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Wondrous Gifts Our Lord Has Given

Tune: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken.

Wondrous gifts our Lord has given
To His church, His chosen bride.
For His sake He left His heaven,
Was reviled and crucified.
By His grace and love He sought her,
Called and chose her for His own;
With His precious blood He bought her
An eternal bridal gown.

And while years are swiftly flowing
Into time's unmeasured sea,
He is still His gifts bestowing
On His church, His bride to be.
By His love and grace protected,
Through His sacraments and word,
She shall be by grace perfected
In the beauties of her Lord.

Storms and tempests rage around her,
But she bides with Christ secure.
Though the world at times confound her,
She shall by His care endure.
He has promised that victorious
She shall brave the gates of hell
Till He calls her to His glorious
Heavenly Father's house to dwell.

Come then young and old to praise Him
On this day of jubilee.
In your heart a temple raise Him
Who redeemed and made you free.
Praise His grace and mercy tender
Who surrounded us with His love.
And will be our strong defender
Till we join His church above.

J. C. Aaberg.

March 4, 1946.

(Written for the 70th anniversary service of the St. Peter's
Evang. Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., March 24, 1946.)

BUILDING THE CHURCH

By J. C. Aaberg

(Sermon preached at the 70th Anniversary service of the
St. Peter's Evang. Lutheran Church, Dwight, Ill., Sunday,
March 24, 1946).

Text: Acts 2:37-47.

My text presents the great story of the beginning and early days of the Christian church. It describes its origin, its means of life, its inner development and its effect upon the world, things which of necessity constitute important traits in the life of every congregation.

It all began on the day of Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was the Jewish harvest festival, the day on which the people of Israel came together to thank God for the blessings of a new harvest. But while they did that, the disciples of the Lord brought in the first sheaves of a new harvest far richer and more precious than that for which the Jews were offering their thanks. These sheaves were the first fruit of the precious seed which our Lord had sown by His life and sacrifice for the salvation of man. It was the first ingathering of redeemed and ransomed souls which he had lived and died to bring forth from a lost and condemned world. He had sown the seed, the disciples merely reaped the fruit.

It is appropriate that we should remember the Apostles and others, great and small, known and unknown, who through the centuries have labored to bring in the fruit of the kingdom, but we must never

forget that even the ablest and most faithful laborer in the kingdom of God is but reaping the fruit of what not he but our Lord Himself has sown. For "He that soweth the seed is the Son of Man," and just therein is the saying true, as our Lord tells us, "that one soweth and another reapeth." It is of real concern that we should always keep before us the fact, that the true sower in the church is our Lord Himself, and that it is to Him that our thanks above all are due.

As we have come together to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of this congregation, we cannot fail to remember with gratitude the names of a great many men and women whose consecrated life and labor have helped to make this celebration possible. I can personally see before me many who, in season and out of season, in good days and hard days, labored faithfully for the upbuilding of this church. Many of these have now gone to their reward, others are still with us, and we ought to honor them highly for their works sake. But while gratefully remembering these human agents, we must above all lift adoring hearts unto God for sowing the seed and providing the means without which all our labor would have been fruitless.

The day of Pentecost was a great day not only in the history of the church but in the life of all

mankind; for on that day the full gospel of the crucified and risen Lord was for the first time preached in all its fullness as the way of salvation for lost man. The divine power by which the church was created by which it has lived, and without which no congregation can live and prosper, came then for the first time into action. And we need always to keep before us, not only as a historical fact but as a present reality, that it was through the preaching of God's word and the administration of the sacraments that the church came into being, and that it is through the use of these means of grace that it has survived unto this day. Other things may serve to arouse interest, to satisfy the craving for enlightenment, entertainment and sociability, but only the grace of God, working through the means of grace, can vivify and sustain a Christian church. These and these only are the everlasting wells of salvation from which Christians must draw water with joy if they are to live.

When we read the plain, straight forward presentation of the Gospel which Peter delivered on that first day of the church, hear about the administration of Holy Baptism and the Lord's supper, we feel like we stand on home-ground. For these are still the vital functions by which the church lives. It was by these means that the church here came into being seventy years ago. And it is by the faithful use of these means that it has been sustained. I can well remember the emotion with which some of the old members of this congregation, now resting from their labor, spoke of their joy when Rev. Heiberg of Chicago came down here to preach the word and administer the sacraments in the familiar way of the homeland. The meeting place was humble, far different from this beautiful sanctuary, and the services were simple with nothing extra to beautify them; but there was the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments, the living fountains of the Christian's life. It was around these that this church, like the church of Pentecost, was formed. And I think it may be said to the honor of this congregation that it has through the years retained especially a sincere love for the preaching of the word. It may not have been as interested in certain extraneous things as some of our other congregations, but it has retained a deep reverence for the word of life, And I sincerely hope that this love may live on in coming generations.

In the verses which I read, we have a wonderful picture of the effect of the word and sacrament upon the Church of Pentecost, of their power to awaken, transform and sustain. The first effect of Peter's preaching was to awaken the conscience of his hearers. "It pricked them in their heart," the Word tells us. It convicted them of sin, it made them conscious of the terrible fact that they had rejected and crucified the Son of God. It came to pass, as the Lord said it would, that when the Holy Spirit came, He should convict men of sin, but of sin, not in general, but because they had not believed in Him. Until then they had apparently lived without any consciousness of guilt for their part in rejecting and crucifying Jesus; for it is almost unbelievable what mountains of guilt the human heart can carry unconcernedly until aroused by the Spirit of God. But now by the power of the

Word, their heart was shaken out of its indifference and they saw for the first time how great was their sin.

And so it must always be. Wherever the Gospel is preached in spirit and in truth it works conviction of sin and repentance. And I am afraid that much of the weakness of present day Christianity comes from a lack of repentance, a superficial consciousness of sin. But it is a vain endeavor. For the old Adam in us must be drowned and put to death that the new life may come forth and rise to live before God in righteousness and holiness. "Christ and the world can not live peacefully together in the same heart.

But again the Gospel awakened in them not only the conviction of sin but a burning desire for a new way of life. Ye, men brethren, they asked, what shall we do that we may be saved? For it is the blessed effect of the Word not only to make the heart conscious of the guilt and poverty of a life in sin but to create in it a new hunger for redemption and righteousness, a richer and more satisfying life.

The world, in a general way, is well aware of its sin, evil and distress, and never, perhaps, more so than today when it shudders over the guilt of the past and trembles with fear for the future. Millions are conscious of the need for a new and better way; and many are asking, like the men of Jerusalem, what shall we do to find safety, what shall we do to obtain security in a world which holds in its guilty hands the terrible power to destroy itself? But the world's sense of guilt is collective, not personal. It has little sense of individual guilt or of acknowledgment, "Lord, I have sinned and done that which is evil in Thy sight." And even less of individual yearning for a new and regenerated way of living. Its search for the better life is through group reform instead of through personal repentance and renewal. The answers to its quest for security is, therefore, the old ones of new social agencies, new alliances, leagues and pacts, means that have been tried many times and always failed.

But Peter had an answer to the anxious question of his hearers, a plain, straightforward, personal answer to every troubled soul, "Repent ye and be baptized in the name of Jesus and ye shall receive the Holy Spirit the same as we." Many say that this is not enough. I heard a much admired American leader say not so long ago, "that the Gospel is not inclusive enough to answer the questions of the world today." But for all I can see it answered fully and completely the question of the three thousand on the day of Pentecost. These questioners were henceforth content to go out and teach that answer to all the world. And it answered satisfactorily the quest of many of the older generation of this church. I have seen many of them live happily and die contently with this answer for their comfort. Theirs was often a hard life, a life filled with privations and hardship, but the Word of God was their security. And I know that it can be the same for us, their successors.

Again the working of the Gospel created in them a hunger for new means of nourishment, for a new kind of sustenance. A life in God can not be sustained by the nourishments of the world. Nor does it need to be. The Lord who gave a new life to the Church of Pentecost also richly provided it with the right

food for the nourishment of the new life. Some may think the fare by which these early Christians lived plain and of too little diversion. Our generation with its often jaded and surfeited spiritual appetite frequently craves a greater and more sophisticated variety of foods. As in the world, something special must be provided to attract them, even in the church. But the Church of Pentecost thrived on the fare it received. It grew so healthy, strong and vigorous on it that all other churches have looked back to it with wonder and admiration. Yet there is mentioned only four things on which it lived, the teachings of the Apostles, the breaking of the bread, fellowship and prayer.

These are still the means of life of every congregation. But how sparingly even Christians use them. The Bible is probably more widely distributed and less known today than at any time in the Christian church. It is—as a well-known writer lately called it—"The Book Nobody Knows." Yet, St. Paul urges the Collosseans to "let the word of God dwell richly among them with all wisdom," and he writes approvingly of Timothy that he "knows from childhood the Holy Scriptures which are able to make him wise unto salvation, for every God inspired Scripture is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect in all good work."

And how sparingly is not the Communion table sought by Christians of today. Some have never gone there since they were confirmed. Yet Jesus Himself calls it "the bread of life," and Paul says, "the cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" What a wonderful means of spiritual nourishment and direct communion with our Lord and with one another is not then offered to us in the sacrament of the altar! How can any Christian absent himself from so rich a source of spiritual blessing? And then there is prayer. Nothing has a greater promise than prayer. Pray and ye shall be given. Whatsoever two or three pray for in my name, that shall be given unto them," Jesus declared. Prayer has been called "the breath of life." But judging from the economy and irregularity with which many Christians "draw their breath" there must be something seriously wrong with their life.

