motion was made and carried that the coming district board arrange for a leadership conference sometime, somewhere during the coming winter.

Many of our young people have expressed their desire of a camp for the older age group, similar to the one held at G. V. C. for Juniors, but the board did nothing the past year because of insufficient funds. It was again discussed and the motion was made and carried that the district board appoint a committee to make arrangements for a camp sometime next year.

Everyone agreed that the board again send a speaker to visit the societies in District V.

Contributions to the Youth Page in Lutheran Tidings were asked for and the majority would like to see the page continued. At the same time a motion was made and carried that our district contribute \$20 to help reduce the debt of Ungdom.

The motion was also made and carried that the Sunday offering go to the district and that the district board designate whatever part of it is to go to the Santal Mission. \$50 was the sum sent this year.

Everyone was in favor of continuing the folk dancing and the district choir. Ringsted invited District V to meet there in 1946, which was accepted.

The election of officers resulted in Harold Petersen, president; Esther Jensen, secretary; Marvin Laursen, treasurer.

Motion was made and carried for the adjournment of our meeting.

Saturday afternoon, Rev. Marvin Nygaard spoke about the life of Pastor Hshi. Saturday evening Cedar Falls entertained us with a splendid program.

Sunday morning the Danish services were conducted by Rev. H. Juhl and the English services by Rev. A. E. Frost. The district choir sang Sunday afternoon under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Crawford. Rev. Alfred Jensen was our guest speaker and at 4 we had folk dancing exhibition by members of the various societies. Sunday evening we had a picnic supper, after which Dr. Johannes Knudsen spoke.

So another convention was past history and many a thankful prayer was given that our world conflict was over. We hope and pray that many of our boys may be able to join us next year at Ringsted. Again thanks to Cedar Falls and to all who attended.

Esther Jensen, Secretary.

A Centenarian



Mrs. Margrethe Hanson.

Friday, September 7, Mrs. Margrethe Hanson of Grayling, Mich., celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary in her beautiful home in Grayling surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her youngest great-grandchild is three years old, a little girl whom she loves dearly. Her oldest daughter is now 75.

Mrs. Hanson is in good health and retains all her faculties even to reading, enjoying a conversation and walking from the second floor downstairs to take her meals.

At her own request it was a quiet birthday, congratulations, however, coming in from far and near. Congratulatory messages were received from President Truman, Senator Vandenberg, Senator Ferguson and Congressman Woodruff besides city authorities, friends and relatives.

Members of the Lutheran Church in Grayling which Mrs. Hanson is a member and in which she is still very interested, personally presented congratulations and flowers. From Denmark arrived two letters, the first since the war, which was a source of great joy to her. A birthday cake with one candle was presented by American friends.

Mrs. Margrethe Hanson is one of the pioneer women in our church, being one

of the charter members of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manistee, which celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. In 1878 she and her husband, Rasmus Hanson, moved to Grayling and have resided here since.

Margrethe Hanson was born September 7, 1845 at Bøtø, Falster, Denmark. She emigrated to America in 1865 and went directly to Manistee, Mich. Her trip from Denmark to America was a very exciting one. On the ship in which she sailed 158 people died from cholera enroute. The ship was held in quarantine for nearly three months upon arrival. In 1867 she married Rasmus Hanson at Manistee and to this union was born seven children, two of whom passed away in infancy. Four children survive. There are seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mrs. Hanson has devoted her entire life to her family, her home and her church. Her husband, Rasmus Hanson built one of the great lumber fortunes in Michigan. He donated 17,000 acres of land west of Grayling for a state military reservation. In Mrs. Hanson's honour, the state military board renamed Portage Lake, located in the center of the reservation as "Lake Margrethe."

Mrs. Rasmus Hanson is the leading citizen of her city. Her hope and prayer

is that America will lead the way to an everlasting peace throughout the entire world.

May the Lord bless her and keep her in the years that are before her

Svend Holm.
Grayling, Mich.

September 17, 1945.

Sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement and by the International Council of Religious Education, "Youth Week" will be observed from January 30 to February 6 by two million Protestant youth in 50,000 youth groups in the United States and Canada. Youth Week observance in many communities will include church worship services with an emphasis on youth; community - wide interdenominational youth services on an inter-racial and international basis; church and community forums for discussing youth problems; and social activities in churches, sponsored by inter-church groups for developing fellowship among young people.

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

District II Convention

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ceived at the Last Supper. In other words that we in taking holy communion actually do receive the living Christ. This, Rev. Holm brought to bear on the development of the often remarked lack of participation in holy communion among our church members.

Between afternoon meeting and supper at 6 o'clock the convention guests were invited on a tour visiting the churches of Montcalm county. It was a very interesting trip; a church seemed to greet us at every corner of the road. No less than six churches were visited, the first of which being the old settlement church in which Rev. Ole Amble began building up a great unit of our church which is now found in Greenville and regions round about.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Svend Jorgensen closed the meeting speaking over Mark 8:36, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Rev. Jorgensen developed for us that many people want to ignore that there is a cross to carry in life. That the Christ way is gaining by losing—gaining by giving—and that Jesus came not to save our lives, but came to save our souls. In accordance with the text, Rev. Jorgensen closed with telling the convention that "When Jesus says there is a possi-

bility of losing our souls, we have no right to think otherwise."

At the evening and farewell coffee in the camp's dining hall many greetings and good stories were exchanged in the mood of the evening. Many good wishes were expressed for the congregations that had participated in the convention, and a special thanks voted to Mr. and Mrs. Stricker, the camp managers, who served fine and ample food at a very moderate price. A special thanks is also due the Greenville ladies who at various occasions served us coffee and delicious home-made cake, besides helping at the tables.

It was, altogether, a fine meeting. Late will we forget the warm and friendly fellowship or the terrible storm Friday night when the rain came in torrents while the acorns falling on our cottage roof sounded as drum-rolls in their regularity.

And last but not least linger in our memory the warm, soft voices of the large choir with the beautiful solo-singing at the Sunday morning services.

May God now add His blessings, so that fellowship in Christ will bless His congregations in our district.

Svend Holm, Secretary.

Lines From A Layman

Once again it has been our experience and good fortune to attend annual convention of District II of Michigan, at Bass Lake near Greenville, Mich.

Inasmuch as the writer of these lines wrote a narrative of last year's trip to Manistee, I am leaving that to someone else to do, and I will confine these lines to some opinions, observations and suggestions of my own.

Our convention was of the traditional kind as to program and procedure and exceedingly well attended and equally well arranged for such short notice as to time and place. Detroit was originally to have had the convention.

Assuming that all such district conventions are similarly conducted, or should I say "programmed" entirely by pastors, I should like to ask why laymen (as well as laywomen) are never asked to participate in the actual convention program, aside from just sitting as good listeners, and raising our right hand in business session.

Frequently a well versed layman knows and observes intimately what is on a congregation's mind and heart—perhaps even more so than a pastor, to whom members are often reticent to express their actual opinions regarding congregational problems.

It has occurred to me that our conventions should be prominently for the laypeople, and that at least one or two laymen speakers should be given a spot on the program, and be allowed his or her version of a given subject.

Such a procedure would give the delegates and visitors at large a just reason to believe and realize that a district convention is truly for the membership of our churches, and not just a pastoral conclave, of the pastors, by the pastors and for the pastors, insofar as convention program is concerned.

Aside from our now democratic business session, we should

adopt a democratic convention program. It is my opinion that pastors dominate district conventions too much. They are our spiritual leaders as well as servants of God for the good of their respective flocks, but at such conventions the laymen, in cooperative assistance with and by pastors, should govern their own conventions.

I am of the further opinion that a capable layman should be honored and given the right to office (any office) within his district board, thus also leaving pastors free to attend fully to his actual pastoral duties. Laymen should have the opportunity to be something more than just ardent workers and money contributors, by given a voice in governing the year around, not just at convention time.

A democratic spirit is desirable at all times, even in church matters.

