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Thanksgiving and Praise

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us;
That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.

Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.
The earth hath yielded its increase:

God, even our own God will bless us.
God will bless us;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

—Psalm 67.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

At End of World War II in Grayling Evangelical
Lutheran Church, Grayling, Michigan.

Lord, God and Father of mankind, we are gathered here today to hear Thy word and offer to Thee our humble thanks and praise, that Peace has again come to earth; that our boys and young men are now spared further sacrifices; that our mothers and wives may breathe out in happiness and relief.

Lord and God, we have conquered evil on the field of battle. We have gained the Victory by blood and tears and destruction. Now, we humbly come to Thee, dear heavenly Father, to thank Thee for the protection, which Thou hast afforded us all, through Faith, in Thy blessed name. We pray, that Thou wilt bless our country, and through the Spirit of the blessed Jesus Christ instill in our hearts and in the hearts of all men and women the burning desire to serve Thee, so that we may conquer sin in ourselves and gain the Victory, that shall insure the peace which we have sought at such terrible cost.

Give rest, in Thy blessed peace, dear Lord and Father, to those who bought it with their life and blood. Comfort the bereft and the sorrowful, those whose boys or husbands shall never come back to grace the homes and soothe the lives of parents and wives, whom they so proudly left behind when their country called. Almighty God

we pray, that their lives, built upon the rock of Thy word, may withstand the sorrows and the trials, which the fury of the war has brought upon them.

For the wounded and disabled, dear Father, do we pray, those who shall feel the fury of the storm and the flood for a life-time. Almighty God and Father let a grateful America never forget them, but keep them in hearts and in prayers to our days' end. Grant them, Father in Heaven, the healing influence to body and soul of the restful beauty of Thy nature at peace and let them experience the saving Truth and Peace of Thy blessed word. Speak to them in Thy still, small voice of calm through Thy words in Jesus Christ: "Forgive and you shall be forgiven."—"Believe and you shall have new Life."

We pray also, dear Father and God, for the hidden need and sorrow, which is now found in human breasts, throughout the world of men, where the fury of the storm struck, and where the house fell with a great fall.

And for all of us here present, we pray, that Thy word may now and forevermore be our stay in life, and the rock upon which it is built.—Amen.

Svend Holm.



Our Youth in U. S. Service *



Alden, Minn., 47 young men.
 Askov, Minn., 114 young men, 5 WACS and 1 nurse.
 Badger, So. Dak., 22 young men, 1 WAC.
 Bone Lake, Wis., 10 young men.
 Bridgeport, Conn., 29 young men, 1 WAC, 1 nurse.
 Bronx, N. Y., 8 young men, 1 Wave, 1 nurse.
 Brooklyn, N. Y., 62 young men, 2 WAVES.
 Brush, Colo., 27 young men, 1 WAC, 1 cadet nurse, 1 Red Cross worker.
 Cedar Falls, Iowa, 80 young men, 1 WAVE, 2 nurses.
 Chicago, St. Stephen's, 26 men and 1 Marine.
 Chicago, Trinity, 63 young men, 1 Red Cross worker.
 Clinton, Iowa, 15 young men.
 Cordova, Nebr., 22 young men.
 Cozard, Nebr., 17 young men, 1 nurse.
 Dagmar and Volmer, Mont., 26 young men.
 Danevang, Texas—73 young men, 9 young women, 1 Gold Star.
 Davey, Nebr.—16 young men.
 Des Moines, Iowa, 41 young men, 1 nurse.
 Detroit, Mich., 64 young men, 1 nurse.
 Diamond Lake, Minn., 22 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE.
 Dwight, Ill.—64 young men, 1 WAC, 3 Cadet Nurses, 1 Chaplain, 1 Gold Star.
 Easton, Calif., 15 young men.

Enumclaw, Wash., 36 young men, 2 cadet nurses.
 Exira, Iowa, 10 young men, 1 WAC.
 Fredsville, Iowa—52 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 Nurse, 3 Cadet Nurses, 1 Gold Star.
 Gardner, Ill., 6 young men.
 Gayville, S. D.—15 young men.
 Granly, Miss., 13 young men, 1 WAC, 1 WAVE, 1 nurse.
 Grant, Mich., 12 young men.
 Grayling, Mich., 11 young men.
 Greenville, Mich., 77 young men, 1 WAVE, 3 nurses.
 Hampton, Iowa, 14 young men, 1 WAC.
 Hartford, Conn., 41 young men, 2 WAVES.
 Hetland-Badger, S. D., 19 young men.
 Juhl, Mich., 16 young men.
 Junction City, Ore., 36 young men, 2 WAVES, 1 nurse.
 Kimballton, Iowa—86 young men, 5 nurses.
 Kronborg, Nebr., 30 young men, 1 nurse.
 Lake City, S. D., 5 young men.
 Los Angeles, Calif., 31 young men.
 Ludington, Mich., 46 young men, 1 chaplain.
 Manistee, Mich., 14 young men, 1 chaplain.
 Marinette, Menominee, Mich., 21 young men.
 Minneapolis, Minn., 48 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Muskegon, Mich.—41 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 Nurse.

Nysted, Nebr., 18 young men, 2 young women.
 Newell, Iowa, 69 young men, 2 nurses, 3 cadet nurses.
 Oak Hill, Iowa, 25 young men.
 Omaha, Nebr., 39 young men, 1 nurse, 1 SPAR, 2 Cadet nurses, 1 Gold Star.
 Pasadena, Calif., 8 young men.
 Perth Amboy, N. J., 51 young men, 1 WAVE, 1 Cadet nurse.
 Portland, Me., 24 young men.
 Racine, Wis., 58 young men, 1 WAC, 2 WAVES, 1 chaplain.
 Ringsted, Iowa, 58 young men, 1 WAVE.
 Rosenborg, Nebr., 15 young men.
 Ruthton, Minn., 30 young men, 1 nurse, 1 Spar.
 Salinas, Calif., 25 young men.
 Seattle, Wash., 67 young men, 1 nurse.
 Solvang, Calif., 50 young men, 4 young women.
 Tacoma, Wash., 26 young men.
 Troy, N. Y., 46 young men, 3 WAVES, 1 Gold Star.
 Tyler, Minn., 130 young men, 1 nurse.
 Viborg, So. Dak., 29 young men, 1 Navy nurse.
 Victory, Mich., 13 young men.
 Waterloo, Iowa, 52 young men, 1 Spar, 1 nurse.
 West Denmark, Wis., 30 young men.
 White, S. D., 3 young men.
 Wilbur, Wash., 17 young men.
 Withee, Wis., 51 young men, 1 WAC, 1 Cadet nurse.

Total: 2474 young men, 91 women, 4 chaplains.

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

We recommend that the number given us be for **all** who are in service or have been in service (whether discharged or also listed as Gold Star).

Thanksgiving Day, 1945

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

—Psalm 116, 12—14.

Thanksgiving Day will mean more to millions of homes throughout our nation, yes in all parts of the world, than ever before. Our hearts are full of thankfulness and joy that the dark clouds of warfare have disappeared. Many of our youth have returned to our homes and our churches. And although there are still many who may not be able to return for some time, yet parents, wives, sisters, etc., are no longer tortured with the terrible anxieties for the safety of their dear ones.

This is a day of national thanksgiving. We invite our readers to join in a spirit of THANKSGIVING to God for each one of our youth who returned safely. Undoubtedly the services in our many churches will be centered on the many special reasons we have as a people and a nation for observing Thanksgiving Day this year.

We have chosen two articles which we are happy to give a place with the Honor Roll of Service for our synod. Over 2,500 of our youth were in the service. May God in His Grace give us wisdom and spiritual alertness as we extend a hand of "Welcome Home" to each one of those who were permitted to return.—For those who did not return, we extend a hand of sympathy to parents and relatives. May we dedicate ourselves in Christian fellowship and living, that they shall not have died in vain.

A Father Greets His Son in Service

September 1, 1945.

Dear Son:

Six years ago today on a Sunday morning, we were sitting in our living room when the radio brought us the electrifying news that the world was at war once more. Hitler had marched into Poland with his mighty army. The British liner, *Athenia*, had been sunk in the North Atlantic. The French army was lined up west of the Maginot Line. The Russians had entered into a non-aggression treaty with the Germans. The United States was neutral, although we must have known that if Great Britain should lose this war we would be next in the German scheme of world conquest. Some of our extreme isolationists were telling us that if the rest of the world wanted to fight it certainly did not need to be any of our business. They overlooked that distances in this day and age are short—that if Germany should become the military master of Europe, it would soon gain control, directly or indirectly, of our Latin American neighboring nations and would be in a position to put the squeeze play on us—especially with the help of Japan from the West.

My son, I hate war. In my younger days I was classified as a pacifist. I still feel that all decent people must abhor war. I also feel that if ever a nation had good reason to go to war, the United States had such good reason in this instance. I shall not attempt a long thesis on liberty and freedom and patriotic flag waving. That stuff is overdone anyway. Even in our internal affairs in this country we have a great deal to accomplish—or to learn—before many of our people will understand and realize what real freedom, equality, and brotherhood mean. We have millions of people who live in poverty and who know only the slums of our cities or the bare existence of sharecroppers in the South. We preach equality but we do not practice it in our attitude toward the Negroes. We feel superior toward other people who happen to have skin of a different color.

