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Under His Wings

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Safe beneath thy wings I tarry,
Here's my home, my sanctuary;
Father, let me here behold
My good shepherd, my defender,
Until, dying, I surrender
In thy hands my heart and soul!

Safe beneath thy wings, forgiven
Here we live a life worth living
As in happy childhood days.
What we lost in Eden's garden
Is restored with Heaven's pardon,
Life is new with joy and praise.

Safe beneath thy wings, we wander
Undismayed by storm and thunder.
Care-free, children of the light,

Black, alarming clouds may gather,
But deliver us, our Father
From all evil, day and night.

Safe beneath thy wings we tarry
Though the cross that we must carry
Sometimes seems too hard to bear.
Father, comfort and uphold us
With the truth thy Son has told us;
Crown, like cross, with Him we share!

Safe beneath thy wings I tarry.
Make my heart a sanctuary
Filled with faith and hope and love
That from my last sleep awaking
I may see the morning breaking
On my childhood home above!

H. A. Timm.

By S. D. Rodholm.

In memory of Agnes Ammentorp.

"Under dine Vingers Skygge."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

By Rev. Ronald Jespersen,
Cordova, Nebraska, May 19, 1946

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."—John 8:32.

Yesterday before the thunderstorm as I sat in my study thinking about this evening's Baccalaureate Service, I looked out of the window upon a world that was serene and peaceful. Carefree children were at play upon the blanket of green of the lawn. The sky was at its best summer blue; and cloud after cloud, fleecy and white, was brushed by the church steeple by a warm south wind. At the corner of the house was a spirea, showing its last flowers of the year. At that moment the world was at peace, at least in this little corner of the world.

In all this there was some resemblance to the occasion and situation of this evening. Four years of high school are ending. Regardless of the weather elsewhere in the world, the atmosphere of high school was essentially calm and serene. A war raged or had raged; in high school we did not often come close to it except in history and current events. The clouds of the world, whether black or white, only brushed by our little tower. A restless wind was blowing in the world, but we were not out in it as such. The flower of youth was still in bloom. There was fragrance, beauty, and freshness all about us. Future weather held no alarming concern for us.

Now, I would not have it otherwise. Mr. Clement and myself, and others before us, have tried to open some doors to the future, or at least to roll up the shades so that you might look out upon it. But we are thankful that there is a period of youth, which for the most part is carefree. Too many of the world's youth have not been allowed that second stage of life. Too many people of the world have been allowed, and are allowed, to be only infants, adults and old people. They have been robbed of that happy second stage, robbed of what should be theirs, robbed by the forces of evil which lead to war, starvation, destruction, insecurity and much more.

It is about these forces of evil about which I would like you to be concerned, not just tonight, but always as you go out into the world. You will find these forces of evil in many forms, in many places. They will not be just in other lands, or in other governments, or at other levels of society. You will find them right here as well as elsewhere. The evils of intolerance, or ignorance, of prejudice, of slander, of gossip, of hate, of misinformation, of greed—and of, oh so many more—are right here in Cordova. Merely open wide your sense and faculties of mind and you will see them. They are not hidden, though they are sometimes in disguise.

One of the great purposes and fundamental duties of both the church and the school is to lead people to the

truth, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

But the truth is often difficult to find, and once located it is hard to establish. More than 1900 years ago Jesus told Pilate that "everyone who is a friend of truth listens to my voice." Pilate's reply was only, "What is truth?" He didn't know. Jesus did. Jesus had it on a higher authority. He knew!

Nonetheless, it is not easy to determine. More than 100 years ago, Goethe, the famous German author, said: "To a new truth nothing is more hurtful than an old error." At about the same time Goethe said this in Germany, Coleridge in England said: "Truth is a good dog, but beware of barking too close to the heels of an error, lest you get your brains kicked out." That is a sobering thought, and certainly it is unfortunate. To know the truth and to speak it is sometimes very painful at the moment, as well as later. All too many prefer not to know the truth and much less to speak it; instead they retract into a shell of prejudice and opinion which is grounded in neither fact or reason.

And yet the truth shall make you free. The school and the church, a free school and church, are among societies greatest assets. If they fulfill their obligation to society they seek for the truth.

But may I point out a weakness of truth gathering, a weakness found in both church and school, but more often I believe in the school. The weakness is that only the material side of truth is given or heard. The kind of truth which is intangible, which is not so readily perceived, harder to touch, is often left out. It is not so easily or readily pointed out and so it is left. If we do not become too philosophic about it all, it is easy to show that 2 plus 2 are four, that nature (and teachers) abhor a vacuum. Becoming more complex we may find the powers of fuels, and now even the power of the atom is discovered. Some of these facts are indisputable as the Hiroshima experiment so painfully proves. The realm or kind of truth was limited to material processes. And it was insufficient. The truth, because it was only in part, did not make men free. Man must still discover the truth of right living.

We need the full truth, material and spiritual. The school would do better to stress both. The church would do well to more fully emphasize the spiritual truth, proclaiming it fully and widely. The spiritual truth has its very definite bearing on the material truth.

Oh yes, the truth shall make you free! But so often it is not accepted in full. The story of the missionary and his microscope is well worth pondering here. Through this microscope, the missionary was able to show the Chinese boys and girls the small microscopic animals often found in stagnant water. The Chinese children saw these minute animals in the same water they often used for their tea. When the water was boiled the tiny animals were killed. This was all very disturbing for the Buddhists teach that it is wrong to kill animals. One day the missionary was visited by two Buddhist priests who wished to buy the microscope, and it was sold to them. As soon as it was theirs they smashed the instrument.

But, though unwilling to face the truth, it still remained. If they would avoid sickness of many kinds,

caused by these various amoeba and protozoa, the water must be boiled. If they boiled the water the small one-celled animals were killed, microscope or no microscope.

Often it is difficult to make even that first step in the search for truth, namely to seek and find and accept just the truth above tangible things. To go to the next step of accepting the intangible truth is even harder.

We have conquered the atom. Will we conquer human nature so that we can safely use the atom?

We are perhaps a bit smug and confident of ourselves after hearing of the ignorance and prejudice of the "heathen Chinese." We smile knowingly. We don't do as they do!

Yet, we plow our fields so as to waste our land, make large gullies, make large areas unfit for posterity. The people of the United States today guzzle more booze than ever, in spite of the proved damaging cost to health, morals and social welfare. Instead many staunchly defend the liquor industry. We today, in Cordova as in the U. S. A., are still more concerned with crime repression rather than crime prevention. In our own little village we may see many signs of saving at the wrong places. Who will deny it? Ask yourself what the school and the church receives of the community's total income.

Who will change it all, or even part of it?? You who go out of school and church into the world can change it. Perhaps not all of it, but then at least some of the error. Seek the truth; speak it; practice it.

Conquer the waste and the error of our living. Then when we improve our farming habits, our health habits, our moral habits we must go on and learn how to share this better land, this better health, this better way of living.

The challenge goes out. Your class motto is: EXCELSIOR. I pass it back to you—Excelsior! May you ever go higher and higher in the search for truth. It will make you free men and women.

PROGRAM

DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA CONVENTION

Des Moines, Iowa, June 18-23, 1946

TUESDAY, JUNE 18:

8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Sermon, Rev. C. A. Stub, Greenville, Mich. Communion: Rev. M. Mikelsen, Askov, Minn.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19:

9:00 a. m.—Bible hour and devotion: Rev. Harris Jespersen, Clinton, Iowa.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 noon—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Business session.

3:30 p. m.—Coffee recess.

3:45—5:30 p. m.—Business session.

8:00 p. m.—Santal Mission meeting in Luther Memorial church. Rev. J. C. Aaberg, Minneapolis, Minn., chairman. Speakers: Rev. B. A. Helland, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Christopher Hagen, Lutheran Free Church; Miss Dagmar Miller, Tyler, Minn.

8:00 p. m.—Danish lecture meeting at college auditorium. Rev. H. M. Andersen, Viborg, S. D., chairman. Speaker: Rev. V. S. Jensen, Grand View College Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa. Emne: "Menighed og Verden."

THURSDAY, JUNE 20:

—Bible Hour and devotion: Rev. Willard Garred,

Manistee, Mich.

—Business session (same hours as Wednesday).

1:30 p. m.—Address by Donald Nelson, PhD, China: "Lutheran World Action in China."

8:00 p. m.—Women's Missionary meeting at Luther Memorial Church. Mrs. Ida Egede, president and chairman. Speakers: Rev. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill.; Rev. Ove Nielsen, Perth Amboy, N. J.

8:00 p. m.—Danish lecture meeting at college auditorium. Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Colo., chairman. Speaker: Rev. S. Marckmann, Pasadena, Calif.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21:

—Bible Hour and devotion: Rev. P. C. Stockholm, Marquette, Nebr.

—Business session.

1:30 p. m.—Address by Dr. Franklin C. Fry, President of United Lutheran Church.

—Business session.

8:00 p. m.—Danish American Young People's League Rally at Luther Memorial Church. Rev. Harald Ibsen, Kimballton, Iowa, president of D.A.Y.P.L., chairman. Speakers: Rev. Harold Petersen, Ringsted, Iowa: "The Young People's Work and the Community"; Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn.: "The Young People's Work as I See It."

8:00 p. m.—Danish lecture meeting at college auditorium. Rev. S. Kjaer, Salinas, Calif., chairman. Speaker: Rev. A. E. Frost, Waterloo, Iowa.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22:

—Bible Hour and devotion: Rev. James N. Lund, Troy, New York.

—Business session.

1:30 p. m.—Address by Mr. Frode Hasseriis, Askov Folk High School, Denmark.

—Business session.

8:00 p. m.—"A Source of Strength," play by Rev. M. Krog, Chicago, Ill., presented at East High School, E. 13th and Walker, by St. Stephan's Church Young People, Chicago, Ill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23:

9:00 a. m.—Ordination at Luther Memorial Church. Rev. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma, Wash., Ordinator, assisted by Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Grand View College, Liturgist, and Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis.

10:30 a. m.—English Service, Luther Memorial Church. Sermon: Rev. Holger Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, secretary of Danish Ev. Luth. Church. Communion: Rev. Holger P. Jørgensen, Muskegon, Mich.

10:30 a. m.—Danish service at College Auditorium. Sermon: Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of Danish Ev. Luth. Church. Communion: Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., New York, N. Y.

2:30 p. m.—Grand View College Golden Anniversary celebration at Luther Memorial Church, Rev. O. S. Jørgensen, Chicago, Ill., president of G. V. C. Board of Education, chairman. Speakers: Rev. S. D. Rodholm, Dean A. C. Nielsen, former president, and Dr. J. Knudsen, president of Grand View College.