I for one fail to agree with our by-law which prescribes that a pastor must be district president, as must the secretary. It was not for this purpose that a theological student spent many years at the seminary.

It is also my personal opinion that a pastor, because of his calling, is apt to be too passive in business matters pertaining to his district. A well suited business man or farmer will govern better in nine out of ten cases.

In short, district conventions should change to be of the layman, by the layman and for the layman, with ample spiritual participation by our pastors.

No pastor can survive without a congregation, but God hears prayers of a layman, even though he has no pastor.

Respectfully yours,

B. P. Christensen,

Juhl-Marlette, Mich.

Students were meeting in a building much different in some respects than it had been for the second year students three months before. A new coat of paint and a few pictures seemed to have given the library a new atmosphere and girls' second and several other rooms also benefited from a touch of paint. Thanks go to Knutle and Harold Olson who painted, scrubbed and varnished the building for our good

of us spent most of our time waiting in line. At 9:30 that evening we had coffee in the dining room and we attended "sandwich" in the "dagbistue" for the first time. Lock up came (as always) at 10:30, and after much conversation the occupants of Grand View turned out their lights and went to bed; thus ending the first day.

Tuesday greeted all freshmen with entrance exams in the library. After devotions we attended our first classes. Wednesday Dr. Knudsen introduced a series of devotions on the power and might of God and our dependence on Him in the light of the atomic bomb.

Thursday evening the opening meeting commenced with the singing of "America." Dr. Knudsen then extended a welcome to all who were present. After the singing of "The Song of Peace" he introduced the speaker, Dr. Henry Harmon, president of Drake University. First of all Dr. Harmon expressed a mutual feeling of high regard for the sister school in Des Moines. Some of the thoughts contained in his inspiring lecture on a liberal education included these:

Any college group should become an academic community because of its quest for truth. Education can be classified as either vocational or liberal.

Greetings From G. V. C.

Someone else is reporting the facts concerning the opening of the new school year at Grand View College. I shall therefore not repeat them. But I would like to bring an expression of joy at the promise of a good school year which again has come to us. We are happy to receive a fine group of young people and we send our grateful greetings to the homes that have sent them. It is with gratitude that I report that

And may I send my greetings to the capable and understanding manager-ment of the household in a very agreeable and understanding manner.

received me so well this summer. There were times when I, no my long travels, felt tempted to despair that there was so incredibly much indifference among our church people toward their own common work. It seems amazing that it should be so difficult to collect our Jubilee Fund—even to interest some of our own ministers in working for it. But I prefer to remember the many encouraging words, the friendship and hospitality shown, the attentive listeners at the lectures and the many enjoyable conversations. Thank you, one and all, for receiving me so well. Let us go forward together.

have a wonderful group of young people, giving promise for the future. Let us not fall them but do our utmost for theirs and our common future.

Mrs. Sigrid Kristine Madsen died at the hospital in Wiliston, N. D., on May 7, 1945, and was buried from Volmer church on May 21.

JOHANNES KNUDSEN.

Arrie Madsen.
She died from cancer. She was only 43, when she passed away. We were all amazed at her courage and clear mind. When I gave her communion at the hospital, she was the one that gave us comfort and sang the hymn with a strong, firm voice.
When I said good-bye to her for the last time, she asked me to greet both the congregation and the Ladies' Aid at Volmer and to thank them for the fellowship and membership through the years.
Her last thoughts were for her young son and her good husband. And she planned to Denmark.
She was a fine woman, and the church was all to overflowing.

CHURCH and HOME

J. E.

If the church can speak the liberating word it will come into its own place once more.

