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## The Pursuit of Happiness

One thing I wanted to possess  
Above all earthly gain:  
A true and lasting happiness.  
For this I strove in vain;  
It was when I pursued it  
A bird that flew away;  
It beckoned and I wooed it,  
It came but would not stay.

And then I thought: No more will I  
Demand and take, but give,  
Bring happiness where I pass by  
As well as where I live!  
Then through the sunshine winging  
The bird that flew away  
Came down from Heaven, singing,  
To build its nest and stay.

S. D. Rodholm.

Mel.: "Jeg er en simpel Bondemand".  
Suggested by an old familiar Danish verse.

## Zacchaeus

Second Sunday After Epiphany

By Jens C. Kjaer

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And He entered and was passing through Jericho. And behold, a man called by name Zacchaeus; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich.

And he sought to see Jesus who He was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature. And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him: for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide in thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He has gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, Today is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

—Luke 19:1—10.

### Prayer

Holy Father, Thy word is an everlasting guide to righteousness and life. Teach us today that in the presence of Jesus Christ man must lay aside his old self and become Thy worshiper and devoted servant.

In the Master's name. Amen.

Jesus and his men were passing through Jericho whose large rose gardens, many kinds of beautiful palms, and balsam plants had given it the name. "The Perfumed." The town was a rich trading center and the last station of the pilgrims from the northern provinces on their way to Jerusalem. We know that Anthony had given the revenues from the city's bal-

sam plantations to Cleopatra who in turn sold them to Herod.

In this prosperous town lived a rich chief tax collector, Zacchaeus, whose name, strangely enough, means "the just" or "the pure." His towns-people hated and despised him for serving the Romans and for exploiting the Jews. He could not attend services in the synagogue, and no respectable Hebrew would associate with him.

Yet the little Jew wanted to see Jesus. He must have heard of the Galilean for it was more than curiosity that prompted him to climb a tree to catch a glimpse of the Master's face. Was it a gnawing conscience or an unspoken reaching out for forgiveness and peace with God and man? Other publicans may have told him of how Jesus had answered the need of their hungering hearts and restored to them their composure of soul, how the Christ had befriended excommunicated outcasts and created in them a sense of worth in the eyes of God.

Zacchaeus was waiting for Jesus to pass by. When Jesus passed by, the unexpected, the marvelous and wonderful often happened. A daughter of Samaria of unsavory reputation became an enthusiastic missionary to her neighbors, a Levi became Matthew, a vindictive Jew became the Apostle of Love in the presence of Jesus. The divine grace of the Son of God could change a raving demoniac into a quiet disciple, create a new spirit in a profane fisherman and

make him a blessed leader whose very shadow healed. The love and compassion of the Nazarene did not hesitate to stop a blood-thirsty persecutor in his zealous hunt and make him Paul, the tenderhearted brother. Even in our times we have learned how the Gospel of the living Christ has the power to change ferocious cannibals into ministering Samaritans.

Suddenly the eyes of Jesus were on Zacchaeus. "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, for I must stay in your home today." Scarcely believing so great an honor could be his, the big business man of Jericho hurried down from his tree to lead the Son of God and His men to the comforts and refreshments of his mansion, welcoming Him with great joy.

In the home of the publican the host became the guest and the Guest the real host. When Jesus enters a home, He alone is the Master of that home. Covetousness, greed and corruption cannot endure in His presence. Men's lives are changed when He is near.

Outside the crowd was murmuring and growling: "He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner." They were shocked and disappointed and did not understand. How would we react if one of our great men of God chose to dine and pass the night with extortioners and public enemies?

Zacchaeus sensed the displeasure of the people. He knew how they loathed him and gladly would have stoned him to death were it not for the armed might of the emperor's troops. Now Jesus had made his home a temple of the Most High, and the Spirit of God was working mightily in the wealthy sinner. His old transgressions were rising up and condemning him. A tempest was raging in his heart; good and evil were at war. The soul of Zacchaeus was in God's crucible. It is not easy for a man to surrender to God. Zacchaeus did.

Zacchaeus had welcomed Jesus joyfully. It was time to make a thank-offering for the pardon and peace that the Master had brought him. Never had he been so grateful. His past had been devoted to getting; the moment for giving was at hand.

"Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor!" Then hardly conscious of the guilt implied, he added: "And if I wrongfully overcharged anybody, I will restore it four times." This little "if" indicated that Zacchaeus was guilty of the sin common to most publicans. It was his confession.

The law required a convicted extortioner to return his ill-gotten gains plus 20%. By offering to restore fourfold, Zacchaeus was treating his questionable transactions as common theft for which four or fivefold restitution was required. He could not have overcharged indiscriminately, or his offer would have ruined him. While amends do not wipe out guilt, proper amends are the evidence of a changed heart. Zacchaeus did as much, if not more, than most of us would. The Lord of truth and love had entered his home and heart, and unrighteousness had to move out. Zacchaeus had been born anew.

The conversion of Zacchaeus was pleasing to our Master. A man's turning away from a sinful life and entering the gate of righteousness is an event for which even the angels in heaven rejoice. Looking straight at His reborn friend, Jesus interpreted the meaning

of the memorable hour and answered the critics by setting forth the purpose of his ministry: "Today is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." In Lamsa's translation, Jesus says: "Today life has come to this house." True life cannot come to man unless he has found salvation through God's infinite mercy and grace.

Salvation is rescue and deliverance and the state of safety they produce. Salvation is freedom from sin and guilt; it is the restoration to God's favor. It is the act of saving that which without salvation would have been lost. God desires the salvation of all His children.

Lost is one of the most tragic words I know. Milton speaks of Paradise Lost, Browning of the Lost Leader, and Poe flings himself down the side of the sepulcher of beautiful Annabel Lee and moans her passing while the little waves sob at his feet.

Fame and fortune, honor and health may be lost. Father and mother, wife and sweetheart, son and daughter, brother and sister may be taken away from us as we sob in sorrow; but the greatest loss is losing God. If a man loses his soul, the organ through which he can find God and commune with Him, then everything is lost. No wonder that Jesus solemnly warned: "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

We can almost be home and yet lost. "The bridge may break just as we are planting our last step upon it. Ships have gone down in the sight of the harbor. In the midst of a severe blizzard in western Kansas, a man, to keep from freezing in his wagon, put the lines around his neck and got out to walk. At last he was in sight of home. Through the windows he could almost see the fire of his own hearthstone; then, before the raging fury of the storm, he wavered and fell. The horses reached the barn and shelter. A rescue party found their driver dead in the drifts. Almost home—but lost." (Calhoun).

Zacchaeus had found the Kingdom of God. Pulled out of his static life, he was filled with the light from on high, with love and compassion, joy and enthusiasm. Again Jesus had discovered infinite possibilities in a most unlikely person. The public robber became a philanthropist, the money-grasper a friend of God.

The next morning Jesus continued His journey. The little man stood at the gate of his costly home and watched Him disappear on the road to Jerusalem. The rest of the day he spent visiting people that he had overcharged, paying them back fourfold. Many cursed him as usual and called him by the worst names they could think of; but when it dawned on them that Zacchaeus really wanted to do penance for his old transgressions, they quickly grabbed the money before he might change his mind. Others gave him God's blessing with tears in their eyes.

He had lost his money, but he had gained a clear conscience. A new life lay before him, and Jericho had received an honest tax collector. Jesus had passed by.

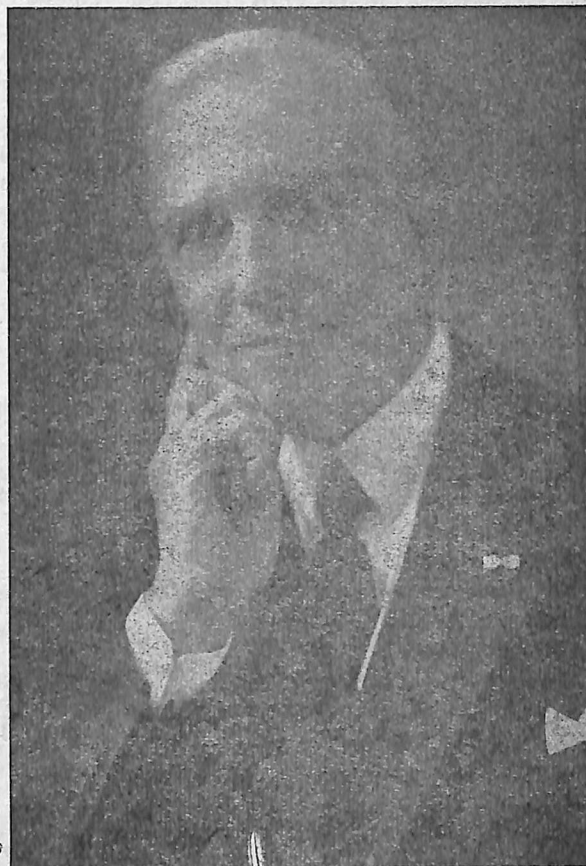
Amen.

## Rev. A. W. Andersen Passed Away

A very sad telegraphic message received Saturday told of the passing of Rev. A. W. Andersen, ordinator of our synod since 1936 and pastor since 1896. Although he was reconciled to the thought of being called home any time, he had, nevertheless, of late entertained strong hopes of regaining his health. He spoke of this in a letter to me only a few days ago. However a heart ailment which was particularly severe early last fall when he was compelled to resign his pastorate at Tacoma, has undoubtedly been decisive. I do not have any information on this point, neither is it important. The funeral will take place Wednesday of this week from the church he served as preacher, minister and pastor for 32 years, Trinity Danish Lutheran Church in Chicago.

