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## I Am America

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I am America!

I am the dream of freedom, of free men  
And free women, of all races and all creeds,  
Of all colors and all origins!

I am America!

I am the light which pierced the darkness,  
Which led the seekers from Europe and Asia,  
From India and Africa,  
From far and near, in endless hopeful numbers,  
To my sacred shores . . . . .  
Never forgetting the cursedness of tyranny,  
The desperation in the land of their births!

I am America!

I am the land of the plow  
Cutting its furrow through the virgin land!  
I am the land of the seething cities,  
Of industry and labor and unsurpassing potential production  
I am the skyscraper and the prairie,  
The mountains and the rivers,  
The meadows and the streams,  
The cornfields and the forests . . . .  
I am the high clear sky,  
The swift white cloud,  
*The eternal flaming passion for freedom!*

I am America!

I am not myself alone.

**Nor my possessions alone!**

I am all men, all women and all children . . .  
I am of all races and creeds and colors . . .  
I am my brother's keeper but not in chains . . .  
I am his keeper in hallowed liberty!

I am not alone in this freedom,  
I am of the pattern, intricately woven,  
By all who came before me,  
By all who worshipped at the shrine of liberty,  
By all who cursed the despotism from which they fled,  
By the blood of all who died in the name of liberty!

I am America!

I am Washington at Valley Forge,  
Lincoln at Gettysburg!  
I am the dead soldiers of every war,  
The bewildered sadness of the wake!  
I am that sadness reborn to fight again  
For that for which the dead are dead!  
I am the unknown soldiers and the known  
Who saw their lives in one quick gleam  
And died that I might live!

I am strong and proud of my dream . . . .

I am fearful too,  
Fearful when I see,  
Fearful when I hear,  
The voices of tyranny and deceit,  
Of hatred and perversion,  
Fearful of the deeds and the acts  
Of the betrayers of freedom  
Stalking my land of liberty!  
I was the bitter fight against Hitler,  
Against Mussolini and Hirohito!

I was the welled up hatred before Lublin!  
Before the pry of dead Jews  
Tortured and beaten and burned by Hitler!  
I was the awe before the skeletons,  
Cremated remains of a hundred thousand Jews  
Torn from their homes in Vienna and Prague  
And Hamburg and Paris and Berlin!  
I am the compassionate sadness of the Christ  
Whipped to a fighting fury  
In the presence of this gruesome deed!

I saw America yesterday,  
Saw it inscribe upon a wall,  
**"Jews and dogs not allowed!"**  
Saw on Eighty Seventh Street a scrawl,  
**"Exterminate the Jews!"**  
Saw it desecrate the memories of the dead  
In still and undefended burial grounds!  
Heard it say, **"He is a Jew bastard!"**  
Heard it whisper, **"Someday we'll take care of the Jews!"**  
Heard one who professed the Christ say,  
**"The Christ killers and their love of money!"**

I am America!

I saw America yesterday,  
Heard it say, **"Nigger stay in your place!"**  
I saw a black brother bent across a lathe,  
Producing now the implements of peace  
For white and black citizens alike,  
Saw him at home with his wife and little ones,  
Heard him hear, **"Nigger, stay in your place!"**

I saw America yesterday!  
Heard it say, **"Soon we'll take care of the Niggers!"**  
I saw the heaving of the earth,  
Heard a thunder and a roar  
Of fierce battle between justice and perversion,  
Saw the sad furrowed face of Lincoln with compressed lips,  
Asking,  
**"Did they then die in vain?"**

I am America!

I am full of sadness in my Gethsemane!  
There is that bitter cup - - -  
Was it but a dream . . . this freedom,  
This liberty, this justice,  
This talk about a "Brother's Keeper?"

I am America!

I am the compassionate sadness of the Christ  
Being whipped to a fighting fury  
By this gruesome deed!  
I am America pleading,  
Pleading in the name of the dream,  
The dream of free men and free women,  
**"Today is the day of brotherhood!"**  
Pleading, warning,  
Calling out in rising anger,  
**"Your brother's blood will call to the Gods  
That you betrayed your trust—your heritage!"**  
I am America saying,  
**"This must not be . . . never . . . for this is America!"**



## And Yet We Wonder!

Address Given at Annual District Convention, Detroit, Mich., September 14, 1946.

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine." *Philippians 1:27-30 (R. S. V.)*

Those of you who are acquainted in the field of Christian foreign missions will remember the name of Mary Slessor, often called the Queen of the Calabar. The story of this poor Scottish factory girl, who worked alone in the Calabar country on the northwestern coast of Africa and established a unique and remarkably successful record for the history of Christian foreign missions, is so interesting and challenging that I would like to take the time to summarize her story very briefly.

Mary Slessor was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on December 2, 1848. She was born into a home that knew much about poverty and hard work. Thus she was denied all but a most meager education and forced to spend the days from six in the morning until six in the evening amidst the crash of looms and the rattle of flying shuttles in a textile factory. But she was not denied the blessing of regular attendance at Sunday School and church, and as she grew a little older she found time to do volunteer work in the home mission station in the slums of Dundee. This is the background that made a strong, courageous, hard-working, faithful young woman of Mary Slessor, one who was ready to seize the great opportunity that came to the Christian church around the year 1875. The year before the great David Livingstone had died, bringing to an end his work of opening the trails into the Dark Continent so that Christian missionaries might enter with the soul-saving, life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ for the degraded natives. In 1876 Mary Slessor, at the age of twenty-eight, left for the Calabar Coast where her Scottish church had opened a new mission.

The story of her next thirty years reads like an unbelievable adventure story. For thirty years she worked alone, a lone white woman living amongst the most savage, sensual, blood thirsty natives. She fought against witchcraft, tribal customs and white trader's rum, and lived to see men, women and children delivered from the power of darkness, clothed in their right minds, gathered in churches worshiping God and partaking the Holy Communion.

One woman did that, one woman who asked for and received God's help, one woman who was loyal to a Christian purpose for her life. She wasn't a dreamer, she was a worker. She didn't start out with high ideals and noble purpose, and then cool off when the first adverse wind blew her direction. Because she saw the work that Christ would have done in the world of her day, and because she remained loyal, then she could leave an enviable record of Christian

service and a record of accomplishments for Christ and His Church of which she need not be ashamed. It is you and I that need to be ashamed. Why I don't believe this whole group together would willingly deny themselves enough so that we might support a modern Mary Slessor, or another Dagmar Miller who might volunteer to give her whole life to Christian missionary work in Africa, or India, or wherever it might be. Just consider how heavy the press must be in order to squeeze two dollars a year from our people to support the Christian mission work of Lutheran World Action. That's our record of loyalty to Christ's work in the world of today.

hard-working, faithful, trusting and self-sacrificing.

My purpose this evening is not to raise money for Christian missions or Lutheran World Action. In fact I have only mentioned the giving of money as one evidence of my main theme, namely, that our loyalty to the Christian work in the world of today is so pitifully lacking that we have good reason to be ashamed. Yes, all of us have reason to be ashamed—you and I as individuals, your congregation and ours, our district, and other districts of our synod, our synod, and other synods, and other denominations, surely, the whole Christian Church. We are all followers of Jesus Christ, but so few of us are loyal followers. We can all see the work of Christ which should be done in the world of today, but how many of us are loyal enough to give first consideration, in thought, in time, in material support to our Master's work. Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi, and also for the benefit of the Christians in Michigan: "Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." That's it! Paul says we are privileged to suffer for Christ's sake in order that His work on earth may be done in us and through us. But what do we want to hear about suffering for Him. We don't even want to be inconvenienced for His sake! We'll let the Mary Slessors accept that privilege and we'll sit home wondering how she and her kind can accomplish so much while we accomplish so little for Him.

Isn't it true that all of us do too much sitting home, wondering and wishing while the work of Christ waits for loyal and willing hands? I'm sure that an examination of conditions in your own congregation will reveal that this is the case. What about your Sunday School? Doesn't the pastor or the superintendent have to beg and scratch in order to find teachers, or accept inferior teachers because those who should be showing their loyalty in this particular field of Christian work are shirking their duty. What kind of loyalty are we expressing when we allow our children to receive anything but the very best teaching that our congregation can supply? What about the half-filled choir, or the choir that should be leading the hymns of praise at your worship service each Sunday? Does the choir leader have trouble finding volunteers to sing? He probably does, and so this part of the service fails to touch the hearts or inspire the lives of the



listeners as high quality singing can do. Again, a lack of loyalty means that the accomplishments are so meager. And what about the loyalty that is shown in the leadership and the support of our young people's program, and the ladies' aids work, and the men's club, and the mission society, etc.? Is the loyalty 100% or 50%? And yet we wonder why we accomplish so little in comparison to the great amount of work that needs to be done. Certainly it's not because we don't have the talents, because God hasn't given us the abilities or the opportunities! It's a lack of loyalty in using the talents He has given us in order that we might perform the tasks He has assigned to us. So His work remains undone, with the sad results which we see in the homes, the churches, the schools, the nations, yes, the world of today. People are bewildered, anxious, afraid, unhappy. They have lost the way, because we have failed to bring them to Him who is the Way.