8:00 p. m.—Closing meeting at Luther Memorial Church. Rev. Alfred Jensen, president of Synod, chairman. Speakers: Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, Seattle, Wash. Greetings to convention.

The President's Report

To The 69th Annual Convention Of The Danish Evang. Lutheran Church Of America, Des Moines, Iowa, June 18-23, 1946.

(Because of lack of space, the following report appears here only in part.—**Editor**).

The great event of the past year was the return of world peace with the consequent return of most of the boys and girls in the service of our country to their home communities. Great rejoicing and sincere gratitude to God were evident through the VE and VJ services in nearly all churches of our synod. How many members of the armed forces that did not return and how many are confined to the veteran's hospitals is not known. Scarcely a congregation escaped the loss of one or more of their boys. It is fitting, I think, that a committee at this convention be appointed to draw up a resolution expressing our sympathy with those homes in our synod whose boys did not return and our gratitude to God for the return of peace.

Conditions may require the presence of a great number of men in the armed forces of our country for some time. It is my conviction, however, that it will be no gain to the future peace and security of the world to have our country adopt a system of universal military training, even of the kind proposed by the present administration. An unqualified and a frank declaration on the part of our country that it does not intend to refer the settlement of any future international dispute to the method of war would in my opinion do incalculable good. It would invite, even urge upon other world powers to do likewise. It would do much to settle fears of wars to come and would bring back faith in actions of great powers. It would, furthermore, become a means by which the reduction of present preparations for future wars and the numbers of military personnel could be accomplished gradually. May I suggest that a suitable expression concerning our attitude on this most vital of all issues be referred to the committee suggested above.

It is my opinion that even for a church convention such matters should be foremost in our considerations. Without being unduly gloomy, the prospects opened up to us by the atomic science of this day are of so threatening a nature that even the continued existence of mankind may be at stake.

The development and use of the atomic bomb by our own country places the burden of this situation squarely upon the doorstep of the Christian churches. Scientists, who formerly were indifferent to the Christian religion, now are reported to place the responsibility for saving man from destroying himself upon the shoulders of the churches.

Adding to the generally confused conditions of our day are many problems which only a firm and true faith in Christ and His church can solve effectively even if slowly. I am thinking of the problems aggravated by large accumulations of wealth in the hands of irresponsible persons. Such problems as juvenile delinquency, growing criminal tendencies among youth, increasing divorce rate, use of intoxicating beverages, gambling, highway fatalities. All these problems help to confuse the pattern of peace to a dismaying degree. They challenge the churches and all decent people everywhere. I know of no shortcut by which these problems can be solved. It is only temporary comfort to charge them up to post war conditions. We realize that these problems together with war itself and all its accompanying aspects constitute a challenge to the churches of a greater magnitude than any other challenge ever placed before them.

The Christian Churches of this and other countries furthermore face the herculean task of staying the dissolution of modern civilization. There can be no doubt that such dissolution has already affected us deeply. World famine threatens us, while conscienceless waste prevails unchallenged. Senseless restrictions dictated by obsolete political and diplomatic customs exist, blocking honest efforts to alleviate human suffering and misery. It would seem as though the preaching of human brotherhood in the name of Christ is only a mockery.

While the Christian Churches cannot be expected to change such conditions overnight, they can organize and unify their actions and forces so as to be able to concentrate their assistance most effectively. They can, furthermore, teach, preach and guide people to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Fundamentally this service remains the most important.

World Council of Churches.

The formation of the World Council of Churches has progressed slowly since the close of the war. During the war no progress was made at all. From all reports coming to us from Geneva, where the temporary headquarters of the Council has been established, and where conferences with leaders of all Protestant Churches in Europe and America have been held from time to time during the last year, it would seem that the World Council is a major factor in coordinating the forces of Relief and Rehabilitation for Christian Churches in Central Europe's devastated areas. Due to a difference of opinion as to the basis for representation in the assembly of the Council as well as the smaller Central Committee, the churches of the Nat. Luth. Council have not as yet accepted the invitation to join. The World Council of Churches has adopted a provisional constitution according to which representation should be on a territorial or geographical basis, while Lutheran Churches of this country at a conference in Columbus, Ohio, last September decided to ask that representation be on an ecclesiastical or denominational basis. The thought back of this Lutheran stand is, that those meeting as representatives in the World Council of Churches should actually represent certain organized units of Christendom and not be appointed by some high authority of a certain state and responsible merely to themselves.

The Synod Board of directors passed a resolution on this subject last fall to be presented to this convention:

"In the light of the action taken by men of various synodical bodies in a meeting on Sept. 6, 1945, we recommend that the 1946 convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America reaffirm the decision by the 1939 convention of the synod to accept the invitation to join the World Council of Churches provided representation in the Assembly and Central Committee shall be on a confessional basis rather than a geographical basis so far as the Lutherans of the world are concerned.

National Lutheran Council and Lutheran World Convention.

The activities sponsored by the National Lutheran Council have been dramatized very effectively through the appeal of Lutheran World Action for funds with which to carry on its wide field of activities. These activities are primarily of an emergency nature, but the emphasis of the emergency is shifting from the much known activities such as Lutheran Service Centers, aid to chaplains in the Services, support of orphaned missions, mission activities at industrial centers, etc., to relief and rehabilitation of churches and peoples everywhere in Europe and Asia. The establishment of Lutheran World Relief, Inc., according to governmental pattern and approval is one form of cooperation with several similar organizations for such relief. I refer you to reports appearing in our papers covering these activities and I ask that pastors and others constantly make the informative material printed and distributed from headquarters in New York available to all members. It is useless to attempt here even a summary of the activities carried on in many parts of the world coming under the main headings mentioned above.

I do think we should rejoice that God has granted us this opportunity to make up for some of the misery caused by war. We collected last year for Lutheran World Action purposes \$10,583.88. All churches except two donated, while forty-three reached their full quota or over. Three districts failed to reach their quotas.

The two years, 1946 and 1947, will be critical for the peoples of the war torn countries. No church organizations in this or in any other country can possibly measure up to the job of relieving the starvation and misery, physically or spiritually, in these countries. UNRRA and other agencies are doing the main job. However, it is important that the Lutheran Church and other churches have co-ordinated their efforts of relief and have set out to save millions from disaster beyond that already visited upon them by war.

In order to be of some help to countries like Norway and Finland, Poland, Holland, Slovakia, Austria and Germany, the goal for Lutheran World Action was set at \$10,000,000 for the two years, 1946-47. Our share of this will be \$56,463.62. This means at least \$4.00 per confirmed member. It can be collected in one year or in both. Some churches have already

collected their full share. Reports from other church bodies give the impression that the goal will be exceeded.

May I ask that this convention reaffirm the pledge made by the Synod Board that this sum be gathered for the purposes so well known to us through the publicity of L. W. A. and underscored by every newspaper and radio commentator these days? It seems to be only our plain Christian duty to give of our ample means to those to whom it will be the only means of keeping alive, physically and spiritually. Great institutions of charity depend on this money to keep their doors open, temporary church accommodations in Norway, Finland, Holland and Germany will be provided for those our gifts, hymnbooks, prayerbooks, Bibles and other Christian literature will be needed desperately, since they were all destroyed. Besides these and many other necessities of spiritual life much money will go for clothing and food, and perhaps more than all, for vitamins and medicine.

An American Lutheran Church Community.

A trend toward closer ties and co-ordinated activities with other Lutheran churches due to membership in Nat. Luth. Council is discernible to such a degree that I find it superfluous specifically to describe it.

The question has been raised if this trend will continue to increase and perhaps be accelerated. I believe it will. The reasons are easily found. Isolation of any kind among church groups that have so much of common background and so many kindred interests and objectives is inconceivable. Nor do I believe it to be desirable. The report from the Church Relation's Committee is no accident. It is the result of tendencies that are irrepressible.

In stating this I do not want to go to any length in defending this trend, nor describing the reasons why. These are well known to most people. I do want to state that it is not my intention to abdicate the convictions expressed in the report to the convention 1943 under the heading: "The Future of Our Synod." People who are asking why we remain a separate synod, I would refer to that paragraph as the best explanation I can give. And at the same time I would like to have them read a paragraph of my report to last year's convention under the heading: "The Character of Our Work." I do want to reiterate these two statements without going over all the ground again. I believe that we should maintain our identity in order to serve our own people, present and future, with all our peculiar and inherited characteristics and in order to transmit to others what we have of value. This can be done only as we remain true to our calling and task as a Danish Lutheran Church. This position may lead us into closer cooperation or even federation with other Lutheran Churches, but it will not mean a change in our fundamental and expressed determination to develop our own church community life. If we by the grace of God attempt to realize this seriously it seems to me we will be assuming our rightful place within the American Lutheran Church Community.

Relationship With Denmark.

According to announcement made at the last convention it was expected that Rev. Dorf, Brooklyn, would visit Denmark on behalf of our synod. Due to the inability of Rev. Dorf to get the necessary military passport, his trip did not materialize. When passport was granted him, the synod board considered the particular need for such a mission past due. It may also be stated that Rev. Dorf had some personal difficulties in getting ready for the trip. As it has now for some time been possible for a number of persons to visit Denmark and for Danish persons to visit here, there can no longer be any reason why the synod should bear the expense of such a visit.

According to the resolution passed two years ago, the synod board has considered what persons in the leadership of the churches of Denmark it should invite. Upon consultation with Dr. Carlsen of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church it was agreed that a joint invitation on the part of the two Danish sister synods should be sent to Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, Copenhagen. It was thought too late to arrange for his visit this year, so the invitation was for next year. As already announced in the papers, the Bishop has accepted the invitation. I would suggest that the synod board be given

authority to arrange the itinerary in conjunction with authorities of the United Evang. Luth. Church.

Pastor M. F. Blichfeld has informed me that the Committee for our synod in Denmark has completed its ranks by adding Pastors Evald Kristensen and Christian Andersen, respectively residing at Taars and Vemb. Several exchanges of letters with Pastor Blichfeld have taken place. Pastor Blichfeld has expressed himself as willing and desiring of visiting our churches beginning in October this year. I suggest the convention finds someone to arrange his tour if so be the pleasure of the convention. A number of visitors from Denmark have announced their intentions of coming. Some are old friends, like Hr. Hasseriis, whose presence as well as that of Mrs. Hasseriis we expect at the convention. Many Danish persons want to visit us to give us their interpretation of the years of occupation and the liberation of Denmark. It is a great satisfaction to know that so many of our congregations and ladies' aids helped provide the clothing program for the Danish War Relief carried on by America-Denmark Relief, Inc. We owe the men primarily responsible for that program sincere thanks: Mr. Jean Hersholt, Mr. John Hansen and Mr. Esper Petersen.

