

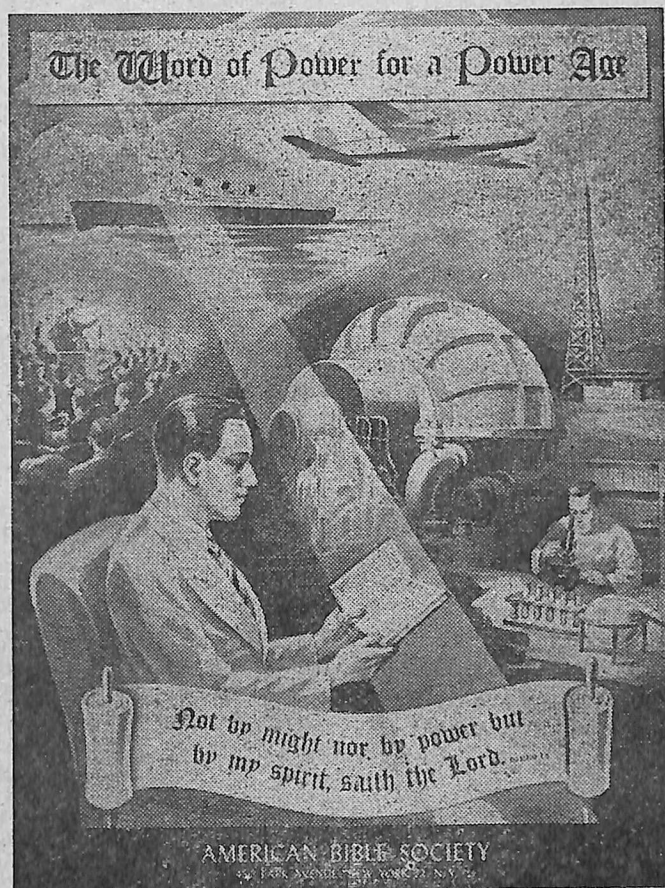
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## Worldwide Bible Reading

### Thanksgiving to Christmas

The Worldwide Bible Reading Program, to be observed between Thanksgiving and Christmas, is a plan to get people all over the world to read the same Bible selections daily between those two days, November 28th to December 25th. This special effort is sponsored again this year by the American Bible Society and has as its central day Universal Bible Sunday, December 8th. The theme, selected for the 1946 program is "The Word of Power for a Power Age," and the daily readings feature some of the "Spiritual Pioneers" of the Bible who found the "Word of Power" for the age in which they were called to live.

Last year people in over 20 nations shared in the reading. The program, inaugurated by the Bible Society in 1944, was the outcome of a letter sent by a lonely young marine in Guadalcanal, asking his mother to join him in reading each day, at the same time, a similar passage of Scripture.

A Laymen's National Sponsoring Committee assists the Bible Society in the promotion of the program. Members of the committee this year include Norman

Corwin, Joseph E. Davies, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Miss Helen Keller, Admiral C. W. Nimitz, Drew Pearson, the Hon. Francis B. Sayre and Channing H. Tobias.

Every available method of distribution is sought by the Bible Society in making the bookmarks, which list the daily passages, easy of access to those planning to join in the daily readings. They will be distributed by the millions in churches, in camps, aboard ships, in pay envelopes, on store counters, in mailings, by chaplains, by pastors, by house to house visitation and from neighbor to neighbor. The bookmarks are available in quantity, from the American Bible Society, New York, or any of its branch offices, to anyone who is interested. It is expected the distribution of the bookmarks will top last year's high of 20,000,000.

The Bible Society is also distributing an appropriate poster which will be displayed in churches, many commercial establishments, hospitals, libraries and Army and Navy centers.



# The Art of Giving

23d Sunday After Trinity

By Marius Krog

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Mark 12; 41—44

And he sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a poor widow and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than all they that are casting into the treasury: for they all did cast in of their superfluity; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

The Master was always looking for whole-hearted people. In the midst of so much spiritual mediocrity they acted on him like a tonic. To meet one of their type made him happy to the point of excitement. Notice how quickly he rounded up his disciples that they might have a glimpse of the widow with the whole heart and the empty purse.

As he sat there "over against the treasury," he was not much impressed by the "bigger and better" gifts which were thrown in "by many who were rich"; but there was something about the widow's gift which stirred him deeply. It was not the value of the mites ( $\frac{1}{2}c$ ) which gave him the thrill. It was the relation which that tiny sum held to something bigger,—a human heart. Here was something to talk about.

And the disciples never forgot what their Master had to say about the poor woman. He made of her the world's classic example in the art of giving. Humanity can not help but admire her, and yet, there is something in her whole-hearted generosity which is disturbing. Are we, all of us, rich and poor, to accept her example as the rule for our generosity? Did Jesus mean to say that our charity must be all out in order to be acceptable to God? If we succeed in getting around the poor widow, what can we do with the advise which was given to the rich young ruler, to go and sell all that he had and give it to the poor? Here again is brought out the principle of a generosity which leaves its owner stripped. Must charity inflict poverty before it is really Christian? Not necessarily.

If we have caught the spirit of Christ we know that his entire life was based on high principles; and his teaching was on the same high tenor. He did not go about clamping down iron-clad rules for the conduct of his followers. Why should we then try to find such inflexible rules in the incidents of his life or in the illustrations he used to give his listeners the spiritual perspective? The letter killeth; It is the spirit which gives life.

Jesus did not want to inaugurate a system of devastating taxation on all who take his teaching to heart. That unless they make themselves "brothers of beggars" they cannot be counted among his true followers. Perhaps it would have simplified matters if he had been more specific about the principles of benevolence. If, for instance, he had set a certain sliding scale for generosity, similar to the Jewish system of tithing, there would have been a norm for every individual

to go by. The disturbing problem of how much to give would have been clarified once and for all. There would have been less bewilderment for all those earnest souls who are anxious to be true stewards. Even the society lady with the \$10,000 diamond ring on her finger would have known how much to drop into the collection plate. Yes, such a regulated system of Christian charity might have settled many a question, but it is very doubtful whether it would have promoted the right spirit of generosity so that every donor would have given his full share and given it gladly. One thing is certain, it would have upset the delicate balance between freedom and control which Christ was so anxious to maintain. His Spirit is not a crowding creditor, much less an impersonal tax collector.

"Give till it hurts" is not a bad slogan; at least it has a certain Christian ring to it; but, somehow, it runs counter to the idea that "God loves a cheerful giver." Or is it possible to combine the hurt and the cheer? We may be sure that Christ was not a promoter of benevolence by "painless extraction." He was not opposed to deep-going sacrifice. On the contrary, he was always looking for sacrificial giving. Not the kind which is accompanied by a howl, but the kind which follows through with a smile. A generous gift from a heart that is free because it is guided by the Spirit of God, that was the Master's ideal and that is what he found in the poor widow.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." It would have been easier to follow the thought if Christ had left out the word "cannot" when he coined that statement. It seems that that is what all of us are doing; serving God and mammon. But he put it down as an impossibility to render such double service. Evidently, we are on the teeter-totter where we "hold to the one and despise the other." Or have we taken our stand? "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also." It is the heart and the pocket-book which will tell the story, whether our creed is that of Christ's or that of the mammonites.

Speaking graphically,—what sort of chart would your heart make in terms of disbursement, if it were attached to a recording meter? Would it register an overwhelming self-concern? And where in the scale would the Kingdom of God come in? Down among the minor items where the things belong which have all the earmarks of trifles? Or are you giving to God with a heart that is free?

Giving rightly is not only a matter of quantity, it is a matter of good-will, a matter of soul. When we give freely there is always a touch of our person that goes with the gift. The gift is merely a token of the kindness, the concern, the esteem, the gratitude, we feel. But there are times for giving when even tokens are worse than inadequate. We have more to give than they can convey. It is no longer a touch



of ourselves that we want to give, it is ourselves. There is nothing which can substitute for fellowship and the communion of souls.

We have learned that "God is the giver of all good gifts." Every little flower, every bite of bread, every throb of health bears a touch of His love. The earth and the fullness thereof are tokens for His concern. But he cannot be satisfied with giving impersonal

things, He, too, has something to give which cannot be expressed in material ways. He wants to give His heart. "For God so loved the world that He gave—" Himself in Christ, that He might have fellowship and communion with us. For our part, if we "give to God that which is God's," we will not only give Him our little tokens, but will give Him our hearts and that will take care of all that is ours.

## Requests With Thanksgiving

Paul writes to the Philippians 4.6 thus: "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God."

It is generally accepted, I think, that any prayer should be made in the spirit of thanksgiving. It is inconceivable to pray to God in the spirit of reproach or frustration. When uplifting our hearts to God we are mindful of past favors and gracious gifts, most of all of the forgiveness of our sins. Paul, therefore, when asking that any prayer be made in the spirit of gratitude, sounds off on a note of genuine Christian experience.