Finally, there was fellowship. I have sometimes wondered that this is mentioned as of the same nature as the word, communion and prayer. For these are God-given means of grace while we usually think of fellowship as a relationship merely of men with men. But that is the world's conception of fellowship, a purely human relationship. In the Christian conception, however, true fellowship is a fruit of God's work in man's heart. And it is, therefore, a fruit of God's grace by which Christians may mightily strengthen and be strengthened by one another. And how rich this divinely created fellowship can and ought to be, far beyond the shallow sentiment in which the world so often conceives of it. For real Christian fellowship has its source and roots in Christ Himself. Rightly conceived, it ought surely to be one of the richest sources of divine blessing in every church.

And so it was through the constant use of these means of grace that the Church of Pentecost obtained that rich fullness of life which enabled it to conquer the world and daily to add new members to the church who were saved. And the story of that church is also in a humble way the story of this and of every other Christian church. For there are no other means by which a living Christian church can be built and maintained than by the Spirit of God working in, transforming and renewing human hearts by the means of grace. All other means are at their best only auxiliaries to these, and at their worst distractions. It was by these means this church came into being seventy years ago, it was by these means that it has been sustained, and it is only by the faithful use of these means that it may still in the providence of God have a future richer than its memories.

Hans Henriksen

Nov. 6, 1887 - June 2, 1946

Hans is not here any more . . . I know we will miss him at our little St. Stephen's church in Chicago. His friendly "Hello" always made you feel right at home. Hans seemed to be everywhere, from greeting people to moving chairs and tables and opening and closing doors, to the quieting of the oftentimes noisy children.

But Hans did not always agree with you, and when he didn't he usually gave his opinion very distinctly, and more often than not, he "hit the nail right on the head," when others were in doubts how to say it. If we would all acquire some of his honesty and frankness, there would be less time for small talk behind each others back, and then this world would be a much more pleasant place in which to live.

Hans' span of life was not a long one, but he had many friends who filled the church to the last bench on the day of the funeral. It was festive and awe-inspiring to join in singing the hymns, and to hear Rev. Krog speak to us, not merely to bemoan our friend's departure, but to remind us, that some day, we must also be ready to face death in all its majesty.

No, Hans is not here any more, but his memory will always be with us who knew him, and the day of his funeral I shall always treasure as one of my very best memories. After the funeral friends came along home to the little bungalow on Drexel Ave. Here other friends had made coffee and sandwiches. After coffee, the many friends who had gathered sang those beautiful and good Danish songs which are our heritage. We sang and we were lifted and we received strength, and those near and dear to Hans received the strength and courage they needed to carry on. Some day when I die, I hope my friends will gather and sing the songs they knew I loved.

So, Hans, even through your untimely death, we were lifted and inspired and we are indeed grateful that we have known you.

Valborg Eve.

The Need For Spiritual Leadership

One is tempted to approach this subject generally rather than specifically. Subject matter abounds. Many a town gossip loves to wax eloquent on the subject of the spiritual leadership that currently occupies the local parsonage. But the problem and challenge which is in my mind is not one about which to dance linguistically in generalities. Indeed, it can be put very specifically: We need more ministers in our synod.

No more opportune time could be chosen for recruiting manpower for spiritual leadership. Young men, tired of having been recruited for devastation and destruction, are anxious to work for purposes of creation and construction. There are vast architectural opportunities in the realm of the Spirit. These young people need encouragement to help them see it.

No more needy time can be found for persuading our youth to accept the challenge to spiritual leadership. If ever the world needed it, it does now. With our scientific progress carrying us pell-mell toward a catastrophe which only spiritual progress can avoid, who will say that we do not need trained spiritual leadership in these days? When we have all of science's facts, we still need a spiritual interpretation of facts; when we have all the scientific forces, atomic and otherwise, that we can get our hands on, we still need spiritual mastery over their use; and beyond all the power that science gives, we need that inner power which comes from spiritual fellowship alone. Religion thus is indispensable. To build human life upon any other basis is to erect civilization upon sand, where the rain descends and the floods come and the winds blow and beat upon the house and it falls and great is the fall thereof. Certainly this is a needy time.

Lastly, no more urgent time could be found for us at home in our synod. Many of our churches lack ministers. And many home mission fields need full-time workers. Death habitually claims his own here and there most unexpectedly. Also, many of our present leaders are due for well-earned retirement soon. The situation has become so acute in our group that young men preparing themselves for the ministry are tempted to cut their education to the bare minimum so that they hurriedly can help fill in the gaps. This is fair neither to them nor to the people among whom they are to serve.

II.

The challenge rings out to education. Many varied criticisms are leveled at our school systems in the United States, but certainly one of the most valid is that the modern curriculum makes no provision for teaching divine truths as revealed in our purely Christian heritage. Our American heritage has pleaded for a constant separation of church and state, and the result has been an interpretation leading to no religious teaching in our schools.

This would not be so bad if it weren't for the fact that often, while positive religion is shut out, irreligious teaching is permitted. Education is gloriously free to encompass all the philosophies which have resulted in history's atheists, and to teach them. Together with Bertram Russell's mathematics one learns of his naturalistic realism and denial of God. Freud is taught not only as a genius in psychiatry, also as an atheist who thought all religion an illusion. But to

teach the principles of Christ, or the historic impact of the prophets—that is forbidden. In that we see one of the blights of our public school system. That is one of the reasons we definitely need good community spiritual leadership.

And that is why a junior college such as Grand View has such a great responsibility. In a school like ours we can fearlessly teach religion. It does not have to be bootlegged in. Among the students in our school are young men who have all the outward qualifications for being ministers, but who perhaps have never been urged or stimulated in their education so that they might desire to become religious leaders. Grand View and other church schools can do that. That is one of their justifications for existence.

We often hear the expression that it is from our junior college in Des Moines that we get our ministers. In particular has that been influential in selling the Jubilee Drive to our people. One wonders then, when one sees the first fruits of that drive going into the building of a new girls' dormitory, and of an expanded science department. No figures are available, but it is to be doubted that many of our ministers have been recruited from the science department in Grand View. Certainly none will be had from the halls of a new girls' dormitory.

Why not an expanded program for the Seminary? It is needed now. We might help make the field of spiritual leadership attractive, if we enlarge our facilities for education in it. With our historic position in theology, in relationship to other church bodies, becoming more and more recognized, it seems only fair to that heritage that we give it our best.

It is proceeding crabwise to wait for a large seminary enrollment before expanding that most important department in our synod's educational program.

III.

The challenge also rings out to our synod—its people and its ministers. A local congregation can do much to encourage its youth to think seriously of the ministry as a life-work. Pastors and parents also may do much. They can seek out young men who appear to have the necessary qualifications for such a work and present the various phases of it to stimulate and encourage them. Many men are in the ministry today because of the prayers and efforts of parents and friends. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

No doubt the interferences of war and conscription affected the dedication of some young men to the ministry. Certainly they can be encouraged to see that it still is not too late. In the past few years several men in our group have taken up this work even though they were in or past the prime of life. Or, if this interference of war has been mainly financial, it is not inconceivable that a congregation help its young men in that way also.

Of course the church should not compromise its standards merely to fill the blank spaces in its ministerium. Our educational standards are not as high as those of most Lutheran groups. Perhaps that is not too serious a fault. But the demands made on a pastor in our communities require morally and spirit-

ually strong men, as well as well-educated and intelligent men. We live in a country of such diverse religious faiths that over 250 sects and cults are active today. In a sense they compete with us. We must be able to offer our best ideas and ideals through the best possible media—to tell people of the fatherhood of God, the friendship of the Spirit, the sovereignty of righteousness and love, the glory of service, the coming of the Kingdom, the eternal hope. It is part of the challenge to our synod that it somehow find its most promising young manhood and encourage it.

IV.

The challenge rings out most clearly of all to the young men themselves. Are any of them reading this? Have any of **you** felt an urge in this direction which you have for various reasons stifled? Ask yourselves frankly and fearlessly what those reasons have been. I think I know some of them.

For one thing, many a young man looks at the ministry and all its implications, and his first reaction is a sense of inadequacy. "The field is too great, it demands too much, it takes too good a man,—a better man than I am surely." Be assured, my friend, that no minister ever escapes that feeling. Honest humility is part of a Christian spirit. There isn't a pastor in our synod who doesn't at times pause and say to himself that he isn't good enough a man. Yet he goes on, determined to better himself and his work, by use of all his resources and those of his faith.

Let us put it bluntly. Do you really know **any** minister without faults? Of course you don't—we all have them! Perhaps you can find your particular inadequacies reflected in others and see there that they are not the serious handicaps you imagine them to be. Take a quick glance through our list of ministers; it certainly includes all sizes, shapes and kinds!

Notice the inadequacy of the human instruments through which Jesus had to do his work while he lived on earth. Nothing so tries the patience of a sculptor as instruments that break in his hand or that prove too coarse to express his meaning. The disciples have frankly left on record that they were such instruments in the hands of Jesus. They actually played politics to gain first place in his favor, even while sitting at the last supper. In the end one of them betrayed him, another denied him, and all the rest ran away.

Most faults are habitual and can therefore be overcome by diligence. Your sense of inadequacy is an asset; one might even call it a necessary part of the makeup of any real person. And it is a stimulating effort to overcome handicaps.

Perhaps you have also been hesitating because of the reluctance of your chosen girl-friend or your wife to go along with you. Our pioneer ministers love to reminisce publicly of how they had to get along on three or four hundred dollars a year in income. Those venerable old gentlemen do so without bitterness, but perhaps they are scaring some of our young people without realizing it. A young man willing to spend six or eight years of his life in school preparing for his life-work hesitates to drag his family into near-penury at the end of all that waiting. But our congregations all over the synod are awakening to their responsibilities in this respect. Individual families

and friends often help out with gifts in kind. Salaries are being raised wherever at all possible. No young man ought to be afraid of the field of ministry, where blessings abound in so many respects, only because he does not see before him a future in luxury to offer his family.