It is now possible for individuals to send help to friends and relatives in Denmark and the dissolution of the above mentioned agency is not felt as a loss.

Through various channels come greetings to us from former pastors and members of our synod now located in Denmark. The voice of some has been forever stilled but many have survived and close ties of friendship are again being cultivated. From district 8 annual meeting held at Watsonville May 4-5 comes this suggestion:

"That district 8 through its president suggests to our Synod President that a Denmark tour, not later than 1948, be sponsored by our Synod."

I pass that on to the convention for decision. I feel confident that there will continue to be found great interest among our membership for close relations with Denmark. It may not be possible to receive any great number of pastors or teachers from Denmark for use in our synod as it formerly was possible to do. The use of English is an absolute necessity for any pastor in our synod. But the exchange of ideas, of literature, of cultural and spiritual values are not barred because the Danish language no longer is predominant among us. It will be well for us to keep the path to Denmark well beaten.

Pastor Evald Kristensen has offered to help select books for translation and otherwise assist in any transfer of cultural and spiritual values desired. This item should be studied with reference to the report from the Committee on Publications.

State of the Synod.

A note of optimism can be traced through most of the reports from the congregations due to the return of the service men. It is to be hoped that these will quietly and effectively enter into the ranks of the local congregations and assume the responsibilities awaiting them. It occurs to me that very few of the plans for receiving the service men when they came home have been carried into effect. The difficulty seems to be with housing not with jobs. Nor do the service men seem to have any trouble in feeling contented upon returning home. A great many of them have accepted the government's aid in preparing themselves for a future career, either at college, at vocational schools or through apprenticeships. I have had the privilege to observe also that service men have been elected to the board of the congregations in more than one instance. I welcome this sign of interest in church work on their part and the interest in the service men on the part of the congregation.

At the present time the following congregations are vacant: Denmark, Hartford, West Denmark, Ringsted, Hetland-Badger. Newark and Wilbur are willing to call pastors on the Home Mission Council plan. Two of our chaplains are still in the service, J. C. Kjaer and Verner Hansen. One candidate, Einer Anderson, is without a call and two candidates: Thorvald Hansen and Gudmund Petersen, have accepted calls to Alden and Davey respectively. A third candidate is finishing his training for entrance into the service

of the Santal Mission, Harold Riber. Chaplain Einer Romer has asked to be transferred to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in order to accept a Home Mission charge at Winnipeg, Man. Paul N. Christiansen, former missionary among Danes in Northern Saskatchewan has accepted a call to serve a church at The Pas, Man., belonging to the Manitoba synod of the ULCA. We express to them sincere gratitude for their services during their time with us and wish for them God's blessing upon their way.

In order to gain a correct picture of the prospects of the future pastoral supply, it must be remembered that 10 of our active pastors are now past 65. Of these Rev. Dorf retired this spring and Rev. Aaberg is preparing to do so this summer. Rev. Ernest Nielsen is entering active service as pastor of the Trinity Church, Chicago, after a year of study. Candidate Peter Thomsen has accepted a call to serve Omaha and Chaplain F. O. Lund was released from the service and accepted a call to serve Brooklyn, starting in February. Besides the two chaplains to be expected back into the synod's service soon and three students in the seminary, there seems no immediate hope of additional pastoral supply. Rev. S. Mogensen left the Denmark congregation due to physical handicaps and inability to move his family to Denmark.

It is earnestly to be hoped that more students will enter the seminary soon. The call to serve the Lord and Master should be sounded from every pulpit directly as well as indirectly in order to awaken young men of keen spiritual, intellectual and moral discernment to the necessity of preaching the gospel of Christ and serve Him in His church. No more important task is found today.

It may be well for the convention to consider also that some serious handicaps for accession to the ranks of the ministers is found in the general low level of pay offered to most ministers in our synod. According to the information gathered by the pension fund president eleven ministers in our synod received less than \$1,200.00 in income last year, 24 received between \$1,200.00 and \$1,800.00, 24 received between \$1,800.00 and \$2,400.00, while 5 received over \$2,400.00. This income is supplemented by a house to live in.

It would be impossible and impractical for the synod to equalize these salaries. It is nevertheless possible that the congregations should examine this particular item. A minister with a family should not be expected to live in a city or town on less than \$2,000.00 income plus house in these times. It would be well for all those congregations, whose ministers' salaries come in the lower two brackets to consider if those salaries have increased by approximately 50% since 1940. This would not even take into consideration the rise in the expense of operating an automobile.

The old argument that a minister should not work for the sake of the salary he gets is rather shopworn, particularly when coming from people whose incomes have swollen 2-300% during the same period and whose ability to spend pushes the cost of living upward all the time. Certainly, no minister in the Danish Church today is working for the sake of the salary he gets. If he was so inclined, he would seek some other form of employment, and it is still true that a worker is worth his hire. I know that great differences in ability to pay and in the cost of living exist among our people. I also know some of our membership is doing their fair share or more, but the fact remains that 50% of our ministers are underpaid. It should be a matter of conscience for all congregational boards to have this taken care of in the right spirit remembering the admonition to love those first of the same household of faith.

It is not my intention to lure young men into the ministry by offering them future security and a fat living. But I do want to be able to advise aspiring preachers that their services are really wanted and appreciated so much that they can expect to study from five to seven years, pay off the debt incurred during those years, marry and have a good home in which to rear their families on the salaries they have a reason to expect will be paid them.

It has been my privilege to visit 32 churches during the year, several of these I have visited repeatedly in the interest of keeping the doors of vacant churches open. I participated in two fine celebrations: Fiftieth anniversary of Bethania

Church, Racine, and the seventy-fifth anniversary of Freds-ville church. It was also a privilege to visit Danevang congregation and become familiar with their plans for erecting a beautiful and serviceable new church in place of the one the storm demolished. It was appreciated greatly by the Danevang people that so many churches and organizations and individuals in the synod were willing to give aid to them in their hour of trial.

Pastors Tarpgaard and A. W. Andersen celebrated their fiftieth ordination anniversary last fall and Rev. Kildegaard his fortieth. We are many who rejoice that they are still with us and at least two of them still are in active service. Two of our city churches are planning to relocate: Detroit and Waterloo. The mortgage on the Salinas church property has been paid off, while the congregation at Easton has acquired a new meeting hall.

It is also a privilege to be able to report that at least some of the plans for getting centers for larger meetings and conferences as well as Young People's conventions and camps have in part been realized. Danebod Folk High School is in the process of restoration through the generosity and labor of the Danebod people. Nysted Folk High School is also undergoing extensive repairs and remodeling with the end in view of making it a center of gatherings, large and small. Atterdag College has served as such for many years. In the Northwest "Lutherland," close to Seattle, serves a similar purpose to some extent at least. Grand View College through Junior Camp, Pastors' Institute, etc., already serves that purpose. It is to be hoped that good use will be made of the opportunities afforded by these places, and that the purpose of the Minneapolis resolution to last year's convention may be realized.

Districts 5 and 7 have held fine Sunday School Institutes. It would seem that other districts would be in need of similar institutes.

According to the District I president the two churches of Brooklyn and Bronx have a combined debt of over \$20,000 or about half of the entire indebtedness of the churches of the synod. While it is healthy to assume debt in order to make necessary expansions, such debt can also become a serious burden and a menace.

The church at Muskegon is still in the process of being constructed. The present shortage of materials is not generally helpful in the building of churches.

The above survey of conditions in the synod is by no means exhaustive. Most of the information is gleaned from the pages of the district presidents. Very little is said as to the spiritual condition prevailing in our churches. It must be admitted that in many churches the attendance is only fair to good, while in a few it is above normal. I am of the opinion that there is considerable interest in the various phases of church work and that loyalty to the Christian causes of various kinds as well as a quiet and deep seriousness are to be found in nearly all churches. With more pastors in the service it would be possible to develop many of our annex churches into full time opportunities for ministers. There is reason to resort to fervent prayers for the spiritual welfare of our churches everywhere and for the growth and spread of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Home Mission Council.

During the past year eleven ministers have visited Granly. The interest there has been steady and much good has been accomplished for the people there. The growth of the settlement seems just as remote as ever.

Pastor Farstrup has cultivated San Diego in the interest of Danish Lutheranism with the assistance of Candidate Peter Thomsen. St. Peter's congregation was happy to secure the services of Pastor Erik Møller. The church is located in the middle of a large irrigated territory and we had the choice between moving out to let some other church body take over or have a full time man in the field. The future seems bright for the work there. May God give His blessing in abundance so it may grow and prosper in His name and to His glory.

Since it is my hope and intention that the various active home mission projects and those which are planned shall be presented to the convention through the spoken word by those who know these fields, I am not going to enlarge upon

them here. It is my hope that home mission interest on the part of the synod may grow rapidly so that both the men and the means may be ready when they are needed.

We are also happy to be able to have Pastor Vilhelm Larsen from Canwood, Sask., with us and to find out more about the work there from him. The Canwood congregation has made fine progress through some years.

The time seems to have come when the question must be answered: Are we to gather people into our churches, whether these be home mission or self-supporting churches, that have any other than Danish background or at least is related to Danish people? From Muskegon comes the report that this question has already been settled there since 34% of their membership has non-Danish background. This question is directly involved in the mission field in San Diego as well as in the possible field near Golden Lake, Minn. It will constantly be with us everywhere from now on. I have noticed two churches whom I considered very Danish taking in members of non-Danish relationship or background.

It would be well for this question to be discussed by the convention. I doubt that any conclusion can be reached satisfactory as a guide in all the different instances. But somehow we must decide if the Danish Church has a mission only to people of Danish descent and their relatives or our mission reaches to anyone receptive to our call.

It will be seen from the report of the treasurer of the synod that almost two-thirds of the \$3,000.00 of last year's budget remain in the Home Mission Council account. Besides this amount it is fair to assume that some will be budgeted for that purpose also this coming year. It should furthermore be remembered that the convention two years ago decided that the Home Mission Council could borrow \$2,000.00 from the Church Extension Fund. There seems to be no present need for more funds for home mission purposes. However, when we look to the future it is different. Would it not be feasible that a fund of \$5,000.00 could be the goal set every year for that purpose. I would not want to include it in the budget. Rather I would let it be a fund into which those who have the cause of home missions at heart could give and bequeath. Some day I hope also that the convention will see fit to release the money in the Church Extension Fund, or rather merge the Home Mission Fund and the Church Extension Fund. If we are really to do any good with a Church Extension and Home Mission program we must have larger funds at our commands, than just a few thousand dollars.

