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## The New Loyalty

Let us no more be true to boasted race and clan,  
But to our highest dream, the brotherhood of man.  
Shall Babel walls of greed and selfishness divide?  
Shall not the love of friends illumine the patriots pride?  
For moated arsenals let shrines of art atone;  
Where armies met in blood, let garden plots be sown.  
Let royal hunting grounds be parceled out anew,  
That little children's feet may know the grass and dew.  
No more shall mammon play with pawns of toiling men,  
No more shall blood be spilled that Greed may count its gain.  
Let patience be our power and sympathy our court,  
With love our only law and faith our only fort.  
New thoughts, new hopes, new dreams, new starry worlds to scan,  
As time proclaims the dawn, the brotherhood of man.

THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

## THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### THE CHURCH SERVICE

Since God's Word and the Sacraments are the means of its life, the church service naturally constitutes the life-center of the congregation. Our Lutheran confessions simply state that the church is there where the Word is preached and the Sacraments rightly administered. A congregation may engage in many activities expressive of its life and useful in its work, but the gathering around the Word and Sacraments is the center from which it must draw its strength and to which these activities must point. It is the root from which all other things derive their growth.

This practice of assembling together commenced at the very beginning of the church. The Bible tells us that the disciples with the exception of Thomas were all together on the evening of the first Easter Sunday. The following Sunday they were also together and then even Thomas was with them. And Luke tells us that "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." After that, we are told that they continue daily with one accord in the temple and that they remained steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayer. Thus assembling together for the purpose of hearing the Word, partaking of the Communion, sharing the fellowship and joining in prayer clearly constituted the very center of life for the early church. It engaged then as now in many other activities, but these were the things from which it drew its strength. And throughout the ages, the church has followed the same path.

A Christian's attendance at the church service is

not only a necessity but a duty. Every Christian needs the guidance, comfort and spiritual nourishment of God's Word and Sacraments and the help and encouragement of prayer and fellowship with other believers. The Word of God is the only means which can make us wise unto salvation by faith in Jesus Christ and whoso does not partake of our Lord's body and blood cannot have eternal life abiding in him. These are words from the Bible that every Christian should take to heart remembering the admonition of St. Paul, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Some of these things a Christian can and should do privately and at home but their fullest blessing is obtained when shared with others in fellowship and prayer.

But it is not only a Christian's privilege but his duty to worship God in His sanctuary. In doing so he not only honors God but helps to encourage and strengthen other Christians. There is nothing but discouragement to a congregation as well as to its minister in an empty pew. It sets a bad example and poses a question of loyalty both to God and to other fellow Christians. To be faithful in worship is a blessing to one's self and a good example to others. As a man recently said: "Every Christian should do something for his church. Your part may be to fill a pew. It is true at least that nothing is more important to the life of the church than the faithful assembling of its members for worship, fellowship and prayer.

# Labor and Religion

**Labor Day Address at the Essex Community Church  
74th and Blackstone, Chicago, Ill., Sunday,  
September 9, 1945.**

**By**

**Svend Godfredsen, Editor**

**And Educational Director, United Packinghouse  
Workers of America, C. I. O.**

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to appear here before you, unknown friends and neighbors, of the Essex Community Church. It is an unusual occurrence for a labor leader, even in celebration of the day set aside to honor labor, to appear, as I appear before you, in a church—in a House of Worship where the best sentiments and thoughts and aspirations of men and women seek fulfillment in the individual's relationship to his God.

I am happy that your pastor saw fit to invite me—not because of myself—rather because of what I represent and because of a great surging movement, closely related to man's deepest and most religious aspirations, which has given meaning to my life, and direction to my efforts, as well as to the lives and efforts of millions of unpretentious workers and their families throughout the nation and the world.

On this occasion and this day I would like that my subject revolve itself about the conception of "the dignity of work and the dignity of man." From time immemorable, from the distant day when man emerged from a veil of mists woven by an unknown power across the void, there has been the necessity of work for man and there has been along with that necessity, man's eternal search for dignity in work—for dignity and unity in living. There has forever been that struggle to determine whether or not work was to mean dignity or drudgery.

And there were those who took the curse that "man was to earn his bread in the sweat of his brow" as the final word and doom for those who labor. It stood forever as a challenge to the worker's aspiration to be free and self-reliant and dignified in his relationship to his work and to his God.

There came a day when others of the human race stood to profit by the labors of their fellow men—their brothers. In their profits lay the seeds of power, of selfishness and vanity and greed and when in the course of labor's struggle, the worker would raise his voice for freedom, those who profited by his labor would proclaim, "Be not a fool! Destroy not your life by defying the eternal doom of the curse which forever closed the door to your future and gave you but the promise of bread and sweat and serfdom."

Even unto this day, those who profit by the exploitation of the labor of others proclaim, in subtle and indirect ways, through the press and radio, through institutions and legislatures and even churches, the same eternal message of a hopeless destiny.

There is a power in man for which we can be eternally grateful. No hopeless philosophy ever suc-

ceeded in totally destroying the free spirit of man. The march was always forward and upward in spite of deep, dark valleys of history and I consider the past six years, in spite of flashes of sacrifice and heroic unselfishness on the part of the common man, a valley of unbelievable horror and violence in man's relationship to man.

History moves onward. From the philosophy of doom there came the respite of The Christ. A new day. A new faith. He walked among the common folk, the workers, the farmers, the small shop keepers—among sinners and prostitutes and to those who were being destroyed against their wills because of odds which surpassed their powers of self-reliance he gave the sympathetic advice, "Go away and sin no more."

He found the temple a currency exchange and in anger drove the profiteers away. He spoke strange strong words to a barren world. He walked but a few years among men before he was crucified and destroyed by those who upheld the status quo, but He established a new and more vigorous relationship between God and man—a relationship which also meant more honorable and just relationship among all men. From that day on it was more difficult for a man to say, "I know God" and yet, in the same breath, through word and deed, deny his responsibility to his fellow men irrespective of their race, their creed or their color.

And 1945 is 1945! Fourteen million American workers today are organized and stand, with their families, as a part of the American community. Every year we celebrate Labor Day—yet, in many ways, there is no religious and spiritual appreciation or interpretation of the day.

I am one of those who hold that there is common ground between the deep, soul-stirring convictions of unpretentious religion and the aims and ideals of labor. There is, basically, common ground between labor and religion though, sadly enough, not always between labor and the church.

As one who once thought seriously of entering the ministry, let me say that the driving power of that desire was the hope that I would be able to help make men and women free, intellectually, spiritually and, it follows, economically. . . . My desire was not to have thought separated from action. Of my own free choice I turned down the ministry and with less choice went to work in one of the most important food industries of the nation—yet one of the lowest paid, the packing industry. I found there, among simple and honest and unpretentious workers of all creeds, races and colors and nationalities an opportunity to apply in an organizational and social way the rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

My experience is that the motives that drive men to lead labor, have, in their origins, been religiously fierce in an uncompromising faith that "an injury to one is an injury to all." . . . Only in the relentless struggle which that principle continually encounters in a world where "the bread of one is the death of another" have labor leaders occasionally become af-

flicted with the germ which they themselves had set out to exterminate. Their numbers are few and the movement marches on.

I would pay my respects today to the millions of labor who are unsung throughout the world . . . to the unsung heroes of the production lines who made available the materials of war that there might be one more chance for democratic living in a free world! . . . In the mines, the shops, the factories, the fields and offices, everywhere men and women worked to produce that all might live—that there might be a new lease on life—that your children and my children might have a chance to build that world which we failed to build after the close of World War I.

I would pay tribute to these workers who today, having survived the production miracle of winning a global war, now ask of those who lead the nation, "If we could have full production and full employment in the days of war to win another chance for democracy then why can we not have full production and full employment as we go about the peaceful pursuit of living our democracy."

I would salute these millions of workers who deep in their hearts know and believe that man's relationship toward God can best be expressed in man's humanity towards man—who know that that relationship is one and indivisible!

On this day I could plead for a better understanding of labor's aims, for a true recognition of labor's essential function in supplying the needs of all, for an appreciation of labor's conviction that a man, that he might respect himself, must be paid a decent wage, and I would ask that there be understanding of labor's larger vision, its world vision, that it is folly to talk of peace in the world if there is to be hunger or privation or want in any of its component parts.

I once talked to a worker from one of Chicago's packing houses. He said to me, "When workers are paid low wages they lose their sense of their own worth and dignity. When a worker cannot provide for his loved ones, as he knows he ought to provide, then, over a period of time, his sense of dignity becomes a perversion—a cruel selfishness with no opportunity for gratification."

To this worker the heart of the issue was clear and he continued, "When a man loses his sense of his own dignity, then the standards by which he recognizes the inherent dignity of all men is lost, and so we have race hatreds and riots, class hatreds, envy and petty intolerances and in the end we have the bitter climax of war."