No doubt we are all discouraged at times as we think of the Christian work that needs to be done in our world of today. At such times we should find comfort in the thought of the amount of work which one truly loyal Christian woman like Mary Slessor could accomplish by her work of faith. Imagine then the loyalty that she and others like her have displayed. Yes, a few could do so much; but all of us striving together, with the help of God, could accomplish great things. I'm sure that thought was in the mind of Paul when he wrote to the Philippians that they should "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

What is the common ground on which we stand when we come to a convention of this kind? It can only be our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as that faith is confessed by our church. And what is the purpose of such a meeting? It must strengthen our faith, for one thing, but it shall also help us to discover the places and the methods in which we can strive together in serving the Lord in whom we have our faith and our hope of salvation. And finally such a meeting must help us attain a higher sense of loyalty in serving the Lord and Master of the Church.

We pray that our fellowship with one another, that the preaching of the Word of God amongst us, that our sharing of the Lord's Supper at our service tomorrow may work together in us so that the highest purposes of these gatherings have been fulfilled.

May we leave this meeting with a greater love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, with a new awareness of our place in the Christian work in the world of today, and a determination to serve with a loyalty rightly due the Son of God.

"My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58).

**Richard H. Sorensen.**

## 60th Anniversary Of The Diamond Lake, Minn., Church

Sunday, October 6, was a day of festivities for the Danish Lutheran church at Diamond Lake. On that day the congregation held its annual Harvest Festival and celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the church. Morning worship service was held at 11 o'clock and Rev. Harold Ibsen of Kimballton, Iowa, delivered the sermon. He paid special tribute to the early pioneers who met 60 years ago in one of the farm homes—and organized the church. He spoke of the progress made through the years and hoped that the congregation would continue to go forward. At noon a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by the large gathering at the parish hall. Both the church and the parish hall had been beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and foliage, flowers, fruits, grains and vegetables, showing the fruits of the abundant harvest. At the morning service an offering was taken to be divided between various Home Missions.

At 2:30 the Hendricks high school band, under direction of Mr. Otto Sorensen, favored the guests with a band concert. The Rev. Harold Ibsen gave an interesting lecture on a new project in the Mississippi Valley. Many songs were sung by all present and lunch was served at the close of the afternoon. An interesting feature of the day was a display of old pictures of the early pioneers. It should also be mentioned that on our arrival at the parish hall, a beautiful sight greeted us all, namely 60 burning candles arranged in tiers on top of the piano with the lettering in blue on white "60th Anniversary" in the background.

It was, all told, a very enjoyable day. The pastor, Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, closed the program with prayer.

**Mrs. Hans Meyer.**

## Danebod Folk Meeting

"Work is love made visible. And what is it to work with love? It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart, even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth."

Yes, indeed, work with love was richly evident in many ways during our five-day stay at Danebod, October 8—13.

First of all Danebod had been rebuilt from what Rev. Enok Mortensen termed practically a ruin, to what now met our eye with beauty and cozy home atmosphere.

Coming into the "foredragssal" that first evening, we found it flooded with light and packed with people. Voices were raised in happy, grateful singing. On the familiar and beautiful rostrum stood a copper vase with russet dahlias and a frost-touched, red vine trailing down the side. It, and many other floral arrangements, each one little works of art, helped make hearts happy and were mute evidence of "work with love." Many of us felt with Rev. Rodholm that we had come home.

Rev. Mortensen's opening talk on "Memories and Goals," was a good beginning. His statement, "Hats



off to the past, coats off to the future," gave us something to think of and wish to do something about.

At Tyler is a small group of people with faith and courage enough to want, even in an atomic age, to build and to share that rich folk life which is theirs. They are offering it to us, who are many. Did we accept their invitation and thus justify their faith? I for one was disappointed in the small enrollment. I believe we were about two dozen on that first morning at the breakfast table. At the end of the week we were twice as many. My only encouragement was, that I knew of many who were interested, but who at this time had found it impossible to get away. Maybe when Danebod again thrives it will find full house.

There were people from as far away as Colorado, Montana, Canada and even from Denmark.

Rev. Rodholm led the Bible hour every morning, dwelling on the prelude to the gospel of St. John. We were also offered two exceptionally fine talks by Rev. Eilert Nielsen, on "Pastoral Psychiatry." May I make this remark, that even though I and several others enjoyed this revelation, I hardly think the group, as a whole, was willing to accept Rev. Nielsen's views. There is, however, a crying need for his type of teaching, whether or not we are willing to recognize the fact.

We listened to fine testimony by Rev. Hakon Jorgensen, Rev. M. Krog, as well as Rev. P. Rasmussen from Canada. As topics for some of these talks, may I mention, Spiritual Freedom, What I Believe, Adolescence, Saul of Tarsus and King Saul, The Epistle of Paul to Philemon. We were also given the oppor-

tunity to discuss the cause of Sønderjylland and the future of Danebod.

During the song period every day, we were taught new and inspirational melodies for some of our hymns. Several of these have been written by Tyler's own composer, Jens Jorgensen.

A delightful period of each day was spent listening to Mrs. Sigrid Johansen and Rev. Enok Mortensen read to us the play, "Ambrosius"; Mrs. Johansen taking all the feminine parts and Rev. Mortensen all the masculine. It was a masterful presentation, and we felt as if we had attended a showing of the play rather than merely a reading.

Friday evening the Danish Ladies' Aid presented the one-act play, "Valbygaasen," in which the songs were particularly gratifying.

Tuesday was R. J. Martensen's 80th birthday. We celebrated this event at our evening coffee table. The coffee was served by old students, and several spoke in the old gentleman's honor. A congratulatory telegram from Rev. and Mrs. Holger Strandskov was read.

So passed the week. It is extremely difficult to pass on to others, even a portion of that which we received, but to all of you who have found joy in singing, and who know the depths of sharing in "folkelig" fellowship, I really need say no more.

May I express my profound thanks to Nanna and Enok Mortensen, and to the people who make up the spirit of Danebod. Because you are "believers in life and the bounty of life, your coffer is never empty. Through the hands such as these, God speaks and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth."

—Thyra Nussle.

## The Jubilee Anniversary Fund And Tomorrow's Grand View

Sometimes it seems but a day or two since the Jubilee Anniversary drive for \$100,000 began in our synod; but we know that years have passed, that the war brought difficulties and uncertainties. Instead of trudging to school, our young men and women marched off to war. Would they return? If they were spared to find the road back to home, would they then seek a small church school, a rambling, weathered, brick building with a roof that leaked here and there, with creaking stairways, with large, old-fashioned windows and too-small class and dormitory room? Would the boys and girls remember?

They did remember, and they have come back. First they sought their homes and then they came to Grand View College.

More young people have enrolled in our school this year than at any time in its half-century of existence. In the dormitories the unquenchable energy of youth boils and bubbles, exuding a spirit so joyous, so incandescent, so contagious that staid professors are in a perpetual state of half-reproof and half-enthusiasm; and G.V.C.'s old walls tremble and sigh and decide, after all, not to tumble and be rubble but to hang together and be young for yet a score of years.

New walls are a-building. Of brick, concrete masonry and steel, they rise on the campus a few hundred feet west of the building that's fifty years old. The new building was planned for the girls but since priorities could be had only for boys, they'll take over when the bricklayers, the plumbers and painters have done.

Students and the college staff look forward to moving day; but sometimes they wonder what'll happen, when that day does come, to old G.V.C. It won't be a new school; it'll still be full of life and song; it'll harbor long hours of work

with keen minds probing, and reaching, toward eternities; yet a change will have come—a change simple as a boy's first pair of long pants or a girl's first date, and as fundamental in implication, a milestone-kind of change.

Grand View College has outgrown its old home; moving-day will be outward recognition of that growth.

Few boys shoot upward so fast that they find the long pants mother bought too small to wear; but Grand View, with an enrollment approximately double that of any preceding year, will need all available space, including the yet unfinished building; and within another year we shall in all likelihood need still more room. Inquiries from prospective students arrive weekly from here and there throughout the land, and the government has warned all who are interested in education that the number of veterans seeking college training will increase annually for several years to come. To keep step, many schools must build and build again.

The synod is mother to G.V.C. and its boys and girls. What will she do? What would any mother do?

She would save pennies, and work unceasingly, to give her children what they need.

Happily, they have a friend in need, a friend who understands that the future lies beyond the simple facts of moving-day.

It is with joyous and grateful hearts that we of the Jubilee Anniversary committee present this friend: A few weeks ago a committee of forward-looking Des Moines citizens, with Mr. Erik Lindhart for chairman, pledged themselves to raise \$100,000 to match the one hundred thousand dollars being subscribed within the synod. More than a third of this new fund already has been pledged, and most of the third has been



paid. Besides, Mr. Lindhart has assured us several times that the full \$100,000 will be pledged and paid.

The Jubilee Anniversary campaign for \$100,000 from members of our synod is all but concluded with \$90,000 pledged and paid.

We expect that a grand total of \$190,000 will be available within a few weeks. 'Twould not be too much—only enough to pay for the new dormitory, to enlarge the heating plant, to repair the old buildings and, possibly, to begin the construction of a new unit.

