

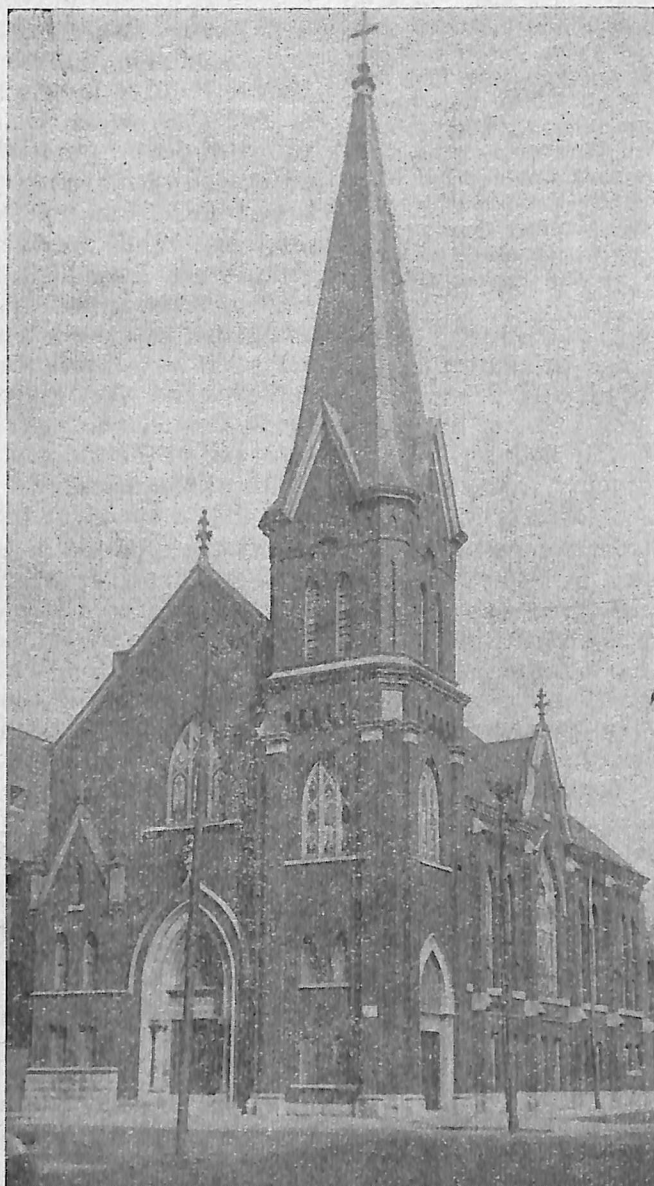
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The seventy-fifth anniversary celebration is past. The extensive publicity the event received in the press makes it unnecessary at this time to write more than a resume of the week's activities.

Pastor Edwin E. Hansen, district president, delivered the first anniversary message, Sunday, March the 16th. His key-thought was the question: "To whom shall we go?" He illustrated man's quest and showed how futile it often becomes because it lacks direction. He challenged the congregation ever to go to Him

who has the words of eternal life. At the second service following immediately after that of Pastor Hansen, our pastor preached in Danish on the subject: "Trænger vi til Gud?" ("Do we need God?") These services inaugurated the week's activities.

The Holy Communion service, Tuesday, March 18, was well attended. It was an exceedingly rich experience to have this service at the beginning rather than at the close of the week's celebrations. Somehow this

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First Sunday After Easter

By Rev. A. E. Farstrup

"So when they had broken their fast Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith unto him a second time, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, Lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he would glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me."