And so today, when you read of labor's aims, of full employment, of 60 million jobs, of social security, of political action, of decent wages and working conditions, of decent race relations, of world trade and co-operation—of all these things, kindly remember that back of the program is labor's fundamental concern about a worker's right to be dignified in his job—the concern about a man living his life knowing that what he does is important to the scheme of things and that he is a part of the grandeur of living—part of the eternal quest of all men that they find a oneness in their relationship to the God of all things and to their equals and brothers, other men of all races and all creeds and all colors.

And as I speak to you today, not many years removed from the shop, and representing here today 100,000 packinghouse workers throughout the United States and Canada—it comes to me that I know with an unshakable knowledge that they stand back of me in every word I have said—that I have voiced their deepest aspirations and that in the crucial days that may lie ahead they will be true to the basic aims and idealisms of labor and that as they think back to the great depression, to the violences which their spirits and bodies endured, they know that they are committed to forever fighting that no man shall again go hungry and begging and forlorn, that no families, no little children shall again suffer as they did then and that man's true worth is his self-realization of his part in the struggle for an ever-unfolding program of justice and sanity in an abundant world—a world which could be beautiful and free and just, but which, because of our stupid indifference to the issues which affect all of us, periodically suffers the agonies of war and destruction and death and which, unless we change our ways, may eventually be destroyed by new destructive powers which yet stand to be harnessed and controlled for the good of all mankind.

Labor thinks of a new world. There is no way back. Labor has a vision. It is religious and strong in its essence. Labor's vision sees the people emerging from a timeless and eternal struggle. Labor's vision sees them strong, sees them inherit the earth — sees them free, children of God, boundless in their capacities, generous in their productivity, neither of race, nor color, nor creed, but equals, destined to so live that they need not fear dying.

Labor's new world has room for all honest and just people. Labor invites others to join with it in the great adventure, asks that there be more understanding, that there be unity and justice. But labor remembers the words of Edwin Markham in his poem, "The Man With The Hoe," written at the turn of the century, when he said:

"O Masters, Lords and Rulers in all lands,  
How will the Future reckon with this Man?  
How answer his brute question in that hour  
When worldwinds of rebellion shake the world?  
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings —  
Those who shaped him to the thing he is —  
When this dumb Terror shall reply to God  
After the silence of the centuries?"

And so I close. Let each in his own way face the problems of a new world which it is our responsibility to build if we would keep faith with all who died in this war because we failed to keep faith after World War I. In my own way I would pray that all of us be fearless in facing the future and that as we face it in truth, so we grow strong to see our way — that Labor as such, be allowed to become an integral part of the people — that the social morality of The Christ be given a chance to unfold in the affairs of the world and that we all work toward that end — that we be prepared to say as He would have said it — "If you would find your life, you must lose it" — that religion be the keys to the kingdom of good will and a world order of brotherhood among all men.

## The Jubilee Fund Offering

The convention of the synod endorsed the recommendation of the Jubilee Fund Committee that an offering to the Jubilee Fund be received in all of the churches of the synod Sunday, October 21. I am writing this in order to remind all members and congregations of this decision. If no service is held in your church on that Sunday will you kindly receive the offering on the Sunday following. The offering should be sent to Olaf R. Juhl, the synod treasurer.

The Jubilee Fund ingathering has now been before us for over two years. In that time a total of \$57,378.54 has been donated. The goal is \$100,000 by June 1, 1946. I feel that the time has come when many congregations that have not made a real effort toward collecting their fair share of the Jubilee Fund, should determine to do so. It can be done by making this offering not merely another of many offerings but one that measures up to the occasion. Your local committee or pastor will be able to tell you how much is the share your congregation should donate if its donation corresponds to its share of the annual budget of the synod.

All through the Jubilee Fund drive the stress has been upon individual contributions to the cause made by those who are mindful and thankful for what Grand View College has contributed to them. Perhaps they were students there at one time and remember fondly the fellowship and spiritual influence experienced there. Perhaps they have come into valuable understanding of Grand View College through some son or daughter who has attended the College. Perhaps they have caught a vision of what Christian Education has come to mean through the work of Grand View College through fifty years. I believe that if the members of the Danish Church were to search their hearts and examine their minds they would make this offering a thankoffering to God for the blessings He through Grand View College has poured out upon our hearts and homes.

We have taken a great stride in our Jubilee Fund drive toward the goal. The quotas recommended also by action of the convention are meant only as suggestions pointing toward the fair and proportionate share of the total your congregation should meet. Some large contributions have been made. We are, however, looking toward a contribution, large or small, from all of our members. We want this to be understood, as an investment in the future of Christian Education in our Synod. Perhaps about 25% of the contributing membership of our synod has made its contribution. That leaves still about a total of more than 4500 to be heard from. Our goal would be reached if each of these should donate \$10 to the Fund.

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We are living in times and under conditions that are termed unusual and perplexing. With the coming of war, money suddenly seemed plentiful and of less value than formerly. It was appropriated and spent with abandon. Certain accepted goals had to be obtained regardless of cost. Would it not be well if we considered the goal of the Jubilee Fund one that must be reached regardless of cost in money. Grand View College and not least the theological seminary must be maintained and improved to serve the spiritual, moral and intellectual needs of our congregations, our homes and communities. It is a component part of the synod whole. If we do not keep it abreast of the times our entire synodical fellowship will suffer. I believe God has given us this opportunity to pool our efforts for the good of the entire church community known as the Danish Lutheran Church. May God bless all loyal and devoted endeavors toward that end.

ALFRED JENSEN.

## LET US HELP DANEVANG

The stirring account of the disaster that struck Danevang August 27 written in the last issue of L. T., can have but one proper answer from all of the members and congregations in the Danish Lutheran Church. And that answer is financial help to restore their church. After discussing it with the other members of the synodical board I am authorized to make this appeal for funds to be sent to the treasurer of the synod who in turn will send it to the congregation at Danevang.

How those funds are to be raised will be a matter for each congregation to decide. The district meetings in districts four and seven have already shown the way. There will be many individuals who will want to give and who are not members of our churches, I feel sure. If you send your gifts to Olaf R. Juhl, 4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn., he will see to it that they reach their proper destination.

In asking for help for Danevang, the synod board does not need a plea from Danevang. No such help has been asked for. Danevang is not begging. It does not need to beg, even though the people there have suffered heavily. The church that was destroyed was insured much as any other church in the synod. The destruction, as we now know, was so widespread and total as far as crops and property is concerned that none escaped. All suffered severe losses.

Our help, then, is an expression of sympathy and Christian friendship and fellowship. Often the people at Danevang have helped when others have suffered. Ask the drought stricken people of the seventh district what happened during the thirties. Constantly Danevang congregation has been among the foremost in supporting. For instance, the Pension Fund, the Jubilee Fund.

But our help is not an attempt to pay back what they have given us. It would be given although Danevang had not shown us how to give and help. True, there are other ways to help than by giving money. We will

embrace their physical and spiritual welfare in our collective and individual prayers. We will remind ourselves of the many fine messages we have read in our papers or heard at our conventions from Danevang. And we will in memory or in our imagination visit them in their hour of distress, knowing that God will not forsake His children or leave them without hope. But as the most pertinent way of showing our sympathy let all our congregations send a donation to

help rebuild the church. A house of worship is perhaps the greatest need in a time like that. The relationship of a person to his God is the one foundation that must be secured. In helping Danevang to restore its church we are helping them in their most vital need.

"A friend in need is a friend in deed."

May God bless our friends at Danevang and give them faith in the future and hope for the morrow.

ALFRED JENSEN

## A Winter Course at Grand View College

The fall term has started at Grand View College with a present attendance of six seminary students, forty-nine Junior College students, and twenty-six nurses as special students. We are glad that as large a number of young people, including 11 young men in the Junior College, of which three are returned veterans, have come for the full year of instruction. We have tried to guide them as well as possible so that they may get the courses that will help them in their practical training but especially so that they may be given help to live as good citizens and as good Christians. We have emphasized for them the importance of preparing themselves for service in their own congregations as Sunday school and summer school teachers, and their registration has taken this into account. Among the students there are some for whom the preparation for a definite career is their most important consideration. Others have come primarily to get the personal benefits of a school year at Grand View College. For practically all students there is a combination of the two purposes.

All forty-nine are, however, Junior College students enrolled for a full year, or at least a full semester. They have been able to take this time to devote themselves to the studies and the fellowship at the college. There are, undoubtedly, many more who should and could have come to share the full year with them, but there are undoubtedly also those for whom it was not convenient to come at the time or for that length of time. These young people we would also like to serve. We

have a faculty large enough and we have space enough to devote to a course for young people who would like to use three months of their winter to the benefits and inspiration of an education. Such a course would be informative as well as inspirational although it would not be a formal course or a credit course. It would include the features which we consider most important in education and would only lack the credit feature of the college. It is our suggestion that such young people as have the need and the desire come and spend their winter at Grand View College. The time of their course could conveniently run from Thanksgiving to March first. We will reveal more in detail later on what individual courses we would offer, but we would like to know as soon as possible whether there is any interest in such a course. We are therefore requesting that you write to us to our mutual benefit so that we may know a little something about the expectations. Will all you who are interested kindly do this and keep your attention on further announcements.