Perhaps there will be still more money with which to build for the future. Though her hands may rest, a mother's thoughts are seldom idle. She hopes and plans—she hopes especially for a way to find the last one-tenth of her \$100,000 goal. And her hope is stronger, if possible, in the knowledge that when she succeeds yet other friends will contribute at least an additional \$10,000 to the completed fund.

**The Jubilee Committee.**

## Minutes Of The Meeting Of The Board Of Directors

October 2 and 3, 1946, Des Moines, Iowa

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Alfred Jensen in whose home we met. The fine hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen has given our board meetings an atmosphere of home rather than a board of director's meeting doing routine business. For opening their home to us we are always grateful.

**Secretary's Minutes.** A copy of the minutes from the March 26-27, 1946 meeting had previously been sent to all of the board members. The motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report.** Mr. Olaf R. Juhl presented his report. It was examined and discussed by the members of the Financial Advisory Committee who were all present and the other members of the Synodical Board. The report was accepted and placed on file.

**New Board Member.** Mr. Viggo Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., who was elected trustee at the 1946 church convention, was bid welcome by the synodical president. Mr. Herluf Hansen, Clinton, Iowa, retiring trustee of the board, was also present. The motion was made, seconded and carried that a resolution be written by the secretary thanking Mr. Herluf Hansen for his service as a member of the Synodical Board of Directors of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas, Mr. Herluf Hansen has for six years served as trustee of the Synodical Board, and furthermore, has during that time applied himself consciously and efficiently in the welfare of our synod; be it, therefore, resolved that the Board of Directors of the D. E. L. C. of America goes on record expressing its sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Herluf Hansen for the time and service rendered as trustee of the Synodical Board."

**Members of the Financial Advisory Committee Present.** Mr. Charles Lauritzen, Reddick, Ill., as a new member of the F. A. C. was bid welcome by Rev. Alfred Jensen. Together with the Synodical Board the three members of the F. A. C. discussed in detail investments, operation of farms, real estate, and funds entrusted to the directors of the D. E. L. C. of America.

**Met With the G.V.C. Board of Education During Convention, June 18-23, 1946.** Letting of the contracts for the construction of the Grand View College dormitory had been arranged previously to the convention. In the presence of all the members from both boards the bids were opened. The lowest bid was offered by the Fane F. Vawter and Co., Des Moines, Iowa, a base bid of \$95,489.00; flat roof less by \$4,450.00. This bid like all bids received today contained escalator clauses which contractors insert to allow for the possible rise in cost of labor and material. Neither did the bid include cost of material and installation of plumbing, heating and electric wiring.

Other bids which are now on file were received from Benson Construction Co., the Capital City Construction Co., and the Kucharo Construction Co.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Directors of the D. E. L. C. of America accept the Fane F. Vawter and Co. bid. Motion carried.

**Church Extension Fund Loan.** It was moved and seconded that the Church Extension Fund make a loan of twenty-five hundred dollars to the St. Ansgar's Church, Lindsay, Nebr. This loan is to be used for the completion of their parsonage. Motion carried.

**American Bible Society.** The convention of 1946 endorsed the work of the American Bible Society and urged all the congregations to support this work with contributions. (See point XXI page 107 in annual report). In keeping with this decision of the convention the Synodical President signed a letter designating Dec. 8 of this year as the Sunday when collections for the work of the American Bible Society should be taken in the churches of our synod.

**Theological Candidate Einer Anderson to Los Angeles, Calif.** Following the decision made by the Home Mission Council the Synodical Board made the arrangements for supporting the home mission work at San Diego, Calif., with the sum of fifty-five dollars a month. Einer Anderson will also assist Rev. Farstrup with the work at Los Angeles, Calif.

**Concerning the Danish Seamen's Mission, N. Y.** An agreement between the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports and the Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Reading Room, Inc., N. Y., reads as follows: It is regarded with favor that the work of the Seamen's Mission in the future continues in the tradition that it has established.

Danish Seamen's Reading Room, Inc. (Sømandsstuen) and the Danish Seamen's Mission consist of two independent institutions. However independent these two institutions are, they are willing to work together on the following basis: Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign ports agree to furnish a pastor from Denmark and pay his salary. This pastor is to occupy the same position on the Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Reading Room Inc., as did previously the seamen's pastor. He is also to serve on the committee which is to govern the Danish Seamen's Reading Room. The Danish seamen's pastor as such shall conduct one weekly meeting and conduct service each Sunday in the Seamen's Church Institute's Chapel in agreement with the board of said Chapel.

The operating expenses of the Danish Seamen's Mission is to be raised by direct appeal published in the Danish papers in America and by contributions from the congregations in the Danish Church in America. The money thus received shall be used to help Danish seamen in need, to pay mileage for the pastor of the Danish Seamen's Mission, for defraying expenses at festival occasions for the Danish seamen, and if necessary to assist the Danish Seamen's Reading Room, Inc.

The Danish Seamen's Mission Board of Directors in N. Y. shall consist of the pastor from the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports and four other members of which two are to be elected by the congregation of our Savior's Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The financial statement shall be audited by the auditors from the above named church. The financial statement shall also be presented for examination and approval to the annual convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and to the Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports. The Danish Church in America as well as the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports shall be presented with an annual report of the work of the Danish Seamen's Mission in New York.

The Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Reading Room Inc., declare their agreement to the above statement. N. Y. July 26, 1946.

**A. T. Dorf, Secretary.**

**Chr. Schrøder, President.**

Translated from the original copy written in Danish.

**Agreement as signed by the Synodical President.** In answer to an agreement between the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports and the Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Reading Room, Inc., N. Y. (Sømandsstuen) presented to the Synodical Board of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, it was moved and seconded that the Board of Directors of the D. E. L. C. of America instruct the Synodical President to sign the agreement entered into between the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports



and the Board of Directors of the Danish Seamen's Reading Room, Inc., dated July 26, 1946. However, the Board of Directors of the Danish Church in America wants it understood that the financial support gathered among its membership for the support of the Danish Seamen's Mission shall not be used for the operation of the Seamen's Reading Room, Inc. Motion passed.

**G.V.C. Jubilee Drive in the City of Des Moines, Iowa.** Before adjourning the board members looked over the property of the synod within the city of Des Moines. Also did we inspect to the best of our ability the new dormitory under construction on the Grand View College campus.

During the luncheon hour of October 2, the members of the board were invited by Dr. Knudsen to attend a meeting of the men who are heading the G.V.C. Jubilee Drive in the city of Des Moines. We were impressed with the willingness of these gentlemen from the city to go out and work for our college. I wish more of our people could have been present.

Holger O. Nielsen, Sec.

### From The Danebod Folk Meeting

Only one brief session of this would I report on at this writing and only one phase of it at that.

At the close of the well attended opening meeting on the evening of October 8, Rev. Mortensen asked us to take with us our song books and added, "We will use them at the coffee tables."

Down to the dining room we filed. It was indeed festivity that breathed its welcome to us. The occasion was Mr. R. J. Martensen's 80th birthday anniversary. And his former "Børneskole" girls and boys were responsible for the birthday party to which we now had been invited.

Two beautiful bouquets of American beauty roses adorned

the table assigned the honored guest. Cakes of splendid varieties abounded and were served with the coffee.

Several people spoke to express their greeting and appreciation of friendship through many years. There were the many little amusing incidents recalled and there were the more serious sentiments expressed in gratitude to God and man.

One speaker had known and appreciated Martensen long before he had even seen him, stressing especially that the splendid "little red songbook" which Martensen had helped to compile has served well in many of our summer vacation schools in our congregations.

While other worthwhile thoughts were being expressed I in my thoughts milled over a "little red-songbook" episode. It happened a few years ago in one of our congregations. A little girl, sobbing as if her heart would break, came running to her aunt after Sunday school. The aunt inquired as to the reason for her crying. Tearfully the little girl sobbed out: "I am no more to use my little red songbook. Beginning next Sunday we will no more use it in Sunday school."

As I pass on this little girl's "thank you" for the "little red songbook" I would add: Dear Sunday school teachers and parents, as you cultivate in the child the love for songs and stories ageless—what a foundation you are laying!

Seated around the tables in the Danebod Folk School dining room many were the songs we sang also this evening.

Mr. Martensen responded to the many greetings and told most interestingly of his own life and thanked warmly for the years passed and for this evening of fellowship.

Closing with evening devotion led by Rev. Mortensen we knew that this was a good beginning of the week's fellowship meeting so much anticipated.

Dagmar Møller.

## Annual Convention District No. 1

Dansh Ev- Luth. Church of America, Troy, N. Y., September 27 to 29

For the eighth time since the district was organized at Hartford, Conn., pastors, delegates and visitors met for the annual convention at Immanuel Lutheran church at N. Troy, N. Y. The opening service was held Friday evening, with District President Rev. A. C. Kildegard, Sr., presiding, and Rev. Ove R. Nielsen of Perth Amboy, N. J., preaching the opening sermon, stressing the importance of "The Living Word." Following this message Rev. A. Th. Dorf of Peekskill, N. Y., former pastor of Our Savior's Church at Brooklyn, gave a brief talk, of a political-social-religious nature. At the close of the meeting the district president and the pastor of the host church bade the convention delegates and visitors welcome.

Following the meeting the Immanuel Church Council served coffee and cake, giving an opportunity for all convention guests to get acquainted.