I shudder lest anyone get the impression that the ministry is just another profession into which one steps to earn his livelihood. The "professional" pastor is a mistaken personality who can do but little in advancing the cause of Christ.

One cannot emphasize too much the importance of the help of the Spirit in making one's decisions in this matter. You will remember that Nicodemus couldn't be made aware of it, and the rich young ruler turned his face from it. They had expected something else. If you have settled upon any pre-conceived ideas of how you are to be helped by the Spirit in this decision you will probably be disappointed.

Many a youth does demand that he be spiritually moved before he take the step. If he wants an emotional upheaval to persuade him, the chances are he will wait in vain. Certainly the Spirit must move one, in one way or another. That is requisite. But "the Lord moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." Who knows how He chooses to affect you? It may be He will do so in a moment of sudden revelation in which you are commanded, as Moses was. But He may also choose a slower, less dramatic process by which you gradually are made aware of your calling. Remember that **every** man in any field has a calling to do his particular work and do it well. Your special calling into the ministry may well come through the urging and persuasion of family and friends; don't deny it too hastily in the hope of a more spectacular revelation.

These frank words came from another young man who finds his enthusiasm for his work accelerating. The ministry is not without its disappointments—what work is? Its moment of supreme joy and fulfillment make the disappointments more than worthwhile.

And besides, who wants his life entirely a bowl of cherries, as the saying goes! Certainly not pitted cherries, with no impeding stones to be removed.

V.

This, then, is the conclusion of the matter. The general spiritual need in the world at large, and in our synod in particular, is a ringing challenge. All kinds of evil forces are busily disrupting God's work. Actually among the churches one sees disunity and often active warfare. "The history of the world might be written in terms of its religious wars." One remembers the Irishman who, tired of the feud between the Catholics and Protestants on his emerald isle, said, "Would to God that all Irishmen were atheists so that we might live together like Christians." That is our kind of world, where even the best of our spiritual agencies—our churches—are in conflict. Our world needs leadership.

The challenge must be answered by church schools and Grand View can do its part in an able manner. Our hopes and aims and high ambitions, which we strengthened together a scant ten days ago in convention in Des Moines, must spur our school to new achievement.

The challenge must be answered among us by our own synod's constituents, for our synod will suffer if she does not bestir herself. Her empty churches must be filled, and one way is by filling her empty pulpits.

The challenge must be met by spirited young men, on whom the greatest burden falls. Will you measure up to the high levels of attainment reached by our pioneer forefathers who began the work which you now are called upon to continue? We leave this question with those undecided of you and eagerly we await your demonstrated answer.

Verner Hansen,
Chaplain, U. S. Army.

July 4, 1946,
Le Havre, France.

Program For The 1946 Sunday School Institute

Of District VII, (DELC) and Nebraska District (UELC) to be
Held at Cordova, Nebr., August 15 to 18, 1946.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:

- 10:30 a. m.—11:00—Opening devotions—Rev. Knud Larsen (UELC), Cordova, Nebr.
11:00 a. m.—12:00—"EFFECTIVE USE OF THE CATECHISM," Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, (DELC), Racine, Wis.
12:00 a. m.—1:30—Noon recess.
1:30 p. m.—3:00—"IMPROVE YOUR TEACHING," illustrated lecture, Professor Elmer Rasmussen, Dana College, Blair, Nebr.
3:00 p. m.—3:30—Recess for coffee.
3:30 p. m.—4:30—"THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL," a discussion led by Rev. R. Jespersen (DELC), Cordova, Nebr.
6:00 p. m.—Supper.
8:00 p. m.—"CONTRAST AMONG BELIEVERS—LOT AND ABRAHAM," a character study by Rev. J. M. T. Winther.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16:

- 8:30 a. m.—9:45—"SINGING AND ITS PLACE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP," Rev. Adolph Kloth (UELC), Fremont, Nebr.
11:00 a. m.—12:00—"EFFECTIVE USE OF THE CATECHISM," Rev. Edwin E. Hansen.
1:30 p. m.—3:00—"TELLING A STORY," Professor Elmer Rasmussen.
3:30 p. m.—4:30—"THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT," a discussion led by Rev. Erik K. Møller (DELC), Hay Springs, Nebr.
8:00 p. m.—Rev. John Schultz (UELC), Lindsay, Nebr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17:

- 8:30 a. m.—9:45—Rev. John Schultz (topic to be announced).
9:45 a. m.—10:45—"CONTRAST AMONG WORKERS—PETER AND JUDAS," a character study by Rev. J. M. T. Winther (UELC) Davenport, Iowa.
11:00 a. m.—12:00—"EFFECTIVE USE OF THE CATECHISM," Rev. Edwin E. Hansen.
1:30 p. m.—3:00—"TASKS BEFORE THE TEACHER," Rev. Howard Christensen (DELC), Cozad, Nebr.
3:30 p. m.—4:30—Open for discussion.
8:00 p. m.—Rev. Wm. Goldbeck, Chaplain during World War II.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:

- 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school service.
—Communion services: Confessional: Rev. Erik K. Møller, Rev. Knud Larsen and Rev. R. Jespersen.
10:30 a. m.—Worship services (in both churches). Rev. Harold Jorgensen (UELC), Blair, Nebr., Rev. P. C. Stockholm (DELC), Marquette, Nebr.
12:00 a. m.—Dinner.
3:00 p. m.—"JAPAN AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS," Rev. J. M. T. Winther.
—"A Challenge to the Sunday School Teacher," by Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Racine, Wis.

Our annual Sunday School Institute will this year be held jointly with the Nebraska District of the United Ev. Luth. Church on August 15 to 18, at Cordova, Nebr. The two congregations there will be joint hosts.

The program for the Institute was planned by Rev. Knud Larsen (UELC), Rev. Ronald Jespersen (DELC), pastors at Cordova, Nebr., Rev. Ole Larsen, S. S. Director of the Nebraska District (UELC), and the undersigned. As one of our guest speakers we have invited Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Racine, Wis., a member of our Council of Religious Elementary Education, who will offer three periods on the "Effective Use of the Catechism." Our guest from the UELC is Rev. J. M. T. Winther, Davenport, Iowa, who was formerly a missionary in Japan.

Practical discussion and demonstrations on the use of visual education methods in our Sunday Schools will be an added feature. The committee has also arranged for special musical numbers during the meeting—the Trio from Cordova, the Choir from Kronborg and vocal soloists.

That our Sunday School Institute will be a success from the standpoint of capable instructors and speakers can hardly be doubted when we take careful note of the accompanying program. But our Institute cannot be wholly successful unless a large percentage of our Sunday school teachers attend. The purpose of the Institute is to train and equip our teachers to become more efficient in their work, but this purpose is definitely defeated if our teachers are absent.

We therefore appeal to the congregation of Dist. VII to offer their respective teachers an opportunity to attend the Institute with expenses paid. Your teachers will benefit richly from the Christian fellowship experienced at our Institutes, as well as from participation in the courses of study. A congregation has no better opportunity to show appreciation for the work which is done by their teachers, than to offer them this privilege. We also appeal to the individual members of the congregations to bring this matter before the church board, or the Ladies' Aid. Even though you have no children enrolled in Sunday School, you have, as a church member, a definite responsibility toward those children who are enrolled.

A hearty invitation is extended to all who are interested in sharing these days of fellowship with us.

Emilie Stockholm,
S. S. Supt., Dist. VII, DELC.

St. John's Lutheran Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Cordova extend an invitation to all interested teachers, laymen and pastors to attend the joint Sunday School Institute of the Nebraska Districts.

Cordova is twelve miles south of Utica, located on Highway 34; three miles west and five north of Friend, off Highway 6. There are no bus nor train connections to Cordova. Let us know in advance if you come by train or bus and we shall meet you in Utica, Friend or Exeter, or call by telephone 13W or 29W.

The cost of the Institute is not determined at this writing, but please send your registrations to one of the undersigned and do so by August 12 if possible.

Ronald Jespersen, Cordova, Nebr.,
Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church.
Knud Larsen, Cordova, Nebr.,
Pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

A New Lutheran Bible Camp Association Formed

Lutheran laymen and pastors of western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota recently organized the Lutheran Bible Camp Association, Inc., of Grantsburg, Wis. A meeting for the purpose of considering the formation of an association was called by the Polk County (Wisconsin) Lutheran Pastoral Association. This meeting was held on March 25, 1946 in the Fristad Ev. Lutheran Church (Aug.) Centuria, Wis., the Rev. Verner A. Granquist, pastor. About 200 or so people were in attendance. Rev. Leo M. Andersen, president of the Pastoral Association and pastor of the First Lutheran Church (U.E.L.C.), Luck, Wis., presided. Dr. H. E. Sandstedt, pastor of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Aug.) Frederic, Wis., conducted the devotions. A proposed constitution drawn up by a committee consisting of Senator Charles D. Madsen, Mr. Oscar Granum and Pastor Granquist was adopted with minor changes. The following Board of Trustees, six lay and six clergy, were elected: Laymen G. E. Bloom, Cushing, Wis., Wesley Carlson, Marine-on-St. Croix, Minn., Ed Dahlberg, Grantsburg, Wis., Martin Dahle, Grantsburg, Wis., Harold Lindgren, Luck, Wis., and Peter Nielsen, Frederic, Wis.; and pastors J. P. Andreasen (Danish Lutheran), Luck, Wis., Elmer W. Anderson (U.E.L.C.), Milltown, Wis., Olaf Braseth (Luth. Free), Amery, Wis., James Falk (E.L.C.), Grantsburg, Wis., Ralph A. Peterson (Aug.), Rush City, Minn., and Oscar Thompson (E.L.C.), Hudson, Wis.

The trustees chose the following officers:

President—Pastor Elmer W. Anderson, Milltown, Wis.