The need of man at the present time and in years to come is and will be of the spiritual substance. There is only one essential question that needs an answer. The answer is Jesus Christ. They that came to Christ for an answer to their many problems were most

ly disappointed. When they came griev-
ed and worried about mortal problems,
sickness, death, financial difficulties, or
even the problem of eternal life. He
would give them an answer which in
their opinion was not an answer. When
they brought to Him a sick man, He
would say: "Your sins are forgiven.
What should that help? When the taxes
should be paid and they had no money

Caesar what is his.
pay, He said: Pay anyway, give unto
to pay him or they were unwilling to
They did not understand that all these
problems that grieved them originated
from one fundamental problem and that
was the problem Jesus sought to help
them to solve. The answer He gave them
would set them free from all their prob-
lems if they would only heed it. But
they would not and they left Him dis-

"It is He that shall set His people free and save them from their sins."
(Matt. 1:21.)

answer they can find; and upon that the new world order of peace shall be built. We are all of us so dead-tired of war. Tired of reaping war because we planted hate. So now, when the ground has once more been prepared for new seed-ing we will plant "peace and good will toward men," and we shall go forth and harvest seed of its own kind.

So many war books that we read are deceiving. At a time when all men are longing for an answer to life's meaning they offer a multitude of answers to many problems but not one of them has the answer that is needed.

The pride of the leaders of pre-war Germany was their dream about One World in which God had been eliminated. Today we know that the Third Reich is identical with the kingdom of the Antichrist. We should know too, that there can be no peace without God. The hearts of men must be surrendered to God. The foundation of the new world order is the Cross of Christ. That foundation has been there for a long time. It is waiting for us to begin to build.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, attended a meeting of Lutheran leaders in Columbus, Ohio, September 5-7. The meeting was held upon an invitation from the synodical board of the United Lutheran Church to discuss matters pertaining to the World Council of Churches. Rev. Jensen attended the district meeting in Michigan September 7-9, and the district meeting in Enumclaw, Wash., September 15-16. He also visited the Junction City, Ore., congregation and spoke there September 18.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Bronx, N. Y., visited the Granly, Miss., congregation Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16.

The 50th Anniversary as pastors in the Danish Church was observed on September 8th by Rev. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma, Wash., and Rev. A. J. Tarpgaard, Bronx, N. Y. The ordination service was held on September 7, 1895, in the St. Peter's church, Dwight, Ill., during the annual church convention held in the Dwight church that year during the week September 4-11.

Rev. A. W. Andersen began his work as pastor in the Bridgeport, Conn., church. Later he served the Bronx, N. Y., church and from 1911 to 1942 he was the pastor of the Trinity Church in Chicago. He now serves the St. Paul's Church in Tacoma, Wash. He is also the ordinator of our synod.

Rev. A. J. Tarpgaard had his first pastorate in Cleveland, Ohio. Later he served the St. Peter's Church in Minneapolis and through many years he served the Bronx, N. Y., Church. Since he retired some years ago he and his wife have lived in Bronx, N. Y.

Askov, Minn.—The annual Harvest festival was observed Sunday, September 9th, Rev. A. E. Frost, former pastor of the church, being the guest speaker.

Dalum, Alberta.—A confirmation service was held at the Dalum Church Sunday September 2. Six young people who had their homes some distance from the Dalum community came to live in Rev. P. Rasmussen's home for a period of four weeks. During this time Rev. Rasmussen gave instruction each day in regular school periods from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. Thus Rev. Rasmussen through many years has served a large number of Danish families scattered throughout a large part of western Canada.

Hartford, Conn.—Dr. Johannes Knudsen, former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker in the Hartford church on Sunday, August 5th. The Bible Camp at Lake Winnepesaukee was well attended this year, averaging 185 people daily. Ten people attended from the Hartford church.

The Lutheran Pastors' Retreat was held again this year on Lake Killarney near Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., Tuesday, August 28, to Thursday, August 30, and was for pastors only.

Portland, Maine.—Harvest festival will be observed Wednesday, September 26. The Luther League of Portland will have a joint meeting with the Westbrook, Maine, church on Sunday, September 23rd.

Waterloo, Iowa.—The annual Harvest festival will be observed Sunday, September 23, in the St. Ansgar's church. Rev. Bernhard Helland, former missionary to the Santal Mission, will be the guest speaker.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—A new organization has been perfected in the Perth Amboy church under the name: "The Lutheran Vanguards." The organization will sponsor musical evenings, discussions, speakers, plays, art study, etc.