Those who are interested in credit courses can come at once and get a limited amount of credit for the rest of the semester, or they can join us for the second semester which starts late in January. I am thinking here especially of the returning veterans and I am suggesting that they write to me for information concerning the government benefits toward getting an education.

JOHANNES KNUDSEN.

Grand View College,  
Des Moines 16, Iowa.

## District Meeting at Kimballton, Iowa

September 14-16, 1945

The landscape around Kimballton is hilly. It's a temptation for visiting drivers to race up and down the well paved highways. One impatiently wants to see if there is yet another hill waiting to be climbed once you have reached the top, or will the hill level off to a broad valley. But the hills hold out. The village of Kimballton is securely tucked away among them.

By far the most impressive sight in town is the Danish Church. It has for its location a whole city block on top of a big knoll. Here the white-painted church with its new, red roof and the pointed, silver-tipped spire reigns supreme. At sunset the church bell rings out its song of peace o'er town and countryside. We stop on the steps leading to the church grounds to lis-

ten. We look at the church steeple and see a patch of red clouds sail across the blue sky. It's beautiful. Little wonder that Grant Wood loved to paint a country scene from the hilly sections of Iowa.

Friday afternoon Haakon Jorgensen of Newell spoke to us in Danish. It was the opening meeting. I have not attended a meeting for many years where the people were as Danish as was the group that came to our first meeting. The old hymns and the words spoken warmed our hearts. I was reminded of Ostergaards song:

Let us live to serve and cherish  
All that calls us from above.  
Let us struggle, fight — yea perish  
For what hearts may truly love,

High is the goal and hard the fray,  
 God we alone will honor  
 When we shall win the day.

The local pastor, H. Ibsen, bid us welcome and we were made to feel at home. We were among friends.

After the opening meeting the delegates and pastors turned to the business part of the meeting. Thanks to the efforts of our district president, our meeting was more than a mere business meeting. Most of us are by now pretty well acquainted with the business routine of conventions, so we made good progress Friday afternoon.

There were 12 pastors, 27 delegates and the district board present. Miss Dagmar Miller was also given the right to vote, making a total of 41 votes. The district secretary and treasurer read their reports. The treasurer, Sophus Hermansen, reported an income of \$317.52, total expenses of \$348.12 and a balance of \$310.12. His statement was audited and found correct by Guy Christensen and Anker Hald.

The delegates gave reports from their respective congregations. The impression I received from the reports was rather encouraging, though I am inclined to believe our delegates report the brighter side of the picture. The Iowa district showed an increase of 118 baptized members in eight congregations and a decrease of eight in three congregations. There were several reports of improvement of church property. The financial situation within our district appears favorable. By the end of 1945 apparently all church indebtedness will be wiped out.

The district president's report was read and it gave us a comprehensive view of our work in both district and synod. The prospects for our district to reach its Lutheran World Action quota was good. It was called to our attention that the Lutheran Churches in America will be called upon to gather \$10,000,000 the next two years. This sum will go to help our Lutheran brethren in Europe or wherever we can give Lutherans of other lands a helping hand.

The report from the president of the Minister's Pension Fund was read, the quota to our synod, missions and all the other various phases of our church work was brought before the meeting. The allocation committee made its report. It reads as follows:

Cedar Falls -----	\$ 963.00
Waterloo -----	579.00
Hampton -----	276.00
Newell -----	838.00
Kimballton -----	786.00
Fredsville -----	812.00
Oak Hill -----	203.00
Exira -----	94.00
Ringsted -----	417.00
Des Moines -----	469.00
Moorhead -----	89.00
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The district meeting voted to send the following gifts, to be paid out of the district treasury: Santal Mission \$100.00, Anna Marie Petersen, \$75.00, and the Danevang, Texas, congregation, \$75.00.

Prof. Erling Jensen of Ames, Iowa, gave a report from the Grand View College Jubilee Fund Drive. Our total district quota is \$18,330.00. As a district we have subscribed \$11,270.51 or 61.54 per cent. Erling

Jensen pointed out that in the coming years our chief problem as a synod will be to supply ministers for our congregations. If we must rely on other synods to furnish us pastors, the future of our synod will not be a bright one. Furthermore, Prof. Jensen called our attention to the fact that the Junior College supplies our seminary with students, and if we cannot keep our enrollment up in the Junior College we have small chance of training our own young men for the ministry. For this important reason we need to concentrate our attention on Grand View College during the coming years.

Sunday, October 21st, a collection will be taken in all of our churches for the G. V. C. Jubilee Fund.

The report from our synodical president was read and discussed. The point that brought most comments was the new plan whereby the synod will pay the traveling expenses for one delegate from all congregations in the synod. (Plan stated in very general terms.) The cost would run approximately \$2,500.00 annually. A resolution was placed before the district meeting by Rev. V. S. Jensen and reads as follows: Be resolved that we the delegates and pastors of the Fourth District of the Danish Lutheran Church in America are in favor of increasing the influence of the congregations of the outlying districts. However, we feel that in the allocation of the synod budget to the different districts, consideration has been shown the outlying districts, so that the synod budget should not be further burdened for the sake of securing representation.

This resolution was passed.

There was a desire on the part of delegates and pastors to lengthen the time of next year's district meeting. It was finally decided to start our meetings Thursday evening instead of Friday afternoon. An invitation from the Fredsville congregation for the 1946 meeting was accepted with thanks. Next year will mark the 75th year since the Fredsville congregation was established.

The election of district president was the next item on the agenda. Rev. A. E. Frost refused to accept reelection, so Rev. Harold Ibsen was selected by the meeting to take his place as district president. To Rev. Frost, District Four expresses its appreciation for serving us as a good and efficient president.

Friday evening English service with holy communion was held in English. Saturday morning Rev. S. D. Rodholm led the Danish devotional hour. Saturday afternoon Rev. V. S. Jensen spoke about the "Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." After his presentation followed a fruitful and lively exchange of views. (One point I wish we had touched upon and that is this: Is it proper for our people to leave the church during communion service?)

Saturday afternoon Pres. Johannes Knudsen introduced for discussion the topic: "Church Life and the Children." The speaker mentioned that he had been asked to make his speech provocative. It was.

Knudsen said: "It is a sad state of affairs when we take the children away from the church from the day they are baptized until the time of their confirmation. By doing this, we have taken them away from the basic things in Christian church life and we have let our children become "guinea pigs" for new methods

and materials that preachers, professors and publishing houses would like to try out on our children.

We must give the child knowledge but not at the expense of sharing with the adults the fellowship in the congregation. If we are annoyed in our individualistic enjoyment of the church service by little children, we can be likened unto the "grown-ups" in the New Testament that told the mothers to keep their children away from the Lord. I hope we all remember what the answer of Jesus was.

A lively discussion followed. Haakon Jorgensen said: "The congregation should instruct its own children like the Catholics and the Missouri synod people do. When our public schools speak we all bow and obey. Sometimes I feel like saying we should take our children out of the desert of Sunday school and public school and place them in the green pastures of the congregation's own school."

Jens Thuesen: "The Sunday school and church must work closer together. Close the Sunday school for a couple of months and let the children get a chance to attend church."

H. Ibsen: "Our children must not be strangers in the church and this the Sunday school makes them."

V. S. Jensen: "I gather from what you have said, Dr. Knudsen, that you would permit children to attend the Lord's Supper."

Dr. Knudsen: "Yes."

H. Jorgensen: "The Sunday school is the only method we can manage at present, perhaps some day we will become strong enough to have our own church schools for our children. And we must not forget to thank the many Sunday school teachers that are faithful in their work year after year. They are all invited to a round-table discussion at Newell, October 7th."

The coffee bell rang and a very interesting discussion came to a close.

Saturday evening the Women's Mission Society was in charge. Mrs. C. P. Jensen, treasurer of the organization led the meeting. Dagmar Miller read the scrip-

ture lesson. She also told us that she was not going back to the Santal Mission. We heard this with regret. Dr. Erling Ostergaard spoke very interestingly about the doctor's work in India. An offering was taken for the mission work among the Santals.

Sunday morning the sun was shining in all its splendor and the wind was blowing with all its might. The whole day was well occupied. The English service started at 9:15 and was in charge of Rev. Frost. Rev. Marvin Nygaard preached the sermon.

Rev. Harold Petersen conducted the children's service in the public school building.

At the Danish service Rev. V. S. Jensen preached, and Rev. H. Juhl held the communion service. The church was filled at both services. The local choir under the direction of Mrs. H. Ibsen sang at both the English and Danish services.