Vice-president—Pastor Ralph A. Peterson, Rush City, Minn.

Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Lindgren, Luck, Wis.

Financial Secretary—G. E. Bloom, Cushing, Wis.

The articles of incorporation were signed at a special meeting of the Board of Directors at the camp site on Wood Lake on Monday, July 9. Thus the Lutheran Bible Camp Association of Grantsburg became a legal entity, its purpose being to own and control land and buildings for use by evangelical Christian groups as a place for Christian gatherings, especially those of Lutheran bodies, and to operate as a non-stock corporation without profit.

The membership in the association is limited to such persons as are members of a Lutheran church. An annual cash contribution is required to retain membership in the association. Any Lutheran who has contributed the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) at any one time to the association shall be considered a life member. Any Lutheran congregation that con-

tributes the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year shall be eligible to send three delegates to the annual meeting of the association which is held the last Monday of August. One camp regulation expressly states that "the Board of Trustees shall at no time permit any of the following: a) the use of the premises for commercial purposes, b) the use of the premises for dances, and c) the use of intoxicating beverages and beer on the premises." In the event of dissolution of the association all of its real estate and personal property shall accrue to the National Lutheran Council, or its successor.

The following Lutheran bodies are at present cooperating in this venture: representatives (individuals, congregations, Luther Leagues, etc.) of the Augustana Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Danish Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Free Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Generally speaking, the area most vitally interested in this undertaking extends 150 miles east and west and 100 miles north and south—from St. Cloud, Minn., to Rice Lake, Wis., and from Hudson, Wis., to Sandstone, Minn. Within this area the Augustana Synod alone has 75 congregations with a confirmed membership of over 17,000. This potential spiritual and financial resource plus that of the Hudson circuit of the Ev. Lutheran Church and that of the other Lutherans in the area evidences the possibility of successfully undertaking this venture for Christ and His Church. This large Lutheran constituency also presents the need for a Lutheran Bible Camp Association within the area indicated.

The association has received a fine camp site from the Dahlberg family of the Zion Lutheran Church (Aug.), Trade Lake, Wis. It is a tract of land about 8 acres in area, including a fine place for athletic games, and in view of the fact that the major portion of the land is a peninsula extending out into Wood Lake about 1200 feet, the cabins and other buildings will have good ventilation at all times. Wood Lake abounds in fish. It has clear water the year around. Excellent bathing beaches, and the much lake frontage, will make the camp site a very acceptable one for a Bible camp. The kind donors were moved to give this land to the Lord and His Church because of their love and concern for the young people and our church people in general.

The first annual meeting of the association will be held on the camp site five miles north of Trade Lake, Wis., on County Trunk "M" on August 26, at 2 p. m. Plans will then be made toward getting the site ready for building construction so as to have the camp ready for occupancy by 1947, if possible.

Those interested in becoming members of the association should contact their pastor or send their contribution to Lutheran Bible Camp Association, Inc., c/o Mr. G. E. Bloom, Financial Secretary, Cushing, Wis.

—Verner A. Granquist,
Publicity Director.

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To Our Youth

Henry A. Wallace Sends Greetings To D.A.Y.P.L. Convention

The Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, had been invited as the guest speaker to the D. A. Y. P. L. convention held in Tyler, Minn., July 3-7. But unable to come he sent the following greeting telegram:

"The Danish way of life has such an important contribution to make to the American way of life that I regret greatly my inability to be with you. I know the meeting of the Danish Young People's League of Tyler this year will result in a fresh dedication of the Danish-American people to the everlasting principles of a good life as promulgated by Bishop Grundtvig. He showed the Danes how to make the ideal a reality and the reality ideal by hard persistent enjoyable work. That is why the Danes mean so much to America."

Henry A. Wallace.

D.A.Y.P.L. Dist. V Convention

Ringsted, Iowa, Aug. 23-25
40th Anniversary

The fortieth anniversary of the district will be celebrated in Ringsted, the same place where the first meeting was held forty years ago. We know that they who met forty years ago had a definite purpose in view as they met for convention. I hope we may feel that there is still a real purpose for meeting in 1946. There has been much good work done within the district during the past year. We, here in Ringsted, hope many of you will come so that we may share together the thoughts and the visions that we may possess. The whole Ringsted community welcomes you, St. John's congregation welcomes you, and the host society, Brejdblik, welcomes you. We hope you will accept our invitation to be with us Aug. 23 to 25.

Please enroll at least a week in advance to either Patricia Madsen, Ringsted, Iowa, or Harold Petersen, Rt. 1, Ringsted, Iowa. Due to the scarcity as well as the high price of some food, we hope you will meet our request to register early.

The Program for the Meeting.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23:

5:30-6:00 p. m.—Supper at the gym for guests who have arrived.

8:00 p. m.—Opening meeting. Prof.

Alfred C. Nielsen, Grand View College will speak. Games in the gym after the meeting.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24:

9:00 a. m.—Devotional hour. Rev. Marvin Nygaard of Freds-ville will deliver the morning message.

10:00 a. m.—Discussion of our district young people's work.

2:00-5:00—Sports.

8:00 p. m.—Pageant of pioneer days by members of St. John's church in Ringsted.

SUNDAY, AUG. 25:

9:15 a. m.—Danish service. Rev. Harald Ibsen of Kimballton will deliver the sermon.

10:30 a. m.—English service with Holy Communion. Rev. Holger Nielsen of Cedar Falls will deliver the sermon and Rev. Harold Petersen will be in charge of the communion service.

2:30 p. m.—District choir, under the leadership of Margaret Hansen of Cedar Falls, will sing.

3:00 p. m.—Lecture by Holger J. Koch, Kimballton, Iowa.

4:30 p. m.—Folk dancing on the lawn.

7:00-8:00 p. m.—Concert by the Ringsted Community Band.

8:00 p. m.—Closing meeting. Lecture by Rev. A. C. Ammentorp of Des Moines.

Harold Petersen,

District President.

D.A.Y.P.L. District I Convention

District I of D.A.Y.P.L. will hold its annual convention at Brush, Colo., August 23-25. The first meeting will be held Friday evening, August 23.

Delegates and friends planning to attend the convention should register as soon as possible with Mrs. Paul Christensen, Brush, Colo.

The District and the host society extend a special invitation to returned service men.

Howard Christensen,

District I President.

Insmont Camp, located by the town of Bailey, sixty miles southwest of Denver, will be the location for District I camp. All young people of the district are urged to come for a week of fellowship beginning August 26th and ending August 30th. The week of fellowship will include discussions, programs, devotions, crafts, sports, moun-

tain climbing, etc. Any members outside District I who would like to spend a week in the mountains are welcome. Bring your own sheets, pillow slips, blankets, towels, etc.

H. C.

"SKJOLD" WELCOMES YOU!

To some of you the name "Skjold" may sound unfamiliar. It is the name given to the Young People's Society of the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church at Brush, Colo., and in our English language the name would be "Shield."

A shield is for protection. When that name many years ago was chosen for the Young People's Society at Brush, the organization wanted to be a protection for our youth socially and spiritually; a protection against the forces which seek to draw youth away from the influence of home and church.

Thus our society came into being in the summer of 1911. Professor Hasseriis from Grand View College attended the College at Greeley, Colo., that summer. He visited Brush several times and it was really by his assistance that the society came into being.

Four Youth conventions have been held here in our society, 1914, 1923, 1930 and 1938, all in the month of August. The last two were followed by a three-day camp in the beautiful Colorado mountains.

Again it is our privilege to welcome the D.A.Y.P.L. District I annual convention. We trust it may be a successful meeting.

J. J. Lerager,

Pastor, Bethlehem's Church.

Willard Christensen,

President of "Skjold" Y.P.S.

CLERGYMEN NAMED TO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Washington, D. C.—President Truman has appointed three nationally-known clergymen along with 27 other leaders in various fields to a National Commission on Higher Education.

The three are Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York, president of the Federal Council of Churches; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, New York, president of the Jewish Institute of Religion, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, Washington, D. C., director of the department of education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The commission's duties will be to "reexamine our system of higher education in terms of its objectives, methods and facilities and in the light of the social role it has to play," President Truman said.

In announcing appointment of commission members, one of whom is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the President specifically called upon all relevant Federal agencies to cooperate fully with the new body.—(RNS).

Minutes Of The Business Meeting Of The Danish-American Young People's League, July 5 and 6, 1946, Tyler, Minn.

The meeting was opened on July 5, 1946, by Rev. Harald Ibsen, the president of D.A.Y.P.L. After considerable discussion the motion was made and carried that all members of the Young People's Societies and all pastors vote at this meeting.

Nominations for convention chairman were Erling Jensen, Richard Sorensen and Holger Andersen. Erling Jensen was elected, receiving 57 votes. Richard Sorensen received 21 votes and Holger Andersen six votes. Nominated for convention secretary were Holger Andersen, Ellen Bollesen, Paul Jorgensen, Dagmar Jensen and Lester Lauritzen. Ellen Bollesen was elected, receiving 47 votes. Holger Andersen received 9 votes, Paul Jorgensen 11, Dagmar Jensen 21, and Lester Lauritzen 6.

Rev. Harald Ibsen gave the president's report which included a summary of work which has been done by D.A.Y.P.L. during the latter years when no national conventions have been held. In order that the copyright of "A World of Song" might be protected, D.A.Y.P.L. was incorporated in 1945. A set of points had been formulated by a committee of three regarding a definite plan of work for our young people's program, including the appointment of a special program committee. In 1944 the publication of **Ungdom** was discontinued, but it was decided "that the tradition of **Ungdom** be carried on with two pages in **Lutheran Tidings** until National Convention." At a meeting in Des Moines a committee was appointed to revise the constitution, and this committee was to present a proposal for a new constitution at the national convention. The president reported that "A World of Song" has been very successful and that "the committee has done a fine piece of work." In 1945 a special Christmas magazine, **Yule**, was published and so far it has been successful. In regard to financial obligations each society was asked to contribute \$5.00 to help pay the **Ungdom** debt, but very few societies responded. The president thanked his fellow workers and looked with hope to the future.