But is it not possible more definitely to ascertain, what he had in mind? I think the explanation is found in the opening chapter, where Paul starts by expressing his deepfelt thanks for his friends in Philippi by stating how much he prays and entreats God for them that: "... your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and discernment, so that ye may approve all things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." (Phil. 1, 9—11) It seems that as Paul's heart is welling over with gratitude for his friends in Philipp his concern for them, his requests on their behalf, the greatness and grandeur of Christian maturity and the consummation of God's purpose in their lives, the ultimate glorious praise they are thus to yield to God, are growing also. Thanksgiving then is not concerned with finalities; it is constantly prophetic of greater goals and achievements. There seems to be little doubt that as Paul gives thanks he is enlisting God in future conquests, ever widening horizons, constantly grander visions.

Certainly Paul was no visionary, although he had great visions. He bore eloquent witness to God's salvation uplifting men and on that foundation he had solid footing for future progress. Therefore he can be thankful for the past and demanding of the future.

This is the season for public expressions of thanks and appreciations. When surveying the past year we realize that in spite of humiliating threats to our wellbeing, of fears and anxieties for the future, we have abundant reasons for being thankful to God and appreciative of our neighbor.

The youth formerly engaged in war efforts are now for the greater part eagerly pursuing peaceful studies of training for professions or trades. They are increasingly participating in the demands placed upon them by the standards of social, religious, political and economic associations. How grateful should we not

find ourselves when witnessing the constantly deeper involvement in family, community, national and international life of these youth. The same holds true of many more than young persons. Our churches are learning world responsibility through L. W. A. and similar activities. We are having our small worlds blasted to bits in order that one world may emerge and gain our loyalty.

Was not all this part of what Paul thanked God for in the Philippians? Did he not see emerging a universal Christian force capable of raising man from dust to glory? Was not his gratitude shot through with countless requests for unspeakable mercies in the form of service and sharing? In the grateful soil of his heart were planted the seeds of future spiritual and social endeavors and institutions. These were some day, perhaps long after his passing, to emerge into the light of day to be called blessings by men. Did not the Philippians take care of his physical wellbeing when he was in prison? Did not the churches of Asia of themselves collect gifts for the Jerusalem mother church? Did not constantly greater missionary efforts spring from the love of men Christ had implanted in his heart, as in theirs?

Likewise with us. There is no motive power of greater intensity than thankfulness to God for what he has done for oneself and for his family, community, nation, even mankind. In the light of such benefits and loving kindness our prejudices and imaginary superior distinctions shrivel into insignificance and we learn to appraise correctly the basic features of life as compared to the superficial adornments of this modern day. The lamented problems of race relationships, of social stratifications, of the extremes in poverty and wealth, of religious intolerances, indifferences and excesses and a host of other major and minor perplexing questions are found capable of solution as our hearts overflow with gratitude to God, who loved the world and each person in it to such an extent that he gave His son for its salvation.

Thanksgiving, then, is not rejoicing that we are the favored among all men, that we have greater wealth and more security than anyone else. It is a humble recognition that God loves also us, also me, a sinner, and has mercy upon me, and that I am engaged with His gracious help in that most painful and difficult of all jobs, that of becoming His disciple, messenger and servant. Furthermore, that this constitutes an opportunity to rebuild, redeem, restore not only my own broken life, but that of my neighbor, my community and mankind.

To me there can be no true thanksgiving except as it thus creates requests for greater grace and more



full sharing in the opportunities to grow spiritually and to increase in ability to serve the Kingdom. May we in the Danish church be truly grateful to God for all His benefits and for His loving kindness in order that we may be challenged to greater efforts of sharing in responsibilities and of serving as opportunities present themselves. Thankfulness will make our burdens light and our tasks a pleasure. It will bring to us an assurance of the peace that passeth all human understanding and alone can guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Alfred Jensen.

## A Welcome To Pastor Blichfeld

Pastor M. F. Blichfeld, the president of the Committee in Denmark for Danish American Missions, is expected to arrive in New York Nov. 18 aboard the Swedish American liner "Drotningholm." On behalf of many individual friends and of the churches in our synod I take this opportunity to extend a most hearty welcome to Rev. Blichfeld. On account of several years of service in our synod as well as former visits here he has a number of friends that remember with gratitude his contributions as preacher and lecturer. I expect that the message and personality of Rev. Blichfeld will gain for him many new friends as he makes his journey to the congregations of our synod. There are many who are waiting to hear of conditions in our Mother Church.

The plan for Rev. Blichfeld's travels is briefly this: Before Christmas he is to visit the churches in the districts in the East and Michigan. I have asked Rev. James N. Lund, Troy, N. Y., district president in the East, and Rev. Holger Jørgensen, Muskegon, Mich., district president in Michigan, to arrange the itinerary for Rev. Blichfeld in those districts. The Christmas season will be spent with friends in Chicago. After the holidays Rev. Blichfeld will be ready to visit the churches in the ninth district (Wash. & Ore.) Since Rev. Blichfeld has relatives in British Columbia, whom he expects to visit enroute, I hope he will also be able to visit in Dalum, Alta., and in Vancouver. The president of the ninth district, Rev. S. C. Hasle, Junction City, Ore., is handling the itinerary for Rev. Blichfeld on behalf of his district. Upon concluding his visit in Oregon it is natural that Rev. Blichfeld visits the churches in California, and after getting through there, heads back toward the Middle West by way, possibly of Danavang, Texas, and Colorado. The churches in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois can be visited in late winter and early spring. I do not expect Rev. Blichfeld to be able to finish his tour until Easter or later.

It is not necessary that Rev. Blichfeld's itinerary be worked out in detail months in advance. I know that this is being done at this time as far as the first part of it is concerned. I expect to have an opportunity to discuss the plan for the western trip with Rev. Blichfeld before it is finally decided in detail. However, I would appreciate if churches, which have not as yet sent an invitation to Rev. Blichfeld would do this soon. Write to me or to your district president.

I am convinced that no congregation can be justified in letting this opportunity to get first hand information about the prevailing conditions in the Church of Denmark go by.

May Rev. Blichfeld through his words and his personal appearance and contacts make us stronger and more willing to use the faith and inheritance of our fathers in the service of the present generation.

Alfred Jensen.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 13, 1946.

## Observations

It so happens that the church in the community where I now live is a small congregation belonging to the Lutheran Synod of Missouri. They sing the same hymns that we use; nevertheless it is sometimes rather difficult to recognize the melody, although it is the same. — It is a Lutheran church; it is supposed to be the same melody, the same gospel that we preach in our churches, but I realize more and more the difference in approach.

Of course, I could not become a member of this congregation. In order to become a member I would have to confess that I believed in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, and I would also have to subscribe to the formula of the Concord. — I could never do that with a good conscience.

I know very few of the young ministers of our synod. I have been too far away from the center of activities of our synod. I have, however, met a few young ministers in other churches. But they have often given me a headache. — Evidently they have no faith in their congregation. They are always scolding; and by scolding and nagging, according to my opinion, one will never accomplish anything.

The ritual invites them to take that attitude. The members are poor sinners; the refrain is continually: "God, have mercy upon us."

Good and well—but those who listen have become sons of God and they have been given power.—Evidently the minister does not believe that, but on the contrary that they are still in their sins; that they have not been forgiven.

Today at the service it was the duty of the pastor to preach a sermon on money. It was Budget Sunday. For the first time the small congregation is supposed to be self-supporting. If the budget is not raised, it is the duty of the pastor to speak about money again.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." Why not try to make people cheerful. That should be the purpose of the whole service; the pastor should have good news to bring.

I am very happy that I always felt as I entered my pulpit, that God had given me something to say to the congregation, something that could encourage. I probably did not always succeed; but my intention was to say in many different ways: Be of good cheer!

Some people like the scolding pastor, because they always know someone in the congregation, who according to their idea, needs a good calling down. Is that not the attitude of the Pharisees? And Jesus took them severely to task for their attitude toward their fellowmen.



I have also discovered that the Lutheran Synod of Missouri people have closed communion. This means that the members have to announce to the pastor in advance if they wish to partake in the sacrament. And it is then the duty of the pastor to decide whether they are properly prepared, and he has to read to them the apostle Paul's severe admonishments about those who unworthily should partake in the Lord's supper.

It is worth remembering that the first communicants were as unprepared as they well could be. They never expected that Jesus would do what he did, changing the ritual of the passover festival; they were even so uncertain about themselves that when Jesus told them that one of them would betray him, one after another asked bewildered, "Is it I?" —No, they were not prepared, and not worthy in that sense of the word. — I am indeed very happy that I have never been called upon to pass judgment on people, as to whether they were worthy to come to communion or not. — What I did was to invite; every one is his own judge, and above everything else, God is the judge.

The more I observe the teachings and practices in other synods, the more I am grateful that I belong to the Danish Lutheran Church with all its shortcomings and small as it is. Let us not efface ourselves in order to become big.

A. Th. Dorf.

## A Screen Production Of 'The Word'

By Kaj Munk.