Sunday afternoon President J. Knudsen of Grand View College spoke. His lecture was an excellent one and I hope he will find time to send it to our papers. The Kimballton church was too small for the afternoon meeting. To this situation a layman was heard making this comment: "The ladies have it all over the preacher, they figured on serving 500 people for dinner but the clergy didn't do much figuring when they tried to get the same crowd into the church at one time Sunday afternoon."

In the evening Rev. A. C. Ammentorp of Des Moines, spoke. In spite of the fact that most of the ministers, including the district secretary, found it necessary to leave, there was still a large group that attended the meeting. Leaving before the meeting is over is really bad business, and I hope we pastors never do it again.

The days spent at Kimballton were good days. The ladies handled the serving in a fine manner. I am sure we all left the Kimballton meeting inspired to come to Fredsville next year. To you, our friends at Kimballton, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciations for your fine hospitality.

HOLGER O. NIELSEN, Sec.

## District VI Convention

Gayville, So. Dak., September 14—16, 1945

The annual meeting of District VI was held at Gayville, S. D., September 14, 15 and 16. The opening meeting was held on Friday evening, the Rev. Holger Andersen extending words of welcome to the guests and addressing us on the subject: "The Need for Unanimity." Delegates and guests from Ruthton, Diamond Lake, Tyler and Viborg, S. D., had arrived during the evening.

Saturday morning devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen. He read for our meditation from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, 1st chapter, dwelling especially on the 16th verse, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." He spoke of Christ as a unifying symbol, that there must be unity in the church as a whole—and we should work for greater unity between all Lutheran churches.

The business session opened at 9:45 by singing, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." The district president, the Rev. Enok Mortensen, presided. All three pastors of the district were present—the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alma L. Nielsen of Diamond Lake, and the following delegates: Gayville, S. D., Eiler Jensen, S. N. Sorensen; Viborg, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Glifford Johnson; Diamond Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Hans B. Krog; Ruthton, Mrs. Andrew Petersen, Mrs. Angie Olsen; Tyler, Mrs. Jorgen Christensen, Mrs. Frode Utoft, Mrs. Rasmus Sorensen and Mrs. Andrew Sorensen. There were no delegates from Hetland-Badger or from White, S. D. Motion made and carried that the district president and secretary serve in that capacity during the business session.

The minutes of the last annual convention were read and approved. The chairman read a letter and report from the synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jen-

sen, who was unable to attend all three conventions held at this time, but sent a greeting to this convention. Each point in the report was taken up and acted upon at the meeting.

The chairman appointed on the Allocation committee: S. N. Sorensen, Glifford Johnson, Hans Krog, Mrs. Andrew Petersen and Mrs. Frode Utoft.

It was reported that a number of pastors had been called by the Home Mission Council to serve at different Home Mission fields in our synod that needed pastors, but so far none had accepted. Several remarks were made in regard to our Jubilee Fund drive. The Rev. Holger Andersen commented that we needed some one to make personal contact with everyone in our local congregations and that all should be given a chance to contribute, and then to follow up with the collection asked for by the synod. Some of the congregations had made drives while others had not made any effort to contact everyone.

Under the second point, Lutheran World Action, the chairman announced that our synod was at the bottom of the list of contributions and urged that we if possible, oversubscribe our quota of \$1.00 per confirmed member, or \$2.50 per contributing member. At least, in this one work, all Lutheran synods have united their efforts to support Lutheran World Action. The chairman mentioned the various work carried on by L. W. A. and that now the largest amount will go to rehabilitation of the churches in Europe.

Under Point 3 a discussion was held on the paying of delegates to our synodical convention. A motion was made by Rev. Holger Andersen and was carried: "Inasmuch as we recognize the need for a better system which will aid the outlying districts represented at the annual synodical convention, we wish to go on record as approving the measure itself, but being non-committal on the system to be adopted. We wish to acknowledge the need and will support the synodical decision."

A letter was read from the synodical treasurer giving amounts various congregations had contributed to L. W. Action. The business session was resumed after dinner.

The Allocation committee reported at this time, giving the amounts for each congregation,—both by the \$4.50 per confirmed membership method and using the exemption plan advocated by the synod, which was used last year. After considerable discussion, motion was made and carried to adopt the latter plan. Allocation is as follows: Tyler, \$1,506.30; Diamond Lake, \$215.20; Ruthton, \$166.78; Gayville, S. D., \$244.00; Viborg, S. D., \$328.18; Hetland-Badger, S. D., \$269.00; White, S. D., \$69.74. The chairman urged each congregation to get collections in as soon as possible.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. E. Frost, chairman of the Pension Fund. We were reminded of our obligation to the Pension Fund and were asked to remember them with offerings and contributions.

The chairman brought up the question of having a permanent district treasury established, to pay the expenses of delegates and pastors to synodical conventions and pastors' expenses to other meetings and conventions so that offerings taken at our district convention could be given to Home and Foreign Missions.

Although no definite action was taken the thought seemed to arouse considerable interest and no doubt the question will come up at our next convention. It was announced that Viborg, S. D., would extend an invitation to the next convention.

The question of having a Sunday school institute in our district was discussed. Motion was made and carried that the district board arrange for a Sunday School Institute to be held in the district at some convenient time.

Greetings from the former pastor of Gayville-Viborg congregations were read by the Rev. Holger Andersen. Motion was made and carried that the secretary send greetings to the district conventions held at Wilbur, Wash., and Kimballton, Iowa and to Rev. Harris Jespersen, from this convention.

Election of officers followed. Motion was made and carried that we suspend rules and re-elect the same district board by acclamation. The business meeting was then postponed until the evening session. Coffee was served and we met at 4 p. m. The meeting was opened by singing "I am a tiller of the soil." Rev. Enok Mortensen gave a lecture on "Nature of Our Work." He mentioned among other things that we in America do not have the rich interpretation of song that was found in Denmark, but those of us who came from Denmark are not so poor that we do not have something to give. The songs from "World of Song" have been sung in many groups outside of our church, from the east coast to the west coast. He spoke of the love of the land which the people of Denmark had. Many of our young people have gone from country to the city. We are going to have a bigger problem than we can handle with our returning service men. What are we going to do for them? Why can't we make rural living so attractive and beautiful that we can keep our young people here. Let us begin right in our own communities to build for this. He believed there was a future in America for the Folk School. He spoke of the fact that Tyler was already beginning to plan for a re-opening of Danebod as a place for various groups to get together to live, to sing and to share things we have. There is a lot of work to be done. This would be not only for our own people, but we should open our doors to other groups. Some discussion followed. Mrs. Nanna Goodhope of Viborg expressed various impressions received from her recent visit to the Campbell Folk School in the South.

After supper we again assembled at the church. The meeting opened by singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." At this time a motion to adjourn the business meeting was adopted. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riber were guests during the entire convention and at this time Harold Riber, who is studying at the University of Minnesota to prepare himself as a missionary brought an inspiring message to us on the subject, "Missionary Imperative." He said he couldn't bring anything direct from the mission field, he could only give us some thoughts on the missionary work. He said "that we should all have an inner desire to do the Will of God." He also spoke of the reason why he wanted to go to India. There are people suffering all over. Does the message to go out to all people with the Gospel of Christ still apply to us? Is it necessary

we support the Santal Mission? I believe foreign missions are as important as any other work in the church. He said: "We should make Jesus Christ known in all the world so that all people may know Him." He spoke of Christ placing a child as the center of the universe and above all, not to forget what Christ did for all of us. Every nation has its part to contribute to the world. It takes all colors to make a rainbow. All kinds of men to make peace in the world. There are still approximately 250 millions who have not heard the message of Christ. I go to India to establish in minds of people the spirit of freedom and democracy, the spirit of Christ as I have learned to love it in my own life. I want to go as an American citizen that believes in the right way of life. It is only as we have Christianity in ourselves that we have the power to give Christianity to others." We sang in closing "Take my life and let it be."

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. we gathered for worship service. The Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen conducted the holy communion service and the Rev. Holger Andersen delivered the sermon, "Journeying Together." He read from the Gospel of John, Chp. 14. He spoke of the legacy Christ had left to us, the most valuable thing left to men. He left us, not freedom from sin and fear, but the power to overcome sin and fear. May we all seek the spiritual power of Christ.

Several additional guests from Viborg, S. D., and Ruthton, Minn., joined in the meetings on Saturday and the services on Sunday. All partook of a sumptuous dinner served by the Gayville ladies.