Nevertheless, with all our faults, we would not want to trade our democracy, our way of life, all the things we love in life, for any totalitarian system. Our system may have its faults, but it is our system and we want to keep it, and we want to be free to improve on it as we as a nation journey through history. If weaker people and smaller nations are being trod upon by the next door neighbor bully, we must come to their assistance. If all decency in the world is being attacked

by the perverted minds of arrogant leaders in other nations, then we must come to its rescue.

We know that the war with Japan is now over and that the world at least technically is at peace again. In just a little while we expect our President, who is a man elected by the people and not a self-appointed dictator, to tell us over the radio that the Japanese signatures have been affixed to the surrender documents aboard the *Missouri*, and that the V-J Day we started to celebrate on the 14th of August now is a reality.

Our hearts on this occasion are overflowing with thankfulness. War is not made by God but by man against His will. During the first World War it used to amuse me to see how all the different nations at war would proclaim that: "God is with us." How could He be? God would never be a party to the killing or maiming of His children, regardless of which side they happen to be on. I would rather believe that He has other ways and means of making His influence felt. We know that He is against all forms of evil and that He stands for justice and love among men, and somehow He guides the steps of humanity. May He now help us that the peace we have won at the cost of many lives and much suffering may be used right. Let us not be arrogant as the victors of this war. May we eventually remove the hate for the enemy from our hearts. May we—all the Allied Nations—give the world leadership toward right and justice.

And then we are thankful that your life was preserved. We are thankful for ALL the boys whose lives were preserved. May the Lord be with and comfort the parents, the wives, the children, the sweethearts—yes, all the loved ones of the ones who made the supreme sacrifice. We pray that they may not have died in vain—that the future peace of the world will be a lasting one and of such quality that even the loved ones who were left behind can feel that it was worth the price.

I have many other things I could write to you about; but this letter is written to convey to you, my boy, my thoughts at the conclusion of the war. All other subjects shall be left out for another letter which I hope to write to you very soon.

Lots of love—and "Thank you,"

Your Dad.
(Olaf R. Juhl)

Our Boys Come Back

To all our boys in uniform, "Welcome home!" It is wonderful to see you again. Naturally our thoughts have been with you. We have had many moments of anxiety during these past years knowing that you were out there somewhere in the thick of battle. You were our boys; this is your home, it is your community.

You are still our boys—boys who have become men while you were gone. We notice this change almost immediately as we talk to you. You have been out

where you could not go home as you please, you have had to learn, to act and think for yourselves. Your environment has been very different from ours on the home front. Your views on many things will differ from ours because your perspective has been different. We who are older than you would do well if we could learn to listen more and speak less when we are with you.

But you are still our boys. And it is significant to

me that you feel that this is home and that this is your community. It is a joy to see you so very, very happy to be back. It is great to hear from so many of you the words expressing no spot on earth equal to this. That is, after all, taking in quite a territory. Furthermore, it is good to hear you say that you want to make this your home.

I wonder if the real meaning of home and community ever occurred to you before you were forced to be away from it? I wonder if most of us here at home in our restless dissatisfaction realize the importance of being rooted to some definite spot on earth? Does it occur to us as we fly hither and thither seeking better pay checks, more thrills, and other spots of beauty that we do belong to a certain spot on earth, that there is none like it, and that to run away from that spot is like pulling a plant up by the roots? Such a plant will die unless it is planted in new and nourishing soil with a general environment natural to it. The same is true concerning an uprooted people. There are so many things which belong to us which we do not realize before we get away from them.

There is, first of all, the old home. Funny how we once couldn't stay home for an evening and suddenly one can wish that there was no other place to go. The old furniture, the stove, the cob-box, and the pictures on the walls which all seemed so unimportant suddenly flash back in our minds with endearing charms. Loved ones come to stand in living images in our minds, one recalls those moments that seemed sacred. We come to think of family gatherings, conversations, parties, and the old, familiar songs—all these were more important than we realized.

There is the old town—we thought it was too tame and too common. But how the old town can look good to one when he has been out in the world. Somehow the vices which we have seen elsewhere and which did not bother us, we feel do not belong to the old home town. We want to find it good. We greet the old familiar faces. The merchants still hanging on look like kings. Where we once grumbled about things that we thought should be in our town, we

now find things which always had been there but had never been discovered by us.

And there is the old church. Perhaps we did not go there so often. But suddenly we may discover that it had been good to be there. If someone sends a picture of the old church we think of our confirmation, or of the feeling of having worshipped together with the community to which we belonged.

We can come back to the old community and find the same creeks, ponds, and hills. Most of the trees are there. Only the people seem to have changed. One looks for old faces—in vain—and faces of children eye us with curiosity. All this and much more belong to home. Is it a wonder that we miss it when we become severed from it? Therefore, it is good that you who now are returning feel as you do. It shows that your community has been good and has given you something. It is good to hear that you love it so much that you wish to live here.

Let me then add, "MAKE IT YOUR HOME AND YOUR COMMUNITY." Make it the dearest spot on American soil, one which does justice to all that is good and noble in the American people. Make it a place where freedom may ring. Make it a place for growth, don't be satisfied entirely with the patterns already established. Let the whole community feel that you want to build this, your community and ours, to greater heights than any hitherto attained. Let it become so dear to you that you will defy any power within or outside our nation which tries to take it away from you or attempts to cheapen the standards which you have set for it. For this is your spot on earth, this is your soil, this is your people. Here you are to use those talents which God has given to you to enrichen your life, the life of your community and the life of America. America's future will reflect how much or how little the word "home" means to us. If ten million of our young men have truly sensed the meaning of home there is a new day for America which will be the dream of those pioneers who first conceived the thought of a home on American soil.

Harold Petersen.

—From "Church Bulletin."

Minutes of the Annual Convention of District One of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church of America

at Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 5—7, 1945

This year, the 46th in the history of District One, we were the guests of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Brooklyn. Since our conventions are not mainly business sessions, but include lectures, song services,

inspirational services, worship services, etc., the secretary's report must cover the entire convention. For convenience this report will cover: FIRST: THE BUSINESS SESSIONS, and SECONDLY: THE RELIGIOUS and Social meetings.

The District president, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., called the business meeting to order Saturday morning, October 6, at 9:30. He presented the agenda for the meeting, and it was voted to follow it in the order read:

The following delegates were present:

From Our Savior's Church, Brooklyn: Thormod Jensen, Mrs. Elisa Bertelsen, Otto Leth, Chris Winther, Mrs. Gerda Rasmussen.

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From **Trinity Church, Bronx:** Mr. and Mrs. H. Thiel, Mrs. M. Reiverts.

From **St. Peter's Church, Port Chester:** A. Meillingaard, Carl Jensen.

From **Bethesda Church, Newark:** G. Nyborg, A. Thorp.

From **Immanuel Church, Troy:** Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Beck.

From **Our Savior's Church, Hartford:** P. A. Hansen, Mrs. Ellen Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brylle, Mrs. O. W. Pieper.

From **St. Stephen's Church, Perth Amboy:** Mr. and Mrs. Reinert Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gylling, Mrs. Anton Nielsen, Mrs. Marie Jensen, Wilbur Jensen, Miss Marie Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Gade, Mrs. Skaldborg Nielsen.

From **St. Ansgar's Church, Portland:** Mrs. B. L. Luja, Mrs. Ole Mikkelsen.

From **Our Savior's Church, Bridgeport:** Mrs. Kamma Christensen, E. Vendelboe Nielsen, Miss Esther Nielsen, Viggo Nielsen, Mrs. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr.

Other voting members: Axel Olsen, treasurer of the Children's Fund; Marius Andersen, District treasurer.

Pastors present: A. Th. Dorf, A. J. Tarpgaard, A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., John Pedersen, Ove Nielsen, James N. Lund. Total voting members: 51.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., and Rev. James N. Lund were elected as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the business sessions.

The minutes of the Bridgeport convention were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read, showing balance from last year of \$422.35, and receipts for the current year of \$340.95, and expenditures of 363.31, leaving a balance in the treasury as of October 6: \$388.49. The report, audited by Otto Leth and T. Jensen, was accepted.

The treasurer explained the circumstances in connection with the traveling expenses of our junior delegate to the synodical convention. Motion was made and carried that the bill be allowed in full.

The District president's report was referred to a committee of three appointed by the chairman: Rev. John Pedersen, Viggo Nielsen and H. Gade.

The draft of a new constitution for the District was presented by Rev. Kildegaard, Sr. Upon motion a committee of three was appointed by the chair to study this and present their recommendations at the next business session. Appointed were Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., B. Brylle and A. Torp.

Axel Olsen, treasurer of the Danish Children's Home Fund, presented his report, as found on page 43-44 of the 1945 Synodical Convention report. The fund now stands at \$21,729.75, with a balance of \$606.35 in the interest account. Needy Danish children in the District may receive help from this fund by applying to some pastor of the District.