While in New York recently it was my good fortune as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., to be permitted to see the first showing in America of a screen production of Kaj Munk's play, "The Word" (Ordet), as adapted by Rune Lindstrøm, who himself plays the role of Johannes.

The play, which has been a huge success in Scandinavia, is of two hours duration. It is produced by Svensk Filmindustri, and was shown by Rudolph Carlson Production, Inc., in a private theatre on Broadway before an invited audience. The purpose of this showing was to obtain the group's opinion as to the play's possible success in America.

Concerning the characters in the play, the roles of Knud Borg and his son, Johannes, are in my opinion the most outstanding. The role of Knud Borg, the widowed father, who ruled his family like a dictator, is played by Victor Sjöström, an actor of equal renown in Europe and in Hollywood. Rune Lindstrøm is also an actor of fame, though he was in his earlier years a theological student. Perhaps that is why he seems so unusually well adapted to the role of Johannes.

Petler, the tailor and zealous leader of a "little flock" who has a combination tailor shop and prayer house, is also a character never to be forgotten. He has a bitter opponent in Knud Borg who believes in the old, formal way of worshipping God in a real church.

Of the women in the play, Inger and Lill Inger are also unforgettable characters. Inger, Wanda Rothgarth, the wife of Knud Borg II, is the good spirit of the Borg family. She is the stabilizer, managing every-

thing from roof to cellar. She comforts and heals in times of sorrow and sadness, and is equally ready to join in fun and frolic.

Her younger daughter, Lill Inger, only four years of age, becomes in the play symbolic of the Bible text, "And a little child shall lead them"; for when the mad Johannes regains his sanity and pleads with God for the "Word" which may awaken the beloved Inger from death, no one among the mourners at the funeral believes in the spiritual power for which he asks; that is, no one except Lill Inger, who in perfect trust takes Johannes by the hand and leads him to her mother's bier, where the miracle takes place.

I have mentioned here only a few of the characters in the play. There are many more who are also masters in the art of play acting. All of them do justice to the play and honor to Kaj Munk as author.

It is my sincere hope that "The Word" will be shown in America, and that it may have the audience it deserves.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the film may, I believe, write to Rudolph Carlson, 12 East 44th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Nanna Goodhope.

## From Manistee, Mich.

October has been a busy month in our church. A series of farewell gatherings have been held honoring Rev. and Mrs. Willard Garred who left us for their new field of work in Hartford, Conn.

The first party was given by the choir after the regular business meeting in October. Rev. John Christensen of Ludington was present and helped us with the entertainment. And we shared in singing many songs. Brief talks were given, and a booklet had been prepared containing the history of our choir from 1918 to 1946. Miss Irene Hansen, president of the choir, presented Rev. and Mrs. Garred with a gift from the choir. Refreshments were served.

On Sunday evening, October 20th, members and friends of the congregation assembled to honor the pastor and his family. A program, consisting of singing, readings, selections by the choir and by the Sunday School pupils was given. Thomas Knudstrup, in behalf of the congregation, presented a gift to Rev. and Mrs. Garred. A social hour and the usual cup of coffee concluded the evening.

The Altar Guild gave a farewell party for Mrs. Garred on Monday evening, Oct. 21st, at the home of Mrs. Freja Hansen, and a gift was presented to our pastor's wife in appreciation of her service in our group.

We will miss our pastor and his wife in the various branches of the church work. Our Sunday School is beginning to bear the fruit of Rev. Garred's efforts. We have an enlarged membership in pupils and teachers. We hope we can keep up the good work in the days to come.

It was with regret that we bade farewell to our pastor and his family, but we wish them happiness and God's blessings in their new home and work.

A Member.



## A New Day For The Santal Mission

A new day has begun for the Santal Mission. After the war years in which we were happy just to keep things going, almost every report from the field now tells about the arrival of new missionaries, the beginning of new enterprises and the planning of others.

The new hospital in Assam, for which friends in Denmark donated the money, is already under construction, and a Danish doctor has arrived to supervise its completion and to start its operation as soon as the building is finished.

So far people in Denmark and Norway have taken the lead in resuming the work. The large amounts of money which they had collected during the war and the many new workers which had been trained while they were cut off from the mission enabled them to forge right ahead as soon as the war ended. And they have done so with an energy and on a scale far beyond what could be expected.

Meanwhile friends in America have not been idle. All of our workers, both old and new, who were ready to be sent out are now on the field or on the way, and much new equipment, especially for the hospital in Benagaria, has been acquired either by buying or through direct gifts.

The hospital in Benagaria has until now been without an electric light plant and thus been unable to operate an X-ray machine and other almost necessary modern medical appliances. But an electric plant has now been bought and an X-ray machine together with many other medical instruments have been secured and are on the way over there. Although many of those things have been donated or bought below their regular price, their procurement has cost a good deal of money. But it seemed unfair that our medical workers should continue to work under the handicap of such insufficient equipment as we had, and we trust that friends of the mission will approve of the board's action in securing them and contribute the necessary extra funds. It is almost inconceivable how Dr. Ostergaard and Dr. Pedersen have been able to carry on their great work without the help of so much of the equipment generally considered indispensable to the practice of modern medicine. I am sure that our people will be happy to know that at least some of the deficiencies have been relieved.

Dr. and Mrs. Hagen are now in India ready to begin their work at Benagaria. For a time much of their time will, of course, be taken up with language study and other preparatory work, but medical work is international and, with his wonted energy, Dr. Hagen will no doubt pitch right in and do what he can. One of the new workers accepted last year, a nurse who

since her acceptance has received special training in midwifery, preceded Dr. Hagen and is now on the field where she will, no doubt, be of great assistance to him.

Rev. and Mrs. Helland were last heard from in Norway on their way to India. Their departure was delayed for several months by illness and other difficulties. Since Rev. Helland has been elected to become president on the field in the absence on furlough of Rev. Gausdahl, he was urgently asked to return early in the summer. But it proved impossible to secure ocean passage, and it was finally arranged, therefore, that he and his family should go by plane. Reservations were then secured on an American plane to Holland and on a Dutch plane from Holland to India. But before the Hellands could leave, the Dutch government preempted all space on the plane and cancelled all private reservations. Just then the Hellands' little daughter was taken ill with polio. When she was recovering from this dread illness, which she fortunately did without permanent injury, reservations were secured on an English plane. But just before they were to leave, the little girl was taken ill with chicken pox, making it impossible for them to go. In order not to waste the reservations already secured and paid for, arrangements were made for Dr. Hagen and his family to go instead of the Hellands. The arrangement gave the Hagens only two days to get ready; but they made it, and they have now safely arrived in India.

Meanwhile it became known that space was available early in November on the Scandinavian mission plane, the plane which the foreign mission societies of Scandinavia have bought and are operating to transport their missionaries to and from the fields, and it was at once arranged that the Hellands and Miss Alice Axelsson, one of the new workers, should take an American plane to Norway to proceed from there on the mission plane. When last heard from, they had all safely arrived in Norway, and they are probably now on their way to India, if they have not already arrived there. The arrangement to go out by the way of Norway seems fortunate since it afforded Helland a chance to confer with officials of the mission in Norway and Denmark before entering upon this important duty as its president on the field.

All this has cost a good deal of money, about ten thousand dollars, but since the best any steamship line anywhere would promise was the possibility of transportation some time next summer, it was thought better to pay the higher cost or air-transportation and get our workers out in the field than to maintain them in this country indefinitely. The recent general board meeting in Minneapolis unanimously approved the action of the executive committee which had to make the arrangements, and we sincerely hope that all supporters of the mission will do the same and prove it by donating the extra funds. Our workers are now at work in the field where they were so sorely needed, and that should be the important thing.

Of our other missionaries, Dr. Dagmar Petersen is now home on furlough. She arrived about three

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months ago and would normally remain here for a year and a half. But she is so anxious to return to her work that she has asked to be returned next spring, a request which was readily granted. Rev. Birkestrand and family are expected to arrive from India in the near future for their furlough. They were home in 1940, I believe it was, but their furlough was then cut short by an urgent request for their return to the field. We hope they may remain this time for a much needed rest. The Ribers are both in Minneapolis where Mrs. Riber is frequenting the Lutheran Bible School and Mr. Riber completing his course at the University of Minnesota. At the recent annual meeting of the American Committee, it was voted that they should if possible, be sent out next summer, and we sincerely hope that they may be ready to go then. It is thought that Riber may be placed as a teacher at the boys' school in Benagaria. One of the happiest bits of news we have had for a long time is that Dr. Ostergaard may be well enough to return to India in the not too distant future. We were sorry to hear that he had to go to the University Hospital in Minneapolis for an operation early this fall. But the operation for which he was slated gave the doctors a chance to examine him for other ills, and they believe that they found and corrected the trouble which for a number of years has undermined his health, and that he will now be well again. We know that a great many of our people will be happy to know that he may return to his great work in India.