The passing of Rev. A. W. Andersen is a serious loss to our synod. He was a tried and true servant of the Lord and His kingdom. I cannot and shall not here attempt to measure Rev. Andersen's importance to our synod during his long time of service. I do know this, that few, if any, among us loved our synod and the cause of God's kingdom and the mission of His church among countrymen as he did. His word and contribution carried weight for his heart and mind was close to the heart and spirit of the Lord. I feel his passing as a very distressing loss to all of us, much more, I think, than we are able to perceive.

But at this time we are sincerely grateful to God for the labor of Rev. Andersen during the many years. Untiringly and undismayed he fought the good fight. God has given him rest. He won for himself a host of friends and they were all friends of the Kingdom. They will receive him in the mansions of God and there at some future time—we hope not for a long time—will he also be reunited with his good and faithful helper through all these years Mrs. Mary Ander-



sen. We unite in asking that God may comfort her in her loss and give her strength to carry on. May God also comfort the children, whom Rev. Andersen loved so dearly, in the loss of their father.

God bless the memory of His servant among us.  
**Alfred Jensen.**

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1947.

## Funeral Services Of Rev. A. W. Andersen

The funeral services of the late Rev. A. W. Andersen was held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15, from the Trinity Church in Chicago where Rev. Andersen had served through a period of 32 years.—Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen was in charge of the service. Rev. Orlando Ingvaldstad of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, a close friend and co-worker of Rev. Andersen through many years and Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, preached the two funeral sermons, respectively in English and Danish and paid tribute to Rev. Andersen for the many years of faithful service. The following other pastors were present: J. C. Aaberg, Edwin E. Hansen, Verner Hansen, Holger Strandskov, F. C. M. Hansen (UELC), and H. C. Jersild (UELC). The pastors present acted as honorary pallbearers, while the members of the Church Council of Trinity Church were the active pallbearers.—The church was packed with members of the church and many other friends who had come to pay their last respects to a

friend and pastor whom they had learned to love. Many beautiful flowers gave evidence of what words may fail to express and many greetings and "In Memoriam Gifts" had been sent to Mrs. Andersen and her children.

We hope to bring an article in the next issue of Lutheran Tidings which will tell us more about the life-work of Rev. A. W. Andersen.

## Census Of Religious Bodies: 1946

The Director of the Census is authorized by Congress to take a Census of the Religious Bodies in the United States every ten years, the first census in this decennial series having been taken in 1906. The information is collected through the use of a simple schedule or questionnaire, which is mailed to the individual churches, filled out by the pastor or clerk, and returned to the Census Bureau for tabulation. This census provides the only official government figures with respect to membership in the various religious denominations or organizations.

Preparations are now being made for the 1946

Census and the schedules will be mailed to the churches early in 1947. This is a most important inquiry and for its success it is vital that the Bureau of the Census have the utmost cooperation from the pastors or clerks of the churches, as well as from all religious leaders and officials. The schedule for this census includes a question on the number of members of each local church with a supplementary question on the number under 13 years of age. The second question on membership will facilitate comparison among denominations having different provisions for inclusion of young children as church members. There are also questions on church expenditures, Sunday school, etc.

If the statistics of religious organizations are to

be of maximum value, it is essential that the returns be accurate and complete and cover, as nearly as possible, every church or religious organization in the United States. The census can be completed promptly only if each pastor will participate wholeheartedly in the work by filling out the schedule for his church and returning it promptly to the Bureau of the Census. It is a tremendous task to obtain returns from the more than two hundred fifty thousand churches scattered throughout the United States but it can be done and it is hoped that the church leaders will realize the importance of the census and will do everything in their power to help the Census Bureau secure prompt reports from all the churches.

## The Church In Poland Fights For Its Life

By Dr. Paul C. Empie

Director, Lutheran World Action

It's been three days since I left Poland, but at the very thought of that visit, I automatically begin to shiver. Never have I experienced such cold! The morning I arrived in Warsaw, the train was late because pipes in the engine had to be thawed out, and the ice above the windowsill inside our compartment was an inch thick. The following night I took the night train to Olsztyn in former East Prussia. There were only third class cars, which meant hard wooden benches, and there was neither light nor heat. From 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. we sat with teeth chattering, chilled to the bone. If one dozed for a few minutes, he quickly woke either from cold or because of the noise of scores of shoes and boots stamping on the floor all night long, in a vain attempt to keep warm.

I visited the homes of four pastors, and was cold in every one of them. Yet I was far more warmly dressed than they! In Bishop Jan Szeruda's apartment in Warsaw, I marveled at the stamina of this churchman—who does not look at all strong—as he worked incessantly in a temperature that could not have been much above 55 degrees. One washed there in ice water—but received a little cold water for shaving.

But upon second thought of Poland and of our Lutheran brethren there, I begin soon to get warm—warm with pride and appreciation of them. What they have been through is as shocking as it is astounding. Pastor Friszke could talk quite calmly about his five years in Orlensburg and Dachau, but the things he said were gruesome! Only about half of the pre-war 105 Polish Lutheran pastors remain; 27 died or were killed in concentration camps, and those who survived still wonder why. Take Bishop Szeruda for example. He had been a professor in the University, but both he and his wife were forced to work during the day as translators, he for a banking commission, and she for an electrical bureau. At night he taught secretly in the underground university. It was a perilous thing to do. But then, every day was perilous. One by one close friends and associates disappeared. A

colleague in the university had his watch taken by a Nazi officer, reported the theft, had the watch restored, and then was shot by the guard who escorted him out of the building—just a few feet away from where the bishop was standing. His daughter and her fiancé were riding on a tram car when it was stopped by the Gestapo—all the men were taken off, and the first twelve were shot! No one ever heard why. The bishop's son-in-law was the fourteenth in line! The same thing happened a little later to the bishop himself, when riding a streetcar; he was passed by in favor of a younger man to face the firing squad. Thus was life in Warsaw, to be lived only day by day, with a sword dangling over one's head.

During the sixty days of the Insurrection, in which 350,000 people lost their lives and of which survivors still speak in horrified tones, the bishop's apartment was blasted and reduced to rubble. The family lived in the cellar for four weeks. His first grandson was born in that cellar while flames were consuming portions of the superstructure above—not for three days could he be moved and not for two weeks could place or materials be found for his first bath. The other daughter was a medical student and worked as a doctor-nurse during the Insurrection. On her hand I saw the cruel scar where a bullet passed through the palm. Finally the family was forced to evacuate to prison camps. Mrs. Szeruda's mother was feeble, so that the Bishop and his wife alternated carrying her the twelve kilometers in their arms—if they slowed down, they were prodded with a bayonet. The sister had been ill and finally died on the road. They were not allowed

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to bury her—just had to leave her body lying in the ditch. The mother soon died too. After some weeks in an anonymous concentration camp, the Bishop was released because of illness, which probably saved his life.

"In addition, my two brothers were both deported to Russia," Mrs. Szeruda told me, "and we have never heard from them since. We lost all our earthly possessions, taking with us only one suitcase and a package. Worst of all, we had to borrow money to buy enough food to keep alive so we are now heavily in debt. Our furniture is borrowed; five families share our kitchen. Yet we are no worse off than most people in Warsaw. All have lost members of the family and most if not all their possessions. It was a horrible period of existence. Yet I can still talk and pray and laugh. Why we were spared, I don't know, but surely God is working out some plan through all this and in it He must have a place for us, else we would not be alive."

Such a story deserves a happy ending. But one is not yet in sight. The present is as grim as the past was horrifying. The Lutheran Church in Poland must literally be built upon ruins—the ruins of buildings, the ruins of a ravished land, the ruins of a wrecked economic and social life. One wonders how the pastors have the courage to face it day by day. The windows from the Bishop's living room—bedroom—study combination look out upon massive piles of ruined buildings as far as the eye can see. Look out of the large common room shared by the various families and you see—ruins. Look out of the windows on the other side—again ruins! The walls are splattered with machine-gun bullet scars, constant reminders of the day when the insurrectionists were in that room, the Nazis just across the areaway. The very surroundings are enough to make one morbid and despairing!

But other handicaps are still worse. Inflation is running wild and as is always the case in such a condition, the poor and the middle class scarcely make ends meet. I took the Bishop and his wife out for a good square meal—it cost me about one-sixth of his month's salary! Every evangelical church in Warsaw has been destroyed—the people have no money to rebuild, much less pay their pastors. And there aren't enough pastors to go around, even if there were money to pay them. That means that all are overworked. In Masuria, I met one pastor who tries to care for 13 parishes—another has twelve to supervise. I visited one pastor who has only seven—which means that by bicycle or foot he averages thirty to fifty miles a day over dirt roads. All these men lack the tools with which to work, chiefly Bibles, hymnals, catechisms, and other religious literature. They live on a salary—paid by Lutheran World Action—of 10,000 zlotych per month, which I could buy on the black market for about twelve and a half dollars! They lack clothes, shoes, and most of life's necessities as well as comforts.

Yet none of them talked of quitting. They, only talked of the need for quick action if the Lutheran Church is to survive in Poland. Scarcely 130,000 members are left in a church which in 1939 numbered 450,000. Many have died, many with German ancestry were deported, scores of church buildings, hospitals,

orphanages, etc., have been taken over by aggressive Roman Catholics. A new plan is being worked out to train lay-preachers to serve in this emergency period, who can be rushed into areas which are gradually being lost to the Lutheran Church, either by non-Lutheran competition, or by default. But this will take money—and the only place it can come from is America. We have promised the Polish Lutheran Church \$200,000, **if the ten million dollar Lutheran World Action goal is raised in full.** Even such an amount will not be enough. We must raise far more than that, in order to provide these heroic brethren of ours enough support to prevent the fruits of their sacrifices from becoming totally lost.