At the devotions Saturday morning at 9, Rev. A. C. Kildegard, Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn., gave a review of Prof. C. S. Lewis' (author of "Screwtape Letters") recent book, "THE GREAT DIVORCE," tying up this review with this statement from the Apostles' Creed:

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"He descended into hell; on the third day He arose again from the dead." Among the numerous quotations from the book, one of the most forceful was: "There are only two kinds of people, at the end: those who say to God: 'Thy will be done'; and those to whom God says,—at the end: 'Thy will be done.'"

The business session of the convention followed immediately after the morning devotions, with the district president acting as chairman. The proposed agenda for the meeting was read, and adopted, as follows: 1. Organization of the convention; 2. Secretary's report; 3. President's report; 4. Treasurer's report; 5. Report of chairman of Children's Home Fund; 6. Report on Seamen's Mission; 7. Reports from the Des Moines convention; 8. Report on Grand View College Fund Drive, and Lutheran World Action; 9. Ministers' Pension fund; 10. The proposed new constitution for the District; 11. Unfinished business; 12. New business; 13. Greetings; 14. Election of district board; Auditor's report.

The following pastors and delegates were present:

**Pastors:** A. J. Tarpgaard, A. T. Dorf, A. C. Kildegard, Sr., A. C. Kildegard, Jr., F. O. Lund, Johannes Pedersen, Ove R. Nielsen, James N. Lund.

**Delegates:** Brooklyn: Niels K. Nielsen, Mrs. F. O. Lund, Halvor Jensen. New York: Chris Madsen, Mrs. Ibsen-Jensen, Mrs. Greta Riewerts, Mrs. A. C. Kildegard. Perth Amboy: Mr. and Mrs. Axel Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Gade, Nels Hansen, Mrs. Viggo Jensen, Herbert Nielsen, Vivian Lunn, Irving Nielsen, Irma Rasmussen. Bridgeport: Mrs. Kamma Kristensen, P. Sorensen, Leroy Sorensen, Miss Esther Nielsen, Viggo Nielsen. Port Chester: Albert Maillandgaard, John Smith. Hartford: Mrs. Ellen Olsen. Portland: Mrs. Rigmor Luja, Mrs. Jeannie Bertelsen. Troy: Mrs. W. Connor, Mrs.



Nic. Christiansen, Mrs. Fred Skott, P. C. Rasmussen, Johannes Nielsen, Mrs. Agner Larsen. **District Treasurer:** Marius Andersen.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., and Rev. James N. Lund were elected by acclamation to serve as chairman and secretary, respectively, of this convention.

The minutes of last year's convention, held at Brooklyn, were read and approved.

The district president's report was read, accepted and referred to a Resolutions Committee of three members appointed by the chair: Rev. F. O. Lund, Mrs. Rigmor Luja, Mr. John Smith.

The treasurer's report was read, as appended hereto, and the chair appointed an auditing committee consisting of P. C. Rasmussen and Johannes Nielsen.

Axel Olsen reported on the Perth Amboy Danish Children's Home Fund, showing \$21,729.75 in the PRINCIPAL Account, as of May 1, 1946 and \$357.70 in the INTEREST Account. There were the following disbursements during the year:

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Christensen, Perth Amboy	-----\$ 220.00
Mrs. Helen Bjørnsen, Perth Amboy	-----40.00
Two Butwell Daughters, Portland, Maine	-----165.00
Mrs. Ellen Langebeck, Bronx, N. Y.	-----220.00
Benjamin Throupe, Stratford, Conn.	-----350.00
Bethlehem Children's Home, Staten Island	-----60.00
Bus for Sunday School children, Perth Amboy	-----100.00
Safe Deposit Box	-----3.60
	<hr/> \$1,158.60

Audited and found correct May 10, 1946.  
Harry Lund, C. Miller.

Rev. A. T. Dorf reported on the Seamen's Mission. Rev. Ingstrup Mikkelsen of the Seamen's Mission in Denmark visited America earlier in the year, looking over the situation in New York with a view to sending a pastor from Denmark to give full time to the work here. The policy of the group which at the present time has control of the new "King Christian the 10th Room, Inc." at the New York Seamen's Institute, seems to be that this room must be used only for social purposes and that anything in the way of a Christian program or atmosphere is to be avoided. Pastor Dorf's report was accepted with thanks.

The report of Mr. William Smith of Troy, our District "Junior Delegate" to the Des Moines convention, was read, and accepted.

The chairman quoted figures from a recent letter from our synodical president showing what percentage of their quotas each of the congregations of our District had contributed toward the Grand View Jubilee Fund. The District as a whole had contributed only 54% of its quota. More encouraging figures were reported from Des Moines where a campaign among local business men is under way. \$21,000 was raised the first day, and prospects were good that \$100,000 would be contributed by the firms in Des Moines. The morning business session closed with the singing of the hymn: "We are in our Father's hand."

At the afternoon business session, our chairman, quoting again from the synodical president's letter, appealed for greater support of the LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION campaign. The minimum quota for the two year period, 1946-47, is \$4.00 for every confirmed member in our church.

A letter from the chairman of the synod's Pension Fund, Rev. A. E. Frost, was read, calling for continued support, so that the fund may be able to meet its increased obligations.

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Jr.—chairman of a committee elected at last year's District convention to work out a new constitution—presented the committee's work, and acted as chairman while it was being discussed and adopted point by point. With a few minor exceptions the constitution was adopted just as the committee had worked it out. It was moved and carried that the committee be given a rising vote of thanks and that copies of the new constitution be printed as soon as possible and sent to each congregation of the District. Since that is to be done we will omit the constitution from the present minutes of the convention—to keep this report within reasonable space limits.

For the same reason, and because his report is found almost verbatim in our synodical convention report, and its essential points covered in the report of our convention's "Resolutions Committee,"—we omit the District President's report here. The following report of the "Resolutions Committee" (dealing with the president's report) was adopted point by point:

1. The committee expresses its pleasure with the work carried on by the District president the past year, and with the reported improvements in several congregations of the District.

2. The committee feels that, although the Danish language should not be omitted from our church life, there is a continued growing need for the use of the English language, especially if we desire to keep our youth in the church and make them the leaders of the future.

3. The committee expresses the hope that all congregations in the District will be able to meet all quotas in the coming year. Especially do we stress our obligation as Lutheran Christians toward the LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION (\$4.00 per confirmed member over a period of two years).

4. The committee regrets that the president of the synod could not be with us at this meeting, but understand the necessity of his presence in Des Moines at this particular time.

5. The committee rejoices with the young people of the District over the success of their short summer camp held in August of this year and recommend that this idea may be continued.

6. The committee concurs with the District president in thanking Pastor A. T. Dorf for his many years of service in this District, and in bidding a hearty "Welcome back" to Rev. F. O. Lund and family. (This motion was adopted by rising vote).

7. The committee is happy to note that Hartford congregation has succeeded in finding a pastor and hope that the District convention of next year may be held there.

8. As the synod's ruling concerning the sending of delegates and pastors from outlying Districts to the national convention will eliminate the ruling of this District—(the sending of one delegate and one pastor each year)—the committee recommends that the amount usually expended for this purpose be put to another worthy use in the District.

9. The committee expresses its appreciation to the Troy congregation for so willingly accepting the responsibility of being host to this convention.

10. The committee recommends that the District president's report be accepted with thanks.

F. O. Lund, Mrs. B. Luja, John Smith.  
(To be continued November 20)



# In Our Youth

## The 1946 Yule

There are many who refuse to buy the cat in the bag and therefore will not buy Yule until they see it or, at least, hear what it looks like. After a year or two more we hope to have that suspicion cleared away so that all will know that Yule is good.

The undersigned has not read Yule either or has he seen more than a single article of what will be printed in it. But he knows it will be good. It will come out in green this year. The front cover design has been patterned by Mrs. Margaret (Aaberg) Hisey. The simple but attractive design is in red and yellow on the green background.

The forward has been written by our D.A.Y.P.L. president, Rev. Richard Sorensen. This is followed by a devotional article by the editor, Rev. H. Jespersen, "The Stars Still Shine."

A special greeting page containing a letter written by Giovanni in 1513 is found on page 7. This has space for a Christmas greeting for anyone wishing to send Yule to friends for Christmas.

There are thousands in our Danish communities who still remember Jørgen Juhl and you who do not remember him will have heard about him and will appreciate Enok Mortensen's excellent article, "Portrait of a Peddler."

Rev. E. E. Ryden, D. D., of the Augustana Synod has given us a short but very fine article on "Phillips Brooks and His Carols." We will all want to read "Excerpts From a Concentration Camp Diary," by Mrs. Hope Miller.

Prof. Alfred Nielsen has given us the article for which he long ago was requested and we all know Alfred Nielsen when it comes to writing about American history. His Thomas Jefferson, The American is an article for which we are very grateful.

You remember from last year Bundgaard's fine introduction of Dorothy Kirpatrick. This year she speaks to us directly through her poem, "Renewal."

Dagmar Potholm Petersen is known so well to us through her contributions through years that we know beforehand that her new story "The Shield and Buckler" is another treasure. Ove Nielsen, the young pastor with the round, jolly face has given us another short story, "Gesu Bambino." Likewise, Holger Andersen, the Viborg pastor, comes to us once again with a new story, "The Chastening Hand."