We are sorry to report that Miss Mildred Due, who had been accepted as a prospective missionary, has asked for her release. The release has been granted and we wish Miss Due all possible happiness in her future life. She has assured us that she will as far as her time and opportunities permit, work faithfully for the mission here at home. And we gratefully accept her pledge. For with the many new responsibilities now placed upon the mission we shall more than ever need faithful home workers. But if Dr. Ostergaard, contrary to our present hope, should not be able to return, our synod will need another candidate for the work. We would prefer a young man with university and seminary training.

In conclusion I wish most earnestly to thank the many friends who again this year have so loyally supported the work. I trust that they will remember the greatly increased opportunities and responsibilities which the end of the war has placed upon us. We stand now before an open door. We have the field, we have the workers and we trust that you will give us the means to go through the door and accomplish the work which we are convinced the Lord has granted us to do. Christmas will soon be here; may we look for a very liberal Christmas gift from you, a gift which will enable us to meet our obligations and bring the story of Christmas to thousands of those who have as yet never heard the most wonderful story ever told. With greetings to all,

Yours truly,

J. C. Aaberg.

## Annual Convention, District No. I

(Continued from Nov. 5)

It was moved and carried that our "Junior Delegate" to the synodical convention at Racine, Wis., next June, be selected by the Hartford congregation.

Rev. Holger M. Andersen of Viborg, S. D., has been called to serve the Newark church. Since he plans to speak in this and other churches of the District in the near future—to assist the Newark church—it was moved and carried that an amount not exceeding \$50.00 may be paid from the District treasury toward defraying his traveling expenses.

Rev. M. F. Blichfeld, chairman of the "Commission in Denmark," has been invited by our synod to visit America in the interests of strengthening the bonds between us and the mother church. It was moved and carried that churches of our District desiring to have Rev. Blichfeld speak, shall make arrangements for his itinerary through the District president. Pastor Blichfeld is scheduled to arrive in New York in November.

The delegation from the Perth Amboy church presented the following motion: "Theological candidates from Grand View Theological Seminary, planning to serve as pastors or teachers in our synod, upon the satisfactory completion of their work at the seminary, shall be granted scholarships to attend school or schools in Denmark for one year that have been approved by Board of Examiners for Grand View Theological Seminary. The Board of Examiners shall determine their eligibility. This privilege may also be extended, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, to those men who have graduated from the Seminary since the instruction has been conducted primarily in the English language." We recommend that our Perth Amboy church present this matter to the next annual convention of our synod.

The young people of the District had requested \$250.00 from the District toward financing a summer camp. It was moved and carried that the officers of the District Y. P. League prepare plans and program for such a camp and present them to the 1947 District convention. The District board must keep this request in mind during the year.

Moved and carried that the District shall be represented by TWO pastors at our synodical convention; that these be selected in the usual rotation; and that that part of their fare not paid by the synod, shall be paid by the District.

The semi-official invitation from the Hartford church to hold our next convention there, was accepted.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. James N. Lund, president; Rev. Johannes Pedersen, secretary; Mr. Marius Andersen, treasurer.

A rising vote of thanks was given the outgoing District president, Rev. A. C. Kildegard, for his years of faithful service.

The business session adjourned at 8 p. m. Saturday.

At the Saturday evening meeting Mrs. A. C. Kildegard, Jr., president of the District Women's Missionary Society, told of what had been done in the past year by the W.M.S. throughout the Synod, and what the plans are for the coming year. The major project on



the program is to furnish the rooms in the new girls' dormitory at Grand View College. Pastor James N. Lund, representing the Santal Mission, spoke briefly emphasizing that "We are only PLAYING at Missions." A volunteer choir, under the direction of Rev. F. O. Lund sang. After the meeting amateur movies from the Y. P. Summer Camp at Squandt's Pond—and another from the synodical convention at Troy, 1941, were shown.

Rev. F. O. Lund preached at the English Sunday morning service on "Seeking the Kingdom." All seek one "kingdom" or another; a kingdom of knowledge, or wealth, or fame. When Christ and HIS Kingdom become a living, vital and real thing in our thinking and our doing—then, and not until then—do we have "the living word" that we speak so much about. Rev. Johannes Pedersen had charge of the Communion service, and spoke briefly about: "Lord, it is good to be here."

Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Sr., preached at the Danish service at 11, on Luke 10—stressing the importance for the people of our busy generation of taking time to be with Jesus and letting Him help and strengthen us to be useful workers in His kingdom. Rev. James N. Lund took charge of the Danish communion service.

The afternoon meeting was planned as a "Layman's Meeting," for discussing the topic: "What My Church Means to Me." Delegates from most of the churches gave brief talks or testimonies. To one, the church had meant spiritual power; to another: Christian fellowship; to another: Guidance and light; to another: in addition to these, and as a by-product: prestige and advantage in positions of trust; to others: opportunities for serving.

Since many convention visitors must return to their homes Sunday afternoon or evening, the conventions have often closed with an informal meeting at the supper table. But this year a "Dansk Aften" was set up, with Prof. and Mrs. Frode Hasseriis from Askov Folk High School in Denmark, furnishing the program. It turned out to be a very fine evening—a fitting close of the convention. In his lecture Prof. Hasseriis spoke of the two opposing forces that are at work in human hearts—the forces of good and evil—the same forces that are at work in the nations of the world. There is strife and disunity and chaos because GOD has been excluded. In the Danish Folk High Schools all the subjects that are taught are in some way related to God. Christianity and culture going hand in hand have made the Danish people strong. That was N. F. S. Grundtvig's ideal, and it is being carried out, not in one large central school as he envisaged, but numerous Folk High Schools throughout Denmark. Following the lecture the ladies of the church served coffee and cake, and Prof. and Mrs. Hasseriis sang a number of fine old Danish folk songs.

#### Quotas for the Synodical Budget for the Current Year.

Our Savior's Church, Brooklyn	\$ 447.35
Trinity, Bronx, N. Y. City	202.28
St. Peter's, Port Chester, Conn.	89.47
Bethesda, Newark, N. J.	97.25
Immanuel, Troy, N. Y.	497.92
Our Savior's, Hartford, Conn.	412.34
St. Stephen's, Perth Amboy, N. J.	746.88

St. Ansgar's, Sayersville, N. J.	35.01
St. Ansgar's, Portland, Maine	291.75
Our Savior's, Bridgeport, Conn.	338.43

Total synodical quota for our District ----- \$3,158.68

The increase over last year's budget is due largely to the adoption of the new plan of paying the fares of delegates to the synodical convention, so that our District can be represented as well as those of the middle west.

James N. Lund, Secretary.

## Books I Like

By

Ellen Nielsen

**Trail Dust and Saddle Leather,**  
**By Jo Mora.**

246 pp. Scribners. \$3.00.

This book epitomizes the west for those of us to whom the west means **Cowboy**.

There is a western language: cowboy, riding the range, ranching, busting steers, roping, broncho-busting and endless others.

If such terms intrigue you, cause your imagination to light up, then the old cowboy, Jo Mora from Monterey is the man for you. His book is **Cowboy** from cover to cover; he builds him up before your eyes chapter by chapter, from his sombrero (of which there are fifteen or more styles from which to choose) to his spurs (where the choice is as wide, ranging from Tom Mix's six hundred dollar pair to the range cowboy's choice, depending on the locality in which he rides). Then he put the cowboy into action and you see him, by word and drawing (the illustrations are fascinating . . . better than a Fashion Sheet to this timid reviewer!) roping, branding, rounding up cattle, making camp.

We, ourselves, will never forget our first cowboy. It was in New Mexico coming west on Highway 66. A runaway calf had crossed the road just ahead of us. Suddenly, on the far, lonely ranges we saw, silhouetted against New Mexico's incredible cloud-billowing sky, a cowboy on his horse. Down the hills he came and across the plain. (Of course we stopped the car to watch). Free and easy as the wind he came and as he neared the calf (now idling foolishly and wondering what to do with his freedom) the cowboy began coiling his rope; we watched the long, looping arc it made through the air and presto! (it must be awfully easy) there was the calf all neatly trussed, belonging to the cowboy again. Git along, little doggy, git along!

This book is like that. The book would be pure romance for any boy between fifteen and seventy years of age; it is not a novel; it is a book of information and facts, colorful facts; it has a gaily colored wrapper; it looks like a Christmas present, and incidentally, our own Solvang is briefly mentioned.

You may send for it from the undersigned.

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## To Dream Nobly And Act Bravely

Not long ago we passed through a great crisis, not a soul-stirring, moral crisis, but a crisis of the belly-a-meat crisis. For some days it seemed that revolution was in the air. The radio blared and the newspaper headlines screamed. There was no meat: Surely a great people, the American nation, was coming to an inglorious end. The bitter cry was: "We want meat!"

Now to be truthful about it, I like meat. I am not saying that rationing was handled perfectly, but it was nothing to get so excited about. Our stores were loaded with canned goods. Crisp, green vegetables and luscious ripe fruits were making the shelves sag under the weight. Out on the farms men were getting ready to harvest the largest corn crop in our history. Wheat and potatoes were stored on the ground. Bins could not be had to house the bumper crop. But still in the midst of all this abundance, there was a crisis. Surely our people would perish before breakfast.