At 1:45 p. m. the meeting opened by the singing "Beautiful Savior" and "Lord Jesus Christ." The Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen spoke on "The Reconstruction Era." He called our attention to the 4th verse of the preceding hymn: "Lord, I Will Be, Always With Thee, Wherever Thou Wilt have me. Do Thou control my heart and soul. And make me whole. Thy Grace alone can save me" as being very fitting to his topic. The question, what are we going to do about the future? is one asked by everyone now. We, as a church, should confine ourselves definitely with the solutions of the problems near at hand. Man has sinned and failed, but the church does not fail. We fail the church. Our homes, our schools, our government have failed. As we repent of our sins, we realize that true repentance, either individual or as a church group results in sorrow for our sins and our mistakes. My solution is that there must be a deeper spiritual insight into conditions of today. We must have a spiritual attitude towards Russia, Japan and Germany. We have a long, long way to go. To sum up the essence of the whole problem, we present this question:

What is the responsibility we have? My responsibility is to preach the Word of God, and we as Christians should live as nearly as we know how, the way God wants us to live. We, as Christians, have primarily the responsibility of the spiritual instruction of our youth. He emphasized the use of Luther's Catechism. We should reach our youth in such a way we give a challenge to them to want to live the right way. We should emphasize the fundamentals of God's truth and teachings. He will not leave us comfortless. Miss

Muriel Nielsen then favored us with a solo, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" We closed by singing "O God our help in ages past."

Following coffee, an offeratory service was held after which a Women's Missionary Society meeting was held. This will be reported on the Women's Page.

In the evening before the closing meeting everyone gathered in the church to sing from "World of Song", under the leadership of Rev. Holger Anderson. Rev. Enok Mortensen of Tyler then spoke on the subject: "Faith of our Fathers." He narrowed his subject down to terms of our "Own Faith," that of the Fathers of the Danish Church and what it means to us. Learning from Grundtvig from the faith of our Fathers, Rev. Mortensen found our Danish Church real and wholesome with homelike atmosphere, a homelike church. He met that faith in a Nebraska church. "Folkeligt" a Danish expression which cannot be expressed in English but it is the only way he could express what he did find here. Grundtvig says: "Where the spirit of God is, there freedom is." There is a need in America today for this type of Christianity. Grundtvig has a sound philosophy for a happy zestful and true life. Christ is found in His living church, where His word is preached and His sacraments are administered. There is need in America for Sacramental Christianity. If we are true to the faith of our fathers, we should bring to Christianity a deeper faith that is our heritage through the faith of our fathers.

Following the lecture the Congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers" and the closing hymn "And now we must bid one another Farewell." All were then invited to the coffee tables where "thanks" and "farewells" were spoken. A rising vote of thanks from all present was given the ladies of the Gayville congregation for their untiring efforts and splendid meals served during the convention. After singing a few songs from "World of Song" Rev. Enok Mortensen closed the meeting with prayer.

Thus another convention came to a close and though we perhaps were not large in numbers, there were guests from Diamond Lake, Ruthton, Tyler and Viborg and we shared a deep Christian fellowship during these days together. There was much interest in the work of the District but also in the spiritual things which we so richly shared together. Thanks to the Gayville people and to all who gave much to each one of us.

ALMA L. NIELSEN, Secretary.

### A HIGH AIM

If you can't be a pine on the top of a hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley — but be  
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail.  
If you can't be the sun, be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail —  
Be the best of whatever you are.

—Selected.



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## To Our Youth

### YOUTH RALLY

On September 16, The Forward Young People's Society of Greenville held a Youth Rally with four other neighboring societies.

The afternoon meeting started at 3 o'clock in the Bass Lake Tabernacle with Rev. Henry Hansen from the St. Paul's English Lutheran Church as leader. The theme of the rally was "Temptations." After the opening hymns were sung, Miss Arlene Hemmingsen, president of the St. Paul's League of Greenville, led devotions. A very beautiful vocal selection was then given by Miss Charlotte Jones from the Forward Young People's Society. The entire group sang another hymn followed by two interesting talks on Temptation. Rev. Anker Jensen spoke on "Temptations Facing the Youth of Today" and Rev. Viggo Petersen "How to Overcome Temptations." Three of the young people from the Edmore Society, giving their part to the program, sang a hymn. Four girls from the St. Paul's League also sang a very pretty hymn. Each person was handed a piece of paper during the program on which he was to write down any questions that arose in his mind. These questions were to be discussed at the evening meeting.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing volley and soft ball. Lee Hansen and Augie Stricker were appointed leaders and chose sides. Hansen's team was defeated in three games of volley ball. However, they were in the lead at the soft ball game.

At approximately six o'clock everyone gathered at the dining hall for a pot-luck lunch. Everyone, seeming well satisfied after eating a hearty lunch, joined in community singing.

The evening meeting was originally scheduled at 8:00. However, due to the weather which was gradually getting colder, the meeting started a few minutes early. Rev. C. A. Stub, from the Forward Young People's Society, led the evening meeting which was opened by singing a hymn. Rev. Stub read scripture and lead in prayer. Another hymn was sung after which Student Donald T. Hansen gave a very impressive talk. Mrs. Anker Jensen then sang "I was Made a Christian." A closing hymn concluded the meeting.

We all went home a little chilled but very happy having had a most enjoyable time worshipping and singing together.

MARILYN HANSEN.

The chairman of the official board said to his pastor: "I thought you were off on your vacation several days ago. What's wrong?"

"I'm just waiting," said the minister, "until the neighbor returns home with my suitcase!"

### NATIONAL CONVENTION

A few weeks ago Tyler extended an invitation to the D. A. Y. P. L. to act as hosts to the 1946 National Convention. The national board has gratefully accepted the invitation from Tyler.

Rev. Enok Mortensen of Tyler met with the national D. A. Y. P. L. chairman, Rev. Harald Ibsen and secretary, Rev. Harold Petersen, at the latter's home at Ringsted on the 27th of September to discuss plans for the meeting which will begin on Wednesday evening, July 3 and close Sunday evening, July 7. It can be stated that our aims for the meeting are high and we hope to be able in the near future to announce two or three speakers for the meeting which will make you walk on thin air for some time after you read it. Anyway, keep your attention focused on the Youth page in Lutheran Tidings. We assure you "there's something in the air." It isn't just winter—it is already the first warm breath of the 1946 National Convention.

HAROLD PETERSEN,

Ringsted, Iowa.

Secretary D. A. Y. P. L.

### The Christmas Publication

It has previously been announced in these columns that D. A. Y. P. L. will this year publish a Christmas magazine to take the place of our Christmas edition of Ungdom. We hope to make this a permanent annual publication which will have no relationship to any new Youth paper if such should be established. Rev. Harris Jespersen, who for several years has done such a commendable work with the Ungdom Christmas issue, is the editor of the 1945 publication. He is hard at work at it now and reports that articles are beginning to come in.

We hope that by next issue we shall be able to give you a fair idea of the magazine planned. The tentative plans are for approximately 40 pages, in other words larger than Ungdom, and on a trifle better grade of paper. We have not fully decided upon a name but we are checking on several suggestions in regard to whether or not any by those names are copyrighted. The tentative price is 50 cents.

We hope all will help make this publication a success. You will in the near future receive order cards. Order twice as many as you think you can sell so that you really have to get down to work to sell them. We who are working with it hope to see it grow with the years, both in content and in circulation. Let the world know that D. A. Y. P. L. has something to offer.

HAROLD PETERSEN.

## A Day With Youth in Dalum, Alberta

For four weeks, daily, from nine o'clock until four, including recess and noon, I had them in the assembly hall for the purpose of instructing them for confirmation. How I would like to live those days over again! We sang our hymns, said our prayers, confessed our creed, studied the New Testament and listened to stories of bygone days of how God and men lived in fellowship together and how blessings in every way rested upon a people obedient and faithful to the covenant.

In the spare time the girls helped Esther in the kitchen and home, the boys brought in wood and did odd jobs. There was a ball game now and then and singing by the piano.

Sunday, the second day of September they are to be confirmed. The instruction has been provided, but what has been living in their hearts and minds during the hours of preparation and their thoughts on this Sunday morning we will leave to a higher judge. It is a world within a human soul.

The parents came early. They had come a great distance bringing food for dinner, a new suit or white dress and presents for the day. Soon we proceed to the church. The bell is calling, the choir is in its place, there are many people from the local congregation, friends and relatives. The church is beautifully decorated.

The service opens with an appropriate hymn and the choir for its number has selected the hymn: "God Calling Yet." For my text before the confirmation I had chosen the words from the Gospel of St. John: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My father which gave me them, is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my father's hand. I and my father are one."—John 10:27—30. And as a farewell word to the boys and girls after the confirmation these words: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice and thou may cleave unto Him for He is thy life and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham to Isaac and to Jacob to give them.—Deut. 30:19—20. And now the class kneels before the altar. Is there anything more touching than young people kneeling before the altar confessing that they believe in God, the father, Jesus Christ, the savior and the Holy Ghost. We are reminded of the Psalmist's words: "in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth." May they by the grace of God be faithful always and never fail. They have been so faithful hitherto.

A dinner table had been set in the church basement with all the good food from home and hearth; and we did enjoy it with thankful hearts. Mother's food always tastes good — especially on such a day when she bring the very best.

And then at three o'clock these young people are invited, for the first time, to the table of the Lord. They know that it is Christ Himself who has instituted this meal on the last night He was with His disciples, and asked them never to forget Him. The sacrament of the altar is forever a life sustaining legacy. It is heavenly food and pertains to the greatest gift: forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. What a privilege to declare unto a person: forgiveness of all thy sins and a meeting with Christ. It is my fervent prayer that these young people will always seek the table of the Lord.