The motion was made and carried that we accept the president's report.

A motion was made that the chairman appoint a committee of three to make a report to the convention regarding **Yule**, on the basis of the report by the editor and business manager. This motion was retracted when it was announced that the only report which had been made regarding **Yule** was the financial statement.

The treasurer's report was given and the cash balance on June 1, 1946, was \$27.10. It was moved and carried that we accept the treasurer's report. The motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of two to audit the treasurer's report. Holger Andersen and Hermod Strand-skov were appointed.

The present membership of D.A.Y.P.L. was reported as 857.

In response to a letter from District II they were forgiven their dues to D.A.Y.P.L. for the years 1942-1945.

It was moved that we give the editor and business manager each \$50.00 for their work in publishing **Yule**. Motion was carried.

The report by the committee on the Constitution which was to be given at this convention was presented by Rev. Howard Christensen. A proposed constitution was brought before the convention, and after considerable discussion and amendment the following constitution was adopted:

CONSTITUTION OF THE DANISH-AMERICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

Article I—Name

The name of the league shall be the Danish-American Young People's League.

Article II—Purpose

Building upon a Christian foundation, the D.A.Y.P.L. shall endeavor to serve as an integral part of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and shall help the young people of the church to attain a rich and healthful way of life.

Article III—Organization

A. The D.A.Y.P.L. is an organization of the Young People's Societies of the congregations of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

B. Young People's Societies, not now members, may be admitted to membership by the national convention provided that the laws of said applicants are not contrary to this constitution.

C. These societies are to function within district organizations as well as the national organization.

D. District constitutions shall not be contrary to this constitution.

Article IV—Function

The function of the league shall be through the action of the national board to secure for itself a unified method of procedure in dealing with matters pertaining to the work of the young people such as arrangements for national conventions, excursions, lecture tours, publications, procurement of support for our schools, and advancement of any design that will enhance the Christian life and folk life of our youth.

Article V—National Convention

A. 1. National convention shall be held annually.

2. It shall constitute the highest tribunal and final authority of the organization.

3. Any local society may extend an invitation to D.A.Y.P.L. convention. Acceptance or rejections shall be made by the convention.

4. The convention shall elect its own officers.

B. Voting privileges.

1. Each member of the National Board shall have one vote.

2. Each society shall have the right to two delegates with one vote each.

3. If any district has only one delegate present, he shall have three votes. If there are only two delegates from such a district, each shall have two votes. If more than two delegates from such a district, the general voting rights shall prevail.

4. Each pastor of the synod shall have one vote.

Article VI—The National Board

A. The national board shall consist of five members: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and a fifth member.

B. The first four named above shall be elected for a period of two years at the national convention, term of office to begin at the adjournment of the national convention. President and treasurer shall be elected during the even numbered years, and the vice-president and secretary shall be elected during the odd numbered years. The fifth member shall be elected by the national convention of D.E.L.C.A. in odd numbered years.

C. The first four officers shall be nominated by a committee consisting of one representative from each district chosen by the delegates of the respective districts. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the convention.

D. If a member vacates his office before his term has expired, the board shall appoint someone to fill the office until the following convention.

Article VII—Duties of the National Board and Individual Officers

A. 1. It shall be the duty of the president to serve faithfully the interests of the league, to correspond as frequently as may be necessary with the governing bodies of the various district leagues and the local societies, and to submit an annual report concerning the activities of the league to each annual convention of the respective district leagues, the annual synodical convention, and the annual convention of D.A.Y.P.L.

2. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assist the president and to perform in case the president is incapacitated.

3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to take care of the correspondence as directed by the president, to keep records of the minutes of the board meetings, and the annual reports and protocol of the national conventions.

4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect all dues, to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and to present an audited treasurer's report to the national convention and the annual conventions of the district leagues.

5. It shall be the duty of the fifth member to represent the synod on the national D.A.Y.P.L. board.

B. 1. The national board shall be the executive authority and shall carry out the decisions made by the national conventions.

2. It shall give direction and stimulation to the young people's work by furnishing plans and material.

3. It shall have the power to appoint and organize committees to further its work.

4. It shall appoint editors and committees pertaining to the publications of D.A.Y.P.L.

5. It shall arrange national conventions in cooperation with the host societies.

6. It shall be the duty of the national board to work in close cooperation with the district advisors.

Article VIII—District Advisors

A. 1. Each district shall elect a resident pastor of the district to act as advisor.

2. The incumbent district board shall place nominations for advisor to be elected by the district convention.

Article IX—Duties of District Advisors

A. 1. Each advisor shall work in close cooperation with his district board and shall assist the local societies whenever possible.

2. He shall make a report to the Young People's district convention and to the district church convention. He shall have the right to make recommendations to said conventions.

Article X—District Boards

A. The members of the District Board should be lay people.

B. The district board shall work in close cooperation with the district advisor and the national D.A.Y.P.L. board.

Article XI—Receipts and Expenditures

A. 1. The national board shall submit a budget to the national convention.

2. The national board shall submit a request to the synodical board of D.E.L.C.A. for financial aid wherever specific projects are undertaken requiring such financial aid.

B. 1. An assessment committee, consisting of the national board and one representative from each district, shall have the right to make assessments upon the individual societies, such assessments to be paid to the national treasurer before May 15th, on the membership of January 1.

2. The district representative on the assessment committee shall be elected by the delegates from their respective districts attending the national convention.

3. Any society which fails to remit its dues for a period of one year loses its right to vote at national convention, and failing to remit for two consecutive years, upon notification by the national board, loses its membership. The national board may suspend this rule in cases where they deem it advisable.

C. Disbursements are made by the national board according to its best judgment.

Article XII

A. Amendments to this constitution must be made at the national convention and can be enacted provided that said changes do not invalidate, or prove contrary to the intent of Article II, and provided that it receives two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

B. Proposed amendments must be published six weeks prior to national convention.

Article XIII

A. This constitution shall be in effect immediately upon its ratification at the national convention.

The final amendments to the proposed constitution were made at the meeting of July 6, and at this time the motion was made and carried to adopt this constitution.

Several suggestions were made regarding the constitution, but no specific action was taken. It was suggested that the vice-president's duties be enlarged. It was also mentioned that because many of our young people are not Danish born or of Danish descent, the name Danish-American Young People's League is perhaps not the most appropriate, but there being no definite suggestions for a new name, no change was made. The motion was made in regard to Article V, B-2, that each society shall have a vote for the first twenty mem-

bers and an additional vote for the next ten or fraction thereof. The motion was not seconded. In regard to Article III a motion was made and seconded that individuals wishing to become members must present a written application to the national board and may become members if they fulfill the requirements for membership as outlined in Article II of the constitution. Individual members are not eligible to vote. The motion was not carried.

Before adjourning the meeting on July 5 each district was instructed to appoint a person to be a member of the nominating committee which was to nominate candidates for the offices of president, vice-president and treasurer to be elected the following day.

The business meeting was reopened on July 6, by Rev. Harald Ibsen who read telegrams received from Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, and the Young People's Society of St. John's Lutheran Church in Seattle. It was decided that the secretary should send acknowledgments to these greetings.

After adoption of the constitution the Program Committee was asked to report. However, a written report had not been received and no one from the committee was present so no report could be given.

Rev. Harold Petersen reported on **Ungdom**. He stated that since the time of the last national convention the national board had come to the conclusion that it was no longer profitable to continue **Ungdom**. Since the fall of 1944 the synod has permitted us to use two pages in **Lutheran Tidings** to serve the purpose of a youth paper.

Suggestions were made to continue a youth paper of our own, and the motion was made and seconded that the national board be instructed to publish a semi-monthly young people's paper. A substitute motion stating that the national board arrange for the publication of a semi-monthly young people's paper was made and seconded. The substitute motion was amended to read that the national board arrange for the publication of a young people's paper. The amended substitute motion was carried.

The motion was made and carried that the national board investigate the possibilities of making the paper a membership paper.

The report on "A World of Song" which had been prepared by Rev. Erik K. Moller, chairman of the committee, was read. He was happy to report that "A World of Song" has been a success. It has found its way to many parts of the United States, as well as Canada and Hawaii. Four more units are in the making, including a unit of folk games and dances and units consisting of new translations and more folk songs. A set of rules governing the duties, responsibilities and functions of D.A.Y.P.L. Song Book Committee was included in the report.

The audited financial statement for "A World of Song" was given by Rev. Howard Christensen. The balance on hand June 30, 1946, was \$427.39 with the total assets estimated at \$3,792.39.

The motion was made and carried to accept the reports with thanks.

The financial report for **Yule** was given. The balance on hand was \$233.44. The motion was made and carried that the D.A.Y.P.L. national board appoint a committee of three to publish **Yule** starting with the 1947 edition.

Rev. Harald Ibsen read a letter from Rev. Alfred Sorensen suggesting that money be raised to buy a station wagon for Grand View College. A check for \$10.00 was enclosed to start the project. The project was discussed and everyone agreed that it was a much needed article, but the motion was made and carried to table the suggestion to buy a station wagon for Grand View College.

The motion was made that the synodical board be asked to appoint a fifth member of the new D.A.Y.P.L. board to hold office until the 1947 annual synodical convention. The motion was seconded and carried.

The motion was made and carried that inasmuch as a new national constitution was adopted by the 1946 national convention of D.A.Y.P.L., all local societies and districts within D.A.Y.P.L. shall amend their constitutions, wherever necessary, to conform with this new constitution.