Was this the new world speaking? Was this America speaking? If it were, I am ashamed of my country.

Probably two-thirds of the people of the world go to bed hungry every night. We don't know what a famine is in this most blessed land. But the President of the United States found it necessary to go on the radio to speak to his frightened children, to calm their fears, to assure them that there would be meat in the midst of an abundant harvest.

It is said that the President had the largest radio audience in our history. Who can say that our people are not interested in stomach-stirring issues?

Was this America the beautiful? It was not!

In every land and nation there is a struggle going on between light and darkness, good and evil, hopeful youth and prudent age. This struggle has gone on in our country since the beginning, but every so often God has sent us men and women who dared to dream that America would be great, and not satisfied with full flesh pots only.

Thomas Jefferson was one of our great dreamers. He wanted his country to be a land of hope and glory. It was he who proclaimed to a tired, old world that all men are created equal. The cynical and tired scoffed at him and scorned him, but he could not be silenced. Youth held up its head, listened and followed him gladly, while the careful sulked in their counting-houses.

Our poets have appealed to the best in us. They have held high the American Dream. Emerson did this in his writings. His wide understanding and appeal are seen in these words: "There is a certain wisdom of humanity which is common to the greatest men with the lowest and which our ordinary education often labors to silence and obstruct." And again, "Speak to his heart and the man becomes suddenly virtuous."

Henry David Thoreau saw that his country was in danger of being engulfed by an ugly materialism. He spoke and wrote against it. He went to live alone in the woods to prove that a very simple living can be a good life. We might say of him that he bore testimony to the fact that simple living and high thinking go best together.

There was Walt Whitman who believed passionately in America as the hope of man. He never tired of singing of and for America, a new world. He said: "Solitary singing in the west, I strike up for a new world." Whitman could hear the better voice of American singing, singing a song to a weary world.

In the dark days of our Civil War, Abraham Lincoln never lost sight of what his country stood for. That was what he said to that audience on Gettysburg battlefield, "that these dead shall not have died in vain, that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." To him America was the last great hope of mankind.

There are many dangers facing our country, but the greatest dangers are not from without. They are within ourselves. We are in danger of succumbing to a great lie—that if we have enough food, clothing and shelter, all is well. This heresy is shouted from the housetops. It is the very core of the Hollywood philosophy, and it is as false today as it was yesterday.

When people worship idols they always get into trouble. When people worship security, they end up by having no security. When people worship prosperity, they end in depression and confusion. "Where there is no vision, the people perish," cried the prophet of old. If the modern preacher-prophet forgets that, he is neither preacher nor prophet. It is an eternal truth and must be taught to every generation.

We are now the most powerful nation in the world. Because of this it follows that we have reached the most crucial stage in our history. The question is how will we use our power. Will we become smug and selfish; or will we dare to dream and work for a better and happier world? If we cease to dream nobly and act bravely, we shall surely die, even if our lockers, mouths and stomachs are full of pork chops.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

### From Tacoma, Wash.

It was with reluctance and sadness in our hearts that friends and members of St. Paul's Church in Tacoma recently bade farewell to Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Andersen.

Rev. Andersen has served as pastor of our church the past two years and 8 months. But because of ill health he was compelled to resign and at the same time terminate 52 years of service in the work of the Lord.

We wish to say a "thank you" to Rev. and Mrs. Andersen for the kindness and friendliness, for hospitality and unselfish willingness to be ready to help at all times, for the comforting words spoken to the sick and bereaved, for the message preached every Sunday from the pulpit and in daily service.

May the love of God and the peace which passeth all understanding abide with you in your days of twilight.

Mabel Sorensen.



# Our Women's Work

## Prairie Days

The minister and his wife were moving into their new home. The two were seated on the spring seat of a lumber wagon; in the wagon box behind them was the furniture just bought in town: a dining room table and six chairs, a kitchen table and an iron bed, enameled green with brass knobs.

The house could be seen from afar—a square box silhouetted against the June sky. There were no trees around it; but closer inspection showed several hundred small trees which had been planted the previous fall as a windbreak towards the west and the north of the church property.

There was one large room downstairs which served as a church. The kitchen, too, was downstairs. Upstairs were three rooms with sloping ceilings. They were freshly papered and the woodwork and floors painted. So when the new furniture was put in place, the young couple were quite thrilled with their new home. The wife set the table in the kitchen and made her first meal in her own home, scrambled eggs and coffee, and served it to their first guest, the man who had taken them and their furniture out from town. This man's wife had seen to it that there was butter, eggs and homemade ryebread in the house for the first few days.

It was such fun to open the trunks and boxes and take out the pictures, books and all the wedding presents, and then decide where they were to be placed. The wife discovered that her husband was handy with hammer and saw. He made her a bookshelf and a cabinet for her dishes. She herself covered her husband's emigrant chest with the window drapes from college days and made this serve as an extra seat. In it she kept her wedding dress and her silverware. The kitchen table was placed in the study for use as a desk and the dining table moved into the kitchen.

The final result was gratifying. They surveyed their work and found it good.

In Minneapolis they had bought curtains (at a bargain table, three lace panels at 50c each), sheets and pillow cases, material for quilts, plain white dishes and a gay coffee set, twelve cups, saucers and plates, sugar bowl and creamer, coffee pot and tea pot and a large sandwich plate, cream background with red roses. All this was soon put into service.

One afternoon, shortly after the young couple had moved in, top buggies and various other vehicles came rolling from all four roads, turned in at the parsonage and soon there was a large gathering. It was a surprise party. The women had brought with them cakes, cookies and cream and proceeded to make coffee. The men pulled out gunnysacks from the backs of their wagons and emptied their cackling contents into the church stable. Each had brought one or two laying hens, one had a rooster and one a hen with twelve little chicks.

The new coffee set was brought out and together with the silver coffee spoons from Denmark helped to add glamor to the festivities. The rooms upstairs

were inspected and the wedding gifts admired. This, then, was the first party in the parsonage.

E. P. L.

## From Brush, Colorado

Our Mission Study Group held its annual silver tea October 18th.

We had a very interesting meeting at the church. Mrs. Daniel Jensen, a member of the Friend's Service Committee, was our guest speaker. She had spent several months in Philadelphia and other places in the East helping in the collection of grain and other things for the starving people of foreign lands. She said that spiritual help is needed, but first we must give these destitute people food and clothing. The Friends are doing a tremendous work along this line. It was an inspiring talk. We, as Christians, were keenly made to feel the urge to do a bigger and better mission work.

Refreshments at the parsonage were served from a lovely tea table. The collection for W. M. S. amounted to \$20.00.

Esther Larson, Sec-Treas.

## What Can We Do?

"So many are waiting to see what loving hearts may bring."

After reading about the meeting in Lutherland and the concern expressed for doing something to build understanding among peoples of the world and how to do our bit, I feel like telling the women of the Lutheran Church what my experiences have been this past year. I was desirous of doing something to bring a little relief somewhere in this wartorn world. I was not able to be present where any groups doing such work met. But having raised a family of seven on a very meager budget, I can see possibilities of a useful garment in almost any castoff piece of clothing, and I find it a pleasure to see what I can make from such. Old overalls can become creepers for little ones, a grown-up's mackinaw a coat for junior. A very worn blanket or a shirt may, if lined with sugar sacks, make a warm waist (what we call a "livstykke" in Danish) with buttons for holding up drawers or little skirts; it was one of the essentials in my children's wardrobes. Where people are as destitute as we hear is the case in Europe today, where there is a dearth even of old clothes to make over, these garments may keep a little body warm if made long so it goes way down to the thighs.

It is a lot of work if you make this garment double, but that is what we want—work, lots of work to do with our hands and with which to test our ingenuities.

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As we work with these things, all the time our hearts grow warmer, closer to these little ones and their families who need to feel our thoughts and prayer and our desire to serve.

Another garment that I like to make is a pull-over sleeveless sweater. I have this past summer knit seven of these out of one pound of yarn given me by the Quakers. All they ask is that we use what we make for relief. Anyone wishing to get this yarn can write to A. F. S. C. 3959 15th N. E., Seattle, Wash., or A. F. S. C. office, 20 So. 12th Str., Philadelphia, Pa. May I say here that the Friends have been doing relief work ever since 1917 and are better acquainted with the whole work than probably any other church group. Their work is very well organized, they get things needed across very expeditiously. We have a saying "He who helps soon, helps doubly," and this is a case where it applies very much.