The members of the class and their parents had to leave soon after the service as some of them had many miles to travel. It took some time to say farewell as we had shared so much and knew that it would be a long time before we should see one another again, if ever. A last handshake, a smile and off they go as so many others have done in the 25 years here.

But our own group and the choir was still with us. The choir had invited us to a concert in the church in the evening for the purpose of gathering money for a chair beside the altar. And what a program they had to give us. Songs and hymns, duets and solos; and although they were short one voice because of illness they did full justice to their task.

At the end of the day the ladies served coffee and sandwiches and even æbleskiver. They are gathering money for an organ fund.

The day had been a day especially with the youth. How promising, how inspiring, how full of grace, how much to be thankful for!

P. RASMUSSEN.

### THE CHURCH PAPER

"What church paper," asked the pastor, "do you take?"

"None," the casual communicant replied. "Haven't time to read. Take more papers now than I can read."

"When and where is our next annual conference?"

"Don't know."

"What is our mission board doing?"

"Don't know."

"Have we a mission board at all?"

"Think we have, but don't know for certain."

"Is it doing anything?"

"Suppose it is. Don't really know."

"How much money did it raise last year?"

"Don't know."

"Where is home mission work most needed?"

"Don't know."

"What good are you to the church anyway?"

"Don't kn—; that is—well, you see—"

—Selected.

Let us serve instead of rule, knock, instead of push at the door of human hearts, and allow to each and everyone the same rights and privileges that we claim for ourselves.

# OUR WOMEN'S WORK

## Life's Mirror

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,  
 There are souls that are pure and true;  
 Then give to the world the best you have,  
 And the best will come back to you.

For life is the mirror of king and slave;  
 'Tis just what we are and do;  
 Then give to the world the best you have,  
 And the best will come back to you.

From "Life's Mirror"  
 By Madeline S. Bridges.

## THE ART OF LIVING

For many years we have had on our wall a picture of a happy, loving old couple with this inscription below:

**"To know how to grow old is the master-work of wisdom and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living."**

Pictures in a home can become very much a part of a family. I can't pass this old couple without smiling at them. The woman is toothless with her grey hair very plainly done in a pug in the back. She has her arm thrown around the shoulders of her husband—a gay old gentleman with "fibskæg". Their hands are very much toilworn, but the whole picture is an expression of love that has mellowed and ripened through the long years together.

This week we had a letter from a dear old friend of the family. She tells us how she and two of her friends had been invited to the home of a younger friend to a nice dinner. These three women, who all are alone now, have for many years meant much to each other. Now the one is leaving for a while, consequently the little party. The letter goes on to tell how, after the dinner, feeling happy in each others company, they persuaded the one friend who is a genius at such—to tell them a story. She was finally persuaded and chose "Tommelise". Our friend writes: "I wish there had been a large audience listening—baade Svalen, Skruptudsen, Muldvarpen og den lille Sommerfugl blev saa levende for os. Det var en Oplevelse." Since the letter came, I have many times pictured these four women in the well-known dining room, spending this good afternoon together. It wasn't the story, nor the good food alone, that provided the happy atmosphere; but more truly it was the fact that they themselves have learned the great art of living so that now they can experience such festive hours in one another's company.

There is not one among us who is not growing older every day. Maybe it would be well now to plan our lives so that in the near future we may be privileged to grow old with grace.—F. S. P.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.—Johnson.

## Report From District VI W. M. S. Meeting

The W. M. S. meeting of District 6 convention was held Sunday afternoon. The meeting opened by singing the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". Mrs. Eilert C. Nielsen, district representative, was in charge of the meeting. She explained to those who perhaps were in doubt of the meaning of W. M. S., that it stands for the former D. K. M.

Each society brought a short report of what they have done during the past year. Gayville combines their missionary work with that of their Ladies' Aid, giving their donations through them. The Viborg Aid has a birthday box which they open at one of their meetings and give to Missions. Tyler sends \$1 from each member with their representative to the synodical annual convention. Diamond Lake and Ruthton have one or two special Mission programs in connection with their Ladies' Aid meetings and in this manner donate to W. M. S. and other mission work. At Ruthton the Ladies' Aid gives, in memory of departed friends, their donations to missions instead of buying flowers. They try to keep posted on the work that W. M. S. is doing. Mrs. Nielsen urged that each society have meetings in the interest of W. M. S. during the coming year, and emphasized that we worked to help the seminary at G. V. C.. Also, she reminded the societies to send contributions to "Our Women's Page" in "Lutheran Tidings". Comments were made by several of the women present. Mrs. Eilert Nielsen was the only nomination for district representative for the coming year, so she was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Nielsen then introduced Mr. Harold Riber who spoke to us. He stated that home missions and foreign missions complement one another, eventually the church will die if they cease. He spoke of his mother in relation to the work of the women of the church. He emphasized the worth of women meeting as we today were doing, occupying ourselves with something worthwhile—working towards a goal—benefiting ourselves so that we may become better mothers and better workers for home and church. We must not forget to always give credit and thanks to Jesus who established the Christian home. We have a great need for Christian homes in America. W. M. S. has always been willing and eager to help with money and time wherever they have been able to do so. Mr. Riber believes that the newly established Home Mission Council will be valuable to all of us. Our speaker, though specially interested in the Santal Mission, was willing to divide his time between all missions.

We felt, those of us who had taken part in this meeting, that much interest had been aroused for W. M. S., and I am sure that each of us left with the determination to put forth greater effort in our work at home for W. M. S. as well as for foreign and other mission projects.

Mrs. Alma Nielsen,  
 Sec.-Treas. Dist. 6.

## GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

The students are now "getting into the swing of things," especially in gym.

September 16 most of students attended the church services at Luther Memorial Church conducted by Thorvald Hansen. Rev. Ammentorp, a few students and others were attending the Iowa District Church Convention at Kimballton.

On September 19 several of the students attended the first meeting of the Des Moines Public Forum at the Shrine auditorium. John Cowles spoke on "A Report of the Pacific." He gave a brief summary of the conditions on the Pacific Islands which he had toured and then hit upon his main issue of consolidating the War and Navy Departments. This action would bring about a standard equipment which would be interchangeable and would eliminate waste and duplication. Minor but interesting remarks included the statements that the Allies often used Nisei as interpreters in communicating with the Japanese but never asked the foe to "surrender." To the Japanese the word has a formidable meaning so they are asked to come to our side and then go back and serve their country after the war.

In one of his morning chapel periods Dr. Knudsen emphasized that there will always be enough in the creation of God provided that man uses it as He desires. He urged us to receive His gifts in humility and appreciation and use them in gratitude and service.

The second U. K. meeting was held September 22. Results of the election were: Mildred Pagaard of Chicago, president; Ingrid Ellen Holme of Calif., vice-president; Selma Kildegard of Greenville, secretary; Don Osterby of Grant, Mich., treasurer; Harold Olsen of Connecticut, Viking editor; Vernon Frost of Withee, Echo editor; Esther Dixen of Withee and Roland Jensen of Des Moines, Echo team captains. The U. K. Board has since appointed Gordon Miller on the Film Committee; Anitra Kruse, Esther Dixen and Einar Anderson on the Music Committee; and Bodil Strandskov and Roland Jensen as Pegasus Editors.

September 23 the students of Grand View College were invited over to Luther Memorial Church for the sandwich supper and a "get-acquainted" party.

Professor Peter Jorgensen, who has had the last few chapel periods, has been speaking on the work of the German astronomer, Johann Kepler, a student of the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe, as it concerns the newest experimentation with the atom. Kepler's three laws, which are the basis of Newton's discoveries and the whole theory of the planets, are:

- 1) The planets move around the sun in an elliptical path.

- 2) The radius vectors of the planets are the same.

- 3) The square of the time it takes the planets to circle the sun has the same relationship as the cube of their distance from the sun.

These laws may also pertain to the atom which he attempted to explain through diagrams. He stated that the atom is in the same proportion to a pin hole as a pin hole is to a mile. A translation of what Kepler wrote about his own works is as follows:

"I thank you Lord and Creator for this joy given me through your creation for I go into ecstasy over your handiwork. I have revealed to mankind the splendor of your works as far as my limited spirit could fathom your infinity. If I have postulated anything unworthy of you or sought to seek my own honor, then forgive me by your grace."

September 26 was the seventy-fifth birthday of the Danish king, Christian X. Dr. Knudsen paid tribute to this man who has ruled Denmark since 1912 who has seen the people encounter two world wars; who has kept the hopes of the Danish people alive through the last five trying years; who under the German threat of being killed, took down the German flag and replaced it with the Danish; and who will always be remembered for riding freely through the streets on his white horse, surrounded by his loyal and admiring people.