It has been called to my attention how the churches and various other activities of our synod, such as papers, folk high schools, children's homes, pension fund, relationship to Santal Mission, etc., all have come about through individual initiative. Some strong and pioneering personalities were the source from whom all of these came.

It is not difficult to notice how differently organized the activities of the congregations and the synod are today. Collective control and responsibility is practiced in nearly all affairs. Grand View College is governed by a Board of Education, the Pension Fund by a Board of Pensions, all our publications by the Committee on Publications, the synod properties are under the control of the Synod Board of Directors, the Home Mission Council consisting of the synod board members and the district presidents are in charge of the home mission field, the Council of Elementary Religious Education of Sunday School and vacation school activities, or at least in a guiding and advisory capacity.

All of these boards and committees are in turn responsible to the annual convention. Their members are elected at the convention. It would seem to me that a few improvements and even additions to the above list would be helpful.

I would like to suggest that an expansion of the Council for El. Rel. Ed. from three to five members be made. Also that actual supervisory authority be placed in the person of the chairman of that council in case the convention decides that such a chairman be given the position at Grand View College, which it is under consideration he should have. I am suggesting this, asking that it be considered either together with the G. V. C. report or with the report from the Council of El. Rel. Ed.

I would furthermore recommend that a Board of Welfare

be organized. This Board to have the supervision on behalf of the synod over the activities of the Children's Homes, the Old People's Home and also to have a representative on the Board of Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo.

I am not in any way expressing dissatisfaction with the present management of any of our institutions coming under the heading of welfare. On the contrary, I believe they are ably and efficiently operated and that sincere thanks and praise are due those who work there, and who are responsible to the synod for their operation.

I have in mind that such a board might co-ordinate the activities of these institutions, even to a certain degree effect acquisition of further funds for welfare causes, different in kinds and locations from those we now have and operate. It seems to me that there can be no good reason why new fields of welfare work should not be needed. Nursing homes are springing up everywhere to care for old people, whereas we know that such persons would be much better taken care of in institutions under the supervision and management of church bodies. I also have in mind that a hospital at Viborg, S. D., owned and operated at present by Dr. Kemper, has been offered to our synod free of charge if we would operate it. I am not sure that this is worth accepting, but I cannot say that our synod is not as much morally obligated to operate a hospital as any other church body.

To me it would appear as though a Board of Welfare would be needed to utilize and co-ordinate our opportunities and responsibilities in the field of welfare. Perhaps there are those who would claim that such institutions and activities should be under local management and direction, and that for this reason such a board would be superfluous. I certainly think that management and direction must be had locally. I am only concerned with the over all picture and opportunities. I leave this with the convention for further study and decision.

It would also seem to me that the time has come when some definite form for cooperation in the field of youth work should be effected between the D. A. Y. P. L. and the synod. There is naturally deep concern for the welfare of youth among all pastors and homes as well as youth itself, and ostensibly D. A. Y. P. L. is an organization of young people. Would it not be a distinct gain to have a unified and co-ordinated youth movement in all our churches and would it not be possible for this to come about if a Youth Commission consisting of so many members from the D. A. Y. P. L. and so many from the synod chosen by the convention would get together and work out rules for youth work that would be accepted and followed everywhere. No direct control of youth work on the part of the synod should be expected, but some form of co-ordination would strengthen and steady the youth work and give it the recognition and backing it at times has sorely needed. I recommend that such a Youth Commission be established if found agreeable to the leadership of D. A. Y. P. L.

Grand View College Golden Anniversary.

May I be allowed to express to Luther Memorial Church and Grand View College sincere appreciation for the opportunity they have given the synod to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Grand View College by meeting at the College and Luther Memorial Church for convention this year. Many former students will return to the convention wondering how the College appears today. Perhaps some have not seen it for many years. We all hope that students from every year the College has been in operation may be present. It should easily be the greatest reunion and homecoming Grand View College has ever experienced.

In Closing.

It is with sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the synod that I close this report. The appreciation is directed to all those serving on the congregational boards or committees, to the members of the synod's various boards and committees as well as the institutional leadership of the synod and especially to the many homes whose guest I have been during the year. Most of all I am grateful to the members of the synod board for their kind and patient cooperation and friendship. I am conscious of my many serious failings

and shortcomings. I pray and hope that God graciously will forgive all sins of omission and commission of which I am guilty as president of the synod. May He constantly endeavor to make us ever more faithful and useful in the service of His Kingdom. May the Danish Lutheran Church in faith and hope and love face the future confident of the strong, protective hands of God being able to bring security and strength to serve His cause.

It is my hope that we shall not be too conscious of the past as we meet for the convention except as it may inspire us to greater deeds in the future. I want the words of Christ to be always in our minds: "No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The future is before us as a field to be ploughed and cultivated. May we draw a straight furrow.

Alfred Jensen.

1232 Pennsylvania Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

Contributions To Women's Mission Society

General Account.

Scandinavian Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Canwood, Sask.,	
Canada -----	\$ 5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid member, Askov, Minn. -----	1.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Hartford, Conn. -----	25.00
Mrs. J. C. Kjaer, Lawton, Okla. -----	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Gayville, S. D. -----	10.46
Danish Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn. -----	10.00
Mrs. N. C. Petersen, Tyler, Minn. -----	1.00
Mrs. Marie Knudsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	1.00
Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	10.30
Ladies' Aid and friends, Clinton, Iowa -----	33.00
Ladies' Aid, Ludington, Mich. -----	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Kirstine Nielsen, Mrs. Alfred O.	
Anderson, Bridgeport, Conn. -----	5.00
In memory of Mrs. L. H. Hansen, Yrsa Hansen, Aurora,	
Nebr. -----	10.00
Previously acknowledged -----	882.65

Total contributions to general fund from June 1, 1945
to May 1, 1946 ----- \$1,004.41

Sincere thanks,

Agneta Jensen,
Treasurer, W. M. S.

Pentecost Sunrise Service

St. Stephan's, Chicago, June 9, 1946

"See the golden sun from the ocean rise,
Glitter on the waves and the flaming skies,
Silent happy moments, when night is o'er,
And the dawn is landing upon our shore."

We did not watch the sun rise from the ocean, but from the shores of our own majestic Lake Michigan. The St. Stephan's Y. P. S. had invited all to a sunrise service to begin at 5:10 a. m. Pentecost morning.

It was a struggle when the alarm clock went off, but with a little "I-want-to-ness" we managed to be down by the lake in time to see the sun rise in all its glory.

It was a sleepy-eyed group we first saw, with still a bit of dreamland lingering in their eyes, as though they hated to leave a certain dream unfinished.

For once we could sing our morning songs, that wealth of song, which we do not very often sing, although they are some of our best songs.

After Rev. Marius Krog's very inspirational talk and devotion, the committee served hot coffee and coffee-cake. I wonder if hot coffee ever tasted any better?

Then there was a ball-game, consisting of quite a variety of players! But I liked the atmosphere that prevailed. There was the nucleus for the future of our Y. P. society and our church.

I salute you who are the young people, and I thank you for reaching a hand out to me, in spite of the fact that you are on one island, and I am on another. Strangely how life takes us along on its stormy journey, and we hardly realize it, until one day it dawns on us that we are not youth any more. I

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TO OUR YOUTH

D.A.Y.P.L. Convention, Tyler, Minn

Come, march in our columns, come help us build,
Come join us in work and in play,
Come sing with us, hope with us, fight with us, till
We shall welcome the blessed new day.
We offer no vain and vanishing gain,
We strive for the things that remain.
From "World of Song."

Program

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 P.M. Opening meeting. Special music. Words of welcome by Emery Thomsen and Rev. Enok Mortensen of Tyler. Lecture by D.A.Y.P.L. president, Rev. Harald Ibsen. After the meeting, folk games in the gym.

Thursday, July 4

10:00 A.M. First round of a four team kittenball tournament. Other sports.
2:00 P.M. Band plays. Anyone with instruments bring them along and join in.
3:00 P.M. Fourth of July address. Prof. A. C. Nielsen, Grand View College.
7:00-8:00 P.M. Band concert.
8:00 P.M. Three act play "Young Lincoln" presented by the Tyler society. After the play, games in the gym until midnight.

Friday, July 5

9:00-9:50 A.M. Devotional hour. Message by Rev. Richard Sorensen, Marlette, Mich.
10:00-12:00 A.M. Discussion of our young people's work led by Rev. Harald Ibsen.
1:30-3:00 P.M. District III business meeting.
3:00 P.M. Discussion, "The Folk School" introduced by Rev. Enok Mortensen.
7:30 P.M. Folk dance in costume on college lawn led by Viggo Nielsen, Tyler.
8:30 P.M. Lecture by Rev. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.

Saturday, July 6

9:00-9:50 A.M. Devotional hour. Message by Rev. Holger Nielsen of Cedar Falls.
10:00-12:00 A.M. Discussion of the work of D.A.Y.P.L. continued.
1:30 P.M. Tour to Camden State Park. Finals of the kittenball tournament. Swimming, hiking, sports, etc. Picnic supper at 5:30.
8:30-11:30 P.M. Dance in the gym. Music by the Tyler Swing Club.

Sunday, July 7

9:30 A.M. Danish services in Danebod Church. Message by Rev. Holger Strandkov of Dwight, Ill.
10:30 A.M. English services: In the church, Message by Dr. Johannes Knudsen of Grand View College. Communion service, Rev. Enok Mortensen. In the gym, Message by Rev. Ove Nielsen, Perth Amboy, N. J.
2:30 P.M. Lecture: English. Rev. Aage Moller, Solvang, Calif.
4:00 P.M. Lecture, (Danish) Prof. Frode Hasseriis, Denmark.
5:00-5:30 P.M. Folk dancing in costume on college lawn.
6:30-7:30 P.M. Song fest. Perhaps someone will tell a story if we get tired of singing.
7:30-8:30 P.M. Concert. Talent from everywhere. United choir sings, led by Mrs. Enok Mortensen.
8:30 P.M. Closing meeting. Rev. Marius Krog of Chicago speaks.

General Information

How To Reach Tyler —

Tyler is located in the southwest corner of Minnesota on highway no. 14 (running east and west), and 8 miles east of Lake Benton on highway no. 75 (north and south). There are good bus connections, especially from Brookings, So. Dak., and Minneapolis, Minn. If coming by train, take Chicago Northwestern directly to Tyler, or St. Paul & Milwaukee to Florence (7 miles from Tyler).

Please register early with the chairman of the registration committee, Emery Thomsen, and let us know when and how you arrive. We will meet trains either at the local depot or in Florence.