To me it has been a great experience to have become better acquainted with the work done by the Friends. For this I am indebted to a sister-in-law, who is working for a better world in more ways than one. (This is the same Mrs. Daniel Jensen who spoke for the Mission Group at Brush, F. S. P.) \*She had, before her marriage to my brother, been a Secretary General for American Friends Service Committee. Because of her previous experience, she was called to come back to her old job and give a few months help to an overworked staff, and like so many of her Quaker brothers and sisters she has done just that. The Friends are very unselfish and zealous in their work. Knowing this good family has strengthened me in my desire to do all I can wherever I am. All our small and large gifts help the suffering and needy to keep up their morale. They see that there are unknown people thinking of them and doing something to brighten their lives. It must be as a ray of light to them on their road back to recovery. We must not look down on the little that we each can do to help others in these tragic times. By spending our efforts we gain a feeling of joy which passes the understanding of the smug and commonplace attitudes that do so much to hurt our own morale. We are in with Him who considered the little ones, the sick and

the needy, and never have we had such a wonderful opportunity to help make life brighter for ourselves and those around us—to realize the full meaning of the words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

You who live on farms could donate of your vegetables, a heifer, preferably one that is already bred, or milk a goat. Write to any of the above addresses and they will gladly tell you how to go about sending what you have. You would be preparing a table for someone before their enemies, starvation and sickness.

Among the Friends, young people are being trained at various places to go with this stock to their destination. Shiploads of all kinds of goods from trucks to needles are being sent to the devastated countries. Help is being given to the homeless to build shelters of a kind from Finsmark to Sicily, in Africa and Asia. The Friends do not hold back because they are unable to get all people back on their feet. They go in and make an oasis, so to speak, in the gruesome path of war. Would that we could see some of it accomplished—I dare say it would change our lives.

H. G. Wells has said that unless mankind becomes absorbed in good works and sincere concern for one another, life is going to be unbearable. Our GOOD BOOK says so. We know it in our hearts.

Højbjerg spoke in our church in Askov some twenty years ago. He said what we did to other people (I think it was Japan he was speaking of) would come back to us in kind. We must now bitterly repent that we common folks did not stand up to the war-mongers and tell them that it was good things for body and soul that we wished to share with that young nation and not scrap iron. We now have that to say about our other big young neighbor, Russia; "Your people want the same things that we do—let us be friends. God is yours and our Father. We must learn to obey His rules and trust one another." My mother used to tell us when we quarreled "The wisest find a way of getting along together."

God give us courage to be on the right side in the issues now before us.

Mari Støttrup.

## Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

### Theology For Layman

In a general way I agree with Ove Nielsen and Sigurd Petersen about articles that are "too theological" but on the other hand is it not a strange logic which demands that ministers spend a minimum of three years in a theological seminary and then go out as pastors to take it for granted that the people in our congregations should not be interested in anything their pastors have studied, and that is little enough?

I believe "Theology" means "The science of things divine and supernatural." Once it was called "The Queen of all the sciences" and I believe it still is entitled to that superscription. Are we to take it for granted that even two per cent of that science is too much for the people in the churches? Are so-called "brass tacks" which are so periodically praised, but which you can neither eat nor sit on, still to be the signs of the layman's mental desire?

I have found that the larger percentage of our lay people have some kind of superstitious aversion for religious books (maybe they think them all like the stuff that is peddled by The Jehovah's Witnesses Hierarchy and other quack religions).

If theology is just for ministers, then why is mathematics not just for engineers and why is reading not just for the black magicians?

Yes, Holger Nielsen, I think you are right, we need to get "hot and bothered" about the real thing. We have plenty of parlor religion.

L. C. Bundgaard.

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To Your Friends



# Grand View College

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## Our Youth of D. A. Y. P. L.

### Greetings From G. V. C.

At the time of this writing students at Grand View are drawing a breath of relief that all the planning, worry and work of the Lutheran Students Association Convention, held November 7, 8 and 9, is a thing of the past. However, the losing Echo team is about to begin hard work in making the Echo party a success and one of the best events of the year here at G. V. C.

Although the L. S. A. convention seemed like an "extra load" at the time, we are all pleased that everything went smoothly and successfully. It was a convention of the Iowa region of L. S. A. and Grand View was host to 150 students from 6 or 7 colleges throughout the state. Needless to say, they were housed at various homes in the city as Grand View dormitories are overflowing with students. Throughout the convention we had an opportunity of hearing several good speakers, included among which was Andreas Schanke, Norwegian representative of World Student Christian Federation. 350 students attended a banquet in the beautifully decorated gym Saturday evening of the convention.

Since the last article in L. T. about our life here at the college, we have had several interesting speakers. Sunday evening, October 27, Albert Ravenholt, formerly from Luck, Wisconsin, visited the college and spoke informally about conditions in China. Mr. Ravenholt is a G. V. C. alumnus and has been in China seven years as a newspaper correspondent. He is now in the States on a visit and in order to regain his health.

The spirit of Halloween did not pass through the halls of G. V. C. unnoticed. The fun started when a few girls were absent from the supper table, and from then "the war was on." During the course of the evening typical Halloween pranks were "played"; a sheet and blanket waved from the flagpole, through the theater in "Pidgeon" filed a troupe looking in vain for "Kilroy," and both dorms were degraded in appearance. At 10:30 everyone felt quite relieved that Halloween comes but once a year.

In order to get better acquainted with the 40 nurses from Iowa Lutheran Hospital who come here for classes three times a week, we had a "get together" Friday evening, November 1. Ted Thuesen and his committee presented a fine program consisting of a short talk by Dean A. C. Nielsen, instrumental numbers by Pat and Joan Landman, readings by Bodil Strandskov and two piano selections by Margrethe Ostrup. The nurses then supplemented the program with a poem written especially for the

occasion and a vocal duet. By popular request Evelyn Sorensen sang her Danish version of "Shoo Fly Pie," Carlo Petersen serenaded the nurses with "Hvor er min Kone?" and "Nursie" and Gloria Mortensen and Karen Madsen sang "Ve Just Came From de Ole Country." We then had coffee and adjourned to the gym for folkdancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the nurses.

Mr. Hunn, an attorney from Des Moines, spoke to the student body at the regular lecture hour Thursday, November 7. Mr. Hunn expressed the hope that the students while attending Grand View obtain as complete and well balanced a personality as possible.

The following day Mr. Wellock, a former member of the English parliament, visited us. Mr. Wellock in his lecture spoke very frankly of Britain's past mistakes. He stressed the idea that modern industry has created a mass man who is socially hungry. Building up a finer and more powerful and Christian civilization will mean moving away from the factory. In order to make this possible the great countries will have to reduce their supply to small countries of industrial materials and enable small countries to become more industrialized. Mr. Wellock contended that Great Britain would soon cease to be one of the great powers. He said India had received her complete freedom and a Far East conference is now being arranged.

The air is crisp and cool and we see white frost on the ground in the morning—Windows have been installed in the new dorm; we watch every bit of the process with delight—we're all looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation.

Karen Madsen.

### A Book Of Life

From the 1946 "Viking"

Human beings would find their book of life a volume of empty, meaningless pages, if it were not for the beauties that lie within their reach, no matter which path they choose to follow. Some authors compile their works in a care-free, spontaneous style, while others patiently labor over each minute detail, making certain that no imperfections are left untouched. Both have found happiness in their work, and both have found some of the beauties which they sought, even though their most joyous chapters may sometimes be overshadowed by an atmosphere of gloom and depression.

The former author would most likely fill his pages with experiences in a manner similar to the one employed by a poet, for a poet has the universe as

his subject, and no object, whether great or small, escapes his discerning and appreciative eye. A drop of glistening dew on a blade of grass, or a people inspired to great heights through their patriotic spirit would stir his sensitive soul equally. He cares not if his poem is about a simple lad in the woods or if it is about splendid knights rescuing fair damsels in a forsaken castle. His poems are of love, of patriotism, of art, of religion, and of all the miracles God has created in nature. But a poet's gift to the world does not stop with his own personal pleasure. Oh no! He leaves behind him a volume of his life in which any reader may leisurely turn a page, and relive forgotten moments of ecstasy.

Many people, of course, do not choose to give the poet a large number of pages in their book of life. Maybe their escape from a drab life takes another form or maybe they never discover the magical beauty concealed in a poem.

It was but a few years ago that I first accidentally found in poetry that "thing of beauty" which I knew would always be a source of inspiration for me.

English teachers, as all students know, have the very annoying habit of assigning a certain number of poems which must be read during the course whether the class enjoys them or not. High school students are far more interested in what to wear to the fall dance or which team will win the next football game than they are in Poe's theory of poetry or in Longfellow's translation of "The Divine Comedy." But because the poems are required they grudgingly settle down and read them.

I, too, made myself study the supposedly wonderful lines but they meant nothing to me—until one day when I was struck very forcefully with the similarity between an actual event in my life and an event in a certain poem.

The delightful lines in "I wandered Lonely as a Cloud" by William Wordsworth were the lines that gave me this jolt. The poet, it seems, had felt lonely and depressed so he had gone in search of something to cheer him. His eyes fell upon a "host of golden daffodils" that were "fluttering and dancing in the breeze." His mood immediately changed to one of gayety, for who could be anything but happy with such merry fellows as companions?

Wordsworth tells us what that experience meant to him in the following lines:

"I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
what wealth the show to me had  
brought.