I have never felt quite so small as I did at Olsztyn, where I arrived the day pastors of the district met in a conference—eight of them, who try to minister to 80,000 Lutherans! Nearly every one had been in concentration camp; every one had made and is still making sacrifices which render any of mine paltry by comparison. They were too proud to come right out and ask me for help—yet the unspoken pleading of their eyes was more eloquent than a thousand petitions. They thanked me for what we have done from America—as we sat there, food purchased with L. W. A. funds was being distributed to townspeople in the room below. I found their thanks almost humiliating; our gifts are such a pittance in contrast to the years of imprisonment, of suffering, of toil and of hardship they have contributed to keep the Gospel light burning in Poland. And they're still doing it!

Fellow Lutherans, I speak boldly in their behalf. What do you think is a worthy contribution from **you** to keep the Gospel light burning, to compensate for the five years in concentration camp you **didn't** have to endure? A paltry five or ten dollar bill? God forbid! No matter how low your income may seem, no matter how great your own needs may appear in your mind, every American is relatively living in luxury when compared to these brethren! Give money to Lutheran World Action, give shoes and clothing to Lutheran World Relief; and give again and **again**. No longer should we merely cry "shame" upon the congregation failing to meet its minimum goal; rather must we cry "shame" upon that congregation which stops at that goal! Bishop Szeruda said to me "We pastors in Poland must all possess the pioneer spirit, for we must begin all over again. You can't imagine what the help you have promised us has meant to us—it has given us hope where before there was none.

**But the next two years will tell the story!"**

Spring will soon melt the ice in Poland, but it needs a different kind of warmth, from a different sun—the Son of God. To this end every Lutheran in America has something to do—please **do** it!

Nature is man's teacher. She unfolds her treasures to his search, unseals his eye, illumines his mind, and purifies his heart; an influence breathes from all the sights and sounds of her existence.

—Street.

# What's Right With The U.S.A.?

As we enter upon a new year, it might not be a bad idea to look at our country. Space does not permit more than a cursory glance.

In spite of a seemingly hard-boiled attitude on the part of many of our leaders, there is an under current of idealism in American which comes to the surface from time to time. A few examples from history will prove this.

In 1819 when we acquired Florida from Spain, that hapless nation was not in a position to make effective resistance, but we paid Spain five million dollars for that territory and we could have kept it without paying a dime.

We defeated Mexico decisively in our war with her in 1848 and annexed the southwestern part of our country. In history it has been the practice to make the defeated countries pay the indemnity, but in this case we reversed the old order and paid Mexico fifteen million dollars. She could not compel this, but we did it to the great amazement of old world diplomats.

When we seized a large part of Spain's colonial empire in the Spanish American war, we paid her about twenty million dollars. This is not the usual way to do international business, but our country has been most unusual in many ways.

We had a Jefferson as President who gave us The American Dream. During the dark days of the Civil War we had an Abraham Lincoln. His compassion for the suffering, and wrong-headed, South was beautiful in its greatness. When many orthodox Christians were frothing at the mouth with vindictive hatred, he said to a friend, "I have not suffered by the South, I have suffered with the South."

We had a great President whose name was Woodrow Wilson who gave the world the Fourteen Points. And we had a Franklin D. Roosevelt who helped to give it The Atlantic Charter.

The United States has been spared the extremes in political and economic thinking which have characterized so much of our unhappy world. Extreme radicalism has never flourished strongly in our land. When Europe was at the boiling point with revolutionary ideas in 1800 our people elected Thomas Jefferson President. It was ballots rather than bullets.

When Europe was going through the upheavals of 1830, Andrew Jackson was President of our country.

When in 1848 Europe was torn by revolutions and bloodshed, the greatest tumult in this country was the California gold rush.

It has been the habit of the larger political parties of our country to steal the thunder of the more radical minority groups, and in that way avoid too great disturbance, and keep themselves in office. Both Democrats and Republicans stole the thunder of Bryan and the Populists. F. D. Roosevelt took the wind out of the sails of the Townsendites by urging an old age pension.

In spite of all injustices this is still a land of opportunity. Young people with ability and with willingness to work can and do advance. **This is the best insurance against extreme radicalism and revolution.** May our leaders in politics, industry and business never forget that lesson.

Not so many years ago we were told that if our country ever entered another great war, our people would lose both political and civil liberties. Well, we have just passed through the greatest war in our history, and while the record is not perfect, our political and civil liberties suffered far less than they did in the Civil War and World War I. At the height of this war The Chicago Tribune carried on as usual, Mr. Upton Close filled the air with his direful predictions and Mr. Louis Bromfield told us we would starve before the end of the conflict.

Well, Col. McCormick of The Tribune probably made plenty of money during the war and did not go to jail as did many editors in Lincoln's day. Mr. Upton Close was fortunately wrong about his prediction that our soldiers would have to fight their way through the Philippine Islands against the native population, and Mr. Bromfield's greatest worry was probably gaining weight about the bulge, rather than losing weight.

Another thing to be thankful for is the stability of our republic. When we consider the instability of the governments in many parts of Europe, Asia and South America, the fact that our republic is now 171 years old is not a bad record. One reason for this is undoubtedly the wisdom of the founding fathers. Another is the fact mentioned above there has been an opportunity for the capable to get ahead. But we must also add that in spite of much foolishness on the surface and too much corruption, there is a lot of sound political sense in the U. S. A. This is shown again by our willingness at last to take part in international organizations.

During the nineteenth century about fifty million people left Europe for the Western Hemisphere and most of them came to the United States. Here are gathered all the nationalities and races of mankind. There are many blemishes on the record, and there is still too much injustice and prejudice, but we have been successful in fusing this mass of mankind together beyond our fondest hopes. Our loyalties have been tested in both war and peace. For this achievement much credit goes to our public school system.

A country which has room for both prophets and poets is not all together bad. To a very considerable extent the greatness of a nation is shown by its willingness to listen to criticism of itself. It is true that too many of our best men and women have been neglected and even abused. But thousands have read Emerson, Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Robert Frost and John Steinbeck. And more thousands have listened to Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Emerson Fosdick, E. Stanley Jones, E. A. Steiner, L. G. Ligutti and Henry Wallace.

There is much in our past that is passably great. Our future is in the lap of the gods, and their mills grind slowly but they grind exceedingly fine. If enough of our people continue to love intelligence, righteousness, justice and freedom, there should be little to worry about.

Alfred C. Nielsen,

Dean, Grand View College.

From Des Moines Register.

# This Year Of Grace . . . 3 A B

By Dr. Karl Z. Morgan as told to Rev. H. Conrad Hoyer,  
Executive Secretary, Division of American Missions.

"The Stone Age lasted 100,000 years, the Iron Age spanned a 1,000, the Machine Age has been with us 100 years . . ." Then, cryptically he asked: "Will the Atomic Age last only 10? If so, three years are gone. We have seven left."

It was Dr. Morgan who spoke. He had reason to think, deep and long. As a ranking nuclear physicist at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and a top civilian observer at Bikini, Morgan had explored atomic energy and witnessed the lethal mushroom that billowed above the Pacific. And when he spoke of atomic destruction, another World War, I shuddered at the realism. This wasn't egocentric melodramatics. It was the considered judgment of an intimate friend, a Christian, a fellow Lutheran.

Behind the dynamics of his off-hour service to the Division's mission work at Oak Ridge is the unqualified conviction that "a Christian spirit of brotherhood and a world government of order must become realities soon or chaos is inevitable."

To Dr. Morgan, the now overly-familiar accounts of the atom bomb's destructiveness are not exaggerated. Rather, they are more likely to be under-estimated. He stressed the bomb's effectiveness as a weapon of war, and warned that the unvarnished truth about its real potentials demands that we be alarmed about the future. I, like millions of other Americans, had heard repeatedly about the threat of atomic war. But not until I had listened to the inside story from a trusted friend, one who had researched in atomic energy and personally witnessed the fiendish work of the atomic bomb did I realize how awfully real that threat could be.

But that's not all, Dr. Morgan insisted. It's the second threat, the aftermath of atomic explosions, that would be the real fiend in atomic warfare—radioactivity.

At Bikini, Dr. Morgan pointed out, the radioactivity in the immediate area of the atomic explosion made it impossible to board ships for days after the bomb had been set off. The meaning is clear: those who might be lucky enough to survive an atomic attack because of underground shelters would still be in immediate danger of certain death when they came out.

Further more, the very tiny neutrons released in an atomic explosion are so toxic that one particle brought into the body through the breath is enough to kill.

Emphasizing the extent of radioactivity's power and deadliness, this Lutheran scientist added: "Radioactivity at the time of an atomic bomb explosion is equivalent to that contained in millions of tons of radium." I gasped when he reminded me that there were only two pounds of radium in the entire world before World War II.

Atomic energy—a secret? There is no secret, Dr. Morgan insisted. At least, the United States has no monopoly on information about it. Much of our

atomic research was done by scientists from Europe, many of them driven out of Germany. He added: more than that, many of these very men have already returned to their home countries. It is highly probable that considerable "know how" about atomic energy went with them.

Moreover, all the fundamentals of atomic energy were made known when the Smythe Report was released. Then too, materials necessary for the manufacture of atomic energy are pretty evenly distributed in all parts of the world. Where's the so-called "secret"—with facts known and the necessary materials readily available to every country?

We developed six methods for releasing atomic energy during the six years of war, Dr. Morgan explained. If we were able to do that, it is only reasonable to assume that scientists in other countries, with the information now available, could concentrate on just one method and develop that to perfection in short order.

"It's the aggressor in an atomic war that has the advantage. Twenty bombs could completely wipe out New York City. Some 500 atomic bombs released simultaneously on the major cities of America could paralyze the entire nation in a single night."