The great events of the last days of the life of Jesus, culminating in his crucifixion, had brought the disciples to the depths of despair. This despair rooted in two facts. First in the realization of what had happened to their beloved master who had so brutally been taken away from them. Secondly, in the fact that they had failed him. Peter had boasted of his unfailing devotion to the Master and it seems quite obvious that the other disciples concurred in Peter's oath of allegiance. Not only, then, had Jesus been put to death; their self-reliance had been broken! They had not dared to open their mouth against the priests and the scribes, as Jesus stood accused—and that falsely. It is quite understandable, then, that Peter, and the six others with him, could decide that they had better return to their former profession—fishermen on the sea of Galilee! Certainly the call to become fishers of men which they had heeded that morning nearly three years earlier, when Jesus came to them after a long night of fruitless toil with the net, was not for them! They had proven too weak in the crisis! Better to disappear unobserved from the public scene and keep quiet so as not to suffer the humiliation and anguish of failing their life's great vision and ideal. Little did they realize that by so doing they were also betraying the Master. It had never been His intention that they should keep this experience to themselves—and for themselves!

How utterly human is not this trait? We recognize ourselves in their actions. But God will not let us escape from the task that he has set before us as his disciples. Therefore he came to them again and again and therefore he comes again and again to us with his question 'Lovest thou Me'. And it is precisely to such among us, who may have been attracted to the Christian way by the glorious life and work of Jesus Christ, but who fear that the ideal is too high, the challenge too great for flesh and blood, that the story of the conversation between Peter and the Lord has a message. A message that encourages us to be steadfast.

Peter had made a fatal mistake in going back to his old way of life, for as he thought about what had happened to Jesus he had forgotten to consider the whole story. For him the tragedy of Good Friday was so great that not even the empty tomb of Easter morning

could dispel his gloom. Besides that he was so impressed by his own unfaithfulness that he had overlooked the momentous factor that had been revealed through the resurrection. For in spite of Peter's failure, and in spite of the cross, Christ was still the victor. This Peter was to see later, and to proclaim with fervor and conviction on the day of Pentecost.—"Jesus of Nazareth—ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay, whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: for it was not possible that he should be holden of it." (Acts 2:22-24) But on the morning, described by our text, this was all very vague to the disciples. Tho' they had been present in the upper room, when Jesus had come to speak his 'Peace be with you' to them, it had not dawned upon them that anything had happened which erased the shame of the cross. It is difficult for us who live in the twentieth century, and who interpret the cross as the chief symbol of God's love, to grasp fully how the disciples must have felt at the thought that their master had died the death of the accursed. And then this haunting suspicion that they might have been partly to blame! Let us not then, be too harsh in our criticism of them for their blindness. Is it not true even now, that we are so overcome by the enmity and indifference to the Christ that we say: 'what's the use'? Is not the import of the resurrection, which we have just been face to face with in the Easter service, rather vague to us? Certainly it is true that we tend to forget that we serve a victorious Christ. Certainly we also need the help of the Holy Spirit if it is to become life and truth for us to sing:

"Here He is, the God-man risen,
Broken are the chains of death.
Opened is **our** gloomy prison,
And his word is life and breath;
Now a summer morning bright
Dawns on **us** to end **our** night!"

Such meditations lead us to one all-important fact with respect to the Christian life, namely—our salvation depends primarily upon what God has done for us in Christ Jesus, and not on our ability to stand unflinchingly on his side when the powers of hell rise up against him! It is a sad lack of understanding when we constantly stress our loyalty to Christ, as if we thereby are to save the world. I suppose there is some truth to such a view but it is a dangerous half-truth. It is a secondary factor in our salvation. We can not build on our own loyalty for it is shifting sand. Peter's experience is also our experience! We give in to pressure. Our life's path is filled with the wreckage of our good intentions. We shall ever have to meet him filled with a sense of our own unworthiness.