Cost: Whole convention \$7.50. One dollar of this is a registration fee charged by the national organization to help pay for the speakers, advertisement of the convention, etc. The other \$6.50 pays for your meals, lodging, meetings, entertainment, dancing and the play.

To those under 16, \$6.00.

Single days, \$2.00 plus 50c registration fee. This also admits to all activities of that day.

Single meals: dinner 75c, supper 50c.

What to bring: World of Song, hymnals, band instruments, music for the united choir, any talent for the Sunday evening program, folk dance costumes, your pep and humor and a mind that is open to receive all the good that the convention may offer.

Follow The Star!

Two thousand years ago three Wise Men were led by a star to the little village of Bethlehem. There they found the little Child who was to be the Light of the World. In 1946 all wise young people of our church will be led by the star over the routes shown on the map in this folder to the little village of Tyler, Minn., where D.A.Y.P.L. will, by the help of God, be reborn.

Here, where so many people of our church had their eyes opened in their youth to spiritual realities, and where there linger many beautiful memories, the message of our church to its youth of 1946 will be spoken. It will be received and D.A.Y.P.L. will dedicate itself to meeting the challenge of tomorrow with new faith and hope.

I invite every one of you to attend the convention in Tyler. Even though you live in the west, south, east or north, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. If you do not come, we will miss you.

Welcome to Tyler!

Harald Ibsen,
Pres. of D.A.Y.P.L.

Tyler Welcomes You!

Joy, vision, and courage, said Thomas Aquinas, are the fruits of penitential sorrow. The new world shall be ours only in so far as we penitently and bravely face our tasks.

"Nordstjernen," the Y. P. Society at Tyler and Danebod Lutheran Church welcome you as our guest July 3-7!

Ever since last fall, we have planned and worked for a convention which shall be so inviting that you will want to come, and so valuable that you will never regret having come.

Fun? Yes, we will have lots of it. But ours is a world darkened by death and divided by fears and suspicions. Let us meet—not to escape the world and its burdens, but to arm ourselves against the new day and its tasks. Then, only, shall we reap the fruits of joy, vision, and courage.

Enok Mortensen.

Convention Reminder

Tyler is a busy place these days and will be for the next month when Convention rolls around. Days are spent in fixing the college and grounds. Committees are meeting constantly in order to make necessary plans.

Every Monday and Thursday evening is spent in preparing musical entertainment. Here's hoping you other societies are getting your vocal chords in shape too. All you musicians be sure to bring your instruments and join in the mass band too.

An outdoor stage has been erected which will be the setting of the play, "Young Lincoln", presented by Tylerites.

Bring your folk dancing costumes as there will be plenty of opportunity to use them.

A kittenball tournament will be one of the highlights in the field of sports, the first round being staged Thursday while the finals will be played Saturday afternoon. And girls, don't forget you're also included in this program.

On your wardrobe list for Convention, mark down your swimming-suit. It will be greatly needed on Saturday when we tour to Camden State Park for our picnic.

Some of the girls in Tyler are getting their formals ready for the semi-formal dance Saturday evening.

Last, but not least are the numerous lectures which can be heard throughout the time of Convention.

Please enroll immediately and designate whether you will arrive by car, train, or bus.

ESTER BOLLESEN

Business Meeting of D.A.Y.P.L. 2 Convention

The Danish American Young People's League of the Eastern District No. 2 met at Perth Amboy, New Jersey on May 17, 18 and 19, 1946. The business session of the convention began about 10 a. m., after having been bid welcome by Miss Vivian Munn, President of J. Y. P. S. of Perth Amboy and Thormod Jensen, district president, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry Lund of Perth Amboy, N. J., was elected to be chairman of the meeting; then Esther Marie Nielsen of Bridgeport, Conn., was elected secretary. The following delegates were present when the meeting opened:

Perth Amboy—Edward Olsen, Inger Johnsen with Elsie Rasmussen as alternate from the Luther League. Arnold Hansen, Arthur Nielsen and Vivian Munn from the Junior Y. P. S.

Brooklyn—Catherine Outzen and Clemens Jensen for the Juniors. Peter Petersen for the senior society.

Bronx—Not active.

Troy—Carl Isager.

Portland—Donald Hjort.

Hartford—

Bridgeport—Hans Hansen and Anna Burger.

The following pastors were given voting rights:

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., Johannes Petersen, Ove Nielsen, A. T. Dorf and Chaplain Verner Hansen. The following officers of the board were given voting rights: Thormod Jensen, Rita Clausen and Esther Nielsen.

The order of business for the day was presented and accepted as it stood.

Thormod Jensen, president of the district for several inactive years, due primarily to the war conditions, presented a report, copy of which will be recorded in the secretary's book.

The secretary's report for 1942 was read and accepted with the correction that Rev. Johannes Knudsen is to be recognized as president of the college and not dean as recorded by the secretary. This was corrected.

The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance, following disbursements, of \$61.30.

The secretary's reorganization report from the meeting held in Bridgeport, Conn., during the winter was read and accepted.

The chairman appointed a committee of two to audit the treasurer's books—Peter Petersen of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Donald Hjort of Portland, Me.

Reports from the delegates of the various organizations followed and are given here in brief form:

Perth Amboy Luther League—Covers confirmation age to about 18. They have presented a play in the summer, have meetings and parties, holding meetings on Friday evening every other week. In January they went to Brooklyn by bus and in February Brooklyn members came to Perth Amboy. They have had dog roasts and gone to Coney Island as a group. This is the pastor's group preparing them for church leadership.

Perth Amboy Junior Society—Meets the alternating Friday evening from the Luther League. They have also presented some good plays and enjoyed a beach party. They reported that they were getting back to "shape" now that most of the boys were back and things were getting more normal.

Brooklyn Junior Society—Have 20 active members and meet the second and fourth Friday evening. During the war 13 were in the service and they have now 6 discharged veterans. They are planning a concert in the fall for the congregation and have given a party for the confirmants as well as swimming parties in the summer.

Brooklyn Senior Society—Not active at the present, and if they can not get back into routine, they will have no representative next year. They did meet the first and third Friday but it overlapped into church activities.

Bronx—Rev. Kildegaard reported that there was no active Y. P. S. group but he was still hoping to find something to work with.

Troy—Has just begun to meet again as most of the boys were in the service and presently are meeting on every other Tuesday evening.

Portland—Is active with the United Luther League in South Portland and have an active membership of about 20. They have presented two plays and entertained the congregation. Once every four months they get together with other Portland churches which combines Luther Leagues of Portland, having officers with the entire group also.

Hartford—The delegate had not yet arrived.

Bridgeport—Friendship Circle is organized, pays no dues, but ran a play and entertainment to raise funds, assisted with the renovation of the church by painting the kitchen and ladies' room and giving toward various church needs as well as a bond to Grand View College. They have 22 active members who meet every third Thursday.

Rev. Harald Petersen of Ringsted, Iowa, gave a report concerning the coming Young People's convention and the plans. He also reported on the "World of Song" which is finding its place in the smaller colleges around the country even among recreational groups as far as Hawaii. "Jule", the Christmas publication, was a success for the first publication this year and an even greater sale is expected this year. "Ungdom" has of course, been dissolved and now Y. P. S. news is carried in two pages of Lutheran Tidings.

A motion was made that the dues for 1946 be paid and that the dues of the past four years be forgiven. According to the treasurer's report, there are 176 members in the district which will amount to \$17.60 for national dues.

A question concerning the by-laws for this district resulted in the motion that a committee of three be appointed to prepare by-laws for the 1947 convention and to take into consideration any changes in the national by-laws which might be made in Tyler, Minnesota, and that the new recommendations be reported or presented to the president of the district so that each society can receive a complete revision of same in their hands at least one month prior to the next district convention.

Discussion of summer camp resulted in the motion that we are to have a two-day outing this summer with arrangements to be carried out between the Hartford and Bridgeport members and that preference be made for the last week in July and the first two weeks in August.

Concerning the district matters—A motion was made that a committee of 3 be appointed to formulate plans for a Youth Camp in the Connecticut area and that we ask the district for a contribution of \$250.00 to be granted toward such a project. Report to be made to the various groups in the district through the district president at least six weeks in advance of the camping date.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner and would resume at 1:15. Discussion concerning soft ball tournament for the coming years.

A motion was made that the district purchase a cup for next year's tournament and that each society contribute according to the membership, with the cost of the cup not to exceed \$25.00.

Discussion regarding the date of the conventions for the first district resulted in the continuation of the present arrangements with convention falling as close to Memorial day as possible so that that extra holiday might be convenient for the outlying groups.

Brooklyn Juniors Society extended an invitation to attend the 1947 convention in Brooklyn and that was unanimously accepted with thanks.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr., brought up the subject of Grand View College. Giving a few comments on the drive which has been taking place during the past year, as well as comments regarding the possibilities offered at the school and the coming 50th anniversary celebration which will take place during the church convention in June of this year.

Election of officers for the 1946-1947 year resulted in the following: President—Irving Jensen of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Secretary—Esther Marie Nielsen of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Treasurer—Donald Hjort of Portland, Maine.

Extra Member—Catherine Outzen of Brooklyn, New York.

A motion was made that the district present \$50.00 to Catherine Outzen for traveling expenses as delegate to the national Young People's convention in Tyler, Minn., during July of this year. The district groups are asked to send in an additional gift to take care of this expense as well as running expenses of the district which has had no income during the past four years to fall back on.

The auditors reported that the treasurer's book was found in good order.

The first post-war meeting of the district No. 2 was adjourned at 2:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Marie Nielsen, Secretary.

Report From The Committee On Lutheran Church Relations

On invitation from the Lutheran Church Relations Committee of the United Ev. Luth. Church, a joint meeting was held at Dana College, Blair, Nebr., Feb. 20th, in order to further pursue the possibilities of closer cooperation between the two synods. As it was felt that closer cooperation necessitated a more thorough investigation of the differences and similarities of the two synods than had heretofore been attempted, Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Ev. Luth. Church, and myself met in Omaha in order to discuss the meeting and plan the agenda. It was decided to confine the meeting to two of the major problems or issues confronting us, namely the viewpoints entertained by the two synods regarding the Bible and young people's work. It is not necessary to say more in this report regarding the meeting, as the minutes from the meeting follows this report.

We feel that a step forward has been made in understanding one another, and it is our hope that the work we have done, and the statements arrived at, may form a basis upon which the conventions of the two synods can work towards deeper understanding and closer cooperation.

It should be understood that the two committees have no power to make any binding commitments on behalf of the synods.

Since Mr. Richard Sears was unable to attend the meeting, Rev. Holger O. Nielsen was invited to take his place, and to deliver an introductory lecture to our discussion on our youth work.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik K. Moller, chm.