In view of that fact alone, Dr. Morgan sees a democratic nation at a distinct disadvantage in the event of an atomic war. Democratic nations, he points out, are less inclined to be the aggressor.

But despite this seemingly inescapable picture of gloom, Dr. Morgan is not entirely pessimistic. Among the hopeful signs on the horizon, he believes, are these: (1) efforts of the scientists, themselves, to go all out for peace; (2) the potentials to be found in the Baruch Plan; (3) the Acheson-Lilienthal report; (4) the passage of the MacMahon Bill, setting up a civilian atomic control commission; (5) appointment of the atomic energy commission of the United States; (6) the influence of the Church.

"But we must go farther than that," Dr. Morgan warned. "We must develop a spirit of Christian neighborliness. We must set up some form of world government so that no nation is completely autonomous. We must accomplish an international control of atomic energy so that no nation can manufacture a 'saturation supply' of atomic bombs."

Dr. Morgan cautioned that we can no longer rely solely on any one method in the promotion and securing of peace any more than we can rely on only one method for the prosecution of war. He urged that the "battle for peace" be waged on many fronts with many weapons and methods.

And what about atomic energy in a world at peace? When Dr. Morgan began to recount its peacetime possibilities my imagination soared. I thought surely I was listening to a Buck Rogers story. Ships propelled without refueling for 40 years, space ships and rockets slicing the vast reaches to the moon and planets—all real possibilities.

Speaking of energy—waste energy given off in the manufacture of the synthetics (plutonium and U235) used in atomic energy is so great that it could heat and light a city of 100,000 people. The uses of radioactivity in the field of medicine, Dr. Morgan added, are almost limitless.

Surely the development of atomic energy means the beginning of a new age. But, I queried, so far we've only talked about the atom and Man. "What about the atom and the Christian," I asked my churchman-scientist.

"That atom," Dr. Morgan countered, "has a very definite meaning to the Christian. Every Christian must realize that in atomic energy mankind has found the basic energy of the universe. Its power is so tremendous that it can destroy the earth—certainly every breathe of life on it. A Christian might just as well face that fact.

"Knowing that, he must count it his responsibility to make Christianity work, to make certain there is created a world understanding and a world brotherhood in which war is made the remotest possibility in our daily existence.

"A Christian should know, too, that atomic energy harnessed for peace can usher in a great new era as different from our present day as the air-age is from the days of the horse-and-buggy. This era will call for new and radical adjustments. We must expect them. What's more—we've got to learn how to make the re-adjustments peaceably.

"Tension and strife in a world of atomic power can only mean one thing—DEATH and CHAOS. And there won't be room for both."

Grim truths, I thought. A lot to expect of a bickering, uneasy world. Nevertheless, I still felt confident we can survive—even in an atomic age. But on this Dr. Morgan and I were agreed: If we expect to, Christianity becomes more necessary than ever before.

## Books I Like

By

*Ellen Nielsen*

**LITTLE TROLD** by Karin Michaelis. Creative Age, pub. \$3.00.

The first half of this book is charming, *hyggelig*, describing as it does the author's childhood in the town of Randers. The book begins with the crooked streets of Randers, goes on to Vinge, on to Copenhagen and ends in New York with her life brought up to date. In the first half of the book she has the familiar Danish ability of . . . well there's no English equivalent for the word . . . she has the typical Danish "fortælleevne." (Frederikke Johansen has it, too). In her childhood are the things we all know: Christmas even when the domestic animals are to have an extra serving of food; "risen-grød med en Mandel"; the childish bargains with God, the old wives tales and old

Danish superstitions; the candy hoarded or eaten in one mad orgy. And very realistic is her description of the time Randers burned. Yes, her life in Randers is well worth reading.

But she doesn't seem to me, in the last half of the book, (her adult life) to be a whole person. The little girl vanishes and no semblance of her is left; you do not particularly feel that she is Danish. She becomes a witty and facile being, cosmopolitan at home any place in the world but not particularly at home in herself. Yet, now that she is seventy, she ends the book with the decree that, at her death, the little grave-yard at Thurø in Denmark is to receive her. Thus, some day, she will come home.

### THE YEARLING, by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

One could wish that every child in America owned this book. Every child? Every home. If you have no child the little boy Jody will move into your home and heart as you read the book; you will experience not only a year of Jody's childhood but the perfect cycle of a year in nature, in time. You will find yourself as inexplicably and dreamily happy as Jody when he makes his flutter-mill in the brook, and at the close of the book you will feel the same sad wonder and resignation when you come back to the brook and find the flutter-mill gone. (For little girls there comes a day when they know the doll is stuffed with sawdust). For Jody, the day he must give up his pet fawn, is the day he turns his back on childhood. Lucky for Jody that he had for his father the noble and understanding Penny who could say the simple and beautiful words, "Sure, a man's heart aches seeing his young uns face the world. It wasn't only your deer, Boy. Life itself goes back on you. Every man wants life to be a fine thing and easy. But life knocks a man down and he gets up and it knocks him down again. What's he to do then? Why, take it for his share and go on."

Reports are that the movie of the book (just released) is as good and perfect a film as has ever come out of Hollywood. There are reviewers who deem it the finest movie ever made in America and who predict it will usher in a new age of movies, an awareness of the unique medium of enlightenment and experience a movie can be.

My own copy of the book bought four years ago (\$3.50) is the famous Wyeth edition put out by Scribner's, a large format with 14 color illustrations by that unique American artist, N. C. Wyeth (now dead). These books are increasingly hard to get but worth almost any price for the pictures alone. (To date Scribners have not been able to put out another printing of the Wyeth edition). The artist has so admirably caught the wonder and mystery of a child's very being when he shows Jody finding his baby fawn in the scrub of the Everglades, Jody and his flutter-mill ("the thoughts of a boy are long, long thoughts"). Jody and his fawn looking into the dancing flames of the fireplace.

A popular edition of the book can be had for \$1.50. The above books may be ordered, postpaid, from

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# Our Women's Work

## Prairie Days (4)

The minister's wife had her difficulties to cope with, many of them, it seemed to her.

There was the water situation. Several wells had been dug around the parsonage, but the water was unfit for use, as it contained a great deal of alkali. A sample of water from the last well, which had been dug just before their arrival, had been sent in for analysis, and the minister's wife was warned not to use water from the well until the answer was received.

However, she thought it should be all right for doing the laundry. So she filled water in the boiler, after first having scrubbed the clothes on the washboard in some of the precious rainwater from the cistern, put the clothes in with plenty of soap, and put the cover on. When the water started boiling, she discovered to her dismay that the soap had changed into a grey scum, that hardened in the rinse water and stuck to the white sheets, pillowcases and towels like glue. It took hours of rubbing and soaking in kerosene to remove the stuff.

She learned not to waste water. The water the peeled potatoes had been rinsed in was not poured down the sink, but into the basin to be used for washing hands. The rinse water from washing clothes was left in the tubs to be used for washing floors, etc.

With the cold weather came the fall butchering. Every now and then a package was left in the kitchen, containing roasts, homemade sausage, bacon or slabs of fat pork. The fat pork was a nightmare—until she hit upon the idea of putting it through the meat grinder and rendering it into lard. The women told her how to preserve the meat in various ways. You could freeze it. That was easy, you merely put it on a bench in the church overnight and it was hard as a rock in the morning. Only she neglected, the first time, to put each piece by itself and let it freeze separately and it took both ax and saw to get the pieces apart again. Or you baked it in the oven, put it in stone crocks and covered it with hot lard. Meat balls and homemade sausages were preserved in the same manner. They also told her to kill and dress the young roosters, freeze them, and wrap them in paper and store them in a covered barrel in the woodshed, together with the frozen pieces of meat.

The minister had bought a second hand baseburner for \$15—to heat the rooms upstairs. It consumed buckets of expensive hard coal without giving off any heat to speak of. It was impossible to get the temperature above 65 degrees, and the bare floor was icy cold. The minister brought home from town a pair of felt boots lined with lamb's wool for his wife's cold feet. She was much touched by his solicitude. One day one of the men asked: "Did you have the house banked up in the fall?" Then he explained that in the fall before snow came, you "banked up" around the foundation with dirt, or better still, barn manure, to keep the frost out. No, they had not "banked up"

but the next day the minister went out and tamped the snow down hard and fast around the house, thinking that might help. The stove had to be replaced, however, by another, less reluctant to give off heat.

Early in December a woman came in to visit. She brought a large checked gingham apron and a cross stitch pattern and explained that she had a chance to send some things to relatives in Denmark, and since she knew that the minister's wife didn't have much to do, she wanted her to embroider this pattern on the bottom of the apron at once. There was nothing the minister's wife could do but "grin and bear it." She sat down and embroidered the apron and delivered it in record time—and received the everlasting goodwill of that woman and a 5-pound crock of homemade butter.

E. P. L.

## A Valuable Little Booklet

The Women's Mission Society of our church has just published a 22 page booklet, a copy of which was sent to me. I find its contents to be not only informative, but inspiring as well. And it is my sincere hope that every woman in our synod who is truly interested in the work of the church will avail herself of a copy, at the small cost of 15c. The booklet, which is printed by the Holst Printing Company, can be obtained through your local pastor, or another representative in your congregation.

One of the basic articles in this little booklet is a brief history of W. M. S. from its organization in 1908, under the name of Danske Kvinders Missionsfund, until the present time. This article is written by Mrs. Mary Seeley Knudstrup, the honorary president of the society, to whom the issue is appropriately dedicated. Mrs. Anne J. Stub, in a short sketch, tells about Mrs. Knudstrup and the many years of faithful and untiring service which she has given to the work of the organization. A picture of Mrs. Knudstrup accompanies the sketch.