Rev. Paul Nyholm from Chicago has been here the last few days. He is doing some research work in the library.

We have now completed three weeks of the 1945-1946 term. Plans for the future are fast being formulated and are being looked forward to with eager anticipation.

NORMA DUE.

## NIELS WILHELM GADE

Niels Gade is known to us as one of the great geniuses in the music world. He was born in Copenhagen in February of 1817. Although his parents were extremely opposite in character, they produced a musical genius by extending these opposite qualities to him.

His father was a violin and guitar maker and was somewhat of a master at playing the violin and the piano. Niels Gade had decided to follow his father's footsteps while he was very young and in his spare time he liked to go down to his father's shop to help make some of the instruments. While he worked he would often play the instruments. His father noticed his son's ability and soon hired a teacher for him.

Niels Gade was well educated, too. But he soon was convinced that he was not a student but a musician. With his education and musical ability he met many of the "top men" of his world. Some of them became very dear to him and helped him along with what they could.

He played many concerts, his first being in 1833 while he was yet a very young man. He later met A. P. Berggreen, who became his instructor in music theory and composition. Together with this instruction and his ability to play musical instruments he produced numerous compositions, "Lebets wohl, geliebte Bäume" and "O gode Gud, jeg takker dig" being his first productions.

Through his musical accomplishments he became a member of a musical organization made up of the finest musicians in Denmark. He produced many fine pieces for the organization and was asked along on many tours sponsored by the organization.

He entered his compositions in European contests and in 1843 he received honorable mention at Leipzig for one of them and it was through this that he became known throughout Europe. Mendelssohn was at this contest and heard his piece played and wrote a warm letter to Gade and it wasn't long before Gade decided on a trip to Leipzig so that he could meet Mendelssohn. He became so well acquainted with Mendelssohn that the two began to work together, changing hands at directing. During his stay there he became an instructor at the Leipzig Conservatory.

In 1852, Gade married Emma Hartmann, a daughter of J. P. Hartmann. She died shortly after their marriage which left a dark shadow over Gade. His work became poorer. A few years later he married again and it wasn't long after that his work picked up again.

Leaving his composing he turned to solo work on his instrument. Later he thought he might like to play the organ and under the instruction of Weyse he learned to handle the organ to perfection in 8 days. He played the organ at Holmen's church until his death in 1890.

Gade tried all styles and kinds of music writing and reached perfection in almost all. Gade will be credited with some of the most high ranking in his field.

HAROLD OLSEN.

## PRAYER

By JOHN BURTON

I often say my prayers;  
But do I ever pray?  
And do the wishes of my heart  
Go with the words I say?  
I may as well kneel down  
And worship gods of stone  
As offer to the living God  
A prayer of words alone,  
For words without the heart  
The Lord will never hear;  
Nor will He to those lips attend  
Whose prayers are not sincere.

## CHURCH and HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

We worship Jesus Christ; we praise Him; but aside from that very few of us really know what to do with Him. He is not at all like we are, His ideals are different from ours, His sense of allegiance is different and so is His way of thinking. He belongs to God, His life is dedicated to serve.

Calling men into the service of the vineyard He is not primarily thinking of the church. He is thinking of life. To live is to serve. Life is a gift. The touch of Jesus brings life.

The church as we know it today does not fit into the picture of the kingdom of God in such a way that it becomes identical with the vineyard of the parable. Life is complete as it comes to us from the hands of Christ. All that we need to do is to take it and live it from day to day. There is no reason why we should waste a lot of time finding means and ways in which to improve it. It is the task of the church to lead men into life, not to discuss with them how they may improve it.

The kingdom of God is like a wheat field ripening to produce its fruit; the field is the souls of men. In presenting the picture of a vineyard (and of a wheat field) Jesus is thinking of the harvest of souls. He is thinking of each soul, not only as a laborer, but also as a branch which must yield its fruit because it is part of the tree and receives strength from it to live and yield.

"Our Lord needs hands. He needs field hands, shop hands, kitchen hands, office hands, servant's hands, ministering hands. He will touch and teach your hands. His training will be especially valuable for the world into which we are going now, for we go to live in a shattered world," (Gullixen).

To take the life Jesus has to give and live it does not mean that one may settle down and enjoy the fruit of his labor in peace and contentment. Such a time may never come in this life, only in the next.

Christ never retired into inactivity. Not one of His true followers were allowed to retire from active service in the kingdom merely to enjoy the fruit of their labor. They were not cut out for such retirement.

Steadily Jesus moved forward. If one way was closed He would soon find another which was open. Nothing could completely stop Him. A man of many defeats, He was never defeated and never at the end of His resources. Through death He saved from death a world which had enough confidence and faith in Him to let His life and word be the way it would choose to follow under all circumstances.

## OUR CHURCH

**Perth Amboy, N. J.**—"Høstfest" will be observed in the Perth Amboy church Sunday, October 21. Rev. Axel Kildegaard, Jr., Bridgeport, Conn., will be the guest speaker. In the evening a memorial plaque with 93 names of our youth in U. S. service will be unveiled. Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, pastor of the church, will give the dedication address. A musical program will also be offered and lunch will be served in the church parlors after the program.

**Seattle, Wash.**—The St. John's Junior League of the St. John's Church in Seattle has extended an invitation for a "Rally Session" to be held in the St. John's Church Sunday afternoon and evening, October 7. The invitation has been extended to the youth groups of the Tacoma and the Enumclaw, Wash., church and of the Junction City, Ore., church. It is the plan to make this "Rally" a preparation for the District meeting to be held later.

**Waterloo, Iowa.**—A "Fellowship Group" meeting was held in August and it was decided to organize at a meeting to be held October 14. It is the purpose in this group to "strengthen the fellowship among the older young people and the younger married folks" of the church and thus in turn strengthen the work of the St. Ansgars Church. A separate Young People's group is also active.

**Ludington, Mich.**—According to plans Rev. John Christensen will be installed as the pastor of the Ludington Church Sunday, October 7. Rev. Christensen has served the Hartford, Conn., church the past two and one half years. Previous to that he was the pastor of the Ludington church to which he has now returned. He will also serve the Victory, Mich., church. The two churches were served by Rev. Verner Hansen until he this past summer entered the chaplaincy.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen** was the guest speaker at the annual Harvest Festival at Oak Hill, Iowa, Sunday, September 30. He recently returned from a speaking tour in Washington and Oregon. During this week-end, October 5—7 he will attend the annual District I convention in Brooklyn, N. Y.

**The Synodical Board** met for a two day meeting in Des Moines Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2—3. The Finance Committee of the synod was scheduled to meet at the same time and place.

**The Quarterly Sunday School Teachers' Institute** of the two Danish synods of the Chicago area was held Sunday, September 30 in the Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1655 North Rockwell Street, Chicago. Rev. Hans C. Jersild is the pastor. The following program was presented. At the afternoon meeting Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen spoke on the topic: "Current Influences Affecting our Religious Education Views." After the supper hour Rev. Cornelius Hansen of

the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Racine, Wis., presented the subject: "The Faithfulness of the Sunday School Teacher."

**A Ministerial Meeting** of the pastors of the two Danish synods of the Chicago area was held Monday, October 1, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hans C. Jersild, 2027 North Humboldt Blvd., Chicago. The meeting opened at 10 o'clock, followed by a lunch at 12 o'clock noon.

**A Sunday School Institute** for the Iowa District is scheduled in the Newell, Iowa church for Sunday, October 7. Rev. Harald Petersen of Ringsted, Iowa, will be the leader of the Round Table discussion.

**Withee, Wis.**—September 6 the Danish Ladies' Aid and the Lutheran Guild had a joint meeting with the Guild acting as hostess. Rev. Bundgaard gave an interesting talk on the history and the work of the Women's Mission Society. A collection for this work was then taken.

**Ringsted, Iowa.**—The annual Harvest Festival will be held Sunday, October 14. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College, will be the guest speaker.

**Trinity, Chicago.**—The annual Fall meeting of the Trinity Church will be held Saturday evening and Sunday, November 17—18 with Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, as the guest speaker.

**Pasadena, Calif.**—A "Grundtvig Fest" was observed in the St. Ansgar church in Pasadena Sunday, September 9. Rev. A. E. Farstrup of Los Angeles was the speaker and the assistant in the Los Angeles church, P. Thomsen, rendered vocal solos.

**The Annual Fall Meeting** of the Los Angeles, Calif., church is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 5—7. Rev. Aage Møller of Solvang, Calif., will be the guest speaker.

**Racine, Wis.**—A post card questionnaire pertaining to the possible relocation of the church was recently sent out to all members of the Bethania Church in Racine. A committee has been appointed to make a study of the possibilities of relocating the church in another area of the city. We have not heard the results of the questionnaire sent out.

A "Rally Day" and a family go to church Sunday will be observed Sunday, October 7, in the Racine church. The parents are invited to attend the Sunday school and the children are urged to attend the service in the church.