There being no further projects or topics to discuss, officers were elected. The motion was made and carried that a vice-president be elected for one year.

Nominations for president were: Rev. Harald Ibsen, incumbent; Rev. Harold Petersen, Rev. Howard Christensen, Rev. Richard Sorensen and Rev. Holger Jorgensen. The first three named refused the nomination. Rev. Richard Sorensen was elected, receiving 66 votes. Rev. Holger Jorgensen received six votes and there was one blank.

Nominations for vice-president were Rev. Howard Christensen and Edith Johansen. Rev. Howard Christensen was elected, receiving 39 votes. Edith Johansen received 24 votes.

Rev. Holger Andersen, Bodil Strandskov and Edith Johansen were nominated for treasurer. Bodil Strandskov was elected, receiving 44 votes. Rev. Holger Andersen and Edith Johansen received 19 and 8 votes, respectively.

Due to the resignation of Rev. Harold Petersen as secretary, nominations for a secretary to serve for one year were made. Nominated were: Edith Johansen, Kathrine Outzen, Ellen Bollesen and Dagmar Jensen. The votes cast were 11, 17, 22 and 19, respectively, but because no candidate received a majority a re-vote was necessary. In the revote Dagmar Jensen received 18, Kathrine Outzen 17, and Ellen Bollesen 28. Again no one received a majority. The motion was made and carried that Ellen Bollesen be elected secretary.

The Young People's Societies which have given bonds to the Grand View College Jubilee Fund were thanked for their contributions.

The motion was made and carried that the delegates go back to their respective congregations to work with the pastors and the respective delegates from the synodical convention in order to collect more money for the G. V. C. Jubilee Fund.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the convention officers.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Harald Ibsen and Rev. Harold Petersen for their work on the national D.A.Y.P.L. board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Bollesen, Convention Secretary.

To The Congregations Of District 2

You will remember that it is the decision of the district that the president make a report in Lutheran Tidings at least two weeks prior to the convention.

Time and space should not be used to re-state and reprint my report found in the annual report of the Synod. I refer you to that report and urge you to re-read it.

You will notice from the synod treasurer's report that our district did not quite meet our synod quota, due primarily to the failure of two of our large churches to meet their quota. May I urge all delegates to discuss thoroughly with their congregations the question of our synod quota. For the coming year our quota will be \$2,800.00 or \$25.00 more than last year. It will mean that each congregation will be asked virtually to do the same as last year.

Then we have our Lutheran World Action. I expect that we are all in the midst of our collections. If at all possible, it is advisable to get the full two year amount at one time. Grant has already its two year quota collected and Muskegon is well on its way. Will each pastor or delegate please bring in a full report on its LWA. collection up to Sept. 1.

Will each congregation also designate one of its delegations to make its oral report on the work of its church. Too often confusion arises because asking for such a report comes as a surprise, although such reports have been given each year for a number of years.

So far I have not received any proposals to be considered at the convention.

However, these items will be discussed: G. V. C. Jubilee Fund and what our district can and will do to get off the bottom.

Pension Fund: Report from the president to the fund.

Home Mission Fund: Last year we decided to set aside \$150.00 for future use. This year no need has arisen. Shall we set aside another sum to add to this fund?

Sunday morning offering: What shall be done with it?

Lutheran World Action.

Synod Budget.

Elections this year are: Secretary of the district (Rev. Holm's term expires). Member of finance committee (Wm. C. Nielsen's term expires).

Invitation for next year's convention. I believe Ludington is next in line.

Be sure you have sent in your district dues.

Let us meet in good numbers, each congregation well represented, at Detroit Sept. 13 to 15. Please be sure to register early and in detail as asked for by the congregation in its invitation. In a large city under present difficulties it is necessary to have full information in order to plan adequately.

We are looking forward to a good convention with rich fellowship characteristic of District II conventions.

Greetings,

Holger P. Jorgensen, Dist. Pres.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY:

2 p. m.—Pastors' meeting in the parsonage.

8 p. m.—Opening service, Rev. Willard Garred preaching.

SATURDAY:

9 a. m.—Bible hour. Rev. Svend Holm.

10 a. m.—Business session.

2 p. m.—Rev. John Christensen speaks: The Church's Contribution to the Community.

3 p. m.—Business closes.

8 p. m.—Rev. Richard Sorensen speaks.

SUNDAY:

10 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, communion by Rev. C. A. Stub.

2:30 p. m.—Rev. Alfred Jensen speaks on the activities of our synod.

—There will be no evening session, nor supper served.

Therefore we will close our convention after Rev. Jensen's talk.

Invitation to District II Convention at Detroit, Sept. 13—15

St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., extends to the congregations of our district invitation to convention of District II to be held in our church Sept. 13, 14 and 15, 1946. The opening service will be Friday evening, Sept. 13, at 8 p. m.

We would kindly ask those who intend to come to write to **Mrs. Ina Christensen, 35 Woodward Height, Pleasant Ridge, Mich.** State when you are coming. Meals will be served Friday evening at 6 p. m.; Saturday noon at 12, Saturday, 6 p. m., and Sunday 12 noon. State the number of meals you expect to be served. Please remember that not only those who expect to be provided with housing must notify us but also all who wish to participate in one or more meals being served. This is absolutely necessary because of existing conditions in this large city.

We shall do everything possible to make this convention successful in every way. With kind greetings,

Peter A. Schmidt, Secretary. **James N. Hansen**, President.

Our Women's Work

We Begin A New Year

W. M. S. is now entering on its 39th year of existence. It has been the women of our church who have been responsible for carrying on the work of this mission group. It does seem as though understanding of the importance of the mission work has gradually increased through the years; but there is still room for growth, and always will be.

We must necessarily stress our collections for the work which we try to carry on. That material side is important and does result in much good. But let us not forget that to be a true mission society, we must constantly try to express the other side of the work too. Stanley Jones in his book, "Abundant Living," says: "There is no such thing as solitary religion, for Jesus expressed religion as love to God and love to man. There can be no love to man unless life is lived in relationships. To be is to be in relations. The Christian's life can be lived only in the give-and-take of corporate relationships."

In our homes, among our friends and fellow-workers the effects of this relationship cannot be over-emphasized. How we admire and appreciate those people who always happily, willing and cooperatively do their share and then a little more towards making this a better world in which to live.

F. S. P.

Letter From Seattle, Wash.

Dear Friends:

I have for some time been wanting to write to you to relate some of our experiences here in the northwest.

Mrs. Mortensen some time back sent a report of our W. M. S. meeting held in the district. Following this meeting, the ladies in Seattle felt it best to have four W. M. S. meetings a year on the regular Ladies' Aid dates. In April we invited all the ladies, whether members or not, to attend the first of these meetings. We had a most enjoyable and profitable afternoon. Our guest speaker was the district vice president of the Women's Mission Society of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, Mrs. Kvale.

I will not attempt to give a resume of Mrs. Kvale's talk; but I do feel that a few of the things she told us about their work might be helpful to us too. For instance, they have a Cradle Roll Fund which is built up in this manner: The pastors give to the local W. M. S. groups the names of all children baptized in their congregation during the month. For each child, the local group then sends to the head treasury one dollar. This fund already has reached about \$13,000 with which the W. M. S. intends to start some specific institution sponsored by them.

They also have an Honor Roll. Various groups throughout the country may vote to honor some older member in their synod, some pastor's wife or someone else who has done some special work for the Kingdom of the Lord. This need not be a great sum, but it is a visible thanks to the persons concerned.

Many of our ladies' groups throughout the country raise a good part of their money through bazaars or dinners. At various times I have attempted to introduce other methods of raising this money. Mrs. Kvale told us that they never have these affairs any more. They have a devotion at either the opening or the closing of their meeting at which time they prayerfully pass the collection plates while singing a song or a hymn. They have received more money with less effort in this way and everybody seems happier about it. They sponsor some very noteworthy causes in these Norwegian groups.

The W. M. S. and Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's in Tacoma invited the Seattle and Enumclaw ladies for a meeting on May 16. Mrs. A. V. Andersen, our district chairman, asked me to tell something about this meeting.

We had invited as our guest speaker, Mrs. T. M. Wiley, a Danish missionary. She had in former years worked in a field in the northwest province of India on the borders of Afghanistan. Dr. Marie Holst started this mission many years ago. It was then called "Teltmissionen"—and later called "Pashamissionen." Mrs. Wiley said they started their work living in tents, hence the name. Her talk was interesting and very inspiring. For instance, she told how the various organizations in Denmark who were contributing to the mission hospital were given each a name such as: Bethainia, Marie, Dorcas or Lydia. Mrs. Holst then gave the beds of her hospital corresponding names. There was a certain intimacy for a group in owning its own bed and being able to pray for its special occupant. Mrs. Wiley thinks the Moslems are the most difficult people to help to know our Savior because they believe in God and Mohammed His prophet. At one time the district became infested with the Bubonic plague from which many died. The Mohammedans would not cooperate with the Christians in their fight against the plague because they believe in predestination and there is nothing to do about it if you have to die. There are certain Hindus who believe in transmigration of the soul. They dared not kill the rats, who were carrying the disease, because they might be killing their own grandparents. When the death rate among the Christians was very low, the Moslems and the Hindus marveled, and the plague really brought many supporters to the cause of the Christians.

Mrs. Wiley is a very busy person. Since coming back to this country, she has done a great work in a large housing project; but she still finds time to tell of India and its great need for men and women who will go out there with the message of the Gospel. All the money Mrs. Wiley receives is sent to support the mission. It has been a great privilege to have met

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Mrs. Wiley and to see and feel her devotion to our Master.

The Tacoma ladies served a very lovely lunch in their cozy and beautifully decorated dining hall. All present voted to meet again this summer and enjoy each others fellowship at our Lutheran Bible Camp grounds during the Danish week in the month of August.