Rev. Dorf gave an informal report on the work of the Seamen's Mission, and giving a little recent history of the mission. Some years ago \$5,000 was set aside to equip a room for Danish seamen at the Seamen's Church Institute building—the room to be known as the "King Christian the 10th Room." A committee

consisting of representatives administers this room and the funds for carrying on the program. It costs about \$400.00 per month to carry on the work. No religious services are conducted in the room; the activities are of a social nature.

Upon motion a committee of three was appointed by the chair to confer with Pastor Dorf and Rev. Alfred Jensen about the work of the Seamen's Mission, and report back to the next session of our convention. Committee consisted of: Rev. Ove Nielsen, E. Vendelboe Nielsen and Thormod Jensen.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Love From God on High." Our president read a letter from the president of our Synod's Pension Fund, thanking our congregations for their support the past year, and appealing for our continued support and interest. Upon motion our secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and assure Pastor Frost, the Fund's president, of our cooperation.

Viggo Nielsen, our District delegate to the Synodical Convention, gave an extensive report on the decisions of the June Convention, which was held at Medicine Lake, near Minneapolis, Minn.

Wilbur Jensen, our "Junior Delegate" to the same convention gave his report, together with suggestions on what our congregations can do to stimulate interest in the "junior delegate" idea.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., our clerical delegate to the same convention, presented his report.

The report of the committee on the president's report was read and acted on point by point. The following motions were adopted:

1. We are happy to note that the District president has visited all the congregations. We suggest that he confer with the pastor of each church to determine in advance the most favorable time for his visit, and if possible arrange his itinerary accordingly.
2. We rejoice with our District president that the congregations in the East for once have met their obligations to the Synod. Now that we know we CAN do it, let us never fall back. It is encouraging to note the many improvements in the various congregations.
3. In reference to the V-E and V-J services of thanksgiving, we feel that this is only the beginning of the responsibilities of our Churches to our returning service men and women. We recommend that sometime during our convention opportunity be given for discussion of what we can do for them.
4. We recommend that all the congregations in the District do their utmost to send representatives to our synodical conventions.
5. During the war years the work of our Danish American Young People's League has suffered, or come to a stop. The present DAYPL committee, (Thormod Jensen and Miss Esther Nielsen), is urged to try to get things going again, and to plan for a summer camp, as was decided at our Bridgeport convention.
6. We vote our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Dorf for his great work in the Church, the Seamen's Mission and other activities. We hope he will be able to continue until his successor arrives.
7. We regret that Hartford is without a pastor again, and hope that our church there may soon secure another minister.
8. Shortly after Rev. Sven Baden's resignation (for reasons stated in our annual convention report) the Perth Amboy congregation sent a letter of call to Rev. Ove Nielsen of Enumclaw, Wash. He accepted and was installed there

by the District president March 4, this year. He and family were welcomed there and the work at St. Stephens Church now seems to be well in hand and carried on as it should be. The convention gave Rev. Nielsen a vote of welcome.

9. We are glad that Pastor Kildegard, Sr., is well enough to serve the Newark Church until the church may secure a resident pastor.
10. A rising vote of thanks was given to Axel Olsen for his work on the board of the Danish Children's Fund.

It was moved and carried:

1. That we rescind the motions made at the morning session relative to the proposed new District Convention.
2. That the chair appoint a committee of 3 to 5 to work out a constitution and submit same to our congregations in the near future.

(Thormod Jensen and Rev. James N. Lund were added to the committee appointed at the morning session).

The following report of the committee on the Seamen's Mission was accepted:

"The committee finds that the Seamen's Mission is incorporated under State of New York laws, and its By-Laws approved by the Synod. The committee further finds that the "Seamen's Room, Inc., is incorporated according to the State of New York laws and that two of the directors are members of the Seamen's Mission board of directors and that all property belonging to the "Seamen's Room, Inc., shall, in case of the dissolution of the "Seamen's Room, Inc., or the discontinuance of its activities at its present location, belong to the Seamen's Mission. The committee recommends a regular religious program for the Seamen's Mission. (Signed: Ove R. Nielsen, T. Jensen, E. Vendelboe Nielsen).

Our synodical president, Rev. Alfred Jensen, reported on the Lutheran World Action Appeal for 1945—that, to date our District has paid only 53% of its quota, whereas in the Synod as a whole 85% has been paid. He appealed for our more generous support of the next L. W. A. campaign, for the Lutheran churches of Europe are in desperate need of our help. A budget of \$5,000,000 has been planned for 1946 and 1947. The meeting adjourned for supper.

The evening session opened with the singing of "Come Ye Thankful People, Come." Viggo Nielsen, chairman in our District of the Grand View College Jubilee Fund, reported on the progress made.

Last year's resolution pertaining to the work at Port Chester, and recommending that a survey of the field be made, was taken up for discussion. The delegates from Port Chester Church were requested to bring the matter before their congregation and the District will await their recommendation.

Upon vote it was decided that our District delegates to the annual convention of the Synod be allowed only coach fare both ways, and that the delegates elected be informed to this effect, and that the fare shall be paid in advance.

It was decided to send one junior and one senior delegate to the 1946 convention, and that the junior delegate be selected as last year. Mrs. Elisa Bertelsen of the Brooklyn church was elected as our senior

delegate. If she is unable to attend the Brooklyn church shall elect an alternate. Rev. James N. Lund was elected as the District's clerical delegate.

Invitation from the Hartford Church to hold our next District convention there, was accepted with thanks.

The business session adjourned at 8:30 with the singing of "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

The following officers of the District Board were elected: Rev. A. C. Kildegard, president; Rev. James N. Lund, vice-president-secretary; Marius Andersen, treasurer.

GLEANINGS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES

There is a business side to every church organization. At the end of the year we check up on the past, and make plans for the future. These business meetings may become quite technical, and give us little inspiration and momentum. But they are part of the orderly carrying on of the work of God's Kingdom.

But it is through our fellowship in the religious services, and also through our social fellowship, that light and truth and power, and other blessings from God are brought to our hearts.

The message at the opening meeting of the convention was on Acts. 26: Paul's word to King Agrippa: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." The Heavenly Vision and the Earthly Task must go hand in hand in our lives, as they did in Paul's, if we are to accomplish anything for God. The soul's constantly renewed vision of God in the risen Christ, and the vision of a world saved from sin.

At the Saturday morning devotions Pastor Dorf spoke on Modern Views of the Bible—reading at length from one of Kai Munks books, by way of illustration. Only when we bring Paul, and other writers of the Bible down to their human level, and see their writings as HUMAN experiences, can we understand the Scriptures.

The Saturday evening meeting was in the nature of a song service, at which a number of translations of Danish folk songs and lyrics were sung. Rev. Ove Nielsen of Perth Amboy brought the message.

Rev. A. C. Kildegard, Jr., preached on the Gospel for the day at the English Service at 9:30, and Rev. John Pedersen at the Danish Service at 11.

Dinner was served at the Danish Athletic Club. At the Sunday afternoon meeting, Rev. Alfred Jensen gave a historical analysis of the church work of our Synod, comparing the means and methods and organizations of earlier days with those of the present and emphasizing the need of greater home mission efforts.

(To be continued in next issue)

Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Education for Grand View College met at Grand View College on October 23 and 24, 1945. All members of the board were present as well as President Knudsen. Mr. Wm. Ingemann, architect, met with the board the first day of the meeting.

Mr. Ingemann presented a revised plan for the exterior of the proposed new women's dormitory. It was unanimously accepted. We hope that the new plan will meet with the

approval of the membership of our church. We have endeavored to carry out the wish of the convention in this respect. The floor plan for the interior of the women's dormitory remains unchanged.

Acceptance of the floor plan of the proposed new science wing and of the plans for remodeling of the old main building was postponed pending a few possible minor changes.

Due to the very unstable conditions in regard to prices, materials and labor, Mr. Ingemann thought it inadvisable to attempt to procure bids for the present. Perhaps by next spring we will see things more settled. At that time we will also be nearer the completion of the Jubilee Fund Drive and, therefore, know more definitely what funds will be available for the building project.

It was generally agreed that our building program will not get underway until after the next annual convention, but at that time we should be able to go ahead with our plans.

The whole building program ties in with our plans for the expansion of the Junior College curriculum as well as the Church Leadership Course, as outlined and discussed by President Knudsen in the report entitled, "The Future Grand View College." This report, it will be remembered, was distributed at the last annual convention. The Board of Education spent the afternoon in making a closer study of the needs of our college, but in regard to additional courses as well as additions to the college faculty in order to meet the needs of a program of expansion along the lines already outlined in the various reports and the Jubilee Fund literature. The result of our deliberation was that at the request of President Knudsen, an advisory committee to the president on these matters was to be appointed by the chairman of the Board of Education. A committee of three was appointed, namely, Rev. Alfred Jensen, Mr. Jens Thuesen and Dean Alfred C. Nielsen.

The Board recommended that a Pastor's Institute be held again this coming spring. The time is to be set by President Knudsen in consultation with the faculty.

The appointment of Mr. Erling Jensen, Des Moines, as auditor of the monthly financial report of the college was approved. Mr. Jensen replaces Mr. Lind Jorgensen who has served in this capacity for several years and resigned upon leaving for California. We want to thank Mr. Jorgensen for his fine services. Mr. Carl Olsen and Mr. Erling Jensen are now the auditors. Mr. Olsen has served for several years. We are grateful to these men for their services.