Bronx, N. Y.—Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Kildegaard observed their 39th wedding anniversary on Monday, September 10, and Rev. Kildegaard on the same date could observe his 40th anniversary of his ministry. The ladies of the Bronx church had arranged for festivities in the church. The following pastors were present to bring greetings: Rev. A. J. Tarpgaard, Dr. A. T. Dorf, Rev. Ove Nielsen, Rev. Axel Kildegaard, Jr., and Chaplain Verner Hansen.

Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr.—Rev. Enok Mortensen of Tyler, Minn., spoke in Kronborg Monday evening, September 3. Rev. Aage Møller lectured in the Kronborg auditorium on Thursday evening, September 12. And on Sunday, September 16, Rev. Holger Strand-skov, former pastor of the church, preached the sermon in the Kronborg church and lectured in the afternoon in the auditorium. A fellowship dinner was served during the noon hour by the ladies of the church. Following the lecture in the afternoon, Rev. P. C. Stockholm, pastor of the church, spoke in behalf of the congregation to Mrs. Marie Strandskov who has now sold her home in Kronborg and will move to Ringsted, Iowa, to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. August Sorensen. A gift from the many Kronborg friends was presented to Mrs. Strandskov.

Dr. Otto Hoiberg, who the past year has been connected with the South Dakota State College in Brookings, S. D., has accepted a position in the public health and welfare division of the U. S. Control Commission in Germany. His work will have to do with the rehabilitation of the Protestant churches in the American zone, and Dr. Hoiberg will probably be located in Frankfurt on the Main. According to plans Dr. Hoiberg will travel via air route to Europe during the last week of September.

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Friday, October 5—

8:15 p. m.—Opening service, Rev. James N. Lund.

Business session.

Saturday, October 6—

9:15 a. m.—Morning devotion and Bible Hour, Rev. A. Th. Dorf.

12:00 Noon hour.

2:15 p. m.—Women's Mission meeting under the direction of Mrs. Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport, Conn.

3:00 p. m.—Business session continued.

8:15 p. m.—Lecture by Rev. Ove R. Nielsen.

Sunday, October 7—

9:30 a. m.—English worship service, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., will preach the sermon. Communion service by Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr.

11:00 a. m.—Danish worship service, Rev. John Pedersen will preach the sermon and Rev. Alfred Jensen will be in charge of the communion service.

3:00 p. m.—Lecture by Rev. Alfred Jensen, our synodical president from Des Moines, Iowa.

Sunday evening: Closing meeting.

Several of our districts have each their own written constitution. I have been wondering if we possibly should have such a constitution. Please consider same before the meeting.

A. C. KILDEGAARD, Sr.
District President.

SANTAL MISSION

For General Budget:

D. A. Y. P. L., Dist. V, convention
Bass Lake ----- \$19.27Mission Study Group, Warrens,
Wis. ----- 10.00Marinette & Menominee, Mich.,
joint meeting ----- 23.00Our Savior's Sunday school, Man-
istee, Mich. ----- 5.00

Mrs. N. Nelsen, Plainfield, N. J. --- 20.00

Mrs. H. Marius Hansen, Wilbur,
Wash. ----- 3.00St. L. Aid mission meeting, Hamp-
ton, Iowa ----- 6.75

St. Ansgar's Church, Waterloo, Ia. 60.00

Mrs. Dora Fuller, Minneapolis,
Minn. ----- 2.00

Mrs. Hans Hansen, Tyler, Minn. --- 2.00

Our Savior's S. S., Bridgeport,
Conn. ----- 5.00D. A. Y. P. L., Dist. V, Cedar
Falls, Iowa ----- 50.00Rev. & Mrs. P. C. Stockholm,
Marquette, Nebr. ----- 50.00In memory of Jens Pedersen, Luck,
Luck, Wis. ----- 3.00