Such an attitude is evident in Peter through his reaction to the question that Jesus puts to him. The question, 'lovest Thou me' can not help but have reminded Peter of the manner in which he had denied the master. From all appearances it seems that now, as he professes his love for Jesus, he is careful not to overestimate himself. Twice Jesus asks him the question and the word which is translated love is "Agapan"

The Heavenly King

in the Greek, and signifies the highest type of spiritual love; a totally unselfish, sacrificial love. When Peter responds 'thou knowest that I love thee' he uses the word "Philein" for love which denotes more the natural affection of man with its concomitant weaknesses. Then as Jesus directs the question to him a third time he uses the same word that Peter uses. As if to ask Peter, 'are you sure?' But also to let Peter know that he, Christ, is willing to accept our love to him even if it is not perfect. Therefore he reminds Peter that though he is imperfect and fails again and again, that there is nevertheless a work for him to do.—'Feed my lambs'. . . 'Tend my sheep'. In other words: 'Continue to serve me! Give yourself over to faithful labor as the fisher of men and remember that God is not thwarted by your weakness but if you have faith your weakness becomes a means whereby his power is revealed. If you would only stop setting up your own perfection as a requisite for fellowship with me you would find that I can set you free from the bondage you are in. Then my strength will displace yours and what you think impossible becomes possible. For "Verily, verily, I say unto thee when thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself and walkedst where thou wouldst: but when thou shalt become old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not."

Peter had chosen his own way and relied upon his own power. He had chosen Christ as a leader. That was a great decision and worthy of emulation on our part. Let no-one minimize the importance of such a decision, but we must go further. Our Lord is also a Christ, the anointed one, the Savior. Peter had seen it once but forgot it again and again and reverted to the view that Jesus was his leader. When Jesus was about to leave his disciples he had discussed this matter with them. They had been troubled because he had told them that they could not follow him into his last great battle and he had comforted them with the words: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me!" What he was about to do was to be done for them because they themselves were powerless to do it. Thus he was to become for them, and for us, the way, the truth, and the life.

Let us then be about the great tasks that he has set before us of witnessing, in word and in deed, of his great love to us and the promise that he has given all who trust in him, that he will be with us, even to the end of the age. He is the Lord of life and the conqueror of death on whom we rely. This gives us courage and constrains us to walk where we wouldst not!

"With might of ours we cannot win,
Soon were our loss effected;
But with us in the battles din
Is one whom God elected.
Ask ye, Who may this be?
The Lord of hosts is He;
Christ Jesus is His name,
True God from Heav'n He came
In every strife to conquer."

Mary of Nazareth was chosen among all other women to be the mother of Christ. She was a young virgin, engaged to be married to Joseph. She was pure in heart, for only the pure in heart will see God; she was believing, humble, obedient but first and foremost favored by God.

To be favored by God embodies two experiences: 1) To be in God's service. 2) To be cared for by God and friends. Elizabeth with an understanding heart; Joseph, the faithful man in every way; and John, the apostle of Love, as a son in later years.

To Mary came the heavenly messenger, Gabriel. First the tender greeting—even mentioning her name: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God." Then the announcement in which he unveils the future: "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David; and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Mary is not doubting but asking for an explanation. It is going to take place in a miraculous way, all because of God and the Holy Spirit. For God nothing is impossible.

The climax of the story from a human viewpoint is Mary's devotion: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." God's word is the highest authority for Mary. Such was the annunciation.

Thirty and a few years go by.—Jesus has proven in so many ways that He is the King of Love, Mercy and Life. And then we find him in court in Jerusalem, confronted with the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. The following discourse takes place between the two: "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence."

"Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered: "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born and for this cause I came into the world, that I should witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." — Yes, Jesus is the King of Truth.

As we then follow the Passion story we come to the saddest, most heartrendering scene: "And the soldiers led Him away into the hall, called Praetorium, and they call together the whole band. And they clothed Him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns and put it about his head, and a reed in His right hand, and they mocked Him saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon Him and took the reed and smote Him on the head." — Brutality, barbarism, a devilish act by drunken, blood-thirsty men. Was this in harmony with the heavenly message brought to Mary by the angel Gabriel? Is this the final outcome? There must be something more. And there is. Wait till Easter morning: "On the third day He arose from the dead." Read the gospel accounts, especially as recorded by John; sing our great Easter hymns, and your heart will be consoled.