The financial and academic reports presented by President Knudsen were studied and discussed.

Extensive repairs have been made on the chimney of the college. General repairs and improvements have also been made both in the college building and in two of the faculty residences.

The board of examiners met with the seminary faculty Tuesday evening. Two senior seminary students, Thorvald Hansen and Einar Anderson, will graduate at the end of the current semester. Gudmond Petersen will graduate in May.

It is always a pleasure to meet the student body and get acquainted with the group. Again it can be said that a fine group of young people is attending Grand View College. It is good to see them at their work and to mingle with them. We send our best regards to the student body and to President Knudsen, the faculty and the personnel at Grand View. It is our sincere hope that the people of our church, more and more, will come to appreciate what a privilege it is to support the work at our college in Des Moines. As we succeed there we shall also succeed in the wider field of our land and of our people.

The greatest need of our time is that of genuine human relationship at home and abroad. The people of our college know this. May their efforts be blessed as they send forth our youth to the task of the day.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held at G. V. C. February 12 and 13, 1946.

Ottar S. Jorgensen.

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.

Pension Fund Sunday Offering

Perhaps it might be well if a few lines were inserted in our papers calling attention to the work of the Pension Fund, though letters have been mailed to all the district conventions in our synod. Whether the delegates and the pastors bring this message on to the church members, I do not know.

According to the rules of the Pension Fund it is requested that all our congregations receive an offering or a collection at the church service on the first Sunday in November for the Pension Fund cause. When I have refrained from calling your attention to this rule as in former years during the month of October, it is because of the request of the Grand View Jubilee committee for an offering on Sunday, October 21, having sent out a letter and an envelope to every member for that cause. Too many collections within two weeks can become too much of a good thing.

But these offerings or collections from the congregations we must not neglect, if we are to meet our obligations to the pensioned pastors and widows. At present 13 widows and 5 couples are receiving pensions from our Pension Fund. After New Year we apparently will have a few more pensioners. Therefore, we will need as much as last year at least in order to pay the pension of \$250 promised them by the annual convention. Fortunately we have a good support in the returns from the Pension Endowment Fund and from the pastors we are also receiving more than in former years.

I would therefore suggest to those congregations where no collection was received on the first Sunday in November and no provision has been made in their budget for their contribution to this cause, that an offering or collection be received on the first Sunday in December. After New Year there will be the ingathering of funds for the Synod and later for the Lutheran World Action, which in the coming year will require more of all Lutherans in our country than ever before. So let us get this collection to the Pension Fund aside before Christmas. Gifts are gladly received from our Ladies' Aids and similar organizations.

So far as we know, the three pastors' widows in Denmark, entitled to a pension, are living. Our treasurer is at present cashing in war bonds into which their pensions were put during the war years. We are exceedingly happy that we now have these funds and can send them as soon as possible. Undoubtedly these funds will bring double enjoyment to them just before the Christmas holidays.

It would be a pleasure indeed if we might find the names of all our congregations listed in the treasurer's report of collections for the Pension Fund in the next year's annual report, though some of the smaller congregations do not feel they can give very much. In our Synod we have always reckoned with the small gifts and appreciated these as well as the larger gifts. So let all congregations try to do their best this year on the first Sunday in December or some other Sunday more suitable to local conditions and programs.

A. E. Frost.



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TO OUR YOUTH

The Beauty of Character

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow," said Christ at one time to his disciples, "they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." The purpose of drawing attention for a few moments to these beautifully spoken words of the Master is not now to draw the conclusion with Him that we should have no care for the morrow. It is rather to note that Christ had an appreciative eye for beauty. That is one of the reasons why we sing: "Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man." The principal reason, however, for speaking of Him as beautiful is this that His every act and word are the expressions of a beautifully integrated personality. Christ was good, he was true, and for that very reason He was beautiful.

The breakdown of character is one of the principal complaints of our age, and a sore spot it is. When, however, one mentions improvement of character, he frequently has the feeling that he is broaching something concerning which people readily become impatient. Possibly the reason for this may be that we very often associate improvement of character with unwonted advice and moral preachments. Since we so commonly become restive during moral preachments and resist advice, it is very easy to jump to the conclusion that moral improvement itself is an unpleasant task. What a pity that it may so appear to us, because, really, there is nothing else more interesting, more appealing, or, for that matter, more important than building the human temple, which may, moreover, become the living temple of the Lord.

Our reaction against moral improvement, aside from genuine perverseness of nature, may spring from a detestation of busybodies, though one rather suspects that a more potent reason is the narrow and negative manner in which the subject is often viewed. Among many Protestants, at all events, it would seem that as soon as anything becomes attractive it is held suspect. Among some of the Christian sects, indeed, this attitude is carried to the extreme that when, for example, a man and his wife are converted thereto, he takes to wearing round, black hats and lets his whiskers grow so long that they gently augment the sighing of the passing breeze, while she dresses in distressingly plain clothes and does up her hair in a knot set remarkably tight as if it were a noose drawn about the wily neck of Satan. If it is true, as no doubt it is, that God looks to the heart of man, one wonders why it should be worth the while to make the exterior so thoroughly unattractive.

Others there are who, while doing nothing to render their exterior unattractive, yet refuse to believe that anything beautiful may be found along the difficult

pathways of life. No roses, it would seem, can bloom on the thorny way. Let us never forget when looking for roses that they grow on bushes of thorn. Many have found them there. And these roses, as well as the lilies of the field and many another flower that blooms in this world, are so extraordinarily beautiful that it hurts almost to behold them. So great is their beauty that one is tempted to say that there is nothing else more beautiful. However, we must not forget that the crown of creation is not the plants or the beasts of the field. In all humility we may say that the apex of God's creation is man himself. The most beautiful thing in the world is a good child, a good woman, or a good man.

Wherein does the beauty of man consist? First of all, it is not something that merely adheres. To say exactly wherein the essence of beauty lies may be difficult enough. One common quality is, however, extant in all forms of beauty, namely that which is fitting and harmonious. Harmony, unity, coherence are to be found here. Nothing is out of place. It is like a lovely poem that sings itself even before the composer of melodies sets his hand thereto. All parts are integrated.

Integrated is the word; the parts of anything beautiful are so bound together as to make a perfect whole. Character study reveals that any good character has integrity. Integrity refers to honesty, reliability; but it means even more. Anyone who has a strong character will find that his characteristics are firmly bound together by a living principle or purpose. A good man or woman is not merely one who does this or that: who succors the wounded, who feeds the hungry, or who gives the thirsty to drink. Though he does all of these things, they are but the outward expression of the integration or purpose of which his personality is made up. The Apostle Paul at one time said of himself, "For me to live is Christ." About that focal point revolved his every word and act as an apostle.

Genuine beauty, then, is more than skin deep. It is an integral part of the good and the true. Beauty and integrity are one. Character in the very nature of the case is attractive. Its cultivation is exciting and most important. Let us permit the Savior not only to be our prototype, but to be the moving, integrating principle of our being. Then these our frail human lives, so often with sorrow laden, may indeed be fair. Like richly beautiful hymns they will sing the praises of the eternal God.

A. C. Ammentorp.

A New Danebod Folk School

During the last two years I have lectured in many communities on the subject, "The Future of the Folk School in America." The response has been gratifying.



I have met in many places a deep-rooted desire for a school, or a meeting place, where we might gather to enrich and deepen our folk life, spiritually as well as culturally.

In this connection, Danebod Folk School has often been mentioned; and the demand for its re-opening has been so insistent that the time has come when we must begin to act.

At a meeting of Danebod Folk School Association in the old Stone hall at Tyler, October 11, these plans and demands were discussed. The meeting unanimously gave the board authority to put the building in condition so that it can be used again as a folk school.

Is it possible, then, for the folk school to thrive in America?

To many, it would seem that reality has decided the issue long ago; every one of our folk schools has been closed down, or is used for other purposes than originally intended. But that's too easy an answer. In spite of all, I am not ready to concede that our folk schools have failed, and that they can not thrive in American soil.

The folk schools served a useful purpose among the immigrants and their children. They failed when we lost the deep-rooted kinship with Denmark's cultural and spiritual life, and when we had not as yet established firm roots in the new soil of America.

We are beginning to see, I think, that a folk school cannot survive transplanting. Nor is it a hothouse plant. It must grow freely and naturally out of our own native soil.

In that way Mrs. Campbell began her school in North Carolina. She made no attempt to copy the Danish pattern. She studied the folk schools of Denmark thoroughly, but her adaptation of it was as American as baseball and chewing gum. She asked, what is the need of our community? and then she tried to fulfill that need. It was in that way Myles Horton began his Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, and David Sonquist in Michigan.

The above examples should suffice to illustrate that the folk school in America is not a far-fetched vision which might be realized in the distant future; it is here already, and has amply demonstrated not only that there is need for it, but that it is possible.