Townsend Club, Luck, Wis. ----- 3.00

In memory of P. A. Jensen, Luck,
Wis. ----- 7.50The Carol, Leif, Arnold, Her-
man, Justin and Josef Hemsted
families, Oscar Hendricks, and
Vernon Buss ----- 7.50In memory of Katherine Pedersen,
Tyler, Minn., ----- 6.00L. C. Pedersens, N. C. Peder-
sens, Ed E. Andersens, Ellen
Johnson and children, Frederic,
Wis., Chas. Pedersens, Centuria,
Mabel Petersen, Minneapolis --- 6.00Peter Becks, Henry Petersens,
Peter Duus Hansens, Victor Jen-
sens, Ernest Madsens, Jens Jes-
sens, Dagmar Miller, Axel Sor-
ensens, Jens Borresens, Ras-
mus Hansens, Lars Bollesens,
and Andreas Hansens, Tyler,
Minn. ----- 8.00In memory of Fred Laerke, Cor-
dova, Nebr. ----- 2.00Rev. and Mrs. Harald Petersen,
Ringsted, Iowa ----- 2.00In memory of Carl C. Andersen
The Morgan family ----- 10.00

E. J. Eckman, Chicago, Ill. ----- 5.00

Hetland-Badger community
friends ----- 13.00The Sours, James and Thom.
Ward ----- 6.00

Viborg and community friends -- 37.25

In memory of Mrs. Sigrid Madsen,
Volmer, Mont. ----- 1.00

Mrs. Joe Hickel, Roy, N. D. ----- 1.00

In memory of Howard Madsen,
killed on Iwo Jima ----- 16.00Mrs. P. Svendsen, Milo Svend-
sens, Holger Svendsens, Elmer
Svendsens, Martin Svendsens,
Svend Svendsens, Marius Svend-
sens, Wm. Svendsens, Leo Peter-
sens, Clarence Larsens, Gordon
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Lentzs, C. P. Petersens, Harry
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Jens Sinding, Tyler, Minn. ----- 16.00In memory of Mrs. Rasmussen, St.
Paul, Minn.
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Iowa ----- 1.00In memory of Mrs. Sine Holdt,
Luck, Wis. ----- 3.00

West Denmark Ladies' Aid ----- 3.00

In memory of Hans C. Frederik-
sen, Tyler, Minn. ----- 2.00Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Petersen,
Ruthton, Minn. ----- 2.00In memory of P. K. Petersen, Ty-
ler, Minn. ----- 1.00

Mrs. P. K. Petersen ----- 1.00

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kris-
tian Pedersen, Kimballton, Ia.
Jens Andersens, T. G. Jensens,
Niels Bendedsens, T. G. Mullers,
Peter Lillehøjs, Hans Kochs, Kr.
Kaltofts, Mrs. Caroline Jorgen-
sen, Kimballton, Iowa ----- 11.00

Total for August ----- \$389.22

Total since January 1 --- \$4,648.52

Thank you.

DAGMAR MILLER.

News Briefs

Stockholm (by wireless).—In his first interview with a foreign correspondent since Denmark's liberation by the Allies, Bishop Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard, primate of the Danish Lutheran church, told Religious News Service by telephone that "my heart overflows with jubilant gratefulness that tyranny's yoke has been broken in Denmark."

Discussing the "great tasks" that await the Danish church and all Christians in the country, the Bishop asserted that "it is our duty to see that respect for law is maintained, and that desire for revenge does not dictate treatment of Danish traitors, but that justice will be dispensed and injustice punished according to law."

Bishop Damgaard added that the Church also faces a great task to help all who suffered during "the five most difficult years in Denmark's history." He said the hope for Denmark's liberation had been "carried by a wave of prayers from millions in all Christian countries."

The Bishop asked Religious News Service to "bring my warm greetings and thanks of the Danish Church to the Christians of the United States for their prayers."

Services of thanksgiving were held in all Denmark's churches on May 6 with over flow throngs of worshippers in attendance. At the cathedral in Copenhagen, Bishop Damgaard paid homage to the men and women who gave their lives in the fight for Denmark's freedom. He urged the Danish people in their moment of jubilation "not to forget to thank God, Who guided Denmark's destinies through all difficulties."

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