Sincere greetings,
Gertrude Sorensen.

District VI Convention

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Viborg, S. D., will be host to the annual District VI convention on September 13—15. All pastors, delegates and guests are asked to send in their registration to Mr. Niels Hansen or to Rev. H. M. Andersen, Viborg, S. D., as soon as possible.

Tentative Program:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13:

- 6:00—Supper.
- 8:00—Opening meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14:

- 9:00—Morning devotions.
- 9:45—Business session.
- 1:30—Business session continued.
- 3:30—Address
- 8:00—Address.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15:

- 10:00—English Communion Service (Church).
- Danish Communion Service (Gym Hall).
- 1:45—Address.
- 4:00—W. M. S. meeting.
- 8:00—Address and closing meeting.

Rev. Enok Mortensen, Pres.
By H. M. Andersen, Vice-Pres.

Last Minute Information On D.A.Y.P.L.-District IV Camp And Convention

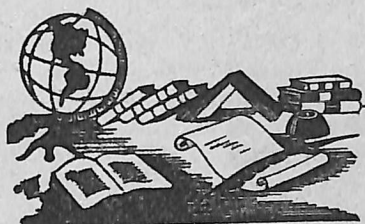
It can be announced at this time that the leadership for the D.A.Y.P.L.-District IV Camp and Convention at Bass Lake will include Rev. and Mrs. Holger Strandskov of Dwight, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. Harris Jespersen of Clinton, Iowa; Rev. Willard Garred of Manistee, Mich.; Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen of Muskegon, Mich.; Rev. C. A. Stub of Greenville, Mich., and the undersigned. The program to be followed has already been announced in the July 20 issue of LUTHERAN TIDINGS. Please read the program and other information in that issue.

We are particularly happy that Mrs. Harris Jespersen will be present to make her unique contribution in the leadership of folk games, folk songs and handicraft work. Mrs. Jespersen's work in these fields has gained for her an outstanding place amongst the recreational leaders of the entire United States. Our young people need the inspiration and the information which she can give them in order that their local work may be more successful in the coming year.

Campers will remember to bring their own sheets and blankets, swimming suits and towels, World of Song and Bible, and a spirit of cooperation and enthus-

iasm. Then we shall surely have five days of fun, fellowship and inspiration.

Richard H. Sorensen,
President, District IV.



Across the Editor's Desk

The Church Relations Resolution as reported in our Convention issue had suffered two small stenographic and printer's mistakes which, at least to those who were not present at the convention, might change the entire picture of the action taken. We therefore prefer to give the entire resolution as adopted in its correct form.

Resolution presented by the three laymen, Jens G. Thuesen, Hart F. Madsen and H. Vendelboe Nielsen as a substitute motion for Point II in the report from the committee on Lutheran Church Relations:

Whereas, the National Lutheran Council is the recognized channel through which Lutheran Church groups cooperate in their activities; and

Whereas, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church synods are both members of this group; and

Whereas, it is unnecessary to maintain two bases for cooperation between those two church groups:

Be it therefore resolved that: the committee on church relations replace the statement of faith referred to in Point II of the Findings Committee report with the following, taken from the preamble to the constitution of N.L.C. as the basis for their cooperation.

"Whereas, in their respective constitutions, the Participating Lutheran Church Bodies accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and the only source, norm and guide of Christian faith and life; and

"Whereas, in their respective constitutions, the Participating Bodies accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Catechism as the true exposition and presentation of the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures" and

Whereas, the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America has been accepted into membership on the basis of its confessional position on Holy Scripture as stated in Chapter 2 of its Constitution, and

Whereas, the Participating Bodies are of the conviction that they can and should serve the Lutheran Church at large:

Be it therefore resolved that the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America cooperate in matters of common interest and responsibility, cooperation in which does not effect their distinctive principles.

Thus the resolution was adopted.

We have learned later that the United Evangelical Lutheran Church at its convention in Blair returned the joint Resolution as presented by its committee back to the committee for further study. Undoubtedly the above mentioned Resolution adopted by our convention will also be satisfactory to our sister synod.

It was stressed on several occasions during our convention that our committee has been chosen for the possibilities of further cooperation between the two synods. Having such a basis of cooperation with the other eight Lutheran synods comprising the National Lutheran Council, it was generally expressed by the convention that there was no need of any other joint statement of doctrine.

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GRAND VIEW COLLEGE



From Grand View College

Inasmuch as the enrollment for the Junior Camps was slow, it was decided to cancel the first camp and to invite the younger groups to the second camp. Harald Knudsen is in charge of the camp, which will begin August 5, and end August 11.

The scholarship winners will be announced in the next issue of **Lutheran Tidings**. In the meantime the applicants will be notified directly.

Excavation for the new dormitory was begun July 23. It was completed three days later. Bids for the mechanical contracts (i. e. electricity, plumbing and heating) were to be opened July 30.

Grand View College is still accepting enrollments from our young people. Our facilities will be a bit crowded, but we still invite you to come.

Johannes Knudsen.

A Humble Guy

The dance hall was stuffy, the Aussie band was playing for the tenth time Martze Doats, the song all Australia was whistling. The charming girls who served as hostesses were friendly enough but their conversation had become stunted and routine from over work. There was about the place an artificial gayety. I escaped by going downstairs for my cigarettes. Handing my check to the stately old man at the window, whom I addressed as Pop, I requested the cigarettes from my peacoat pocket. This old man turned out to be one of those unforgettable characters. Of him there shall be more.

A few hours before I had been idling away one of my nine precious liberties at Kings Cross, Sydney, Australia. Kings Cross was not the place where the best people congregated, for a variety of lowly business transactions took place there day and night.

Homesickness has only one real cure. Bright lights, wine, women or song are not effective. The only complete cure is home. Since the cure was not available, there was no use letting a liberty slip by wasted for they were too few

and far between. I decided to follow a Red Cross suggestion.

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Pop, the check room custodian, brought my peacoat and I found my smokes. While he was re-hanging my coat I placed a tip on the counter bringing his attention to it. From my previous experiences in the country he did an amazing thing. He refused it. His refusal made me rather embarrassed. I don't know why, but he must have noticed it, for he immediately became friendly and talkative.

There was something about him that was striking. It was not just his very white hair, his handsomely wrinkled face or azure eyes, but rather these things combined with a stateliness and an easy manner that were not of accretion but of imbued naturalness. I have imagined these to be the characteristics of an English lord.

Our conversation began as do most conversations answering a question with a question and discussing the state of things in general. Just how it came about I am not certain but soon he was telling me of his home and garden—little personal things.

He was, it seemed, the owner of one of the fashionable homes in Sydney—a large multi-room house set amidst large green lawns and colorful flower beds—overlooking the harbor and its busy ships. The house, though of unique design, must have been almost breathtaking. A large high dome ball room formed the center around which lay the many bed rooms, suites, studies, drawing rooms befitting such a mansion. The ball room was lighted by an enormous crystal chandelier which hung down from the dome. He told of these things in a sad quiet voice, which changed to an enthusiastic tone as he told of his gardens. From the corners of the earth he had gathered flowers both rare and common, and he had transplanted them, watered them, babied them, until they bloomed and showed their beauty to the world.

Then came the rain of blood followed shortly after by the Yank invasion. Our army needed office space near the new docking area that was being built almost on his front lawn. Because of its spaciousness his home fit the bill. The army moved in while he and his wife moved to a two room apartment. The beautiful masterpieces were buried in dark, damp vaults. Across the ball room floor where once danced happy couples, now hurried busy men negotiating the grim business of war. Across the lawns that before rolled nothing more dangerous than lawn mowers now rolled heavy wheeled trucks, tearing up lawn and flowerbeds with cold indifference as they made their way to the docks bringing their deadly cargoes to the ships.

As he spoke on, I had begun to reason that if what he told were true why then would he volunteer to help entertain us who had done so much against him. I asked him and his reply marked him as a man truly forgiving.

"Son," he said, "War is a costly thing; we all lose one way or another. I am too old to be of use any other way. Waiting on you boys is the best thing I have ever done. You are all fine young men, a little too much in a hurry perhaps, but fine never the less and I like you all."

His home, his gardens, the result of many years of industry and energy had overnight by force become others, but still he could forgive the takers and have compassion on them by serving in the way he knew best. He did this without bitterness, without resentment.

He knew me for a short half hour; I shall know him for the rest of my life.

Kai Mortensen,
Chicago, Ill.

OUR CHURCH

Omaha, Nebr.—Dr. Johannes Knudsen and Rev. Alfred Jensen served Our Savior's Church respectively Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 28. Sunday, August 4, a joint service was held with the Bethlehem's Church of Davey, Nebr., Rev. Gudmund Petersen, pastor of the Davey church in charge of the service.

Seattle, Wash.—Hr. H. Hagerup, director of the Hagerup Publishing House, Copenhagen, Denmark, was the guest speaker in the St. John's Church parlors Thursday evening, July 11.

"Dana Week" is scheduled at "Lutherland" during the week, August 12 to 18. This camp is for children, parents and friends of the various churches of this area.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The congregational and Sunday school picnic of Our Saviour's Church was held on a recent Sunday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Isbrandtsen on Long Island. Three busses were chartered for the trip.

The Junior League enjoyed a trip to Squantz Pond, Connecticut, on July 20. And on August 17 a similar trip will be taken to Bear Mountain.

Withee, Wis.—Rev. L. C. Bundgaard spent the month of July at New Haven, Conn., attending a course offered in the subjects of alcoholics, and its relation to physical and mental living. The program is sponsored by Yale University and a scholarship was awarded Rev. Bundgaard upon recommendation of the National Lutheran Council Welfare Department.—Rev. J. L. J. Dixen and Rev. J. C. Aaberg served the Withee congregation during the absence of Rev. Bundgaard.