Later the King ascends to His heavenly Home:

"And He led them out as far as to Bethany; and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." But before He left them, He had given this kingly proclamation: "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." But the end is not yet. Some day, no one knows when, the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of glory, to judge the quick and the dead. — Come Lord Jesus!

P. Rasmussen.

The Seventieth Annual Convention Of The Danish Lutheran Church

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will assemble for its 70th annual convention at Racine, Wis., June 17—22 upon invitation from Bethlehem Danish Lutheran Church.

Convention headquarters will be at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, W. Sixth St., & Kinzie Ave. The opening service will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 17, in the Holy Communion Church and all business sessions will take place there beginning at 9 a. m., Wednesday, June 18.

May I urge all congregations in the Danish Lutheran Church to send delegates to represent them at the convention and also that all pastors attend if possible. Any congregation has the right to be represented by one delegate for each fifty voting members or fraction thereof. Congregations and pastors located in districts 1, 8 or 9 as well as the Dalum, Canwood, Danevang and Granly congregations are asked to examine the regulations concerning delegates' and pastors' traveling expenses passed by last year's convention and found on pages 104—105 in the Annual Report.

Any congregation or individual member of the synod may submit proposals to be brought before the annual convention. Such a proposal must be at my address before May 5 in order to be published in our papers the required six weeks before the convention opens.

In order that the convention may fully represent our synod it is my hope and prayer that its deliberations and decisions may be shared by as many of its members as possible. Reports from its various fields of activity will be presented, important policies will be determined, methods and means will be discussed, and the leadership chosen. A large number of messages will be heard and there will be opportunity to share in worship and singing and fellowship. May we

meet at Racine ready and eager for consecrated efforts and cooperation.

Alfred Jensen.

March 30, 1947.

The Bethania Danish Lutheran Church of Racine herewith extends a cordial invitation to pastors, delegates and friends to attend the annual, synodical convention to be held at the Holy Communion Lutheran Church, West Sixth St. and Kinzie Ave., June 17—22.

All pastors and delegates are requested to send their registrations to Mr. E. R. Fischer, 1435 Munroe Ave., Racine, Wisconsin, before June 1. The new convention rules require that we have a list of the voting membership of the convention to submit to the convention chairman by June 1. Visiting guests should also register at the earliest possible date to be certain of accommodations.

Einer R. Fischer, President.

Edwin E. Hansen, Pastor.

Proposal to the Annual Convention

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.

St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church
Perth Amboy, N. J.

Carl Gylling, President

Nina B. Mathiasen, Secretary

Testimony: I dream of a day when there will be better understanding among people. When I sing, I don't want them to see that my face is black; I don't want them to see that my face is white—I want them to see my soul. And that is colorless.—Marian Anderson.

So far as we know, history has no instance of a national character built up without the aid of religious instruction. Today we have increased demand upon character and diminished care for the cultivation of character.—Edward O. Sisson.

We can have a world of peace, justice, happiness, the Kingdom of God, as soon as we want it. Every new scientific discovery can bend to aid humanity if people will love Christ and one another. But we must pay a price.—Frank C. Laubach.

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The International Council of Religious Education

At the annual meeting in Des Moines last year our synod, at the recommendation of the Council of Elementary Religious Education, decided to join the International Council of Religious Education. We felt that affiliation with this large organization would make available to us a variety of suggestions and materials which would be of value in promoting our synodical educational program.

Our synod was officially accepted into membership of this Council at its annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., February 14th, to which Mrs. A. B. Holst of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the undersigned, as members of the Council of Elementary Religious Education of our church, were sent as authorized representatives.

I presume that one question uppermost in the mind of most of our people is: What is the International Council of Religious Education, its nature, objectives and scope? I shall endeavor to give something of an answer to this question, though it will by no means be a comprehensive one.