Another interesting article in this book is a character sketch of Mrs. Karoline Kjølhed, very ably written by Mrs. Nanna Mortensen. A picture which accompanies the article shows Mrs. Kjølhed in the familiar setting of her own yard, amid a profusion of flowers in full bloom. I believe it is to Mrs. Kjølhed in particular that W. M. S. owes its existence. She was its co-founder, and its president for more than 20 years.

In an introduction to the little book, Mrs. Fylla Petersen, editor of the women's page in Lutheran Tidings, gives a resume of its contents and states some of the reasons for its publication. It is, I believe, to be regarded as a continuation in the English language

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of the annual publication issued in Danish for many years during Mrs. Kjølhede's able leadership.

Mrs. Ida Egede W. M. S.'s present president, has written a challenging article in which she reminds the readers of the personal responsibility each one of us has in the bringing about of a better world order in these times of material and spiritual chaos.

And Mrs. Marietta Strandkov offers the readers a carefully prepared program suitable for mission meetings. The contribution should be especially helpful to women who find it difficult to plan mission programs.

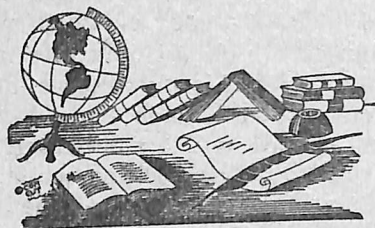
Another challenging article in this little issue is one written by Rev. Holger Jorgensen, on the life and work of Pandits Ramabai, a Christian woman of India, who became one of the most outstanding and beloved personalities of her day, because she demonstrated all through her life that love is the mightiest force in the world. Until her death despite many difficulties, she worked unceasingly for the emancipation of Indian women, especially widows, from social subordination and virtual slavery to a status of equal rights with men. She did this through personal in-

tercession and the establishment of schools for young women and widows. This fine little article is equally suitable for use in study groups and mission meetings.

On one of the last pages of the booklet, Mrs. Agneta Jensen, W. M. S.'s able treasurer, presents a statement of receipts and disbursements of funds administered by the society during the past year. Following this, there is a list of the names and addresses of the officers and district representatives of W. M. S.

The first and last pages of the little booklet also carry a poem. The first is written by Kristian Ostergaard and translated by J. C. Aaberg. The other is written by Julia Anna Wolcott. Both express, I am confident, in spiritual and poetic language the sentiment and ideals of those who worked lovingly to prepare the little booklet. And it is my hope that we who read it may catch in our heart a spark of the inspiration which gave them the urge to serve faithfully the many worthy institutions of our church through W. M. S.

Nanna Goodhope.



## Across the Editor's Desk

Martin Niemoeller, well-known German pastor, spoke in Chicago several times during the week of January 9-14. Your editor and his wife had the privilege of hearing him on the evening of January 14th in the Chicago Civic Opera House. This spacious building was packed and undoubtedly many were turned away, as a large crowd that did not have reserved tickets were held back until the last few minutes before the opening of the meeting.

Mrs. Niemoeller accompanied her husband and was introduced to the audience at the opening of the meeting; she spoke briefly expressing her appreciation to all her American friends for the fellowship and the prayers for their fellow-Christians in Germany during the very trying years of the war.

Pastor Niemoeller used as his text the words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 16:18: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church of Jesus Christ." It was a challenging message, and seldom have we heard a message which was so definitely given birth out of an individual's personal experiences as related to his faith in his God. The power of the Spirit was made evident as Pastor Niemoeller related the constant spiritual battle he and his fellow-prisoners witnessed during the eight years in the Concentration camp, where the German Gestapo endeavored in every way to break their tenacious faith in God. In spite of all rules of the niggardly Concentration camps Pastor Martin Niemoeller succeeded in having his Bible returned to him, and through the eight years shared in the Truth of the words of Jesus, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I

in the midst of them." His constant testimony to his faith, to his fellow-prisoners, resulted in many heart-stirring experiences. As he concluded his hour and a half message, the audience of 3,600 people rose to their feet and joined in singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

When Pastor Martin Niemoeller and his wife arrived by air in New York he was greeted by a large group of reporters. He handed them a brief prepared statement expressing his pleasure in having arrived in America and stressing the role of the Church today. The statement concluded: "The Christian Church exists as a bond between the peoples of this world; the fundamental malady of the world is a spiritual one and the fundamental cure is a spiritual one. The opportunity and responsibility of the Christian Church today on the continent of Europe are tremendous. We must not fail the youth of the war-torn countries who are looking for some vital faith and some living hope."

Lutheran World Relief continues its appeal to all our readers for help to the constantly growing need in Europe. We are bringing again in this issue an appeal not only for funds but for possible packages of food, clothing, etc.

The various leaders of the Lutheran Church of our country who have visited the war-stricken areas of Europe are constantly challenged by the many heart-rending experiences given them. Permit us to quote briefly from one of these reports of which many come to our desk. One was a letter from a German Lutheran pastor saying: "Please give attention to the following matter, as I present to you only a few of our needy cases:

"I lost my eyesight and have now found a true comrade for my life. However the cruel war has taken from us all our material possessions. Only the hunger is left, it accompanies us wherever we go. In America it is impossible to imagine how great the spiritual and economic need is here in Germany. If a real

faith in God did not again and again renew our strength, I speak for my wife and myself, we would have to despair and choose death.

"Here nothing can be bought. The black market devours everything that is being produced. My wife and I need urgently some clothing and especially some bedding, we have nothing.

"I therefore ask you from the bottom of my heart—help us. A small package would satisfy us. Please do not let this call go unheeded. You would give me through your help the most important thing a man can give to another man—the will to live.

"The enclosed affidavit verifies the truth of my statements. I ask again for help."

May we constantly be alert to the urgent need in Europe and at the same time conscious of the opportunity before us to prove ourselves as Christians not only in words but in action.

## Thank You

May I through "Lutheran Tidings" be permitted to bring congregations and friends in the Danish Church a heartfelt thank you, on behalf of myself, my wife and children for the many gifts, telegrams, cards, letters and flowers which literally poured into our home on our silver wedding day January 4. It was in fact so overwhelming that it is difficult to get back into the daily round of affairs again. All of us here in our home think it was much more than we deserve and had expected. We feel humiliated by so much attention and appreciation.

It is impossible for me to mention names, but I must be permitted to mention a gift of twenty-five shining silver dollars which the secretary of the synod, Rev. Holger Nielsen, extended to us on behalf of the synod. May I also especially thank August L. Bang, editor of "Dannevirke" for his greeting to us in the beautiful song, which has since appeared in "Danne-

virke." It can be said without detracting from any part of the festive evening, the congregation here had arranged for us, that this song was the climax. For all the kind words spoken that evening and everything else that contributed to that evening, our heartfelt thanks.

Of the many things I would like to say to our friends on this occasion let me just say this: Thanks for being permitted to share so much with you, co-workers and neighbors, through the 25 years. Whether it has been of joy or sorrow, it is worth being grateful for just the same. Our home has by the grace of God been permitted to share so much within the fellowship of the Danish Church through these years. Especially do we feel grateful to the congregations in whose midst we have our home during that time, Cordova, Tyler, Kimballton and here. Kimballton made use of the opportunity to remember our silver wedding New Year's day and we have been sent so many gifts, flowers and greetings from Tyler and Cordova. On account of the character of my work as president of the synod for ten years, I have had opportunity to share much with congregations and people in our synod. This is to a certain extent true also of my family. It is certainly appreciated that this was remembered on our silver wedding day.

Twenty-five years of homelife never looks like very much in retrospect. But we in our home remember that we are indebted to God for everything. It is with gratitude to God for all good gifts that we send this: thank you, to all those who through the twenty-five years have helped us, so that our home could do its bit toward strengthening and prospering the spiritual fellowship of the Danish Lutheran Church.

With a friendly greeting and best New Year's wishes.

**Alfred Jensen.**

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1947.

## Teachers Wanted

In order to accommodate the expected increase in enrollment next year, Grand View College plans to engage additional teachers in several fields. Information about teachers in the following subjects will therefore be greatly appreciated: English-Speech, Chemistry-Biology, Social Sciences, Music.

Kindly write to me as soon as possible.

**Johannes Knudsen.**

## Santal Mission

In reply to an appeal for bandages, etc., to help supply the needs of our hospitals and leper colonies on the field, contributions for same have been received from the following friends: Mrs. P. C. Stockholm, Marquette, Nebr.; Mrs. Niels Christoffersen, Kimballton, Iowa; Lutheran Guild, Withee, Wis.; Oak Hill Sunday School, Exira, Iowa; Mrs. Soren Simonsen, Viborg, S. D.; Miss Marie Olsen, Tyler, Minn.; Mrs. E. M. Grav-

engaard, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. P. Mortensen, Seattle, Wash.; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg, S. D.; Mrs. A. H. Hansen, (St. John's Lutheran Aid), Coulter, Iowa; Ruth Funder, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Chr. Frost, Withee, Wis.; Mrs. Miller Jensen, Newell, Iowa; Mrs. J. P. Andreasen, Atlantic, Iowa; Mrs. A. W. Andersen, Tacoma, Wash.; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa; Danish Ladies' Aid, Gayville, S. D.; Mrs. T. C. Nielsen, Aurora, Nebr.; Danebod Danish Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn.; Goodhope Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn.; Rev. Richard Sorensen, Marlette, Mich.

These packages and carton have now been boxed and shipped with the missionaries' baggage to India. Thanks most heartily to all donors.

To all friends who may be contemplating to send more, we would like to say: wait a while until we send missionaries out again. When more is needed we shall let you know through our papers.

**Dagmar Miller.**

N.B.: The above acknowledgement is

sent to Lutheran Tidings upon request, although same has appeared in the "Santal Missionary." Would it be too much to expect that all our friends of the Santal Mission subscribed to the "Santal Missionary?" It can be ordered from the main office of the Santal Mission, Rev. M. C. Dixen, 401 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Subscription price, 50 cents per year.