Rev. Rodholm has given us three new translations. Kirstine Thomsen, known before her marriage as Kirstine Toft has written about S. D. Many know without hesitation that this is Rev. Rodholm.

Other contributors are Rev. Axel Kildegaard, Jr., who gives us "In the

Fullness of Time," a religious story, Mrs. Goodhope, a favorite for a number of years with "The Guests" and Rev. L. C. Bundgaard contributes "Days of Growing Virtue."

Yule is well illustrated, much better than a year ago. Now read over the contents again and ask if you do not think this book merits a wide distribution? Why should we be cautious? Why should some of you to whom cards have been sent refuse to have anything to do with it? Have we reason to be ashamed of the work we are doing? Show it to other church groups and ask if they have anything to show that is better.

Harold Petersen.

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

Nysted, Nebr., Oct. 18, 19 and 20, 1946

Rain, Rain, Rain!! Again we, Dist. I D.A.Y.P.L., thought we would have the pleasure of having it rain during our convention, but on Friday morning, much to our surprise, the sun "came out" beaming brightly. Of course the rain had affected the good "paved" roads out to Nysted. Going over all the bumps, Rev. Ronald Jespersen had the misfortune of losing the battery out of his car, and due to the unfamiliarity of Nebraska roads, Clayton Nielsen and his load from Grand View College found themselves stuck in the ditch a few miles from Nysted.

On Friday evening, Rev. Howard Christensen spoke to us. His talk was based on the book by Henry Wallace, entitled **The Common Man**. After the lecture, coffee was served in the church basement.

After all the disturbance—thinking it was morning at 3 a. m. etc.—everyone arose bright and early for breakfast. At 9 Clayton Nielsen led the group in devotion. In his devotional talk, based on 1 Cor. 12:21—27, he spoke on the "Leadership of Youth" in this time of crisis, with its demands for clear thinking, vision, faith, love, adaptability and tremendous energy. The answer, he said, was to be found in youth's seeking for truth, which could be put to proper use only if focused on the vision received when youth truly sees Christ, so that youth will answer, "Here am I, send me."

The official business meeting of District I began at 10. The minutes of this meeting will probably appear somewhere else in this issue.

Our annual talent scout program was given on Saturday evening. The societies represented were Omaha, Marquette, Cozad, Cordova and Denmark

Kansas. Clayton Nielsen, the Denmark representative, was decided by the applause committee to have given the best contribution—the humorous reading, "Trouble Enough." Following the program—after eleven fuses had been used and an electrician had been called, and everything was in working order—a dance was held in the auditorium.

On Sunday morning, church services were conducted by Rev. Howard Christensen and Rev. Ronald Jespersen. Rev. Jespersen preached the sermon which was based on the theme, "I Walk in Danger All the Way."

Following a delicious dinner, Rev. Gudmund Petersen of Davey, Nebr., lectured on juvenile delinquency and children's homes. He stressed the point that juvenile delinquency is the result of disrupted homes.

With a few words from the District officers and friends at the coffee table, District I D.A.Y.P.L. convention officially came to a close.

Amid the clicking of cameras and last minute farewells, everyone departed to his own home. To the people of Nysted, Nebr., we wish to express our sincere thanks for all they did to make our convention a success.

Respectfully submitted.

Delores Andersen.

Just Off The Press

FOR CHRISTMAS

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# Notes From The Yale University Summer School In Alcoholic Studies

By L. C. Bundgaard.

## I.

It was a wonderful experience to see the New England countryside again. To ride on a bus from Albany, N. Y., to New Haven, Conn., is like listening to a song from pines, creeks, rivers and the reverberating sounds of staunch hills while the bus speeds its way over curving roads and through the nestling small cities.

For three or four years I had noted the annual invitation in "The Christian Century" to apply for admission to a one month study in the above named school. This year my curiosity could no longer be restrained and I applied. My application was turned over to The National Lutheran Council for their recommendation, and later I was informed by the University administration that I had been granted a tuition scholarship. The school can accommodate about two hundred students, and I understand that about six thousand applications had been rejected. The aim of the administration is undoubtedly to make the course as representative as possible, and I noted from the roster of students that every state and Canada was represented. The students were engaged in many different occupations in public life.

There were hospital directors, directors of adult and elementary education, pastors from many different denominations including Roman Catholic; we were only six Lutheran pastors. The largest of protestant pastors were Methodists, which is easy to understand as that denomination has taken more interest in the growing problem of inebriety. There were representatives from the liquor industry; they also knew that eventually an educated public will turn against them unless they do their part for greater sobriety in a society that has become reckless in playing with one of the present social dangers. There were probation officers, students and professors in Psychology, Psychiatry and Anthropology; Y.M.C.A. workers, Allied Youth representatives, Salvation Army workers, settlement workers, Seamen's Club workers, a retired general, professors in Philosophy, clinic directors, medical doctors and police representatives.

What is the purpose of this school? With the coming of prohibition, and later the repeal of the 18th Amendment, alcohol education had practically ceased in our public institutions of instruction. The public was not aware of a menace in the nation and freedom had become reckless. The curse of drinking had come to be ranked among the four greatest public diseases: cancer, tuberculosis, infantile paralysis and little was done about it. Prohibition had proven not to be the complete answer and legislation had shirked in control measures. Was it not time that at least one institution in America made a scientific approach to the problem which annually put nearly a million people into an early grave and which was making problem children out of many million more? A doctor, a physiologist, a psychiatrist, a sociologist and a number of the professors at the Yale Divinity School pooled their information and ability for research into what is known as the Yale Clinic in Alcoholic Studies. They invited a group of representative people to share their information and thus began the school that now has

reached the limited capacity of two hundred students.

All students are housed, instructed and fed on the Divinity School campus, a beautiful quadrangle of dormitories, libraries, classrooms, lecture auditorium, dining hall, gymnasium, etc.

The three to four lectures daily were held in the auditorium and we separated into classes for our special seminars. A chapel period was held before the noon lunch, and in the dining hall we exchanged many enjoyable hours in intimate fellowship.

How was the subject approached? A person is a physical and mental being; many social, physical, psychological and historic forces play upon us every day. Humanity must be seen in its entirety. A large staff of experts representing religion, physical, social and mental sciences lectured to us daily. The leader of the school is Dr. J. E. Jellinek, D. Sc., one of the most distinguished scientists and humanitarians at Yale University. Someone told me that he spoke, wrote and read seven different languages. When we started the seminars for ministers, our leader, a representative from The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, was prevented from being present for the first period, so Dr. Jellinek took charge. He started the session by saying, "As a scientist I am not supposed to know anything about religion. But a sphere of religious experiences, such as we have represented through the lives of people down through the ages, is just as real as the tangible things we work with in scientific laboratories. The real scientist today has learned to know his limitations. A minister need not be a real scientist in our terms, though it may be a great help to him among certain people. Certain things in the universe cannot be understood except by the discovery of science, but that is not true of all human phenomena. Science cannot explain life. Henry Ward Beecher sat once by the bedside of an alcoholic. The man could not be saved from death as medical science had not advanced that far; then he said, 'I trust God will accept this body as a victim of a disease.'"

A physician from Colorado had written Dr. Jellinek asking if he did not think it a good thing to create a hatred toward the liquor trade. Dr. Jellinek said that ordinarily such letters were not answered, "but this, coming from an M. D. was too shocking. A person is not saved by hatred but only by bowing his head saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' Religion may be a crutch as alcohol is. When a man has a religion and refuses to use the resources of it, it is a crutch. It is not a physical craving that causes a person to drink, but more a fear—loneliness and lack of fellowship." someone asked Dr. Jellinek if he as a layman would comment upon the failures of the church to meet the needs of certain people. He refused by saying that this was the church's own task. Another replied that the evolution of social techniques is in itself an illustration of what the church should do. "The alcoholic does not want to be ignored; he must feel that the only difference between you and him is a disease. You do not have to condone him, but do not condemn him."



# District III Convention In Racine, Wisconsin

October 4, 5 and 6, 1946

The district meeting opened on Friday evening with a regular evening service. Rev. Viggo Hansen, a former pastor at this church, preached the sermon and the local choir assisted by singing the anthem, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The service was well attended although many of the guests had as yet not arrived.

Saturday morning the devotional service was conducted by Rev. Aaberg who is serving at St. Stephan's church, Chicago, until Rev. Alfred Sorensen arrives in February. This service was followed by a group discussion introduced by Rev. Holger Strandkov. The subject was—"The Responsibility of the Congregation in the Post-Confirmation Period." The discussion aroused much interest and brought to light also the necessity of closer contact with all children from the time they are baptized and during their entire Sunday School period. Many of our confirmed members are lost to us immediately after confirmation because we have failed to interest the parents sufficiently to become actual members of our congregations.

After dinner the business meeting was called to order by our District President. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn. The first order of business was the election of a convention secretary. Viggo Sorensen, Racine, was elected. Roll call was taken showing 39 delegates and 6 pastors present.

The minutes of the 1945 convention were read by Rev. H. Jespersen. Approved as read.