Rev. M. C. Dixen, former secretary-treasurer of the Santal Mission of the American Board, will again return to this post with his office in Minneapolis. Missionary Bernard Helland is return-

ing to Santalistan this fall after a few years furlough and rest in this country. During the last three years he has served as the secretary-treasurer of the Santal Mission Board with office in Minneapolis.

Dalum, Canada—The annual "Sommerfest" was held in the Dalum church Sunday and Monday, July 21 and 22. Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, Seattle, and Rev. M. Jorgensen, Standard, Alberta, were the guest speakers.

Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran church, and Mrs. Carlsen sailed from New York on July 24 for a six weeks visit to Denmark. The tour to Denmark by Rev. and Mrs. Carlsen is financed by the synod in appreciation of the service rendered during many years as president of the synod.

Hartford, Conn.—Dr. A. T. Dorf will be in charge of the Sunday service in the Hartford church on Sunday, August 4.—Rev. Russell Nelson, a returned Lutheran missionary from China, has served the church during the past year. He and his family recently returned to the Mission field in China. A farewell party was held in their honor in the Hartford church on July 11.

Rev. V. S. Jensen will be in charge of the Danish service on the WCAL radio station, Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday, August 25, 10 to 11 a. m. Rev. Jensen will be guest speaker in the St. Peder's Lutheran church of Minneapolis in the evening.

Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minn., will observe their 25th wedding anniversary on Monday, Aug. 5. A reception has been arranged for the pastor and his wife in the St. Peder's Church in the evening.

Waterloo, Iowa—The Danish Lutheran Church in Waterloo, served by Rev. A. E. Frost, recently voted to make plans for a re-location of their church in another section of the city.

Miss Sigrid Ostergaard, who through several years has served as superintendent of the "Danebo" Old People's Home in Minneapolis, has resigned. Mrs. Dagmar Korting, who formerly served in this capacity, will again resume her place as the matron of the Home.

for being expelled, I wouldn't know, but the leaders didn't like to hear the truth about the actual condition, so I suppose that they, like a certain high-priest, reasoned that it would be better to sacrifice one man rather than the prestige of the whole church no matter how precious this one man might be.

Whether a man is a Christian or not depends upon his attitude toward other men and to God. It has nothing with church membership to do. Grundtvig said that a man must prove himself a man before he ever becomes a Christian. It has been a problem to many good people what he could have meant by that. Yet, it seems very simple and clear. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Jesus said to His disciples: "I give you a new commandment: Love one another." To the temple worshippers He said: "Hypocrites." Why? Because they were untrue, they were trying to make others believe that they were different, as if it was not good enough for them to be themselves. A man is never closer to God than when he is himself. To put on and pretend to be something which he isn't is risky business. One is liable to be found out sooner or later.

When a man's a man he will not try to make himself better than he is, he will not hesitate to admit that he is a sinner; his failures are regrettable, but nothing is gained by trying to cover them up and hide them.

Even Jesus had to prove himself a man. Why shouldn't we then? Can anything be more sensible than this truth stated by Grundtvig?

It is not important that we are this or that or the other so that people may take notice of it. It is much more important that we are just one thing: ourselves. Meeting Christ thus, when there is nothing to keep Him off, His Word might, as a sword, pierce our hearts and give us both pain and joy.

But then we shall know that Christ is Lord. There was no possible way of avoiding a collision between Niemoeller and Hitler. Hitler made God his vassal; Niemoeller is a bond-servant of Christ.

To be a Christian, no matter what we are as human beings among our fellowmen, is to be a man (woman), and be that right, whether in shame or sorrow, in joy or glory.

Santal Mission

General Budget:

Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota	\$ 5.00
Lake Lillian Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn.	25.27
Friends, Luck, Wis.	3.00
Fredsville Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls	25.00
Germania Sunday School, Marlette, Mich.	7.00
West Denmark Church, Luck, Wis.	63.15
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr.	22.57
Jens M. Jessen, Gayville, S. D.	25.00
District 8 at Watsonville, Calif.	50.00
Dalum Ladies' Aid, Canada	25.00
A Friend, Viborg, S. D.	14.76
St. John's Church, Cozad, Nebr.	15.00
Mrs. Christine Christensen, Hartford, Conn.	1.00
Miss Anna Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn.	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Utoft, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
Mrs. Karen Petersen, Tyler	1.00

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CHURCH AND HOME

By REV. M. MIKKELSEN

Martin Luther was illoyal to the traditions of the Church, in spite of the fact that he was one of the greatest Christians of his time, his views were not tolerated, nor was his service desired. Another fine Christian was N. F. S. Grundtvig, and one of the greatest Denmark has ever had, yet the Church could afford to exclude him from among its active servants. He wondered why the Word of God had disappeared from the House of God, and made this the theme of one of his sermons. Whether that was the reason

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Write for Catalog — Johannes Knudsen

St. John's Ladies' Aid Mission meeting, Hampton	9.22
Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo.	41.20
In memory of Sister Lent Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. H. C. Strandskov, Askov, Minn.	1.00
In memory of Sister Lena Nel-Volmer, Mont., Friends and neighbors, Volmer	10.00
In memory of Kresten Nielsen Balle, Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. George Johansen, Tyler, Minn.	1.00
For Lepers:	
Laura Jensen, Chicago	5.00
For Children in School:	
Danish Ladies, Aid, Alden, Minn.	25.00
Given to Dr. E. Ostergaard direct by:	
Hans P. Nielsen, Denmark, Kans.	5.00
Danish Lutheran Church, Davey, Nebr.	10.00
Total for May	\$ 445.17
Total since Jan. 1	\$3,202.70
Acknowledged with thanks.	

Dagmar Miller.

Children's Home, Chicago Gifts Received Since February, 1946.

From the synodical treasurer	\$110.19
(This amount represents gifts from organizations within the Danish Luth. Church which were sent to the treasurer and earmarked for the Children's Home).	
Sunday School, Denmark, Kans.	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Parlier, Cal.	25.00
Mrs. Ebba Nielsen, Chicago, Ill.	100.00

Mrs. H. Borlum, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
D.L.C. of America, by Olaf R. Juhl, treasurer	139.81
(Balance of budget allocation).	
	\$390.00

We sincerely thank each and every one for these gifts.

I also wish to report that Dr. L. A. Dolan, who was physician of the home before the war, has again kindly consented to take over the work. We are very happy about this arrangement. Dr. Dolan has already performed several tonsilectomies and other minor operations. Dr. Peter B. Christensen, dentist, has been very generous too, offering free dental service to the children of the home. Both Dr. Nolan and Dr. Christensen served in the armed forces. We want to express our deep appreciation to these two men for the fine service they are rendering the children and for the spirit of understanding concerning the child care program which they so graciously manifest.

Respectfully,

Ottar S. Jorgensen,

Superintendent.

Chicago, Ill., June 7, 1946.

Across the Editor's Desk

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Lutheran World Relief, Inc., shipped 2,554,601 pounds of relief supplies to Europe during the first six months of 1946 has been reported recently by Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, chairman of the agency's administrative committee. The many packages were sent to six different countries having an estimated value of \$2,044,093.

We know that many of our people have assisted in the collection of clothing, shoes and foodstuffs, and have forwarded same to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse at Easton, Pa.—We can feel certain that every effort made in this drive for relief will be greatly appreciated by the many who in the various countries in Europe were homeless, weary and hungry, and had nearly given up all hope until the relief came.

One of our Lutheran leaders reported recently that a German pastor had revealed to him that most of his parishioners had given in to the belief, that the entire world hated the German people. Words failed to convince them of the opposite, and only as the relief goods, consisting of food, clothing, etc. came to them from various sources would they believe that there was any hope of a continued fellowship with other nations and other church groups.

Typical of these pathetic messages of appreciation is one from a six-year-old youngster named Hubert. "I am hungry," he wrote. "In school I receive a roll and milk-soup. Then I am no longer hungry. Dear people in Amer-

ica, I thank you very much. Many greetings."

Let us continue to voice our greetings in aiding the thousands who are desperately in need of help.

Church of Denmark Donates a Bar-rack Church to a congregation in Thiel, Holland, was reported recently through the office of Dr. S. C. Michelfelder, European representative of the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention. When the Church of Denmark was ready to donate this church building there was still the difficulty of not being able to send any money out of Denmark to other countries. Therefore church officials arranged to make payment in Danish food. Thus food parcels for an equivalent amount are being packed and will be sent for distribution to the needy people in Hungary.

NEWS BRIEFS

RELIGIOUS LEADERS SIGN AD URGING CIVILIAN CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Washington, D. C.—A number of religious leaders have signed a full-page advertisement in daily newspapers here urging the House of Representatives to act now on placing control of atomic energy in civilian hands.

Those signing the advertisement include Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches; the Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; the Very Rev. James T. Hussey, president of Loyola, College; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, of New York City, and Dr. John Haynes Holmes, of New York City.

"Despite the President, despite the Secretaries of War and Navy, despite General Eisenhower, unwise amendments are proposed to the Atomic Energy Bill," the advertisement stated. "Amendments provide for two military men on the Atomic Energy Commission and empower the armed forces to manufacture atomic weapons independently. This, while Mr. Baruch is assuring the world of our peaceful intentions.

"These amendments revive the discredited policy of military control of atomic energy!

"Defeat the May Committee amendments to the Atomic Energy Bill!"

—(RNS).

SALVATION ARMY HEAD TO VISIT U. S.

New York—General Albert W. T. Orsborn, newly-elected commander of The Salvation Army, will come to the U. S. from England in September, it was announced at Army headquarters here. General Orsborne will make an inspection tour of Army work in this country, Canada, the West Indies and South America.—(RNS).

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