When, two years ago, I arrived in Tyler and saw the ruins of the once proud Danebod folk school building I had all but given up hope that it would ever be used again. So had many others;—so many in fact, that we suggested turning it over to the synod as an old people's home. But the synod was not anxious to accept it; and for that I am glad now; for it appeared shortly that the dream of the folk school was not dead.

I spoke at a harvest festival two years ago about the poetry and the many songs born out of the soil of Denmark; songs dealing with the common tasks of the farmer: plowing, seeding, harvesting; and it struck me as never before what a valuable thing the folk school had done for the Danish peasant in this, that it had taught him "to sing behind the plow." It not only gave him the songs; but it made him lift his head; it fostered in him a new attitude toward the soil so that he wanted to sing!

There was the need—in our own terms; for we do

not sing behind the plow. We are much more apt to swear underneath the tractor!

I've read somewhere that 40% of our young people in rural America have drifted to the big cities during the last fifty years. That's an alarming fact, but who will blame them?

Rural living in America has not in the past been very attractive. Work on the farms has often meant long hours and little pay. Economic conditions have been unstable, and life on the whole has been drab and wearisome. Our small towns have been ugly and prosaic. "Main Street" is still very much with us. Is it any wonder that our young people flocked to the cities? There were not only bright lights; but there were shorter hours and easier work at higher pay. There was a future; and perhaps also culture and, at least, leisure and entertainment. There has been nothing to sing about in rural America; that's why we haven't developed songs and poems dealing with rural life.

But what if we helped to build a school where our young people could learn to sing,

"My country's skies are bluer than the ocean—"

What if we pooled our resources and lived into their consciousness a new attitude toward the soil? At the present time, farming is but a way of making a living, and often a poor one at that; what if we could help our young people to make it a way of life? Grundtvig and Kold helped the Danish youth to love their land and people. How desperately we need a patriotism which goes deeper than flag-waving; one that begins in the community and ends by embracing the whole world.

But will the young people come?

I don't know. But they will not come until they are called. They came, in Germany, when Hitler called, and in Italy when Mussolini beckoned. If none but the Devil and his henchmen can gather the young, then God have mercy on us!

But I believe in our young people; and in our country and the American people. I contend, however, that our future depends to a large extent on our attitude toward the soil. If this nation is to achieve the goals of which our founding fathers dreamed; if we are to realize "the American Dream," then we must learn to be rooted in our communities, and love them.

In this process, I believe a school such as Danebod could play an important part. The meeting mentioned above was aware not only of the ideals and goals to be reached in the future; but of the immediate needs in our own community, and that is of course where the school must begin. Consequently, the plan adopted was this:

We hope before next summer to have renovated the lecture hall and the two adjoining class rooms, the living rooms on the first floor, the kitchen, and the dining hall. We need these facilities ourselves, and we shall be able also to serve a larger group when we meet the young people from all over the land at the D.A.Y.P.L. convention here next summer. Then, if the need is there, we intend later to renovate the dormitory rooms so that we may be able to use the whole school and house our guests.

We believe that the school could serve in the following manner:

1. Summer school for children. It is true that many churches conduct their own congregational schools, but in many instances these are but brief "Bible schools." I believe that many parents would welcome a place where they could send their children for a month, or six weeks; and where they would learn to sing our rich folk songs and learn to listen. Mr. Viggo Tarnow at Solvang and Rev. Alfred Sorensen at Seattle have conducted such schools for several years.

2. Junior Camp. We have no intention of competing with Grand View College, but our synod school has its hands full. Already, it has become necessary to divide the campers there into two groups. But we should have junior camps many other places. We certainly need one here in the Northwest.

3. Young People's Camp. Once we had a successful camp at West Denmark. I wonder what happened to it. The need is still there. At Nysted, they are preparing to use the school as a summer camp. I should prefer to have the young people for three months, but experience has proven that this is impossible, and in that event let us be glad to have them meet for a week or two.

4. Older Groups. At many of our schools we used to have "Koneskoler." I don't like the idea of leaving out the men. I have met many who would welcome a place where we could meet for lectures and singing and discussions, and where the living word was allowed to rule.

So far, I have mentioned only activities that concern our own groups. Naturally, our sphere of influence must extend beyond that. We don't want to isolate ourselves. A folk school must necessarily begin with the community, but it must not end there.

I have corresponded with not a few leaders in education and rural life movements. Many of them are interested in our school and would welcome its re-opening. I see no reason why we couldn't work hand in hand with the cooperative movement. "Farmers Union" has approached me and assured me of their willingness to work with us. We could have leadership courses in recreation and folk dancing with emphasis on the cultural values that we have inherited. In short, the school should serve as a center for all groups and organizations whose purpose is to enrich and deepen the spiritual and cultural phases of rural living. It should help to foster and develop the folk spirit in our rural communities so that our young people would want to sing of their homes and communities,

"This is my home, the country where my heart is;
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine—"

A new Danebod!

I know that there are many who will rejoice with us at the prospect. Will you also help us carry the burdens and the responsibilities?

The board has appointed a finance committee which has met twice already. The officers of this committee are, Vermund Ostergaard, president; Mrs. Leo Pedersen, secretary; Emery Thomsen, treasurer.

It was decided to arrange meetings throughout the community, in school houses and homes, and in the

Stone hall, for the purpose of enlightening our people and to arouse the enthusiasm and support that the project will demand if it is to be carried out successfully.

Enok Mortensen.

—From "Danebod Hilsen."

"Yule" Sales

These lines are written on the 13th of November, the day after the deadline date for receiving advance orders for "Yule". There were 85 order cards sent out and there have been 46 returned to us. 1405 copies have been ordered. This number is about what we originally hoped to sell but we did expect orders before the deadline date from more than 46. There are several of our large communities which have not responded. It is very difficult for us to estimate how many copies to print. We dislike going into the red by printing more than we can sell and we also dislike the idea of not being able to fill orders. Since this is "Yule's" first year we have no previous records to go by. It was for this reason we had so hoped for response to the cards sent out and, also, the later appeal sent to many. In most cases the cards have been sent to the pastor of the congregation. Every congregation in our synod has been sent cards. To anyone desiring "Yule" I advise you to see your pastor. If no copies have come to your community, you can get yours by enclosing 50 cents and mailing it to Yule, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. If you desire several copies write to Rev. Harold Petersen, Ringsted, Iowa.

I am certain that when "Yule" reaches you, many will want more than what the original orders state. I am certain that you will agree with me that it deserves wider publicity than many of you now feel that D.A.Y.P.L. can give it. You, in the respective communities are the ones to do it. I hope you will do it. The young people of Ringsted solicited advance orders and came up with 105. Similar results could be attained elsewhere if someone would get out and sell it to the people. Rev. Holger Andersen sends us an order for 25, then later in his letter changes it to 50 with the remark, "I should sell one to every family in my congregation." Orders of five or ten from some of our larger congregations seem so timid. And no orders at all is rather disgusting. Much work has been put into it by the editor and there has also been much work soliciting your support. All we ask now is that you will make a real effort to sell a good Christmas magazine. From now on it will be "first come, first served," as long as our copies last.

Orders for 1405 copies to date is not bad. If we could have heard from 30 more communities it would have looked much better, in fact, much, much better than we dared hope when we began to plan it. Yule will soon be in the mail. I am certain many will be praising it. Will you be one of the number who will be asking, "Well, why didn't we get any?"

Harold Petersen.

The unrest of this weary world is its unvoiced cry after God.—Munger.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Your Mission

By Ellen H. Gates.

If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet,
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay,
You can lend a hand to help them,
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley,
While the multitudes go by.
You can chant in happy measure,
As they slowly pass along;
Though they may forget the singer
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold or silver
Ever ready to command,
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever open hand,
You can visit the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep,
You can be a true disciple,
Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

If you cannot in the conflict
Prove yourself a soldier true,
If where the fire and smoke are thickest
There's no work for you to do,
When the battlefield is silent,
You can go with careful tread,
You can bear away the wounded,
You can cover up the dead.

Do not then stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare,
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere.

—Contributed by Mrs. Mary Andersen, Tacoma, Wash.

Greeting From President of W. M. S.

Dear Friends of W. M. S.:

When this is being read, the various Ladies' Aids and Mission Groups will have received, through the District W. M. S. representatives, an invitation to contribute toward a chancel for the new church at Danevang. We know you have received this appeal with open hearts for it is blessed to have a part in the fellowship of the church and share grief as well as joy with fellow Christians. We would have our friends in Danevang know that we are with them in these trying days in their colony.

It has been a pleasure to read reports from the district W. M. S. meetings and to hear they were well attended and that there is a growing interest in mission work. Thanks to all the district representatives for their efforts towards making these gatherings so well worth while—and our appreciation to all who helped them.

Besides the members whose names appear on the Women's Page, the board of W. M. S. now consists of Mrs. Thos. Knudstrup, Manistee, Mich., Hon. Pres.; Mrs. Aage Engelbreth, 1235 W. Blvd., Racine, Wis., Vice Chm.; and Mrs. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill., Asst. Sec. Should you wish to contact the W. M. S. for information or suggestions regarding the work write to some member of the board or to your own district representative. That will be a means of coming into closer contact with the many women to whom this work of furthering the cause of Home Missions and Foreign Missions is very dear.