Mr. Charles Lauritzen submitted his report as treasurer, showing a balance of \$104.18. Report accepted.

Rev. Aaberg, serving temporarily at St. Stephan's in Chicago, was also granted voting rights.

Rev. Edwin Hansen thereafter submitted his report as president of the district. He reported that practically all the congregations had met their synodical quota in full and that the district had overpaid its quota by approximately \$500.00. Our efforts in connection with the G.V.C. Fund had not been so successful but effort is still being made to increase our donations. Concerning Lutheran World Action he reported that according to latest reports our district had collected to date about 69% of its quota. A community survey had also been conducted at Sheffield, Ill., to serve as a basis for future action in this field. He reported also that several of our churches are confronted with the problem of relocation. These are Trinity at Chicago and Bethania at Racine. No definite action has been taken by either congregation. Their pastors, however, have found it necessary at Regional board meetings to keep this in mind when other Lutheran churches make application for locations for extension or relocation. This year Bethania at Racine celebrated its 50th anniversary and the churches at Dwight and Clinton celebrated their 70th anniversaries.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, our synodical president, being present, submitted an oral report. He called our attention to the various items of home mission work which the synod had approved, namely Hay Springs,

Nebr., Los Angeles, Calif., and Newark, N. J. He reported also that our district, according to latest reports, had contributed approximately 71% of the sum allotted as its share of the G.V.C. Jubilee Fund. We were also advised that Rev. Blichfeld was planning on leaving Denmark about October 19. His itinerary will be planned as soon as sufficient invitations have been received from the congregations in our synod.

The next order of business was action on our synodical budget. Our share for the year ending May 1, is \$4,200. This allocation was accepted by the meeting.

Rev. Edwin Hansen then reported the results of the community survey which had been made at Sheffield. After considerable discussion it was quite generally agreed that our synod and district had not done enough to justify leaving this field without making a sincere and substantial effort to convince the remaining members there that we were willing to do whatever was necessary to assist in re-establishing regular church service there. The following motion was then made and carried:

Moved, to appropriate a sum of \$250 to establish regular Sunday School work there under the direction of a seminary student or other qualified instructor. This work to be carried on under the supervision of our district president and others capable of rendering assistance in this project.

A further opinion was also expressed regarding requirements for promoting the work at Sheffield. This was that regular English services should be conducted there.

A letter received from the Pension Board was read by our president. It was decided to acknowledge receipt of this letter and promise our regular support to this cause.

Letters had also been received from the secretary of D.A.Y.P.L. District IV Convention and District II Camp Site Committee regarding the establishment of a camp to be used jointly by Districts II and III and D.A.Y.P.L. District IV. After considerable discussion, it was decided to acknowledge receipt of these letters and promise our cooperation in any efforts in this direction.

It was also decided to send greetings to the District V Convention meeting at Minneapolis and to the congregation at Dagmar, Mont., which was celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The meeting was also informed that Rev. A. W. Andersen had been obliged to discontinue his services at Tacoma, Wash., on account of his health. It was decided to send him a personal greeting expressing our regret that this had been necessary and expressing our hope for a rapid recovery.

Regarding the regular Sunday offering, it was decided to use this for the proposed work at Sheffield.

The next order of business was election of officers. Rev. H. Jespersen received the unanimous vote of the convention for the office of vice president and secretary for a period of two years and Charles Lauritzen



also received a similar vote for the office of treasurer for a like term.

A committee was chosen by the district delegates to distribute the synodical budget between the congregations in the district.

The next annual convention will be held at Marinette and Menominee.

The representatives thereafter reported concerning activities in their own congregations.

From Marinette we were advised that they also had celebrated the 70th anniversary of the founding of their church on August 27. No special celebration was held except to remember this at a communion service on that date. None of the founders are at present living. The Lutheran churches at Marinette and Menominee, we were informed, are jointly sponsoring a weekly Lutheran broadcast for which recordings are supplied by National Lutheran Council.

Menominee reported that their church had been painted and a new roof put on at an expense of over \$600.00. This was paid from the Building and Repair fund which gets its support from Self Denial Envelopes distributed to all members during Lent.

At Clinton the church had been redecorated while their pastor was on vacation. A new oil burning furnace has also been donated by their two Ladies' Aids and will be installed as soon as all materials are received to complete this work.

Dwight also reported improvement to their church property. The two Ladies' Aids had redecorated the entire downstairs of their parsonage at a cost of about \$500. They also reported that a large group of young people as well as some of the adult members had attended the camp and Young People's convention at Greenville. The Gardner church has voted to unite with the Dwight church, most of the members have transferred their membership.

At St. Stephens the young people have accomplished a somewhat unusual piece of work in presenting a play, "A Source of Strength," written by Rev. M. Krog. This play was also presented at Des Moines for those who attended the synod convention. Besides regular speakers from our synod and district they have also had the privilege of listening to several well known Chicago speakers.

Trinity church reported that interest for Grand View College has greatly increased through the untiring efforts of Rev. O. Jorgensen for this cause. It is their hope that this will continue. A change in time for Sunday school and church service has increased attendance at both. Plans have also been laid for a monthly lecture during the winter months.

At Racine efforts have been made to interest returning service men and other young people to take a more active part in Young People's work and in any part of our program where their help is needed. It is difficult to see any marked change as yet but it is our hope that this situation will improve as our returned service men gradually settle down to definite plans for the future.

Ladies' Aids, Mission Groups, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Young People's work and other activities to interest our returned service men have had an important place in all of our churches. The

increased cost of living has also been recognized in all of our churches by increase in salaries and bonuses to their pastors.

A greeting was brought to the meeting from Rev. M. Krog by Mrs. Berg.

This concluded our regular business session and a motion was passed to adjourn.

Saturday evening was devoted to a meeting planned by the Women's Mission Society.

Regular worship service was conducted on Sunday at which Rev. H. Jespersen preached the sermon. The communion service held in connection with this service was conducted by Rev. H. Strandkov.

The program for Sunday afternoon consisted of a lecture by Rev. Ernest Nielsen. His topic was "A Venture in Understanding." The concluding talk on our program was an address by Rev. Alfred Jensen.

Supper was served at five o'clock in order to enable those who were going home Sunday evening to get an early start. Guests and others at the final gathering expressed themselves as well pleased with the meeting. Our decision to continue our work at Sheffield with renewed effort appeared to have the hearty approval of a large majority.

Viggo Sorensen,  
Convention Secretary.

## Yule Contest

Members of D.A.Y.P.L. everywhere should realize that Yule is their publication. That does not mean that its contents are for youth only but it does mean that whatever profits there are go to the work of D.A.Y.P.L. and if there is a loss it is a loss to the organization.

The editor and business manager have worked hard to make Yule both a good magazine and to make it a financial success. But we do need the help of all you young people in every district. And we need the help of the pastors and other leaders. We aim to sell around 3,000 copies this year. Can we do it? That depends a great deal on how much work our young people put into it.

To make it a bit interesting we are going to publish in the next three issues the highest orders from each district. In fact, we can begin now as the deadline date for advance orders is near. Dist. I, Omaha, with 50 copies, Dist. II, Perth Amboy, 100; Dist. III, Askov, 100; Dist. IV, St. Stephen's, Chicago, 75; Dist. V, Cedar Falls, 50; Dist. VI, Seattle, 15; Dist. VII, Los Angeles, 50. Grand View College receives very honorable mention with an order of 100. There will be no prizes to the winner, not even a life subscription to Yule. But what societies will head the list next time? What societies will be in the lead by December 20?

## FAMOUS LONDON CHURCH TO BE RESTORED

London (by wireless)—St. Clement Danes church in the Strand, made famous in the nursery rhyme, "Oranges and lemons, the bells of St. Clement's," is to be restored and used as a Royal Air Force chapel. St. Clement's, one of the Christopher Wren churches, was burnt to a shell in two successive air attacks during the war. Only its walls are standing now. (RNS).



# Our Women's Work

## W. M. S. Meeting at Minneapolis, Minn. District 5

No W.M.S. meeting had been scheduled on the program for the District Convention at Minneapolis. But on Saturday afternoon there was to be a pastor's conference after the business session. Therefore it was announced that the ministers were to go to the pastor's study, but the rest of us were to remain in our seats. For what, we asked. Oh, there was to be a W.M.S. meeting. This announcement drew most of the men outside, but there was a good sized group of women present. Incidentally, it was mentioned later that it might be well to consider that programs on mission work isn't limited to the women. It had been especially noticeable at our Sunday School Institute that only two men teachers were present.

Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen, at the request of Mrs. And. Petersen of Alden, our district representative, who could not be present, led the meeting. She read a letter from Mrs. Ida Egede, our National President, who asked if we would be in favor of W.M.S. furnishing the rooms of the new dormitory at G.V.C. There was some discussion of the matter and the sentiment seemed to be in favor of the undertaking even though it seems to be an immense one. There are 60 rooms in the new building, at an approximate cost of say \$200—it means about \$12,000. There are 86 congregations listed in the last directory, but some are very small, so it will come to about \$200 for each group in the course of the next years. Can we do it?