**Dwight, Ill.**—A mission meeting was held in the church parlors Wednesday, September 26, this being a joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid and the "Willing Workers" of the Dwight church and of the Ladies' Aid of the Gardner church. Rev. Holger Strandkov spoke on the subject: "Early Mission Work in our Synod." An offering amounting to \$49 was laid to be sent to the Women's Mission treasurer as a help to rebuild the Danevang, Texas, church. The women have designated their gift as a special help toward the furnishing of the chancel of the church.

The annual Harvest Festival of the St. Peder's Church will be held Sunday, October 7, with Dean Alfred C. Nielsen of Grand View College as the guest speaker.

A delegation of 30 members of the St. Peder's Church attended the annual District meeting in the St. Stephan's church in Chicago during the week-end, September 21-23.

**Cedar Falls, Iowa.**—A gift of \$100 was recently given by the Julius Larsen family to the Bethlehem's Church to be used for the purpose of buying new Hymnals and Sunday school books.

The indebtedness of the church has been entirely paid and it was voted at a recent meeting to establish a building and improvement fund. A committee has been appointed for making future plans for improvements of the church property.

**Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Frost**, Waterloo, Iowa, will observe their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday, October 10. We extend heartiest congratulations.

**Rev. John M. Jensen**, editor of "The Ansgar Lutheran" of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, is at present in Denmark representing his synod. In the October first issue of "The Ansgar Lutheran" Rev. Jensen gives a report of his trip across the Atlantic. He is sailing on the Swedish steamship, "Drottingholm." He reports that a large number of the passengers are people from Norway, and Denmark, who were either visiting in America or on a business trip when the war broke out, consequently were compelled to remain here for the duration. One man was returning to celebrate his golden wedding. He had not seen his wife for a period of six years. Editor Jensen hopes to be able to bring his first report from Denmark in an early issue of "The Ansgar Lutheran." We shall endeavor to give some of his report in **L. T.**

**Hartford, Conn.**—Tuesday evening, September 25, a large number of members and other friends of the Hartford church gathered in the parlors of the church for a "Farewell Party" for their pastor, Rev. John Christensen. Rev. Christensen is moving back to Ludington, Mich., the church he served before coming to Hartford two and one half years ago. Many words of appreciation of the service rendered by Rev. Christensen during the time he has been in Hartford were spoken. A musical program was offered and a number of gifts were presented to the pastor.

#### Acknowledgment of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer for the Month of September, 1945.

##### TOWARDS THE BUDGET:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 2,100.09

##### General:

Congregation, Troy, N. Y. ....	30.00
Congregation, Hartford, Conn. ....	100.00
Congregation, Bridgeport, C. ....	50.00
Congregation, Portland, Me. ....	100.00
Congregation, Muskegon, Mich. ....	17.70
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa ..	50.00

Congregation, Des Moines, Ia. ....	25.00
Congregation, Withee, Wis. ....	55.52
Congregation, Minneapolis ....	92.00
Congregation, Askov, Minn. ....	51.20
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr. ....	30.00
Congregation, L. Angeles, Cal. ....	64.30

##### Pension Fund, Misc.:

Congregation, Withee, Wis. ....	1.00
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##### Home Mission:

"In memory of Mrs. P. J. Wyrum," P. J. Wyrum, Alden, Minn. ....	8.50
Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Iowa	10.00
Misc. gifts and subs. to Luth. Tidings .....	7.00
Congregation, Kimballton, Ia., to Canada mission .....	20.00

##### Annual Reports:

Congregation, Grayling, Mich. ....	1.50
Congregation, Detroit, Mich. ....	2.50
Congregation, Chicago, Ill. ....	6.25
Congregation, Clinton, Iowa ..	5.00
Congregation, Hampton, Iowa ....	6.25
Congregation, Bone Lake, Wis. ....	1.00
Congregation, Tyler, Minn. ....	10.50
Congregation, Denmark, Kans. ....	2.00
Congregation, Danevang, Tex. ....	5.00
Congregation, L. Angeles, Cal. ....	5.00

##### Toward president's travel exp.:

Congregation, Junction City, Ore. ....	30.00
Total toward bud. to date--\$	2,887.31

##### Received for items outside Budget:

##### To the Pension Endowment Fund:

Anonymous .....	\$ 137.00
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##### To Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged, (1945) .....	\$ 7,536.11
Congregation, Hartford, Conn. ....	100.00
Congregation, Bridgeport, C. ....	125.57
Congregation, Detroit, Mich. ....	79.00
Congregation, Withee, Wis. ....	54.65
Congregation, Tyler, Minn. ....	733.34
Congregation, Kronborg-Marquette, Nebr. ....	150.00

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Danish Ladies' Aid, Gardner, Ill. ....	10.00
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Total to date (1945) ----\$ 8,788.67

##### Grand View College Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----	\$35,534.79
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andersen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	50.00
Rev. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma, Wash. ....	25.00
James C. Paulsen, Tacoma, Wash. ....	10.00
Jack Nilsen, Salinas, Calif. ....	10.00
Mrs. Andrew Mickelsen, Dwight, Ill. ....	25.00
"Anonymous" .....	137.00
"In memory of Wayne S. Andersen," Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Andersen and Margaret, Des Moines, Ia. ....	50.00
Danish National Committee, Chicago, Ill. 9 .....	55.00
Hans P. Petersen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	5.00
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District I, D. A. Y. P. League convention .....	21.80
Carl L. Christensen, F 1/c U. S. Navy, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	10.00

Total cash to date -----\$36,044.59

**G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Contributions in Bonds: (maturity value)**

Previously acknowledged .....	\$29,125.00
Our Savior's Danish Luth. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	25.00
Miss Doris Rix, Tyler, Minn. ....	25.00
Chr. Christensen, Woodbridge, N. J. ....	25.00
Anton Andersen, Fords, N. J. ....	25.00

Total in bonds to date -----\$29,225.00

**Ebenezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colorado.**

Congregation, Bone Lake, Wis. ....	5.00
Respectfully submitted, OLAF R. JUHL, 4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis, 7, Minn. ....	

P. S.—Correction in the August receipt list:

**Tyler Children's Home:**

The last paragraph in the first column should read, "In memory of Carl Andersen" Tony Pedersen .....	1.00
Mrs. Anna M. Johnson, Tyra Nielsen, and the Andrew C. Andersen, Christ Andersen, Walter Andersen, Ed Ward, Lloyd Fenning, and Prof. Q. L. Wright families .....	25.00
Mrs. Carl Andersen and children .....	10.00

## News Briefs

### WORLD COUNCIL SECRETARY URGES CHURCHES BACK GOVERNMENT RELIEF PLANS (RNS)

Geneva (By Wireless)—Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches here, has called upon all churches to "back governments in relief plans."

Clarifying his attitude toward the UNRRA and the American Red Cross, he said that any criticism he had made of these agencies was meant to make clear that they "do not have enough support to meet the appalling needs about which the churches are concerned."

"No one in Geneva ever visualized government relief efforts as unimportant," he added. "In fact, they are indispensable and should be greatly increased. The World Council is convinced that in view of the immense need only governmental relief is truly adequate."

Voicing appreciation that the American churches have acted to bolster UNRRA appropriations in Congress, Dr. Visser 't Hooft declared the World Council of Churches is clearly aware that its efforts can be only supplementary to government and semi-government activities. "No one dreams of the churches taking over the whole incalculable relief task," he said.

While governments will have to bear the main burden, he said, "the Christian conscience demands that the churches set up an organization to give what additional aid they can where they can."

"The inadequacy of present relief efforts seems obvious here in the center of Europe," he said. "In many areas of Europe the church is almost the only going concern. Because of this chaos, the World Council's resolution empha-

sizes the role of the American church in meeting needs."

Dr. Visser 't Hooft said the churches in America must realize it is not enough merely to collect food and clothing and to send it to a port for shipment. The organization of distribution is a big and complicated task, he stressed, and for this reason such agencies as the International Red Cross were mentioned as possible collaborators in the project.

### NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT TO HAVE RECORD NUMBER OF CLERGYMEN (RNS)

Oslo (By Wireless)—When the new Norwegian Storting (parliament) is convened, its membership of 150 will include a record number of clergymen.

During the past 50 years, only two or three clergymen have been members of the Parliament simultaneously, but 12 pastors have already been nominated to the body since the country's liberation.

Behind this trend, it is believed, is the prestige earned by clergymen for their important role in the resistance movement during the five years of German occupation.

### LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS FESTIVAL OF NATIONS (RNS)

London—A great Festival of Nations, held in crowded Albert Hall, marked the climax of the London Missionary Society's celebration of the 150th anniversary of its founding. Dr. Sidney M. Berry, chairman of the Society, presided and the main address was given by the Rev. Cecil Northcott.

Ceremonies featured a pageant in which the banners of all nations were raised aloft by persons in native costume and then prostrated before a huge cross, flooded with light. At the close, the audience rose to its feet as the organ played and the choir sang Handel's Hallelujah chorus.

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