For oft when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils."

These words struck a harmonious chord in my memory and instantly there flashed upon my "inward eye" an equally exquisite picture, a picture of a summer day when I, too, had wandered aimlessly about because my spirits were



low. That day the sky was blue and fleecy clouds raced across it like white sailboats skimming over a quiet lake, and below me, for I had paused upon a hilltop, a field of blooming blue-flowered flax swayed effortless to the rhythm of the waltzing breeze. As I watched this colorful dance I saw my brother start to walk toward me through the sea of blue flowers. The setting sun sent out a few last rays to hold him back, but he knew his day's work was done, so he was happy. His every youthful, carefree stride seemed to challenge anything and everything that might want to cross his path, and somehow his optimistic and jocund mood passed like magic into me and a strange feeling crept into my heart. Somehow I knew that moment was great! Because there before me I had a scene that no human artist could paint, retaining every ounce of nature's beauty; and in my heart I felt a quiet peace, for the world was serene and subdued and the future loomed brightly ahead.

My experience that day was not soon forgotten, but as many other things, it receded into the background of my memory. It was not before I read Wordsworth's poem that I again recalled it, and to my surprise, its lovely colors had not faded and its power on my heart had not weakened—it had increased! I knew now what Emily Dickenson meant when she wrote about judging a poem's worth: "If I feel physically as if the top of my head was taken off, I know it is poetry."

To relive a moment like that was something new to me. Was it then strange that I should want to explore farther into the realms of poetry? Was it not possible that others could offer me just as much as Wordsworth and his poem? I didn't know then, but it did not take long for me to discover the wealth the poets of past centuries left behind them to cheer posterity.

Although poetry has given me a brighter outlook on life, it is not necessarily only beauty that others seek. Many of our happiest moments are those that cannot be described by words alone. These intangible feelings often play the greatest roles in our daily living. There are few people, indeed, who would not reserve special chapters in their book of life for their thoughts of home, church and of loved ones, for what can be more important to us than the love and trust we have in our friends, our family and our God.

Perhaps when we first think of home, we think of the house, of the garden, of the trees or of the hills we know so well; but on second thought we realize that these material things would mean nothing to us if it were not because they are closely interwoven with happy memories of home life, memories of mother puttering about in her flower garden, or dad reading the paper in the big chair and then slowly dropping it and his head starts nodding, or just memories of walking alone at dusk, when the stars are but dimly lit and the faint echoes

of the tolling church bell are still heard, or are ringing down the setting sun.

The simple joys we knew as little children, the sense of security we felt because of father's and mother's love, and the sheer joy of living experienced every day, are a part of that indescribable beauty we all hold dear in our remembrance of home.

To look for beauty in our daily life is surely one of the most certain ways of finding happiness. If we could all learn to look upon life and nature with the observant eye of a poet we would all find that life is but one delightful joy after another. We could then, truthfully conclude our book of life with the following words by one of the best poets of all times:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever; It's loneliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness"—John Keats.

Anitra Kruse.

## Yule Sale Contest

The district leaders on Nov. 18 are as follows:

District I, Kronborg (Marquette) 75 copies.

Dist. II, Perth Amboy, 100 copies.

Dist. III, Tyler, 200 copies.

Dist. V, St. Stephen's, Chicago, 75 copies.

Dist. V, Kimballton, 200 copies.

Dist. VI, Junction City, 24 copies.

Dist. VII, Los Angeles, 50 copies.

Rev. P. Rasmussen and his Dalum congregations lead the Canadians—in fact, it is the only order from outside the territory of the United States. But he has ordered 40 copies.

There are many other orders larger than some of the district leaders above. Clinton has 60, Ringsted 68, Askov 100, Dwight 60, and Withee 55 and there is a large group with orders of 50 but it so happens that someone in their district is ahead of them. We also appreciate several small orders very much considering that they come from very small Danish communities. There is Moorhead, Iowa and Wilbur, Washington, each with 11, Gayville, S. D., with 30, Ryslinge (Hay Springs, Nebr.) and Santa Barbara, Calif., with 25, and Davey, Nebr., with 16. There are several of our larger groups that will blink their eyes when they notice these figures especially if they know the approximate size of the congregations.

It has, however, been very gratifying to meet so much good support as we have met this year. As these lines are written we have high hope of selling all of the 3,000 copies being printed.

If you wish more copies than those you have ordered I would advise you to place your order early. Also, you who ordered extra copies on the condition that you could return unsold copies, will you please return copies just as soon as you can determine what you cannot sell so that we may still have a chance to sell them to others in the event that we run short of copies.

Harold Petersen.

## OUR CHURCH

**Rev. Holger Andersen** who serves the churches at Viborg and Gayville, S. D., was guest speaker in the following churches in the Eastern district on his recent trip there: Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 11; Newark, N. J., Oct. 13; Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 14; Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 16. The following Sunday, Oct. 20, he also spoke in the afternoon at the fall festival of the St. Stephan's church in Chicago.

**Muskegon, Mich.**—Rev. A. C. Kildegaard of Bronx, N. Y., was guest speaker in the Muskegon church on Sunday, November 10. During the service Rev. Kildegaard also officiated at the baptism of a granddaughter, Ingrid Ellen, the infant daughter of his daughter Ellen, who is married and lives in Muskegon.

**Askov, Minn.**—A new church bulletin, the "Askov Church Messenger," has appeared with its first issue. Rev. Harold Petersen is the pastor of the Bethlehem church and editor of the bulletin.

**Greenville, Mich.**—A Sunday School Worker's Conference for all the Lutheran churches of Montcalm County was held in the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Greenville on Sunday, October 27, afternoon and evening. Rev. C. A. Stub was one of the speakers and many of his Sunday School teachers attended.

**Tyler, Minn.**—At the recent annual meeting of the congregation a donation of \$100 was voted to the Santal Mission. The pastor, Enok Mortensen, was voted a \$500 bonus for the past year and his salary was placed at \$2500 for the coming year.

Folk meetings are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings in the Danebod Folk School with lectures and group singing.—At a recent meeting of the "Danebod Højskolesamfund" the name of the association was changed to the "Danebod Folk School Association" and a new constitution was adopted.

**Los Angeles, Calif.**—A joint Lutheran Reformation Day Service was held by that Los Angeles area of Lutheran churches in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 14th and Oak Street, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3.

**Omaha, Nebr.**—Our Savior's church recently at a quarterly meeting voted to support the plan presented by the Omaha Council of Churches to appoint an Executive Secretary for the purpose of promoting the influence of Protestantism in Omaha. Our Savior's church voted to support the project and to give its financial contribution toward same.

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—A joint meeting of the women's group of the St. Peders church was held Thursday evening, Nov. 14, in the church parlors. The Guild had planned the following program: Miss Sigrid Ostergaard spoke on the topic, "The Santal Mission Today"; Mrs. V. S. Petersen, editor of Women's Page in Lutheran Tidings and



Mrs. Ottar S. Jorgensen, district representative of W.M.S. each spoke on a phase of Home Mission Projects.

A recent congregational meeting voted to change the two monthly Danish services from 9:30 to 12 o'clock noon. The main reason for the change of time was to accommodate the Sunday School with more room for classes, some of the classes can thus meet in the church.

**Racine, Wis.**—An All-Lutheran Rally was held at Memorial Hall in Racine on Sunday afternoon, November 3, with Dr. H. J. Glenn of Sioux Falls, S. D., as the guest speaker. A massed choir from all the Lutheran churches was scheduled to give several selections.

**Salinas, Calif.**—A Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Sunday, November 24, in St. Ansgar's Lutheran church of which Rev. Svend Kjaer is the pastor.

**Trinity, Chicago.**—Rev. Holger Strandskov of Dwight, Ill., was the guest speaker at the annual Fall Meeting held Saturday and Sunday, November 9—10.

A lecture program has been planned for the coming winter season to be held in the church parlors of Trinity church on the second Wednesday evening of each month. The following meetings are scheduled for November and December: November 13, "Family Relationships," speaker, Dr. Maurice Kadin, M. D., staff member, the Association For Family Living; December 11, "The Churches' Concern for Public School Education," speaker, Prof. Robert Havighurst, Ph. D., School of Education, U of Chicago.

**Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr.**—At the last quarterly meeting the congregation voted to give their pastor, P. C. Stockholm, a bonus of \$200 for the past year. It was further decided to raise the annual salary to \$1500 instead of the present \$1,000 and the rent of 14 acres of land.

**Ringsted, Iowa.**—The congregation voted at the last congregational meeting to make certain improvements in the parsonage, and it was decided to spend up to \$1,000 on same.

**Waterloo, Iowa.**—A set of "Hearing Aids" have been installed in the St. Ansgar's church which will give the hard of hearing the added opportunity of hearing and taking part in the worship service.

Rev. H. O. Nielsen of Cedar Falls was the guest speaker at a Fellowship Group meeting held this past month by the younger members of the Waterloo church.