Mrs. Jorgensen asked what the various groups are doing in regard to mission work. Askov reported that each Aid has a special meeting with a mission program and collection. Also, they annually go from home to home to collect for W.M.S. Withee has a joint meeting once a year with a mission program. Alden has a special meeting once a year dedicated to missions and had had Dagmar Miller as speaker at their meeting this year. West Denmark has no mission group, but helps along the program with the rest of us.

Mrs. V. S. Petersen asked the group how many read the page in the "LUTHERAN TIDINGS," and seemed both surprised and gratified to see the show of hands. She stressed the fact that this page brings all the information about the work of W.M.S. and it should be a medium between all the groups working for the cause. She stated, what has been repeated so often, that W.M.S. has no membership roll, that anyone who joins in the work and attends the meetings is a member.

Announcement was made of a pamphlet to be published in the near future by W.M.S. This will be, among other things of interest, a history of W.M.S. written by Mrs. Knudstrup, who has done so much for the mission cause. It was urged that we strive to get this pamphlet into as many homes as possible when it appears.

Mrs. Ottar Jorgensen was elected District representative for the next three years. Mrs. Andrew Petersen from Alden did not wish re-election.

At the evening meeting of the convention a, shall we say, offering was taken for W.M.S. which amounted to \$30.60. Several years ago at a Y. P. convention, just before the collection plate was passed for a Santal Mission offering, Dagmar Miller brought a greeting from the mission field and said to the meeting that there is a distinction between a collection and an offering. For a collection one puts in a few loose coins that happen to be handy in the pocket or purse, but for an offering one gives enough so that one feels that he has given. She hoped that we would make it an offering. Let us all remember that distinction especially as we set to work on the project of furnishing the new dormitory—that it must be an offering and not merely a collection.

Ardis N. Petersen.

## W. M. S. Meeting, Racine, Wisconsin District 3

A short business meeting was held Saturday evening, October 5th, 1946, by the W.M.S. of District 3, preceding the program for the evening. Mrs. Holger Strandskov, District President, opened the meeting at 7:15, and asked for reports of new developments from the various churches in the district, all of whom were represented.

Mrs. Strandskov brought greetings from our synod president of the W.M.S., Mrs. Ida Egede, who was at that time attending the national convention of the United Lutheran church mission societies. They had this year invited the presidents of mission societies of the other members of National Lutheran Council. The meeting was held at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The subject for furnishing the girls' dormitory at Grand View College was brought up. Inasmuch as no specific information was at hand as to the amount to be spent for each room, nor the exact requirements, it was decided to await these details which will be printed in the Lutheran Tidings in the near future.

Election of a new district president was in order, as the term of Mrs. Holger Strandskov had been completed. Mrs. Ernest Nielsen and Mrs. Chas. Lauritzen were nominated, and after the tabulating of the ballots, Mrs. Ernest Nielsen was declared elected.

Announcement was made of the publishing this fall of the complete history of the W. M. S. and other pertinent information, in a booklet which will be sent to the various W.M.S. This should prove very interesting, as many of our members are not so conversant, perhaps, with the beginnings of our Society, and the work carried on through the years.

Some discussion was held regarding the helping of the Home Mission projects, and it was felt that the W.M.S. as a whole should help in this work as much as possible.

The business meeting closed at 7.40. A recess of ten minutes was called.

When we again met in the church, the program portion of our meeting was opened with a "Sing-



spiration," and we sang several well known and beloved hymns.

Rev. Aaberg brought greetings from Santal Mission, and gave us a resume of the reconstruction work going on there.

Mrs. Strandkov brought us a timely message about our responsibility in assisting our mission workers. She called on Rev. Alfred Jensen, who told us about the mighty work of the LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION. We then saw the World Action movie, THE GOOD FIGHT, illustrating the work of the Lutheran.

Mrs. Ernest Nielsen led us in our devotions for the evening and read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, which she prefaced with the remark that it was most fitting in connection with the picture we had just seen. In conclusion Mrs. Nielsen led us in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. E. E. Hansen.

Amy Kauffman,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

## Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

DEAR EDITOR:

In the issue of October 1, 1946, Rev. Ove Nielsen comments on the articles of Rev. V. S. Jensen and Dr. Johannes Knudsen as follows: "I believe that many people failed to read them because the titles of both were out of this world for the general reader."—I have wanted to make the same comment several times but lacked the courage. However, I also wanted to include some of the articles written by Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen. He is just as guilty as the other two. Their articles are maybe good medicine for the pastors, but I know one layman who cannot digest them. And possibly as Ove Nielsen says they are "something for preachers."

Lutheran Tidings is too small for those long discussions, they contain too many theological expressions for the common reader. May I say in passing that Alfred C. Nielsen can say a lot on one page, and I believe that he has many more readers for his instructive articles.

I am not a preacher; but as Ove says—"A general reader."

Sigurd Pedersen.  
Ruthton, Minn.

DEAR EDITOR:

The articles in Lutheran Tidings by Pres. Knudsen in the Sept. 20 issue and from Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen in the Oct. 20 number were most excellent. We need to think seriously about the future of our church.

The Danish Church in America stands at the crossroad. Whither are we going? Where is our place in American Lutheranism? And if we have a place in American Lutheranism, does it mean that Grundtvig will have to be locked outside; standing there to wait and freeze until some deft Grundtvigian will come and pick the Concordia lock? These and many other questions we will be called upon to decide in the near future. Are we as laymen and pastors ready to meet the issues intelligently?

If the articles seem too theological haul out the books and start reading again. I hope the lay people will get so hot and bothered they will ask their pastor to tell them what it's about. This will especially be good for us pastors—and twice as good for the lay people.

Holger O. Nielsen.  
1410 Main St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

## Much Ado About Something

I'm happy to report that we've just had a spot of trouble in the Fresno State College.

It happened almost on the eve of the football team's take-off to Oklahoma where Fresno was to play the Oklahoma City University team.

On the Fresno team were two excellent negro players. Oklahoma, hearing of this said they would not be able to guarantee protection to a team having negroes among its players. Instantly the Fresno students were up in arms (there's hardly a city in the United States with such a conglomerate population as Fresno; this is a melting pot in more ways than one). A mass meeting was held, votes taken for the game to be cancelled. Out of their own meagre funds the students were willing to pay the deficit involved in cancellation of the game, a sum of \$5,000. Business men in Fresno and nearby cities wrote and wired that they would be glad to help stand the loss.

Two thousand students cast their votes. Eighteen hundred of them voted for cancellation.

Some rather fine statements were made. One student asked: "Is it going to be principle or expediency?" A nice sixty-four dollar question.

Another student said: "The world is breaking down because of poor morals and lack of courage to defend convictions."

Another student said: "This is a brave blow to strike for racial equality, but tomorrow when this has blown over and you see a fellow with a slightly crooked nose beat you to a seat in the bus, are you going to holler: 'that Jew, they are taking everything over?' Are we going to carry these convictions all the way down the line?"

Then one of the negroes in question rose to his feet and said: "The army never asked me if I was colored or white. What we fought for was to return to America and make it a different place in which to live. The only thing that should be asked is whether you are a man or not."

After a prolonged ovation he continued: "Regardless of whether the game is played or not, as long as I live, I always will remember that the students of Fresno State College believe in racial equality and man to man regardless of the color of your skin."

Mr. Thomas, president of the College, commended the attitude of the students but said: "At this late date I don't think it would be fair to cancel the game. It would be as big a breach of sportsmanship as anything that is involved in the whole question. We can't change the people of the South by our action in this one instance." (This, almost anyone will agree, is a curious statement.—E. N.) "We must make the best of a bad situation."

I felt moved to write a letter to our newspaper. (My father always did that and the children's teeth are set on edge). So I sent my letter to THE PUBLIC THINKS (a misnomer if other letters are accorded the same treatment as mine). I will not take the space to quote my letter in full but only draw attention to what was left out. The letter appearing above my name was a mildly innocuous affair; I did not recognize my own child.

This was deleted: Their (the students) stand on



Oklahoma shows that they have taken the first difficult step of being their brother's keeper. Democracy isn't only a word as the students learned to their everlasting credit.—We are glad to know that President Thomas "commended their stand" and sorry that he fell back on the old cliché "we must make the best of a bad situation." It is true, as he said, "we can't change the people of the South by our action in this one instance." But there must, nevertheless be that one instance, and another . . . and another . . . There is always the first step to be taken and that first step always means something; you never start with a second step. Not that we don't realize, as the poet Carl Sandburg says, "Be careful how you use proud words!" Talk is cheap, especially when it is idealistic. But apparently the students, and some fine business men, were willing to take the consequences of their fine words right where the consequences hurt: money.

That was all. And if such a mild and gentle little reproof cannot be printed in the public's own column of a newspaper one might well ask: Just how free is the free press?

Ellen Nielsen.

### Lines By A Layman:

1. I believe that the time for us laypeople to awaken ourselves is right NOW. Because of world conditions today we are confronted with our greatest opportunity and challenge to contribute of our best and sincere efforts and to make them of timely worth to a sorely distressed world. Our efforts in our own community will assist in taking much of the overhead load off of our compatriots who must define their efforts around the globe.