For this year we have appointed a program committee of three, Mrs. Holger Strandskov, Mrs. Aage Engelbreth and Mrs. Ernest Nielsen. They will before long send out some help in finding literature for use at our meetings and will in other ways try to be helpful in expanding the work.

Our church will always need prayerful hearts. One woman wrote this in a letter to me recently: "It seems that what we need most is not money, not things but warm hearts." She is no doubt right. If we will but fervently pray for our work, our hearts will be touched and our work will be more fruitful. Prayer is a gift from God. Let us use it to His glory.

Greetings to one and all,

Ida Egede.

Report From District I W. M. S. Meeting

October came with nature's display of the loveliest autumn colors, the time of the year when you learn to give thanks for every beautiful day, realizing that it may be the last before stormy days set in. And with October came the district meeting in Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the rather crowded schedule, the women at the meeting found time to discuss their special part of the work. Can Danish people ever have a meeting without a song? Of course we had to start in this way by singing "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee." The district representative for W. M. S., Mrs. Viggo Nielsen, led the discussion. Ladies from the different congregations told us about their work.

Brooklyn's work has been centered on the Santal Mission—they have concentrated their support on Dr. Østergaard's work. I understand this is a case of "old love does not corrode" (Gammel Kærlighed ruster ikke). They have done this for many years.

In Bridgeport a small group gathers once a month to hear about mission work and the life of the Christian Church. We, who attend regularly, just cannot miss these meetings. It has come to be a thing of great value in our lives, sharing with each other the outlook on the fields that are ripe for the harvest, and hearing

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about the lives of great Christian men and women. All collections from this group go direct to W. M. S.

In most places the contact with W. M. S. is upheld through Ladies' Aid Societies.

Mrs. Viggo Nielsen refused re-election as district representative, so we chose Mrs. Axel Kildegaard, Jr., to take her place.

The interest for W. M. S. in the East is usually limited to the local Ladies' Aid sending a money con-

tribution about Christmas time. But this may very well serve as a foundation on which to build a real personal interest in and love for the work itself. If, in each congregation, someone would tackle the mission idea with love and perseverance there is definitely a possibility for the development of the work. It is my sincere hope that W. M. S. shall hear more and more from our district in the future.

Kamma Møller Kristensen.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

An Inner View of Grand View

Our life continues. . . .

Dr. Knudsen touched upon current events at devotions October 29. He compared the world and its conditions to a chicken with its head cut off; it is floundering around in physical action and is even attempting to crow. We must have faith and dedicate ourselves to a better world of the future.

October 31, the day of the first national election in Denmark since the war, Dr. Knudsen gave formal recognition to a gift from S. N. Nielsen and Mr. J. C. Bay of Chicago, of a photograph of the statue of Anders Sorenson Vedel, a Danish historian of the 17th century who began but never completed a history of Denmark.

November 1, Rev. Wilhelmson spoke to us on "The Bridge of Prayer." His remarks included "Man always goes to the tree of knowledge before he goes to the tree of life"; "The bridge of prayer is built cable by cable for the purpose of carrying traffic and should therefore be used"; and "God is tied to prayer." Yes, "Closer He is than breathing and nearer than hands and feet."

The students were hosts at a Halloween party for the trainees of Iowa Lutheran Hospital who are part time students of Grand View College. A scavenger hunt, singing, lunch, and singing games comprised the evening's entertainment.

November 2, Dr. Knudsen centered his remarks on Mr. Lawson of the Des Moines University and a comparing of his law of penetrability to modern science. The former has a principle from which he deducts conclusions; while the latter experiments and from the results inducts a principle. Human relations must not be dealt with scientifically by experimentation and testing but with certain principles as basic in all relations.

On November 5, Dr. Knudsen questioned the reason for our constant failings and renewed efforts at a right start. His conclusion was that we do not have the adequate foundation which may be found in faith in Christ. Our moral life cannot be built upon experimentation but upon a solid moral foundation of hu-

man living exemplified in Christ and His life.

November 6, Dean Nielsen read the story "The Father," a translation of one of Bjornstjerne Bjornson's stories. No matter what life may bring us, we must always strive for "something better."

November 7, Dr. Knudsen centered his remarks on the title of the booklet "A Case for Chastity." The title suggests a sad condition in that there should be no case for chastity; it should be assumed not argued, that chastity is necessary. Again we may see our ideal in the life, ways, character, and teachings of Jesus.

His remarks were extended along the same lines the following day in his discussion of the song "I Would be True." The song, fine as it is, should not ideally read "I would be true for there are those who trust me" but "I would be true for I must"; and likewise, not "I would be pure for there are those who care" but "I would be pure for it's right to be pure." The home is an outlet and an expression for those human virtues which should be and are cherished so highly.

Dr. Knudsen began his devotion on November 9 with the quoting of a sign seen in Hartford, Conn., stating: "If you go to church on Sunday, you'll be a better business man on Monday." The statement is open for discussion.

Movies of the Amazon River and Andes Mountains of South America were shown to the students and guests at U. K. November 10. Our thanks go to Mr. Terrell of Des Moines through whom we received the educational movies.

On November 12, Dr. Knudsen prefaced his talk on the armistice by Walter Winchell's remark of Sunday evening, "It was a short peace, wasn't it?" As Dr. Knudsen stated, "We threw up our arms after the first World War and didn't bring them down until 1933." "We must make this more than an armistice (cessation of hostilities); we must make this a peace."

The International Relations Club met at the home of Dean Nielsen November 12. Don Osterby, Erling Clausen, Charlotte Sprague, and Bodil Strandkov gave reports on Mexico which were later discussed. We found that the relations between Mexico and the United States are, on the whole, considerably better than they have been. The present educational movement of President Camacho related in the November, 1945

issue of Readers' Digest provoked an admiring interest.

Had you been here Saturday, November 3, you might have seen Dr. Knudsen and several of the boys industrially redoing what had been done several weeks ago. The scaffold which had, to all appearances, been holding the chimney in an upright position, was removed, leaving a sturdy, repaired chimney as evidence of its past purpose. Other parts of the heating system have also been recently repaired.

Organized basketball practice has been started for both boys and girls. We're hoping for a bright and successful year.

The Home Mission Council, composed of the district church presidents and the Board of Publications are to meet here this week. Several of the members are scheduled to speak to the students during their stay.

To the readers, a halt must be made in the ever flowing current of events, but to us, the students

Our life continues.

—Norma Due.

G. V. C. WINTER COURSE POSTPONED

The proposed Winter Course to be held at Grand View College has been postponed until January. The late season on the farms throughout all our midwestern states prevents an early attendance. We shall make definite announcement later in regard to date of opening.

Anyone interested in the Winter Course, please write me.

Johannes Knudsen.

CHURCH AND HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

There is a constant urge to reach out and expand his present environment displayed in man's behavior. The urge may be selfish, or utterly unselfish. The missionary urge, to share with others, and with as many as possible, the richer life which is his who knows how much better it is to give than to get, is motivated by such a desire to reach out, only the reason for doing so is reversed, the objective is completely unselfish, the missionary spirit is a spirit of sharing and giving.

Why men will face the dangers of unexplored territories in the Arctic and

the Antarctic regions can be understood. There is fame to be won. Why merchants will endure the inconveniences of long and hazardous journeys into strange lands can be explained. There is money in it. But why missionaries will want to go out again after all the hardships and opposition and pain of their first experience is forever a mystery. There is no fame to be won, and there is no money in it. Only a missionary can tell us why.

Man, reaching out in an attempt to improve the general condition of human living, frequently commits the error of following the old ways which men before him have followed. Democracy is a new way. But we cannot have the old way running parallel to the new, and then, whenever it seems more convenient to us and it is to our own benefit, turn into that other lane, until it is convenient once more to change over. Christianity is a new way. It doesn't get us anywhere, however, unless all the other ways have been abandoned. Democracy is possible only where Christian living has prepared the soil for it. It is a way of life that grows out of a faith strong enough to believe in it.

It has been intimated that we have reason to fear the recent scientific discovery in the atomic field. Such fear is justified, only it is men and not power of the atom we should be afraid of. It depends on how we are going to use that power now that it has come to our knowledge that it is there and that it can be used both to destroy and to build up.

What way we shall go will be determined by the character and attitude of men, by the ability of the leader and the loyalty of the follower. Democracy will face its greatest test during the next few years. Moral standards will have to be considered. The time is past when speeches alone, flag-saluting ceremonies, and singing "God Bless America," can be equivalents of democracy.

We shall have to learn to live together and work together. Our reaching out must not be for the sole purpose of self. Our neighbor's need must be considered. As we are exercising democratic practices we should have the courage also, because we believe it is right to stand up against every evil that denies to our brothers the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

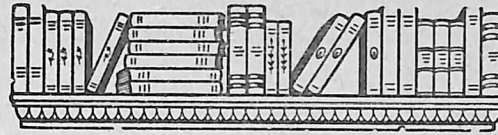
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Nov. 22.....Joshua 1
 Psalm 121
 Friday.....*Psalm 23
 John 10:1—18
 Saturday.....John 14
 Sunday—Nov. 25.....John 3



BOOKS.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES—Edited by Pastor Lawrence Siersbeck; 64 pages. Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska. Price 60 cts.