**D. M.**

## Planning To Move?

The Danebod Men's Club invites you to write to one of the undersigned for information about the Tyler community, especially if interested in buying a farm home.

ERICK JOHANSEN, FRODE  
PETERSEN, S. U. HANSEN.

Address: TYLER, MINN.

## Grand View College and Our Youth of D. A. Y. P. L.

### G. V. C. News

We the students of G. V. C. as well as others have returned to college to resume our studies after an enjoyable and restful (?) Christmas. The cold weather has led many of the students to Birdland Park to ice skate. Snow has covered the ground most of the week, so snowballs have also been flying around. Many of the students are beginning to think of the semester exams which are not far off.

The students of Grand View were shocked to learn of the death of Wilhelm Larsen on January 8, 1947. He was a good student and well liked by all who knew him. Memorial services were held Thursday morning in memory of him. Dr. Knudsen was in charge of the service. He stressed the fact that Bill, as we all knew him as, had a great deal of courage and faith as he knew that he did not have too long a life to live.

Funeral services were held at Kimballton, Iowa, his home, on Sunday, January 12, at 2 o'clock. A large number of Grand View College students attended. He leaves many friends here at G. V. C. and we all wish to express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Barbara Hermansen,  
Marquette, Nebr.

### Summer Camp

Most of us, but especially the younger folks, love the out-of-doors.

A beautiful lake surrounded by tall timbers and with a sandy beach approach for good swimming, plus a good amount of excellent fishing, holds a lure very hard to resist.

To such a place many of us would like to go for relaxation and rest and fun, away from our usual work or worry.

Recently I was appointed to a committee on Camp Site for the young people in District No. 2. There seems to be an agitation or flurry for such projects within many of our Church groups.

I must confess that I have been quite taken up with the idea since my appointment, but, perhaps unfortunately so, my enthusiasm has been cooled considerably because of several facts I will here relate.

First, after having investigated several such suitable sites, I despair of any possible financial arrangement for such a project.

An undeveloped site offered us will cost \$6,000. We have looked at others

that range in price from \$15,000 and up, and they would require considerable repair and remodeling to fit our needs, mainly because they must conform to state health regulations. Then there is the problem of proper capital investment, and also constant upkeep, supervision and authority.

Such a camp could perhaps become self sustaining, but I fear that by the time that would be the case, the camp fad would have worn off, as I look at it as a passing fancy, and I am afraid any group undertaking the project would be in for some severe headaches.

I sincerely believe in youth projects and programs, but further believe that it should be each church group's own project, and close to, if not within the community, and one that would carry year-round activities instead of having to travel from 150 to 300 miles distance for a few days or weeks.

I have in mind exactly such a project as the Tyler young people have so clearly demonstrated can be done.

It is clear to me now, that summer camps such as proposed will be very expensive to get, and even more expensive to maintain.

Young people who wish to enjoy a group camping trip, can do it less expensively by arranging their own camp sites.

I believe that local youth centers is the answer and that such should receive all possible encouragement from church groups.

It would be interesting to have the opinion of others, in the matter, and I will welcome correspondence from anyone interested in the development of youth work within our church.

B. P. Christensen.

Marlette, Mich.

### OUR CHURCH

Johannes Jepsen, 426-43 Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., requests us to remind all Lutheran Tiding's readers that he still collects used postage stamps, which he sells for the benefit of the Porto Novo Mission. Please send him the stamps from your Christmas mail, etc.

Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, pastor of Trinity Church, recently passed the written and oral examinations for his doctorate and has been admitted to the candidacy for the Ph. D. His thesis which is being completed is "Grundtvig's Philosophy of the History of the Church."

Seattle, Wash.—Pastor Rudolph Arendt of Vancouver, Canada, was the guest speaker in the literacy society, "Maagen" on January 9, speaking on the subject: "New Names in Danish Literature." Pastor M. Blichfeld from Denmark was the guest speaker in the Seattle church on Sunday, January 19.

Greenville, Mich.—Anders Petersen, who had served continuously for a period of 45 years on the Church Council of our Greenville church, died on January 3, and was laid to rest on Little Denmark cemetery on January 6. For more than 20 years he served as president of the Church Council, and in meeting Andrew Petersen one could immediately sense his sincere interests in his church. At the various Youth camps and conventions held in Greenville the young people could always depend on him for his assistance in so many respects. Each evening he would prepare the wood and logs for the traditional evening campfire, and he entered into the evening's program with as youthful a spirit as anyone.

Pastor Evald Kristensen and his wife arrived in New York Tuesday, January 14, to visit with friends in America, and especially with their daughter and family located in Solvang, Calif.—Pastor Kristensen was scheduled to speak Tuesday evening, January 14, in Bronx, N. Y., Wednesday evening in Perth Amboy, Friday evening in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was the guest pastor in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bronx on Sunday, January 19. Pastor and Mrs. Kristensen left Monday, January 20th for Solvang, Calif., where they served through several years in the church and as leaders of Atterdag College.—Undoubtedly Pastor Evald Kristensen will receive invitations to speak in many of our congregations as he was well known throughout our entire synod during his many years of service as pastor in several churches and as the leader of Atterdag College, and also for some time connected with the Danebod Folk School and Grand View College.

Juhl, Mich.—The Men's Club at a recent business-social meeting voted to give \$400.00 to world relief and rehabilitation through the Lutheran World Action program. This sum is only a part of a profit made by the Men's Club in a "pickle project." Wonder if some of the Juhl men would tell us more about such a project? We need similar boosts in many other groups.

"Little Denmark" by Dean Jennings is the title of a well written story and a two-page lay-out of multi-colored pictures featured in the January 18 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post." In eight beautiful colored pictures, the Solvang Church, Atterdag College, School Director, V. Tarnow, Folk Dancing groups, etc. are presented. The author introduces an inspiring 3,000 word article with this opening paragraph: "The 'rullepølse' and 'risengrød' were never finer in Copenhagen than they are in Solvang,

a spotless Danish village that blooms like a rose in California's charming Santa Ynez Valley." It is an interesting story and its content gives credit to the Solvang community for its outstanding cultural and social contribution to the American people.

**Dwight, Ill.**—At the recent annual meeting of the congregation it was unanimously voted to raise the pastor's salary to \$2500 a year plus the usual three special offerings. During the past year the members of the Gardner congregation (nine miles from Dwight) have joined the Dwight congregation. This small congregation in Gardner has through all the years of its existence been served by the pastor of the Dwight church. Several of the members had these past years joined the Dwight church in order to have part in a more complete church program, such as Sunday school, Young People's work, and service every Sunday. Under the new merging of the two churches the pastor continues to give the older people of the Gardner community a monthly Danish service held in the various homes.

**Cedar Falls, Iowa**—Annual Report of the past year in the Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church has recently come to our desk. It is a very complete and challenging report, revealing alert activity in the various departments of the church. Thirty-five adult members have joined the church during the past year. The congregation oversubscribed its quota to the Grand View College Jubilee Fund, as well as the work of the local church. Mr. Harold Olsen, student of theology from Grand View College, was engaged as Student Pastor during the summer assisting in the work of the congregation, and was in charge of the summer school.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen** is at the present attending the annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council held in Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich. A joint meeting of the National Lutheran Council and the American Section of Lutheran World Federation is being held on Monday, January 20th. The annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council convenes during the days of January 21—24.

On Sunday January 19th, Rev. Alfred Jensen was guest speaker in our church in Detroit of which Rev. Svend Jorgensen is the pastor.

## Acknowledgement Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the Month of December, 1946.

### Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 6,348.16

### General:

#### Congregations—

Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	235.00
Troy, N. Y. ....	105.00
Muskegon, Mich. ....	20.85
Ludington, Mich. ....	178.00
Marlette, Mich. ....	155.00
Menominee, Mich. ....	39.95

Manistee, Mich. ....	77.36
Racine, Wis. ....	102.43
Clinton, Iowa ....	100.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	450.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	25.00
Hampton, Iowa ....	146.40
Askov, Minn. ....	168.81
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	91.88
Gayville, S. D. ....	244.00
Argo-White, S. D. ....	40.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	30.00
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	40.65
Ladies' Aid, Moorhead, Iowa	35.00

### Pension Fund:

#### Congregations—

Perth Amboy, N. J. ....\$	70.00
Portland, Me. ....	24.77
Montcalm Co., Mich. ....	58.00
Fredsville, Iowa ....	25.00
Ringsted, Iowa ....	38.30
Oak Hill, Iowa ....	7.00
Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	7.00
Flaxton, N. D. ....	10.00
Dalum, Alta. ....	39.60
Brush, Colo. ....	48.50
Omaha, Nebr. ....	5.00

#### Senior and Junior Ladies'

Aids, Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	30.00
St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa ....	15.00
Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa ....	10.00
Mrs. Carl Christopher and Kay, Dwight, Ill. ....	100.00
Mrs. Dora Ingeman, St. Paul, Minn. ....	5.00
"Anonymous," Dalum, Alta. ....	3.00
J. M. Sorensen, Oak Park, Ill. ....	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr. ....	10.00
Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr. ....	15.00
Trinity Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill. ....	25.00

### Home Missions:

Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis. ....	25.00
"Memory of J. J. Jensen, Brookings, S. D., congregation, Argo-White, S. D. ....	40.00
"Memory of Mrs. Nels Carr," Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marck, Detroit, Mich. ....	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Krog, Royal Oak, Mich. ....	4.00
"Memory of Marie Nielsen, Nysted, Nebr., Miss Ragnhild Strandskov, Chicago, Ill. ....	2.00
"Memory of Mrs. Jens Andersen," Miss Ragnhild Strandskov, Chicago, Ill. ....	2.00
Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa ....	15.00