REPORT OF JOINT SESSION OF COMMITTEES ON LUTHERAN CHURCH RELATIONS OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, HELD AT DANA COLLEGE, BLAIR, NEBRASKA, FEB. 20th, 1946.

Representatives of the United Church: Dr. N. C. Carlsen, Blair, Nebr.; Rev. E. R. Andersen, 1315 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. M. G. Christensen, 1146 Racine St., Racine, Wis.; Rev. K. M. Matthiesen, 1925 N. Main, Fremont, Nebr.

Representatives of the Danish Church: Rev. Alfred Jensen, 1232 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines, 16, Iowa; Rev. Alfred Sorensen, 2406 E. Spruce St., Seattle, 22, Wash.; Rev. Holger Nielsen, 1410 Main St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; Rev. Erik K. Moller, 730 So. 50 St., Omaha, 6, Nebraska; Mr. S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill.; Mr. Einar Fisher, 1425 Munroe Ave., Racine, Wis.

The meeting of the two committees was held in the lounge of the men's dormitory of Dana College. The meeting was opened by singing "Til Himlene rækker din Miskundhed Gud." Dr. N. C. Carlsen led us in prayer and scripture reading, reading from John 17. We were then bid welcome and the meeting was organized with Dr. N. C. Carlsen as chairman, and Rev. Erik K. Moller as secretary.

It had been previously decided that this meeting should concern itself with the viewpoints entertained by the two synods regarding the Bible, and the young people's work. The chairman, Dr. N. C. Carlsen, therefore introduced Rev. M. G. Christensen who read to us an excellent and illuminating paper on "The Word of God from the Viewpoint of the United Church." This was followed by a discussion which continued through the forenoon. It was a discussion marked by absolute frankness, and an earnest desire to understand one another's viewpoints.

At twelve we adjourned and enjoyed a fine dinner in the College dining room.

The meeting was resumed at 1:30 p. m. with Rev. E. R. Andersen leading us in prayer.

The discussion of the forenoon was continued. At the close of the discussion, Rev. Alfred Sorensen moved that the

following statement be adopted, as our expression of our stand with respect to the Bible. It was seconded by Rev. M. G. Christensen. The statement to be preceded by a preamble:

Preamble:

Whereas, for some years there has been a growing sentiment in our synods, voiced on convention floors and in church publications, that the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America work toward closer cooperation with each other; and

Whereas, the standing committees on church relationship as a manifestation of this sentiment of cooperation, met at Blair, Nebraska, February 21st, 1946, for the express purpose of laying the ground work for closer cooperation between the above mentioned church bodies; and

Whereas, the first concern of the joint committees was to find some common ground upon which to stand whereby the two synods might more effectively cooperate in developing and perpetuating our common Christian heritage, not only for ourselves, but to contribute the Christian heritage we have in common to American Lutheranism, of which we are, more and more becoming an integral part; and

Whereas, the committee furthermore finds that the issues which separated the Danish Lutherans in America half a century ago are today less real, and not insurmountable in the minds of present-day membership of the two church bodies, that they, the issues, need not stand as a barrier to closer cooperation,

Therefore, it be resolved that the following statement is the expression of our stand with respect to the Bible:

"The Holy Scriptures, that is, the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments, constitute the history of God's revelation for the salvation of mankind and man's reaction to it. As such we accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and the supreme and infallible authority in all matters of faith and life."

We further submit, as clarification of our scriptural stand, the following passages:

2 Tim. 3:15-17: "And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every work."

John 16:13: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

1 Cor. 2:13: "And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who possess the Spirit."

1 Thess. 2:13: "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God which is at work in you believers."

2 Peter 1:20-21: "First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

By common consent it was decided to use the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.

It was likewise moved and seconded that the preamble or introduction to the above statement should be written by a committee consisting of Rev. M. G. Christensen and Rev. Holger O. Nielsen.

Rev. Alfred Jensen moved that the following statement be adopted. It was seconded by Rev. M. G. Christensen:

"Upon examining the constitutions of the two synods, we

find that we are in accord with respect to the symbolical books of the church."

The meeting adjourned for a short recess at 3 o'clock.

Resuming the meeting at 3:20, Rev. Holger O. Nielsen gave a short lecture on the Youth work in the Danish Church. The subject was ably presented, drawing up in bold lines the development of our youth work from its beginning to the present day. It was emphasized that the Danish church strictly speaking did not have a youth work in as much as the D.A.Y.P.L. was only loosely connected with the church and without official representation on the church board. The emphasis has always been "folkelig" with the cultural and recreational taking a prominent place. Always, however, has the purpose been to guide youth to the church. Within recent years a trend towards stronger affiliation with the church and a stronger emphasis on the religious has been marked.

In the subsequent discussion the members of the United Church committee gave us a resume of the youth work in the United Church. The youth work is a part of the Synodical work, directed and planned by the synod. The emphasis is religious or spiritual, not overlooking, however, the cultural or recreational but definitely giving the latter a minor place. Both groups agreed that the two synods could and should learn from one another, it was the consensus of opinion that a conference or meeting of youth leaders from both synods would be beneficial to both.

No definite action was taken at the afternoon meeting and we adjourned at 5 p. m. with Rev. Alfred Jensen leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik K. Moller, Sec.

The Blair Declaration On The Holy Scripture

The report of the joint session of the two committees on Lutheran Church Relations of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church is a document which deserves careful attention, since it will be presented to the Synod Convention for further consideration. Although there is agreement between the two committees, it is still too early to say that there is agreement between the two synods on the doctrine of the Bible.

Indeed, one is truly impressed by the spirit which permeated the meeting of the Committees. One sees therein the impact of American Christianity upon both of our synods. In coming together for a joint discussion the Committees reflect the spirit of contemporary American Christianity. Whereas the writer is more interested in the Blair Declaration from the standpoint of our message, he realizes that there are those who with equal right think of it in terms of unity.

The Committees were wise in discussing the doctrine of the Bible first for the simple reason that the enormous advance in our understanding of the origin of the Bible, and more especially the New Testament, is paving the way for a mutual understanding of the problem which separated our forefathers, namely, the problem of the Bible and Tradition. In an article contributed to the *Ansgar Lutheran* a few years ago, I showed the influence of Calvin's view on the Bible upon the American Lutheran Church. And in lectures before our own groups I have spoken about the impact of Form Criticism, and how the same is making it possible for Grundtvigians to listen appreciatively to men who do not know that Grundtvig anticipated the findings of Form Criticism. Furthermore, there is no doubt but that the word "covenant," a very meaningful term to our people, must be reinterpreted. The clue to the reinterpretation is found in the account of the Lord's Supper. Parenthetically, it is worthwhile to point out that the rite or liturgy of the Lord's Supper gives us the pattern of the rite or liturgy of Baptism. Or to put it differently, the shape of the liturgy of the church grew out of the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and in turn influenced the rite of baptism. Theologically speaking the reinterpretation of the term "covenant" is needed, and a by-product of that reinterpretation will be a living conception of what we mean by the Old and the New Testament.

Taking for granted that the members of the Committees discussed the Bible in terms of a sacred, revelational history of God's redemptive purpose, one certainly cannot but express one's wholehearted consent to such a point of view. Nevertheless, it is a question whether the statement, which precedes the scripture passages, adequately expresses what we mean by revelation and history. The approach which the Committees take is very fruitful, but I am not so sure that they have succeeded in unfolding its various aspects in their discussion. We must grasp a number of important relationships. It is not entirely unimportant in which order we place them as we try to think with the Committees about the Bible in terms of a history of God's revelation. These are the relationship and their order: Revelation and History; Revelation and Scripture; Revelation and Inspiration; and Revelation and Faith. The order of the second and the third

might be reversed, but for our purpose the order given is preferable, I think.

The statement which expresses the Committees' "stand with respect to the Bible" is rather inadequate. The difficulty in formulating it lies no doubt in the fact that the Committees apparently endeavored to avoid any controversial terms. The major weakness lies in the failure to declare that the history of revelation culminates in the Gospel, and that in the center of the Gospel stands Jesus Christ. All that is implied when we speak about revelation and history. Our church has probably been more faithful to maintain the evangelical "isolation of the Gospel" than any other Lutheran synod in America. When we in that respect have been better sons of Luther, who made a rigid distinction between the Gospel and the Law, it is due to the impact of Grundtvig. Hermann Sasse is right when he says, that the Gospel is "that part of the revelation in which God opens His whole heart, above the Law" ("Here We Stand," p. 116). One is rather surprised that the Committees did not quote Heb. 1:1-2a. "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son,—." And, John 1:1 and 14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.—And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us—full of grace and truth." We may also add 1 John 1:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:16, 17. The importance of this cannot be over emphasized. The very sacredness of the Scriptures and their inspiration, and all reference to their contents as the Word of God is meaningless unless Christ is the Incarnate Word.

When the Committees have not touched upon the above implications in this relationship between revelation and history, it is probably due to the fact that they centered much of their discussion upon the question of inspiration.

The next relationship is that of revelation and Scriptures. Time and space does not permit more than a few lines. Hence, we shall forego any discussion and, instead of, quote Reinhold Seeberg. He says, "—revelation in words is based upon revelation by facts. Had those facts not been transformed into words, they would have remained ineffective: if the words could not reproduce the effects of the facts, they would be meaningless and powerless.—Without the words the effects of the facts had never reached us." ("Revelation and Inspiration," p. 52).

Few modern theologians have been more successful than the late J. P. Bang in showing (1) that the Scriptures stand in a derivative relationship to the Word, and (2) that revelation is not, primarily, a communication of knowledge, but, first and foremost, a communication of life. It is the latter which makes Scriptures so meaningful that Paul can say that: "the sacred writings—are able to instruct you for salvation.—" It is because the relationship between the Word and Scriptures is derivative and not detached that we can speak about Scriptures as the Word of God.

However, the problem which vexes many people is that of the relationship between revelation and inspiration. The very fact that the two Committees issued a joint statement

is indicative of the collapse of the theory of verbal inspiration in our sister synod. The passages are choice selections. We do not deny the inspiration of the Scriptures. It is our opinion or understanding which has changed, not the fact of inspiration. Perhaps, it may be in order to evaluate the significance of verbal inspiration to an earlier age. Reinhold Seeberg, who rejects the theory, points out that it rendered incalculable service in several ways. An earlier generation differentiated sharply between the books of the Bible and all other literature, secular and religious; its knowledge of the Scriptures was remarkable; it was not an age of religious illiteracy.