No doubt the I. C. R. E. is one of the largest interdenominational bodies of Protestantism. Its annual meetings, held during the month of February, bring together approximately two thousand leaders from the United States and Canada; an assembly of prominent personalities, Bishops, College Professors, Ministers, Church Secretaries, Publicists, and Religious Educators, as well as leading lay people from many denominations. Officers of the Council include such distinguished individuals as, Justices, Judges, former Governors and Senators.

This organization meets for a longer time and involves more people than any other such gathering. Made up of about forty denominational boards of religious education, thirty-two state councils of religious education, thirty-two state councils of churches and a dozen state councils of religious education, this body is probably the "largest potential for ecumenical Christianity," comprising, as it does, approximately 90% of the membership of Protestant churches.

These groups and agencies cooperate in solving the problems of common concern, inherent in a country-wide Christian education program, and in trying to reach the millions of children, young people and adults, spiritually illiterate, with the message of the Christian Church as found in the holy scriptures and taught by the Christian Church and its auxiliary organizations.

The task is a gigantic one, which challenges the best minds in the field of religious education. A very large number of the men and women associated with the work of I. C. R. E. are outstanding leaders in religious activities, clergymen, scholars, writers and teachers.

The organization of the I. C. R. E. is a bit complicated and need not be discussed at length. It should be said at the outset that it is a voluntary organization designed specifically to meet the challenges of religious education for all age groups in America. Membership is on a broad basis since many divergent, religious viewpoints are represented in the body. However,

the organization and its program maintains a distinctly evangelical character.

The present president of the I. C. R. E. is no smaller a personality than ex-governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, whose personal interest in religious education makes him set aside a portion of his time for the promotion of this work. Prior to his election, the presidency of the organization was held for 16 years by the prominent Christian layman and New Jersey manufacturer, Russell Colgate. A governing body composed of 360 representative members, meets annually. A board of trustees composed of 37 members, is responsible for the budget, financial support, investments and personal appointments. It meets semi-annually.

The I. C. R. E. is organized into about 20 well-staffed departments. I shall mention just a few of them, those which may be of special help to us. They include the departments of: Children's Work; Young People's Work, Vacation Religious Education, Weekday Religious Education, Leadership Education and Church School Administration, Visual Education, Adult Work, and Family Education, and Radio Education.

Staff members of the departments are drawn from the leadership of member denominations, selected on the basis of adequate academic training, competence in their respective fields and personal character. The educational policies, however, are not determined by the members of the departments but by a special Commission on Educational Program. Furthermore, there are twelve standing educational committees which are responsible for the development of their respective phases of work. These committees are related to their various departments of the Council and are composed of individuals who give staff leadership in the same kind of work in their own denominations. In addition to these committees, there are seventeen advisory sections some professional and some lay, which meet and plan by groups on matters of special interest, such as: Adult Work Section, Children's Work Section, Editors' Section, Lay Section, Leadership Education Section, Missionary Education Section, Pastors' Section, Research Section, etc. These are independent groups, which are autonomous and speak only for themselves. They may present recommendations to the International Council.

The materials prepared by the various departments are available to all membership bodies. Each body has the right to determine whether or not it chooses to use them. Likewise each body has the right to modify or adjust such material to suit its specific needs.

The staff and office personnel of the organization totals about 75. Almost two complete floors of a large business building in the Chicago loop is required for office space. Something of the magnitude of the work of the organization may also be determined from the size of the budget of the I.C.R.E. which this year totals \$531,000. How is all this money raised? Through the contributions of the participating churches, based upon their membership. These dues, as they perhaps may

be called, have been increased 20% this year. The greater part of the budget is raised from private gifts and the gifts of corporations. For every dollar paid by the churches, four additional dollars are received in the form of gifts. This means then that the church receives \$5.00 in value for every dollar spent. That should be a good investment.

The I. C. R. E. sponsors its own publication: "The Journal of Religious Education," printed in about 30,000 copies monthly.