**Svend Godfredsen**, Editor and Educational Director of the United Packinghouse Workers of America CIO, has been elected a member of the board of directors of Roosevelt College in Chicago.—This college was founded in 1945 and has had an unusual fine beginning. It is the first college ever accredited after less than a years' operation. The rule was waived by the North Central Association because of the institutions standing and the fine faculty it had assembled.

Svend Godfredsen is an alumnus of Grand View College. His parents live in Tyler, Minn. He has spent the past ten years in the industrial union movement as editor and educational director. In the November 5th issue of Lutheran Tidings we featured his recent epical poem, "I Am America."

## Itinerary Of Pastor M. F. Blichfeld

### District I.

Nov. 20—Perth Amboy, N. J.  
Nov. 21—Trinity, Bronx, N. Y.  
Nov. 22—Newark, N. J.  
Nov. 24—Portland, Maine.  
Nov. 25, 26—Boston.  
Nov. 27—Hartford, Conn.  
Nov. 29—Troy, N. Y.  
Dec. 1—Brooklyn, forenoon.  
Dec. 1—Port Chester, afternoon.  
Dec. 1—Bridgeport, evening.

James N. Lund.

## Fortieth Anniversary Of Askov Church

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov, Minn., will celebrate its fortieth anniversary December 6—8 inclusive. Four former pastors of the Bethlehem church have been invited to speak at the meeting which will begin Friday evening. There will also be a meeting on Saturday afternoon and there will be services Sunday morning, lecture Sunday afternoon and again Sunday evening. A special invitation is being extended to those residing elsewhere who helped build the Askov community but a general invitation is herewith extended to all who desire and are able to come and spend these days with us. Please enroll either to Niels Miller, Askov, Minn., or to Rev. Harold Petersen.

### BIBLE READINGS FROM THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

Thanksgiving, Nov. 28: Joshua 1, Psalm 121.  
Friday: Psalm 23, John 10:1-18.  
Saturday: John 14.  
Sunday, Dec. 1: I Corinthians 13.  
Monday: Psalm 24.  
Tuesday: Hebrews 11 and 12:1, 2.  
Wednesday: Matthew 6.  
Thursday: Romans 8.  
Friday: Matthew 7.  
Saturday: Psalm 91.  
Sunday, Dec. 8: Galatians 6.  
Monday: Colossians 3.  
Tuesday: Ephesians 4.  
Wednesday: Philippians 3.  
Thursday: I Corinthians 3.  
Friday: Philippians 4.  
Saturday: John 15.  
Sunday, Dec. 15: Psalm 1.  
Monday: Psalm 27.  
Tuesday: I Corinthians 15.  
Wednesday: Psalm 46.  
Thursday: Matthew 28.

Friday: II Timothy 2.  
Saturday: John 17.  
Sunday, Dec. 22: Revelations 21.  
Monday: Revelations 22.  
Tuesday: Isaiah 9:1-7.  
Wednesday, Dec. 25: Luke 2.

## Delay In Yule Publication

Many are eagerly awaiting Yule and no one is probably waiting more impatiently than Harris Jespersen and the undersigned. In a phone conversation this morning, Nov. 18, with Lutheran Publishing House, I was told that there had been a mistake made by the engravers when they made the cut for the cover and this had to be returned to the engravers. The delay is therefore due to circumstances beyond our control.

Harold Petersen.

### RADIO SERVICES AND LECTURE

Sunday, November 24, 9:30 a. m. our synod will again be in charge of the Danish Radio Service over WCAL, the St. Olaf College station. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, will be in charge of these services and preach the sermon. Members of the choir of St. Peders Church will assist under the direction of Peter Kirkegaard.

Dr. Knudsen will speak in St. Peders church in the evening of November 24, at 7:45 o'clock.

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Portland, Me. ....	150.00
Muskegon, Mich. ....	35.45
Menominee, Mich. ....	62.15
Racine, Wis. ....	135.41
Clinton, Iowa ....	49.00
Exira, Iowa ....	92.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	110.00
Askov, Minn. ....	43.50
Omaha, Nebr. ....	60.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	25.90
Seattle, Wash. ....	63.77

### Pension Fund:

Mrs. Mari Stottrup, Askov, Minn. .... 50.00

#### Congregations—

Hampton, Iowa ....	44.50
Kimballton, Iowa ....	102.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	6.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	25.00
Canwood, Sask., Canada ...	10.00

### Home Missions:

District VII (to Hay Springs, Nebr.) .... 60.00

Congregation, Tyler, Minn. ... 2.00

"In Memory of Marie Nielsen," Edelborg Lindegaard, Askov, Minn. .... 1.00

"In Memory of Jens Pedersen," Russell Qualey and Mother, Ruthton, Minn. .... 5.00

Misc. subs. and gifts to Lutheran Tidings .... 9.25

#### Congregations—

Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	7.50
Des Moines, Iowa ....	3.50
Dagmar, Mont. ....	5.50
Bone Lake, Wis. ....	8.05
Dalum, Alta., Canada ....	2.00
Canwood, Sask., Canada ...	1.75
Omaha, Nebr. ....	4.00
Granly, Miss. ....	1.00
Denmark, Kans. ....	2.00

### Chicago Children's Home:

#### Congregations—

Clinton, Iowa ....	1.00
Ruthton, Minn. ....	14.50

### Tyler Children's Home:

#### Congregations—

Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	24.12
Ruthton, Minn. ....	14.50

"In Memory of Jens Pedersen,"

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pedersen and family, Ruthton, Minn. .... 5.00

Total towards budget ----\$ 4,378.04

### Received for Items Outside the Budget:

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### To Lutheran World Action:

(1946) ----\$12,841.34

#### Congregations—

Seattle, Wash. ....	37.25
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Omaha, Nebr. ....	213.00

Los Angeles, Calif. ....	14.00
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Young People's Society, Dwight, Ill. ....	24.36

Total to date (1946) ----\$14,851.55

### To Eben-Ezer Institute, Brush, Colo.:

#### Congregations—

Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	\$ 24.14
Ruthton, Minn. ....	14.50

### To GVC Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----\$61,238.61

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Adolph J. Tronbak, Viborg, S. D. .... 5.00

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Congregation, Denmark, Kans. .... 157.00

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St. Stephan's congregation, Chicago, Ill. .... 3.34

Total Jubilee Fund cash to date ----\$61,977.87  
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## YULE—1946

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The **Grand View College** and **Youth** pages of **Lutheran Tidings** will be combined in this and the following issues of **Lutheran Tidings**. We hope to hear good news soon in regard to the proposed **Youth Paper**, but until that appears we shall be happy to receive articles and news briefs for this section of our paper. Let us hear from you!

**The Greenville, Mich., Young People's Society** in October sponsored a "Color Tour" along State Highway No. 46 as far as Newage, Mich. In other words it was a drive into the beauty of the woods of Michigan at the time of the year when nature offers a great variety of color schemes "in all the color nuances from bright reddish brown to maroon, to almost purple, with the sheen of summer still overlaying the colors."

The Young People of Greenville have decided to be responsible for the mimeographing and mailing of the "Church Messenger," the local church bulletin. A group of workers will be chosen for each month's printing job.

On November 17th, the Greenville Young People's Society sponsored a meeting where a young Norwegian lady, student at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, spoke. She told about her experiences in the Norwegian underground forces during the German occupation of Norway. The meeting was held in the afternoon and a pot-luck supper was served after the meeting.

**Verner Mikkelsen**, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. Mikkelsen, has recently been awarded a full tuition scholarship by Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., where he has been a student the last couple of years. Verner was one of the outstanding players on the Hamline

basketball team during the 1945-46 season.—The award, according to the university's news release, was made not only on the basis of Mikkelsen's scholastic achievements and character, but for his all around value to the college community.

**The Second World Conference of Christian Youth** will assemble in Oslo, Norway, July 30 to August 8, 1947. Outstanding Christian leaders are making plans for this World Conference. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches is also the Chairman of the World Student Christian Federation.—A group of sixty youth leaders from all parts of the world met in Geneva Switzerland in July to draft plans for the conference. Among this preparatory group were a number of Lutheran leaders, four from Norway, one from Sweden, several from Germany and one from the United States.

The first World Conference of Christian youth was held in Amsterdam in 1939, on the very outbreak of the European war.

We hope to bring more about this World Conference in later issues of **Lutheran Tidings**.

### BISHOP BERGGRAV SEEKS TRANSFER FROM OSLO

Oslo (By wireless)—Two hundred and thirty-eight clergymen of the Oslo diocese have sent a letter to the government Department of Church and Education expressing "sorrow" over the reported desire of Bishop Eivind Berggrav, Primate of the Norwegian State Lutheran Church, to be transferred to the Hamar diocese. Bishop Berggrav has been in ill-health since his libera-

tion from Nazi imprisonment early last year.

The clergymen proposed as a measure to induce the primate to remain here that the Oslo diocese be divided so as to relieve him of much of his present burdens. (RNS).

## 1947

### DANSK ALMANAK

V. R. Staby, Editor

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