### Congregations—

Kimballton, Iowa ....	40.30
Montcalm Co., Mich. ....	20.00
Montcalm Co., Mich., (Luth. Tid.) ....	25.00
Oak Hill, Iowa ....	13.80
"Memory of Ole Andersen," Holger Nielsen, Carl Martin, John Simonsen, Carl Carlsson, Star Cub, Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid, J. B. Jorgensen, Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	13.00
Danebod Kvindeforening, Ty-	

ler, Minn. (Canada Miss.)	25.00
Miscellaneous subs. to Lutheran Tidings ....	3.25
Mrs. Soren Larsen, Solvang, Calif., (L. T.) ....	1.25
Danish Ladies' Aid, Davey, Nebr., (L. T.) ....	10.00
Congregations—	
Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	6.25
Troy, N. Y. ....	2.50
Manistee, Mich. ....	2.50
Fredsville, Iowa ....	5.00
Hampton, Iowa ....	6.00
Oak Hill, Iowa ....	4.00
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	5.25
Brush, Colo. ....	2.00
Nysted, Nebr. ....	1.50
Watsonville, Calif. ....	1.00
Salinas, Calif. ....	1.50
Wilbur, Wash. ....	1.50

### Chicago Children's Home:

Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis. ....	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. ....	5.00
Bethania Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis. ....	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa ....	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa ....	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	10.00
Senior Lutheran Aid, Grayling, Mich. ....	5.00
Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa ....	10.00
Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa ....	7.50
St. John's Ladies' Aid, Trufant, Mich. ....	5.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr. ....	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Oak Hill, Iowa ....	5.00

### Tyler Children's Home:

Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis. ....	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. ....	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa ....	20.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Clinton, Iowa ....	10.00
Nazareth Danish Ladies' Aid, Hutchinson, Minn. ....	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Ia. ....	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa ....	5.00
Trinity Ladies Aid, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00
Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa ....	10.00
Sunday School, Kimballton, Iowa ....	7.50
Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapolis, Minn. ....	3.00
"In Memory of Ole Andersen," from the grandchildren, Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	17.00
Congregation, Omaha, Nebr. ....	5.00
Ladies' Aid, Oak Hill, Iowa ....	5.00

Total towards budget ----\$ 9,687.26

### Received for Items Outside the Budget:

#### To Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged (1946) ----\$17,247.15

#### Congregations—

Los Angeles, Calif. ....	20.00
Troy, N. Y. ....	332.00
Manistee, Mich. ....	15.50
Waterloo, Iowa ....	31.00
Des Moines, Iowa ....	362.00

Montcalm Co., Mich. ....	172.20
Fredsville, Iowa .....	378.37
Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	369.72
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	463.55
Danevang, Texas .....	130.00
Hay Springs, Nebr. ....	110.00
Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	30.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	216.00
Ruthton, Minn. ....	5.00
Granly, Miss. ....	123.00
Argo-White, S. D. ....	46.00
Solvang, Calif. ....	34.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Madsen, Troy, N. Y. ....	10.00
Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Iowa	5.00
St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Wa- terloo, Iowa .....	50.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Solvang, Calif. ....	75.00
Canadian Luth. Commission for War Service .....	30.25
Mrs. Soren Larsen, Solvang, Calif. ....	5.00
Elna Thuesen, Solvang, Calif.	2.00
District No. 1, DAYPL .....	30.15
Clark Co. Luth. Asso., Withee, Wis. ....	20.00
Christmas Party, Withee, Wis.	11.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash. ....	25.00
Theodore Kildegaard, Bronx, N. Y. ....	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Kilde- gaard, Sr., Bronx, N. Y. ....	10.00
Miss Nelly Asbol, Bronx, N. Y.	2.00
Ladies' Aid, Troy, N. Y. ....	50.00
Mrs. Anna Christensen, Ta- coma, Wash. ....	5.00
Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Mar- quette, Nebr. ....	25.00
William Groth, Scottsville, Mich. ....	5.00
From Cordova, Nebr.:	
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Petersen	4.00
Miss Norma Due .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Rasmussen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris B. Nelson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Due .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Nelson ..	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Jensen ..	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Jesper- sen .....	5.00
	\$ 41.00
Rev. A. E. Frost and family, Waterloo, Iowa .....	\$ 25.00
Settlement Church Circle, Greenville, Mich. ....	10.00
Sunday School, Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	10.00
Olav Pederson, Lindsay, Nebr.	10.00
"In Memory of Mrs. Jens Sor- ensen," Tyler, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen, Mrs. Louise Holdt, Mrs. An- na Hansen, Mr. Claus John- son, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lit- tle, 4 .....	5.00
Total L.W.A. in 1946 .....	\$20,566.92
<b>To American Bible Society:</b>	
Previously acknowledged .....	\$ 25.45
<b>Congregations—</b>	
Ludington, Mich. ....	5.00
Detroit, Mich. ....	15.00
Flaxton, N. D. ....	1.50
Salinas, Calif. ....	21.28

Minneapolis, Minn. ....	20.60
Omaha, Nebr. ....	5.00
Oak Hill, Iowa .....	21.50
Friends at Lake Benton and Arco, Minn. ....	12.00
Hope Lutheran Church, Ruth- ton, Minn. ....	36.50
Total .....	\$ 163.83
<b>To the Danish Seaman's Mis- sion, Brooklyn, N. Y.:</b>	
Danish Luth. Ladies' Aid, Al- den, Minn. ....	\$ 15.00
Ladies' Aid, Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill. ....	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash. ....	15.00
<b>To Grand View College:</b>	
Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis. ....	10.00
Trinity Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill. ....	10.00
<b>To "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa:</b>	
Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa	\$ 15.00
Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa	10.00
Miss Alice Jensen, Minneapo- lis, Minn. ....	3.00
"In Memory of Lorenza Hen- ricksen," grandchildren, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Sisil Nelsen, \$1; Rosenberg Ladies' Aid, \$1; Mrs. Nellie Thavenet and Dennis, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Ballie Cuddeford, \$2; Mrs. Sena Clausen, \$1; Dist. 40 Community Club, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stewart, \$1; Rosenberg, Nebr. ....	20.00
<b>To Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo.:</b>	
<b>Congregations—</b>	
Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	\$ 38.18
Fredsville, Iowa .....	20.00
Omaha, Nebr. ....	5.00
Oak Hill, Iowa .....	24.90
Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa	15.00
<b>To GVC Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:</b>	
Previously acknowledged .....	\$62,543.87
"In Memory of Mrs. Jens Andersen, Kimballton, Ia.," from St. Stephan's church, Chicago, Ill: Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Hendricksen, Mr. and Mrs. Valdemar Dehn, Mrs. Elsie Blueberg, Mr. and Mrs. P. Iversen, Mrs. Agnes Hendricksen, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Iversen, Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Korsgaard, Mr. and Mrs. Aage Wade, Mrs. Al- fred Gerdson, Mr. and Mrs. Enevold Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knudsen ..	27.00
District No. I DAYPL .....	30.15
Congregation, Askov, Minn. ....	5.00
Edvard Lund, Tyler, Minn. ....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Paul- sen, Muskegon, Mich. ....	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. M. Knud- sen, Muskegon, Mich. ....	25.00
Theo. Kildegaard, Bronx, N.Y.	30.00
From Minneapolis, Minn:	

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dinesen ....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Einar Hansen ..	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Rosendahl	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Nelson ..	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson ..	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jorgensen	10.00
	\$ 155.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kilde- gaard, Gowen, Mich. ....	25.00
Paul Christiansen, Solvang, Calif. ....	10.00
Thomas Thomsen, Vets. Ad- ministration, Manila, P. I. ..	50.00
"In Memory of Parents, Peter and Kirstine Nelson," Anna Due, Ole and Chris Nelson, Exeter, Nebr. ....	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Olsen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	130.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Juelsen, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	20.00
Iver Andersen, Diamond Lake, Minn. ....	10.00
Fred Jensen, Mansfield, Wash.	200.00
Rev. E. N. Nielsen, Bridge- port, Conn. ....	50.00
Hans Svendsen, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
*Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif., "In Memory of Mrs. Kergaard," .....	5.00
*Mrs. Mary Goodwill, Cor- dova, Nebr. ....	2.00
(*Omitted from the Novem- ber receipt list).	
Total cash to date .....	\$63,053.02
<b>GVC Jubilee Fund, Contr. in Bonds (Maturity Value):</b>	
Total to date .....	\$31,800.00
Respectfully submitted, Olaf R. Juhl, Treas., 4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn.	
<b>Santal Mission</b>	
<b>General Budget.</b>	
Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis. ...	\$ 50.00
H. Reinholdt Nielsen, Ferndale, Calif. ....	3.00
Hope Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn. ....	10.00
Mrs. Catherine M. Potholm, Hartford, Conn. ....	25.00
Mrs. Anne Fischer, Fresno, Cal.	5.00
Mrs. Toby Christensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Petersen, Tyler, Minn. ....	10.00
Kedron Ladies' Aid, Grant, Mich. ....	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Marinette	5.00
Fredsville Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa .....	17.40
Danebod English Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn. ....	25.00
Our Savior's Ladies' Aid, Hart- ford, Conn. ....	50.00
St. John's Sunday School, Hampton, Iowa .....	10.77
Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lind- say, Nebr. ....	5.00
Sr. and Jr. Ladies' Aid, Brook- lyn, N. Y. ....	25.00
Granly Ladies' Aid, Granly, Miss. ....	5.00
St. Peder's Ladies' Aid, Min-	

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Stockings, Bath robes,  
Suits, Dresses