A little inventory as to our actual worth to our Church and the cause for which it labors, would perhaps help each of us to evaluate ourselves further and beyond our present worth. Many of us are guilty of being on the receiving end only. Do we not often take our church too much for granted? Do we not often seem self "satisfied" when we can say, "I go to church as often as possible" or "I contributed my share?" Usually "my share" is in reference only to financial support to our church. But actually, if we have the desire to be true Christians, then our share goes far beyond that sort of contribution. It is a fact that

in most churches there is a deplorable shortage of Christian workers in the fields of Sunday School, Youth work, Missionary work, etc. That disproves our contention that we are contributing our just share in upbuilding our church.

No pastor, however capable, can do all necessary work alone, or nearly alone. To have an alive congregation he must depend upon you and me and George to help him, and to do so willingly.

A recent article in Lutheran Tidings by Kenneth C. M. Sills under the heading of "My Idea of What A Pastor Should Be," must have been read with much satisfaction by most of our own Lutheran pastors, for after reading it, I silently concluded that all our pastors that I know, would fill that bill very nicely.

Now, my idea of what a layman should be, I am afraid will not be as easily filled by us. But perhaps trying will cultivate us.

1. A layman must be regular in his church attendance, and see that his family is the same.

2. When he has particularly enjoyed or received that "something" from his pastor's sermon, he tells him so, for the pastor is also human, and likes to know that his efforts are well received. And further he should tell others of the excellent sermon he heard.

3. He will cheerfully and willingly contribute of his talents and experience to the benefit of his church when called upon, and of his free will and accord when opportunity presents itself to be thus helpful in the work of his church.

4. He willingly responds when called upon to serve his church in its Christian promotions and activities and does his share to the best of his ability.

5. He will likewise be as generous as his station in life permits in giving financial aid to the support of his church and its world-wide program to enhance Christian living.

I suggest that each and everyone of us check ourselves against this trial balance sheet, with 20 points for each count that we think we are now measuring up to. If we can measure up 100%, then keep it up, and if we are lacking, then resolve to catch up.

Such an inventory I am sure, will result in new stock dividends for most of us in our joint corporation of "Better Christian Living."

B. P. Christensen,  
Marlette, Mich.

### From G. V. C.

Every day that passes makes us all, second and first year students alike, more and more glad that we are attending Grand View College. Little by little we are all getting to know more of our fellow students. It seems very wonderful to me that even though we are a much larger group this year, we are still able to all squeeze into the student living room for evening devotion and to sing "Evening Star" or "Unafraid," or any of our other beautiful and inspiring songs from **A World of Song**.

On Saturday, October 12, we were expecting an unusual U. K. program because of all the fixing and work that

was being done to the public address system during the day. We were not disappointed. Alice Ammentorp and her committee presented a very entertaining program in the form of a radio program over station GVC, sponsored by "Horse Cigarettes." Evelyn Sorensen's Danish arrangement of "Shoo Fly Pie" certainly brought down the house with laughs. Delores Andersen and Barbara Hermansen sang two duets and Harlan Petersen also sang and played his guitar. Kai Mortensen acted as master of ceremonies.

A group of students went over to Luther Memorial church on Tuesday afternoon to present a number of various musical selections for the Federation of Des Moines' Lutheran women

who held one of their meetings there.

"Knutie" has organized a boys intramural basketball tournament. Already some of the games have been played and quite an interest is taken in their outcome.

On Thursday, October 17, Dean A. C. Nielsen spoke to us during the lecture period. His message was very timely and informative. One of the many thoughts he left with us was: "Why couldn't all strategic waterways such as the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Dardanelles be internationalized."

Finally on Friday evening, October 18, what we had all been waiting for was announced—the results of the Echo drive. For two weeks a bitter feud



had existed between Team A headed by Myrtle Teisen and Team B headed by Paul Jorgensen. The final outcome was: Team A, became the glorious victors with a total of 520 subscriptions to 449 subscriptions for Team B. Bodil Strandskov made this announcement, after keeping us in suspense for about ten minutes, at the annual fall dance which was under the chairmanship of Marilyn Nelson. "The Harvest Moon Dance," as it was called was the first dance of the year. Due to the extra large enrollment it was held in the gym which was decorated with corn stalks, branches and brightly colored leaves. The lighting was provided by a large golden harvest moon. Delicious apple cider from "ye olde cider barrel" and doughnuts were served. The student nurses from Iowa Lutheran Hospital who take part of their courses at G.V.C. were also present at the dance.

Miss Edith Banuski, who is a social worker for the National Lutheran Council, was our guest on Monday, October 21. She spoke to us briefly after chapel on the work of the board of Home Missions.

Also on Monday another long awaited surprise came through! We finally received our 1946 *Vikings*, the student yearbook. Orchids to the editor, Harold Olsen, and to other members of the staff for a fine *Viking* which we cherish more dearly as every year goes by. The printing of the *Vikings* was delayed because of the paper shortage.

During lecture period on Thursday, October 24, Stanley Dixon, a news commentator from radio station KRNT in Des Moines, delivered a very entertaining lecture on the international situation. His clever satire kept every student listening intently. Mr. Dixon advocated that the United States should establish schools to especially train young men of high caliber for foreign diplomatic service. Thus, he explained, our diplomats would be taught to really understand the people of other countries. Also advocated by Mr. Dixon was an exchange system by which citizens of

each country would visit other countries of the world. Thus, he said, we would learn that people of other races and nationalities are also human beings and children of God just as we are.

Committees have been appointed and everything seems to be well under way for the Lutheran Students' Association convention which is going to be held here the week-end of Nov. 9 and 10.

In almost every class this past week we have been haunted by six weeks tests. As you can guess we have been burning the midnight oil in ardent studying. All survived the ordeal, however, and we are going to work again with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Theo. Thuesen, Jr.

## OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Enok Mortensen**, Tyler, Minn., was the guest speaker in Danevang, Texas, during the annual fall meeting October 20-27.

**Perth Amboy, N. J.**—The annual Harvest Festival was observed in St. Stephen's church Sunday, October 20. Mr. Albert Ravnholdt was the guest speaker. Mr. Ravnholdt has traveled extensively in China, Burma, Malaya, the Philippines, Japan and India.

**Askov, Minn.**—Rev. Harold Petersen has planned a series of meetings through the winter. He offers one lecture evening a month in English and one afternoon meeting in Danish.

**Rev. A. E. Frost** has notified us that his new address is 1302 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa. This will only be a temporary home for the Waterloo pastor and his family until they can move in permanently to the recently acquired church property.

**Rev. A. W. Andersen** who has been the pastor of the Tacoma, Wash., church since he resigned from the larger field in Chicago, has been compelled to resign from active work because of a severe heart ailment. Rev. and Mrs. Andersen have moved to California to live with a daughter. Their new address is now 510 Rancho Ave., Colton, Calif. Rev. Andersen, after his ordination, established and served the two congregations in Bridgeport and E. Port Chester, Conn. He and his wife served in this field through 9 years and then moved to New York. Here they served through a period of 8 years after which they were called to the Trinity church in Chicago. In this field Rev. and Mrs. Andersen served through the long term of 32 years.

Rev. Andersen writes: "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage (Psalm 16:6). We are thankful to God for many years of blessed work in our Danish church. May God bless our synod and its faithful workers, ministers and laymen!"

We hope that Rev. Andersen may soon regain his health, as he would enjoy to continue in active work yet some years.

**Rev. Vilhelm Larsen**, Canwood, Sask., was the guest speaker at the annual Harvest Festival of the Swan River, Manitoba, church (United Danish), on Sunday, October 13.

**Rev. Holger Andersen**, Viborg, S. D., recently spoke in the Newark, N. J. church and in the St. Stephen's Church in Perth Amboy, N. J.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen**, synodical president, served the Tyler, Minn., church on Sunday, October 27, in the absence of Rev. Enok Mortensen.

**Granly, Miss.**—Rev. Edwin E. Hansen of Racine, Wis., visited the Granly, Miss., congregation during the week-end October 20, and spoke there several times.

**The Publication Committee** of our synod met at Grand View College for their fall meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 30-31.

**Sheffield, Ill.**—Rev. Holger Strand-skov served the Sheffield church on Sunday afternoon, October 27.

**Tyler, Minn.**—The Men's Club of the Danebod church has appointed a committee for the purpose of inviting and assisting community-minded people who are thinking of settling in such a community as Tyler.

**Rev. M. F. Blichfeld** from Denmark, who according to plans will tour a number of our congregations is scheduled to arrive in New York on November 18 with the Swedish liner, "Drottningholm." A number of congregations have extended invitations to Rev. Blichfeld. Others interested in his visit are urged to write to Rev. Alfred Jensen, 1232 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

**An All Lutheran Reformation Rally** was held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3. All Lutheran pastors of the New York area were invited to take part. Mr. Tormod Jensen of the Brooklyn church represented our synod on the committee.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the Month of September, 1946.

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Jacob H. Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn.	50.00
son, Minn.	50.00

Total cash to date \$61,238.61

## G. V.C. Jubilee Fund, Contr. in Bonds, (Maturity Value):

Previously acknowledged	\$31,725.00
Peter Kjergaard, Tyler, Minn.	50.00

Total bonds to date \$31,775.00

Correction: The name of George Rosenkilde had been misspelled as "Ravne-kilde."

Respectfully submitted,

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