In regards to John 16:13 and 1 Cor. 2:13, which touch on revelation and inspiration, one may suggest that the readers should compare John 16:13 with Matt. 10:20, which reads: "For it is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." And in addition to 1 Cor. 2:13 read verses 14 and 16, especially 16b. "Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged.—For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." This is not the place to give an exegesis of this passage or to expound its theological implications. Nevertheless, here the two spheres: revelation and history, and revelation and inspiration overlap. The historic Jesus Christ reveals God. Paul draws the logical conclusion that without the mind of Christ we cannot interpret or comprehend Christianity. The report treats the question of revelation and inspiration in a very acceptable manner.

I want to inject the Rev. Alfred Jensen's statement: "Upon examining the constitutions of the two synods, we find that we are in accord with respect to the symbolical books of the church." It forms a transitional link for the last point, namely, revelation and faith. Without revelation and history and revelation and faith there would have been no Scriptures; the first effected the Christ faith centering in cultus, the second produced the Christian writings. Christ and the Christian faith are inseparable in the historic church. To speak about revelation, inspiration, a word of God (whether the last is conceived of in terms of a written word, like the Bible, or an unwritten oral word is immaterial) is to express a judgment formed by faith. (In Danish we would say that it is "en Trosag.") Protestantism can never repay the debt that we owe to Luther and Grundtvig for their irrefutable position on this point. Both knew that the faith is committed to man by the church. Catholics, too, know this fact. But Luther and Grundtvig made this centrality of the faith a principle of interpretation. Both knew that without it, it was impossible to use Scriptures in a Christian way. Luther's championship of private judgment was always the judgment of the man who believed the church and its declaration of the faith. And the attitude of Grundtvig is similar. Knowing the church's faith he had the measurement by which to pass his own private judgment upon the theologians of his day. I have discussed this in "N. F. S. Grundtvig's Ecclesiology" (an unpublished research MS). Luther's doctrine of the justification by faith and Grundtvig's hermeneutical use of the Apostle's Creed converge. Says Luther: "Now if you wish to, or must treat of things which concerns the Law, or works or citations and examples from the Church Fathers, be sure to embrace this chief article, and don't allow yourself to be found without it, in order that the precious sun Christ, may shine in your heart; then you can judge and speak with freedom and certainty about all laws, examples, citations and works" (in his exposition of Psalm 117).

I hope that this is beginning to make clear the relation between revelation and faith. Our private judgment is not limited; it extends as far as God gives us the ability and grace to deal with these things. But it is a judgment which is not adrift on the sea of speculation without a rudder; it is a judgment which is anchored. Luther and Grundtvig were the champions of freedom because they knew they stood upon the rock.

In the service of the church we also meet revelation and faith. I am limiting myself strictly now to this point, leaving out any reference to the Sacraments. Adhering strictly

to the relationship between revelation and faith we ask this question: Is there any particular reason for placing the Creed after the reading of the Epistle and the Gospel in the liturgy of the Church? Yes, and the correct answer becomes still more clear when we keep in mind that the church year originally provided for three lessons, one from the Old Testament, one from the Epistles, and one from the Gospels. The Creed is placed after the reading to remind pastor and people that the Bible cannot be interpreted correctly without a knowledge of what constitutes the Christian faith. The faith opens the door to the understanding of the Bible; whatever limits it imposes are positive rather than negative. It saves us from making the Bible a fetish and Christianity a quest.

I am extremely happy that Rev. Alfred Jensen's statement was introduced into the discussion of the two Committees. It belongs there for the reason that may be deducted from this discussion. Of course, that is only one aspect of the whole problem of the Creeds, but very important in this connection.

May one be permitted to say a word of appreciation and advice? One ought to be grateful for the accomplishment of the Committees. One does not need to stress organizational unity in order to rejoice over this meeting of the two Committees. If this report is merely to be presented to the Convention for further discussion or acceptance it is acceptable in its present form. However, if there is any intention of including it in the Synod Constitution or in publishing it as an official statement to be circulated outside our respective circles it ought to be re-written. One wonders whether it really falls within the work of the two Committee to determine the version of the work of the two Committees to determine the version to be authorized for use in the two synods. Our sister synod has at least one, possibly two, standing Committees which might claim the right to make the recommendation or decision with respect to which modern translation of the Bible is to be used.

In this discussion of the report by the two Committees we have tried to think with the Committees, proceed from their point of view, namely, the Biblical, rather than to offer a critical approach. The Committees' approach is not without its difficulties, even limitations. Nevertheless, I think that it is the better approach for both of our churches. At least both lay and clergy are in (2) positions to follow the thinking of the two Committees. There are other and more involved approaches which could have been used, but in spite of the distinct advantages that that might have been derived, I am inclined to think that the method would have demanded such a rigid extrication from the normal religious language and thought in both of our synods, that it would have resulted in a stalemate.

Ernest D. Nielsen.

The University of Chicago, May 25, 1946.

"Our Underpaid Ministers"

A short time ago in Lutheran Tidings appeared an article under the above heading signed by "A member of the Danish Lutheran Church." In said article the writer bemoaned the conditions of our pastors today, due to small salaries. However, would it not be more fair if our pastors instead of reporting their "salaries" would report their "Income". Some have several calls and several offerings in each call, besides the incidental income for special services. This report would make a lot of difference. Also adding to their income the value of their free home, including taxes, insurance and repairs.

Another "Member of the Danish Lutheran Church."

PENTECOST SUNRISE SERVICE

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realized it Sunday morning, but I also realized that it is for us who have been young once to reach out our hand, first with a "thank you" to those who helped us to see the beauty of youth, and then to give a hand to the teen-age youth who will be the workers of tomorrow in our youth groups and in our church.

VALBORG EVE.

7032 Harper Ave, Chicago.

GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



An Inner View Of Grand View

"When you come to the end of a perfect year—"

Yes, the inevitable has come. The closing meeting came over a week ago, on May 31. Eighteen students had completed two years at Grand View College.

We had a good program the last evening and later the entire group was invited down to the dining room where the last farewell greetings were offered. Basketball letters were awarded. Basketball letters were awarded of our players for some fine, fair, cooperative and sportsman-like playing.

The last morning devotions were on May 27. Dr. Knudsen said that only by arresting time can we view and consider it. This he did in summarizing the world events of the past year. He then stated that we should view time as a flow in relation with the past and the future.

The International Relations Club had its last meeting at Dean Nielsen's home on May 25. Reports on international personages were given by the members. An informal discussion concerning suggestions for next year in this club and other Grand View organizations followed. We, of the club, wish to heartily thank Prof. A. C. Nielsen and his wife for a most pleasant series of meetings in their home.

Seven of the students remained at the school, after all others had departed, to prepare the school for the synodical convention guests. Several of our group are busily engaged in teaching vacation Bible schools in various communities.

And now a farewell to all you readers. I hope you have all gained a more vital interest in Grand View College, and its work. My reports were only the general events at the school. Please excuse the omissions and the errors. I assure you they were unintentional.

Thanks also to all those who wrote additional articles for the G. V. C. page. I appreciate your cooperation.

Og saa, farvel, og tak for i aar!

Norma Due.

A sincere "Thank You" to you, Norma Due, for your very fine and interesting reports from "An Inner View of Grand View."

—Editor.

Day To Day At Grand View

"I'm so happy; finals are over." "Say, when are you leaving?" "Think of it, tonight is closing meeting." That was how school ended; those were the words which were heard in the halls at Grand View, and those are the echoes which now seem to cling to each empty room and each deserted hall. Yes, though the students have left we still feel their presence here, for happy voices never leave the hearts of their hearers.

Our last week was a conglomeration of exams, packing and lack of sleep. When Wednesday, the first day of exams, arrived, there seemed to be an air of suspense and tension. No one had time for joking much as we wanted to. Perhaps, therefore, it was with a sigh of relief that "Bud" was found, and that the greatest water fight in Grand View's history took place.

Our closing meeting took place Friday evening. Rev. Norman P. Wold gave the address. He spoke on facing life courageously, steadily, cheerfully and prayerfully. The Grand View College choir sang four numbers and Dean Nielsen then presented the students who had completed two years. They were as follows: Solveig Buhl, Anna Christensen, Ingrid Christensen, Norma Due, Doris Fredericksen, Vernon Frost, Ingrid Ellen Holme, Esther Jensen, Roland Jensen, Valborg Jessen, Herdis Kilgren, Anitra Kruse, Agneta Nelson, Alma Nelson, Mary Riber, Bertha Rix, Helen Stub and Katherine Utoft.

Coffee was served for all after the program, and it was here that the chance was given to any one to comment on or thank Grand View for these past two years. We were pleasantly surprised when Rev. Ammentorp announced the engagement of Thorvald Hansen of Alden, Minn., to Dortha "Sis" Larsen. Congratulation kids.

Friday night saw the beginning of our farewells; farewells to those students whom we might never see again, and farewells which were only for a short time.

Saturday was a dreary and lonely day. Many had left, and all during the day goodbyes were said. By Saturday evening, only a few were left to discuss the pleasant memories of the past year. Those few seemed to be living in a world of dreams and memories; thus it felt almost good to be awakened to a sudden reality Monday morning, that convention was only two weeks away and cleaning must be done.

This past week, "the bucket brigade" has been at work cleaning the dirt accumulated during the past year. Each evening has been spent visiting neighbors and friends, so in this way we still feel closely bound together with those who have helped make this past year an unforgettable one.

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end," we realize that we have now had the privilege of spending two years at Grand View and that now we must move on and make

room for the new plants. We have tried to "sow the grain"; now it is up to the students of next year to care for it, to bring it safely to maturity and finally to reap a golden harvest.

It is now up to us, the ones who are leaving, to scatter the seeds of our knowledge and our experiences here. It is up to us to "grow up and bear much fruit, worthy of Thee, our homes, our church and our nation." This we will try our utmost to do in appreciation for what Grand View has done for us and in thanks for an opportunity to really live.

Doris Fredericksen.

"A Source Of Strength"

The play, "A Source Of Strength," written by Rev. Marius Krog was presented by the St. Stephan's young people Sunday evening, June 2.

The aim of the play is to spread the good news about Grand View College to our youth and to raise funds for the Grand View College Jubilee Fund.

The cast performed very well under the excellent coaching of Mrs. Peter Sorensen. The play itself portrays a group of young men and women who each in their own way found the Source of Strength which they needed. The characters range all the way from a returned service man to a poor little rich girl; a lovely little miss from Nebraska and a young man with theories; an intellectual young woman, an incorrigible flirt, and the poor lad with his nose always in a book. It includes a young man in the seminary and a girl from the slums of Pittsburgh; also the daughter of a rich Iowa farmer—each striving for his (or her) place in the world.