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To Warm the Freezing ...  
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Let us warm the freezing  
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neapolis -----	20.00	A Friend, South Dakota -----	20.00	St. John's Church, Hampton, Iowa -----	218.00
Mrs. N. L. Andersen, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	5.00	Fredsville Sunday School, Ce- dar Falls, Iowa -----	100.00	Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Korsgaard, Chicago -----	5.00
Mrs. Anna Terkildsen, Tyler, Minn. -----	1.00	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Olsen, Ruthton, Minn. -----	10.00	Trin. Mission Group, Chicago Mette and P. L. Lund, Des Moines, Iowa -----	15.00
A Friend, Rogers, Minn. -----	2.00	Hope Lutheran Sunday School, Ruthton, Minn. -----	46.78	Immanuel Sunday School, Kim- ballton, Iowa -----	15.00
A Friend, Gayville, S. D. -----	25.00	Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Mar- quette, Nebr. -----	25.00	Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Nielsen, Tyler, Minn. -----	5.00
Jessena Larsen, Dwight, Ill. ---	10.00	American Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Junction City, Ore. ---	10.00	Mrs. S. K. Petersen, Tyler, Minn. -----	1.00
Marquette Danish Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr. -----	40.00	Einar and W. P. Schmidt, Marinette, Wis. -----	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jorgen- sen, Tyler, Minn. -----	5.00
Mission Boxes, Diamond Lake Aid, Lake Benton -----	27.56	Mr. and Mrs. Soren Sorensen, Solvang, Calif. -----	10.00	Danish Ladies' Aid, Gardner, Ill. -----	25.00
Friendship Circle, Los Angeles	20.00	Mrs. Frederikke Andersen, Hampton, Iowa -----	2.00	St. John's Ladies, Exira, Iowa	10.00
St. John's Ladies' Aid, Cozad, Nebr. -----	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Anders Henrik- sen, Askov, Minn. -----	100.00	Juhl Ladies' Aid, Marlette, Mich. -----	10.00
Fredsville Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	50.00	West Danish Lutheran Sunday School, Cordova, Nebr. ---	8.58	St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash. -----	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence John- sen, Cedar Falls, Iowa ----	15.00	Central Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Mich. -----	25.00	Wm. Petersen family, Ruth- ton, Minn. -----	5.00
Bethania Danish Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis. -----	10.00	St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Pasa- dena, Calif. -----	10.00	St. Stephan's Church, Chicago	50.00
Bethania Mission Group, Ra- cine, Wis. -----	25.00	Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Troy, N. Y. -----	50.00	Hope Lutheran Church, Ruth- ton, Minn. -----	14.50
Fredsville Jr. Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	15.00	Kirsten Poulsen, Chicago ----	25.00	Diamond Lake Church, Lake Benton, Minn. -----	24.14
Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, Cedar Falls, Iowa -----	15.00	Danish Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn. -----	10.00	Menominee Church, Menom- inee, Mich. -----	25.50
Eline and Laura Jensen, Chi- cago -----	15.00	St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Wa- terloo, Iowa -----	25.00	Danebod Church, Tyler, Minn.	100.00
St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Port- land, Me. -----	20.00	Bethlehem's Ladies' Aid, Brush, Colo. -----	25.00	Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Christen- sen, Tyler, Minn. -----	5.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Junction City, Ore. -----	10.00	Trinity Danish Ladies' Aid, Chicago -----	25.00	In memory of Mrs. Andrew Jepsen, West Denmark: West Denmark Ladies' Aid, Luck, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Andreasen, Oak Hill, Iowa	5.00
West Denmark Sunday School, Luck, Wis. -----	5.00	Gertrude Guild, Clinton, Iowa	25.00	In memory of Mrs. Hans Mad- sen, Solvang, Calif.:	
West Denmark Ladies' Aid, Luck, Wis. -----	5.00	East Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Davey, Nebr. -----	5.00	W.M.S., Kimballton, Iowa --	5.00
St. Ansgar's Danish Ladies' Aid, Salinas, Calif. -----	10.00	Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa -----	20.00	Jens Andersen and Thyra Nussle, Chicago, Ill. -----	2.00
"Virkelest" Ladies, Minneapo- lis, Minn. -----	10.00	Bethania of St. John's, Ring- sted, Iowa -----	15.00	In memory of Theodore Smith, Waterloo, Iowa: Mrs. Smith, Theodore A., Myrtle and Violet -----	5.00
St. Stephan's Church, Perth Amboy, N. J. -----	32.00	Ida and Alfred Larsen, Tyler, Minn. -----	10.00	In memory of Mrs. Jens Ander- sen, Kimballton, Iowa: Mrs. Dagmar Thomsen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	1.00
Friends, Askov, Minn. -----	1.00	Mrs. Jens Nielsen, Askov, Minn.	10.00	Laurits Mullers, Erling Mul- lers, Torkild Mullers, Anker Andersen and Henry Foldens, Minneapolis -----	5.00
Mrs. Minna Eskildsen, Easton, Calif. -----	15.00	Danish Reading Circle, Gray- ling, Mich. -----	15.00	Mrs. Solveig Thomsen, Kron- borg, Nebr. -----	2.00
St. Peter's Ladies' Aid, Detroit, Mich. -----	10.00	First Lutheran Church, Mont- calm Co. -----	55.00	From Kimballton relatives and friends -----	31.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Junker, Junction City, Ore. -----	10.00			Sigrid Ostergaard, Minne- apolis, Minn. -----	3.00
				St. Stephan's Ladies' Aid, L. C. Petersens, Peter Son- dergaards, J. P. Jensens of Chicago and Mrs. Sena Miller, Gayville, S. D. -----	11.00
				In memory of Mrs. Carl Sor- ensen, Tyler: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Soren- sen, Tyler, Mrs. Kirstine Hansen, Coon Rapids, Iowa	4.00
				In memory of Mr. John Jorgen- sen, Ringsted Iowa, friends, neighbors, relatives -----	27.25
				In memory of Karen Sofie Kjergaard, Los Angeles:	

Peter Sorensens and Mrs. Soren Mogensen, Los Angeles, Calif. -----	10.00
In memory of Iver Iversen, Arcata, Calif. -----	
Ida and Hans Egede, Esther and Jens Jessen, Dagmar Miller -----	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Kristine Jepsen, West Denmark: Relatives at Cushing and Friends at Luck, Wis. -----	6.50
In memory of Mrs. Harland Jacobsen, Hope Afternoon Club, Tyler -----	3.00
In memory of Marie Strand-skov, Alden, Oscar A. Emeralds -----	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Louis Andersen, Los Angeles: Cordova friends, A. G. Nielsen, Jens Scotts, Edw. Petersens, Wm. Dues, Chris. B. Nelsons, H. Jensens, Axel Rasmussens -----	8.00
In memory of Mrs. Eskesen, Newell, Iowa: Mrs. Alma Manpin, Roy Lauritsen and Gust Henningsens -----	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Jens Sorensen, Tyler, Minn: Mrs. Anna Berger, Norman Bergers, Mrs. Rose Derby, Ruben Bollesens and Orville Hansens -----	5.00
In memory of Fred E. Nielsen, World War I veteran of Lake Norden: From relatives and friends--	112.00
For a child's support: Nazareth Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis. -----	25.00
Mrs. Johanne Lundsted, Westwood, N. J. -----	5.00
For Lepers: Mrs. Johanne Lundsted,	

Westwood, N. J. -----	10.00
For Medical Work: Mrs. Johanne Lundsted, Westwood, N. J. -----	5.00
For Christmas Gifts: Our Saviour's Danish Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr. -----	16.22
Guiding Circle, Ringsted, Ia. -----	10.00
Special for missionaries' tickets, Rosenborg Ladies' Aid, Lindsay, Nebr. -----	10.00

Total for December ----- \$2,276.62

Total since Jan. 1 ----- \$9,036.18

Acknowledged with thanks. Has each contributor been blessed as he gives and given as he was blessed? In His Name—A blessed New Year.

Dagmar Miller.

## Children's Home, Chicago

The Gertrude Guild of St. John's Church, Clinton, Iowa, \$5.00; D.S.S. No. 90, Lincoln, Nebr., \$5.00; D.S.S. by the Supreme Secretary, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Mrs. H. R. Bafetti, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; Mr. Elker R. Nielsen, Oak Park, Ill., \$100.00; American Ladies' Aid, Junction City, Ore., \$10.00; Manistee Ladies' Aid, Michigan, \$5.00; Society Valkyrie, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Mrs. A. Reitzel, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Mission Group, Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Ella Marie Crown, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Mr. S. T. Corydon, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; Christ Nielsen, Inc., Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; Evighed Lodge No. 42, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Niels and Thora Clausen, Highland Park, Ill., \$25.00; Mr. S. N. Nielsen, Oak Park, Ill., \$25.00; Juhl Ladies' Aid, Michigan, \$5.00; Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 147, Withee, Wis., \$5.00; Miss Ida Hoffman, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Forward Y.P.S., Mont-

calm Co., Mich., \$5.00; Mrs. Inger K. Nielsen, Chicago, Ill., \$50.00; Mrs. Toby Christensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$5.00; St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, by Marie Sondergaard, \$25.00; Trinity Ladies' Aid, Chicago, Ill., \$25.00; Kathrine Lodge No. 20, Kenosha, Wis., \$5.00; Victoria Lodge No. 5, Racine, Wis., \$5.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Junction City, Ore., \$10.00; South Chicago Ladies' Aid, Ill., \$10.00; Study Club, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$10.00; one box of assorted Christmas toys from the Young People's Society of Dwight, Ill.

On behalf of the Children's Home we wish to acknowledge the above gifts which were sent directly to the Children's Home of Chicago. In addition to these gifts, the children received individual gifts from friends, circles and firms in Chicago.

Thanking you, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ernest D. Nielsen.

Jan. 7, 1947, Chicago, Ill.

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