The annual Christmas publication, **CHRISTMAS CHIMES**, now appears in its 25th volume. It is published by the Young People's Luther League of our sister synod. Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in a Preface to Volume 25 welcomes the **CHIMES** and points out that it this year especially presents the "Prince of Peace." — No theme could be more timely.

It is our impression that the entire appearance of **CHRISTMAS CHIMES** this year surpasses any previous edition. There is a variety of color as one turns the pages, and the many beautiful pictures and sketches through the entire 64 pages immediately suggests the Christmas spirit.

There are several Christmas stories and poems, each giving in its unique way a part of the Christmas story. One of those that centers directly on the Christmas story is "The Greatest Thing In The World" by Rev. J. M. Girtz, former missionary to the Santal Mission in India.

Several historical contributions add much to the content of the publication. Two Chaplains relate from interesting and challenging experiences, "A Christmas With the Marines In the Solomons" by Chaplain C. C. Madsen, and "The U. S. S. Gambler Bay" by Chaplain Verner Carlsen.

The **CHRISTMAS CHIMES** will make good Christmas reading.

H. S.

CHRISTMAS—Edited by Randolph E. Haugan, 68 pages. Augsburg Publishing House, 425 So. 4th Str., Minneapolis 15, Minn. Price \$1.00.

CHRISTMAS, the well known American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, appears this year in its 15th volume. This popular publication has won a place in the Christmas literature unequalled by any other in its unique and artistic portrayal of the Christmas story

in pictures, many-colored sketches, poetry, music and prose.

As one pages through the wealth of material found from cover to cover one feels unable to give justice to a Review of the magazine in its details. There is only one thought that suggests itself: Christmas is filled with Beauty, Joy and Life.

A copy of **CHRISTMAS** on your reading table will indeed help you to find your way to the true spirit and joy of Christmas.

H. S.

By The Rivers Of Babylon by Kaj Munk. Lutheran Publishing House, Blair, Nebraska. Cloth, 148 pages, \$1.00.

We have heard and read so much about this Danish pastor who became a martyr for his faith and his country. We were challenged recently by reading a Review of this book in another church paper. We quote:

"Here are fifteen sermons. They were preached when the world was on fire and the light of truth had all but extinguished. There was a man. He lived in Denmark. He caught a ray of the light of truth. He held it in his hands. He blew upon it. As he blew the light grew brighter, and he knew that in his hands there was a ray of the light of God's holy truth and His eternal wisdom. The light grew brighter. Soon its brilliance was seen in Berchtesgaden and in Berlin where evil men plotted the downfall of the world. They thought, 'We must stamp out that light.' And so, thinking to destroy the light they killed the man who held it. But the light went on. It goes on and it will go on, for such a light that is fed with the blood of Christ's own men cannot be destroyed. There was a man sent from God.—Can it be his name was Munk? Here is a book. It cannot be described as simply profound, but I know this: He who reads it will know that God lives, that Christ redeems, and that the Holy Spirit gives strength to weak hearts."

We heartily recommend the book to our readers.

H. S.

Monday.....Matthew 5
 Tuesday.....Romans 12
 Wednesday.....John 1:1—14
 Thursday.....Exodus 20:1—17
 I Timothy 2:1—8
 Friday.....James 1
 Saturday.....Ephesians 6
 Sunday—Dec. 2.....**I Corinthians 13
 Monday.....Psalm 24
 Tuesday.....Hebrew 11 and
 12:1, 2
 Wednesday.....Matthew 6
 Thursday.....Romans 8
 Friday.....Matthew 7

Saturday.....Psalm 91
 Sunday—Dec. 9.....Galatians 6
 Monday.....Colossians 3
 Tuesday.....Ephesians 4
 Wednesday.....Philippians 3
 Thursday.....I Corinthians 3
 Friday.....Philippians 4
 Saturday.....John 15
 Sunday—Dec. 16.....Psalm 1
 Monday.....Psalm 27
 Tuesday.....I Corinthians 15
 Wednesday.....Psalm 46
 Thursday.....Matthew 28
 Friday.....II Timothy 2

Saturday.....John 17
 Sunday—Dec. 23.....Revelation 21
 Monday.....Revelation 22
 Christmas, Dec. 25—Luke 2

The American Bible Society again this year invites us to join in universal daily Bible readings during the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Much blessing can be derived from this fellowship if we sincerely devote ourselves to the task.

Alfred Jensen.

Reformation Rally at Muskegon, Mich.

Last year the six Lutheran churches at Muskegon, Mich., inaugurated what they hope will be an annual Reformation Rally. These rallies are held in the auditorium of the local broadcasting station WKBZ. Forty-five minutes of the service is broadcast. This year the second annual rally was held on Sunday evening, Oct. 28 with Dr. T. F. Gullixon, president of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., as speaker. About 650 attended the service.

The six Lutheran pastors at Muskegon had invited the Lutheran pastors from all synods in Western Michigan to a pastor's meeting on Monday, 10 a. m., at Central Lutheran Church (our church) at which Dr. Gullixon spoke on: Luther's Hammer. It was a unique presentation of the significance of Luther's hammer and what it should nail on a church door. Luther's hammer is not a sledge hammer that smashes everything, nor is it a little tack-hammer timidly used.

Thirty pastors from 6 synods (9 from our two Danish synods) enjoyed this meeting which was followed by luncheon at the Occidental Hotel where a number of the wives joined their husbands. During the luncheon discussion continued and Dr. Gullixon answered questions.

It was the opinion of all that we should have such a meeting once a year.

Acknowledgment Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the Month of October, 1945.

Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 2,887.31

General:

Congregation—

Troy, N. Y.	30.00
Perth Amboy, N. J.	150.00
Muskegon, Mich.	22.05
Grayling, Mich.	67.50
Racine, Wis.	149.22
Clinton, Iowa	70.00
Des Moines, Iowa	25.00
Omaha, Nebr.	30.00
Cozad, Nebr.	104.00
Seattle, Wash.	64.06
Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00

Pension Fund, Misc.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Hansen, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
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Congregation—

Fredsville, Iowa	25.00
Diamond Lake, Minn.	10.10
Canwood, Sask.	11.50
Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00

Pension Fund, Pastors.

Rev. Vilhelm Larsen, Canwood, Sask.	6.00
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Home Mission:

Misc. to Lutheran Tidings....	13.07
Manuals sold	15.25
Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00
Mrs. P. Brink, Menominee, Mich.	1.25

Annual Reports:

Congregation—

Perth Amboy, N. J.	6.25
Dwight, Ill.	6.00
Fredsville, Iowa	5.00
Des Moines, Iowa	6.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa	6.25
Waterloo, Iowa	2.50
Canwood, Sask.	1.75
Granly, Miss.	1.60
Kronborg-Marquette, Nebr.	6.25
Seattle, Wash.	3.75
Miscellaneous50

Towards President's

Travel Expenses:

Congregation, Perth Amboy, N. J.	20.00
Congregation, Granly, Miss.	25.00

Chicago Children's Home:

Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	55.00
Congregation, Ruthton, Minn.	8.90

Tyler Children's and

Old People's Home:

Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00
Congregation, Ruthton, Minn.	8.90

Total towards budget to date \$ 4,334.96
 Received for Outside Budget:

To Des Moines Old People's Home:

Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	55.00
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G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged	\$36,044.59
Frede B. Strandskov, Belleville, N. J.	100.00

Clayton Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa	18.75
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Einer H. Madsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa	18.75
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Arnold Farstrup, Exira, Iowa	37.50
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Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Hansen, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
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Collection at District II meeting	89.00
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Jacob Bergren, Menominee, Mich.	18.75
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Anonymous, Sanger, Calif.	2.00
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Shirley Thomsen, Cordova, Nebr.	2.00
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Harry C. Larsen, Parkersburg, Iowa	1.00
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Congregation—	
Alden, Minn.	44.10
Des Moines, Iowa	103.00
Enumclaw, Wash.	30.80
Ringsted, Iowa	49.25

Junction City, Oregon	77.75
Tyler, Minn.	112.10
Hampton, Iowa	34.30
Pasadena, Calif.	13.85
Exira, Iowa	57.25
Bridgeport, Conn.	23.00

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alsted, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christensen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Miss Anna Christensen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Miss Herdis Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	3.00
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Mrs. J. L. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa	2.00
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Soren Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.	5.00
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Mrs. Margretta Madsen, Des Moines, Iowa	2.00
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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nelsen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Mrs. Anna Nielsen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Miss Dagmar Pedersen, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
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Miss Marie Pedersen, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Sorensen, Des Moines, Iowa	20.00
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Miss Mary Sorensen, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
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Mrs. A. Svendsen, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witzel, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
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Christ Sorensen, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
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Anna M. Thompson, Hopkins, Minn.	10.00
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Walter Enemark, Portland, Me.	100.00
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Folmer Strandskov, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.00
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Mrs. Charles Reider, Sheffield, Ill.	1.00
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Total cash to date ----\$37,145.74

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Contributions in bonds (maturity):

Previously acknowledged	\$29,225.00
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Mrs. Harriet T. Sorensen, Tyler, Minn.	25.00
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Chr. Madsen, Wood-Ridge, N. J.	100.00
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Marian and Olaf R. Juhl, Minneapolis, Minn.	50.00
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Total bonds to date ----\$29,400.00

In the August receipt list the address of Mr. and Mrs. Ejnar Haugaard should have been, Portland, Me.

To Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged (1945)	\$ 8,788.67
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Congregation—

Seattle, Wash.	100.34
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Dwight, Ill.	42.00
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Tyler, Minn.	7.00
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Diamond Lake, Minn.	15.10
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Perth Amboy, N. J.	3.00
Ringsted, Iowa	1.00
Young People's Society, Dwight, Ill.	25.00

Total (1945) ----\$ 8,982.11

**To Eben-Ezer Mercy
Institute, Brush, Colo.:**

Congregation—

Bone Lake, Wis.	5.00
Racine, Wis.	29.10
Diamond Lake, Wis.	10.10
Ruthon, Minn.	8.95

To Karen Jeppe Mission:

Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00
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To Santal Mission:

Niels Brons Estate, Solvang, Calif.	110.00
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**To the Rebuilding of
Danevang Church:**

Congregation—	
Cozad, Nebr.	37.75
Dwight, Ill.	157.20
Junction City, Ore.	80.15
Davey, Nebr.	19.40
Betania's Ladies' Aid, Ring- sted, Iowa	25.00
J. P. Hemmingsen, McCanna, N. Dak.	10.05
Jens Bossen, So. Windsor, Conn.	25.00
Volmer Ladies' Aid, Volmer, Mont.	25.00
St. John's Dan. Luth. Altar Guild, Clinton, Iowa	5.00
J. L. Jorgensen, Kimballton, Iowa	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lund, Des Moines, Iowa	15.00
Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis.	25.00

Total\$ 434.55

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has received from the Katherine Eriksen Estate, Troy, N. Y., the following legacy:

A mortgage on property in Troy, N. Y., value\$ 1,550.00

Certificate No. 2964 representing an income debenture bond, Federal Coal Co.

Certificate No. 1762 representing forty-seven shares of Federal Coal Co. capital stock.

Certificate No. VB033963 representing twenty-five shares Middle States Petroleum Corp., Class B stock.

Balance from residuary estate 763.51

By action of the Synod Board the above listed legacy has been assigned to the Pension fund.

You will note from the above list that our synod, our institutions and missions have been remembered as beneficiaries in the wills of two of our departed members—namely Mrs. Katherine Eriksen, Troy, N. Y., and Niels Brons, Solvang, Calif. These gifts are deeply appreciated as an expression of the love of Mrs. Eriksen and Mr. Brons for our church and their thoughts for its future.

It has been my aim during the past four years to get the receipt list for the past month published in the first issue of Lutheran Tidings of the current month. In order to facilitate the work and to remove some of the pressure around the first of the month the list

will from here on appear in the 20th of the month issue.

A sincere "Thank you" for all the above contributions and gifts.

OLAF R. JUHL,
Synod Treasurer,
4752 Oakland Ave.,
Minneapolis 7, Minn.

OUR CHURCH

Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, recently visited the following congregations as guest speaker: Hay Springs, Nebr.; Nysted, Nebr.; Viborg, S. D.; and Badger-Hetland, S. D. The latter has been without a pastor since Rev. Chas. Terrell moved to Enumclaw, Wash. Rev. Alfred Jensen conducted services there on Sunday, November 11.

Los Angeles, Calif. Danish Vesper services are held once a month during the winter at 4:00 p. m. in the Emanuel Lutheran church of which A. E. Farstrup is the pastor. A fellowship dinner is then served at 5:30 and then follows

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a lecture or other program. On December 2nd, the speaker for the evening program will be Rev. Philip Y. Lee of the Chinese Presbyterian Church who will speak on the topic: "The New China."

Bridgeport, Conn. The annual Memorial Service at which the various Danish-American organizations of Bridgeport join in a service remembering those of the community fellowship that have passed away during the year was held on Sunday, November 4th, 10:30 a. m.

A "Welcome Home" gathering honoring the youth of the church who have returned from service for their country is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 25th. A short Thanksgiving service will be held in the church followed by a program of song and fellowship at the coffee tables.

The Sunday School Institute held recently in Minneapolis was according to reports well attended and enjoyed by all. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin E. Hansen of Racine, Wis., were in charge of the discussion sessions. Several of the pastors of the district also spoke during the Institute.

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Juhl, Mich. A day of fellowship and inspiration was shared in the Juhl, Mich., church on Sunday, November 4th, with the usual morning worship service at 10:45, pot-luck chicken dinner at noon, and at 2 o'clock the gathering listened to Dr. C. T. Foo, Chinese-born doctor speaking about conditions in his native land.

Dagmar, Mont. Plans for the proposed meeting hall and solicitation for same has now resulted in \$3900 being collected and \$1000 more subscribed to be paid when erection of the building will begin.

Volmer, Mont. Sgt. Vernon O. Christensen, son of Folmer Christensen, has recently been discharged from the U. S. Service. He is a veteran of 35 months as an engineer gunner with the 15th air force. He was a prisoner of war in Germany for quite a period of time. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and the Air medal with three oak leaf clusters. — James B. McGill, also of Volmer, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for action in combat.

The Ladies' Aid had a sale in September with a net profit of \$291.00. A gift of \$25.00 was sent for the rebuilding of the Danevang, Texas, church.

Tacoma, Wash.—The Social Hour club of the St. Paul's Church enjoyed hearing Chaplain Carl Ufer as guest speaker on Sunday, October 28th. On Sunday, November 4th, a joint Reformation festival was held in the St. Paul's Church in Tacoma in conjunction with the Seattle and Enumclaw churches. The service was held at 5:00 p. m. with Dr. J. P. Pflueger of Parkland Lutheran College as the guest speaker.

The Tacoma chapter of Danish War Relief has concluded its work. 318 new garments were made, several boxes of used clothing were repaired and as the last good deed a large amount of new

stockings and underwear for children, amounting to \$100.00, were bought to be sent also.

Withee, Wis.—Rev. L. C. Bundgaard attended the Lutheran World Action sectional meeting in Minneapolis Nov. 6, the Sunday School Institute in Minneapolis, Nov. 9 to 11, and the Home Mission Council meeting in Des Moines Nov. 14 and 15.

Vancouver, B. C.—The new pastor, Rudolph Arendt, who recently arrived from Denmark to serve the Danish Lutheran Church in Vancouver, B. C., was installed on Sunday, October 28, by Rev. A. W. Andersen, District president of the Oregon, Wash., District.

Racine, Wis.—A Sunday School Teacher's Institute for all the National Lutheran Council churches in Racine is scheduled to be held at the Emaus Church Monday, Nov. 26, at 7:45 p. m. Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck of Council Bluffs, Iowa, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Erling Ostergaard, returned missionary from Santalistan, India, has concluded a speaking tour in Wisconsin and Illinois speaking in churches of the two Danish synods, and also in some of the churches of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. He concluded his tour by speaking in the Clinton, Iowa, church on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Manistee, Mich.—A Danish class is conducted again this winter by the pastor, W. R. Garred. This is the third consecutive year in which such a class has been in progress.

A Fellowship meeting was held Sunday evening, October 21. Many songs were sung and the pastor spoke. A letter from Pastor Nellemann, former pastor of the church and now living in Denmark, was read.

Gardner, Ill.—The annual Mission meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held Tuesday, Nov. 6, with Dr. Erling Ostergaard, missionary from Santalistan, India, as speaker. The Ladies' Aid and the "Willing Workers" of the Dwight Church were guests. An offering amounting to \$33.50 to the Santal Mission was laid.

Omaha, Nebr.—The annual Thanksgiving Festival and Family evening was held Sunday evening, Nov. 11, in Our Savior's Church. Rev. Milton C. Early,

executive secretary of the Omaha Council of Churches was the guest speaker.

The Men's club at its last meeting had the privilege of hearing Captain Phil Krogh tell about some of his experiences in the U. S. service, especially from Casablanca, Tripoli, Cairo, Iran and India. Dr. Johannes Knudsen of Grand View College will be the guest speaker at the November meeting.

Salinas, Calif.—Rev. Svend Marckmann of Pasadena, Calif., was the guest speaker in the Salinas church on Monday evening, Nov. 5.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, will observe his 25th anniversary in the ministry on November 28. He was ordained in the Luther Memorial on November 28, 1920. Since his ordination he has served the congregations in Cordova and Davey, Nebr., Tyler and Ruthton, Minn., and Kimballton, Iowa. Since 1936 he has served our synod as its president. Many friends and co-workers will extend greetings and congratulations for the many years of faithful service.

NEWS BRIEFS

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

Since the liberation up to September 1, Denmark has exported 32,000 tons of butter, 16,000 tons of bacon and well over 4,000 tons of eggs. The total value of agricultural exports was 215,000,000 kroner.

DENMARK RATIFIES UNITED NATIONS PACT

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on September 11, that Denmark had ratified the United Nations Pact, together with the statute for an International Court of Justice.

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