The scenery consists of two back drops painted on canvas, one showing the front entrance of the school, the other the bay window in the lecture room. Our sincere thanks to Mr. S. N. Nielsen, Mr. Wm. Andersen and Mr. Jens Sorensen, who furnished the material needed in constructing the scenery. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Margaret (Aaberg) Heise, Mr. Arne Hansen and Rev. Krog who painted the realistic scenes, and to Mr. Martin Knudsen and Mr. Bent Krog, who put it all together. Mr. M. R. Madsen did the sewing on the heavy canvas.

The play was presented to the Chicago Alumni Association by Rev. Krog. They turned it over to a committee who picked the very able cast and director. From then on the Young People's Council of St. Stephan's church took charge of the presentation of the play.

The proceeds from the premier performance in Chicago will be used in defraying the expenses of printing the play books, the building of the scenery which is constructed in such a manner that it can be sent to any Young People's Society or other group wishing to present the play.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Krog for giving us this play, and to all the people (and they were many)

who cooperated so well in making its presentation a real success.

May it be a "Source of Strength" to Grand View for which it was written and dedicated.

M. M.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts From The Synod Treasurer

for the Month of May, 1946.

Towards the Budget:

General:

Congregations—

Hetland-Badger, S. D. ----	\$ 161.03
Newell, Iowa -----	22.50
Granly, Miss. -----	13.40
Pasadena, Calif. -----	35.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00

Pension Fund:

"In memory of A. J. Nygaard," Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Huttner, Flaxton, N. D. ----	2.00
"In Memory of A. J. Nygaard," Henry and John Skeen and family, Flaxton, N. D. -----	3.00
Congregation, Enumclaw, Wash. -----	18.00

Home Mission:

"In Memory of A. J. Nygaard," Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larsen, Flaxton, N. D. ----	2.00
The Verner Sorensen Family, Flaxton, N. D. -----	3.00
"In Memory of Carl Jensen," Trinity Lutheran Church, Gayville, S. D. -----	6.00
Congregations—	
Moorhead, Iowa -----	6.00
Fredsville, Iowa -----	25.00
Hetland-Badger, S. D. ----	30.00
Ringsted, Iowa -----	19.60

Chicago Children's Home:

Sunday School, Rosenberg, Nebr. -----	9.50
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Tyler Children's Home:

Sunday School, Rosenberg, Nebr. -----	9.50
"In Memory of Carl Jensen," Trinity Lutheran Church, Gayville, S. D. -----	27.00

Total received towards budget to date ----- \$ 431.53

Received for Items Outside the Budget:

Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo.:

"In Memory of A. J. Nygaard," Reuben and Andrew Larsen, Flaxton, N. D. ----	\$ 2.00
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To Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged (1946) -----	\$ 4,288.19
"In Memory of A. J. Nygaard":	
United Danish Lutheran Church, Flaxton, N. D. ----	3.00
Mrs. Ferdinand and Miss Alvine Jensen, Flaxton, N.D. -----	2.00
Congregations—	
Pasadena, Calif. -----	11.50
Denmark, Kans. -----	62.50
Ludington, Mich. -----	100.00

Ringsted, Iowa -----	287.77
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00
Sunday School, Rosenberg, Nebr. -----	19.00
Lloyd Bisballe, Royal Oak, Mich. -----	10.00
Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Ia. -----	5.00
Hans Jensen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00
H. P. B. Petersen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00
Jacob Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00
George Petersen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	25.00
Birk Petersen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	5.00
Jim Andersen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	10.00
Chris Juul, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	5.00
Peter Thomsen, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	10.00
Jens Juul, Hutchinson, Minn. -----	20.00
Dr. Erling Ostergaard, Ferguson Falls, Minn. -----	20.00
Mrs. R. Jensen, Brookings, S. D. -----	25.00

Total to date (1946) ----- \$ 5,008.96

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----	\$45,674.64
Ralf Johansen, Tyler, Minn.---	20.00
R. J. Martensen, Tyler, Minn.---	25.00
Kronborg Y. P. Society, Marquette, Nebr. -----	35.00
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Terrell, Enumclaw, Wash. -----	10.00
Albert Eve, Chicago, Ill. -----	25.00
Mrs. Ellen Lind, Chicago, Ill. -----	5.00
Chris Korsgaard, Chicago, Ill. -----	25.00
Mrs. Sophie C. Jacobsen, Ithaca, N. Y. -----	15.00
Mrs. Sine Nielsen, Santa Barbara, Calif. -----	10.00
Chris Sorensen, Marquette, Nebr. -----	10.00
Niels Wodder, Marquette, Nebr. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Glood, Viborg, S. D. -----	100.00
Miss Emily Feldtmose, Askov, Minn. -----	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Mortensen, Minneapolis, Minn. -----	18.75
Mr. and Mrs. Hermod Strandkov, Minneapolis, Minn. --	25.00
G. V. C. Alumni Chapter, Minneapolis, Minn. -----	18.50
From Cedar Falls, Iowa:	
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adolphsen -----	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ejvind Andersen -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Andersen -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. August Asmus -----	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Assink -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Assink -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Brash -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Brown -----	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Call -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Nels Christensen, (Hudson, Ia.) -----	1.00
Mrs. Ida Berg -----	3.00

Mrs. Nels Christensen ----	10.00
Mrs. Toby Christensen ----	15.00
Mrs. Anna Dahl -----	5.00
Mrs. Edna Knudsen Fenske -----	5.00
Mrs. Thomas Hansen -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tenus Christensen (Hudson, Ia.) ----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Dahl --	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCann -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Viggo Danielson -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Severin Danielsen -----	25.00
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OUR CHURCH

Rev. J. J. Lerager, Brush, Colo., ob-
 served the 35th anniversary of his
 ordination on June 18. He was or-
 dained in 1911 at the annual church
 convention held that year in Withee,
 Wis.

D.A.Y.P.L. District II will meet for
 the annual camp and convention at
 Pleasant Hill Lutheran Camp on Bass
 Lake, near Greenville, Mich., during
 the week August 13-18. Rev. Richard
 Sorensen, president of the district, re-
 cently visited the Greenville Young
 People's Society and made final ar-
 rangements for the camp and conven-
 tion.

Racine, Wis.—Missionaries Anton An-
 derssen and wife from South Africa
 gave an illustrated lecture in the Beth-
 any Church on Friday evening, June

14, telling about their work in Belgian Congo.

Rev. J. J. Madsen, D. D., superintendent of Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo., through many years died on Wednesday, May 29, in Brush. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 3, and burial took place on the Eben-Ezer cemetery.—Rev. Madsen was the founder of the Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg preached his farewell sermon in the St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis on Sunday, June 16. Rev. Aaberg has served the Minneapolis church through the past 20 years. He has moved out of the parsonage and his address is now: 132 East 33rd St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Prof. and Mrs. Frode Hasseriis from the Askov Folk School in Denmark, arrived Monday, June 3, in New York city, and will spend four months in America. Prof. Hasseriis was connected with Grand View College through several years as instructor in physical education. Prof. and Mrs. Hasseriis will be present at the annual church convention in Des Moines, and will during the months of July, August and September visit congregations throughout the synod. Prof. Hasseriis will lecture (in Danish or English) and Prof. and Mrs. Hasseriis will offer a musical program after his lecture. We urge our congregations to invite Prof. and Mrs. Hasseriis as we know they will have a worthwhile message from the cultural and spiritual life of Denmark.—Invitations may be sent to Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

Detroit, Mich.—Rev. and Mrs. Svend Jorgensen observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 1. A reception was held in the evening in St. Peder's church where many gath-

ered to offer congratulations to their pastor and his wife. A program was offered and a number of gifts were presented to the honored couple. Rev. and Mrs. Jorgensen have served the Detroit congregation through 20 years.

Tyler, Minn.—The Danebod Folk School Building has through the spring months been under repair and reconditioning of especially the first floor and the basement dining room and kitchen. The school will serve as headquarters for the annual national convention of D.A.Y.P.L. during the week, July 3-7.

Salinas, Calif.—Rev. Svend Kjaer and family will attend the annual church convention in Des Moines, and the family will visit former churches served by Rev. Kjaer; the Fredsville, Iowa, church on Sunday, June 30, and the Dwight, Ill., church on Sunday, July 7, with Rev. Kjaer conducting the worship service both places.

Dagmar, Mont. — "Midsommerfest" will be held in the Dagmar and Volmer churches June 28-30 with Rev. Ove R. Nielsen of Perth Amboy, N. J., and Rev. Holger Strandskov, Dwight, Ill., as guest speakers.

Cordova, Nebr.—At a recent congregational meeting a decision was taken to have worship services every Sunday. (Through the past 25 years, until a year ago, the Davey, Nebr., church has also been served by the Cordova pastor, with services alternately every other Sunday in each church). During the past year Rev. Ronald Jespersen has along with his pastorate work in Cordova served as principal of the Cordova public school. He is likely the only pastor in our synod who has served his community both as pastor and school principal. At the same congregational meeting the pastor's salary was raised to \$1800 a year. The church basement has been remodeled and a new oil furnace has been installed.

Your Editor extends a sincere "Thank You" for the many greetings received on the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry.

NEWS BRIEFS

RADIO PROGRAM LAUNCHES RELIEF APPEAL

(By Religious News Service)

New York—In what is believed to be the first plan of its kind, the Salvation Army is joining with the Breakfast Radio Club program of the American Broadcasting Company to sponsor a major relief program to obtain food for overseas relief.

Under the Share-A-Meal plan, as it is called, program master of ceremonies Don McNeill will make daily appeals for two months, or longer, over the nation-wide network. He will ask his listeners to contribute 11-pound packages of food to the Salvation Army, which in turn will ship them to France,

Holland, Italy, Finland and the Philippines.

Distribution of the packages overseas will be supervised by Salvation Army officers.

In his first broadcast appeal, McNeill called upon "our 900,000 charter members to round up their friends and get them in the Breakfast Club Share-A-Meal plan right away."

New York—The American section of the Lutheran World Convention and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America will be co-sponsors of the proposed visit to the United States of Dr. Martin Niemoeller, vice chairman of the Evangelical Church of Germany.

Dr. Niemoeller, outstanding German Lutheran churchman who was a personal prisoner of Hitler for eight years, is expected in this country next December. It is expected that he will attend the biennial convention of the Federal Council of Churches at Seattle, and a speaking tour is also being arranged among various denominations. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Niemoeller.

It is hoped that Dr. Hans Lilje of Hanover, Germany, former executive secretary of the Lutheran World Convention and also a strong anti-Nazi church leader, will be able to accompany Dr. Niemoeller on his visit. If so, his trip will be sponsored by the Lutheran World Convention.

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