A special event sponsored by the Council, which should be of interest to us, is the Quadrennial Convention for Sunday School Teachers from all over the United States and Canada, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23—27. A Children's Work Conference is

scheduled in Des Moines also, just prior to the Teachers' Convention July 20—23. We hope many of our Sunday School teachers, in the Iowa district at least, will be able to take part in this convention. It will be a large affair and thousands of people are expected to be in attendance.

It should be mentioned that while the majority of the denominations represented in the I. C. R. E. are from the reform church groups, there are some Lutheran bodies holding membership in the organization. They are the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod and the United Lutheran Church. At least one other large Lutheran body has made overtures to enter.

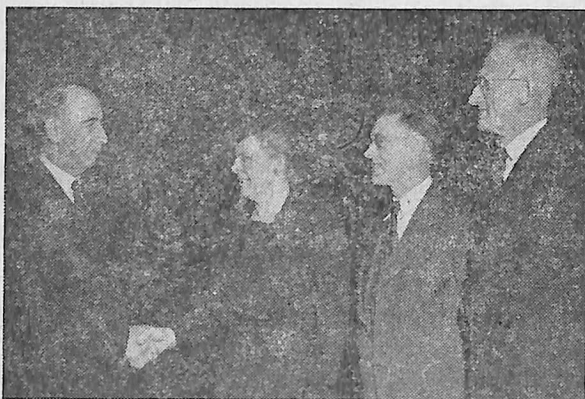
Edwin E. Hansen.

Our Synod Joins I. C. R. E.

It was a pleasure and a privilege for me to act as a proxy to Rev. Einar Farstrup at the meeting of the International Council of Religious Education at Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 13th-14th, at which time our synod became one of the constituent members.

Rev. Edwin E. Hansen and I were sorry to miss the mass meeting at the Civic Auditorium Sunday evening, February 9th when Pastor Martin Niemoller spoke to a capacity crowd, and sorry to miss the sessions of the various departments Monday through Wednesday.

We arrived in time for the business meeting which



Reading from left to right: Dr. Arlo Ayres Brown, president of Drew University, Madison, N. J., and chairman of **The International Council**, congratulating official representatives of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and the Rhode Island Council of Churches in the persons of Mrs. A. B. Holst, Cedar Falls, Iowa; the Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Racine, Wis.; and the Rev. Earl Hollier Tomlin, Providence, Rhode Island.

began Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and closed Saturday afternoon. A detailed report of all the routine matters will not interest our readers at this time. Suffice it to say we were impressed as committee after committee reported on their respective activities, at the extensive and exhaustive studies being made on vital present-day problems common to all of us in the Protestant churches.

One item on the agenda for Friday afternoon may

interest you readers of "Lutheran Tidings." That was the "Reception of New Member Agencies." When it was time for this part of the program we, the representatives of the two new member groups, The Rhode Island Council of Churches and The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, were escorted to the stage. Here the President, the Chairman and the General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education each extended a greeting of welcome through the following brief induction ceremony:

Presiding Officer:

In order to express our personal welcome to these new members and to share in the spiritual enrichment of this service, all members and friends of the Council will please rise.

President:

In the name of the 40 Protestant communions and the 31 state councils now members of the International Council, I welcome you into the fellowship and the **enlargement of our**

Christian faith.

Standing with you now are many who through the years have tested this fellowship of faith and found it good. They have brought their own rich heritage of Christian certitudes to our common treasury. In this fellowship we have been caught up into a new loyalty to the profound things in the faith that is common to us all. We have learned the enrichment of a wise tolerance for beliefs we do not share. We have been enlarged by a new insight into the spiritual values within the creeds that are not ours. We have reached across the barriers of language to the common realities that in Christ enrich the hearts and the wills of our brethren.

(As the President goes along the line, extending the hand of fellowship, he says—)

And with this hand of fellowship into the enlargement of our Christian faith, there go my hope and prayer that we may gain from you and you from us this larger wisdom that lies in the heritage of our Christian faith.

Chairman:

In the name of the many working groups through which the International Council seeks to serve in the Kingdom of God, I welcome you into the fellowship and the **enrichment of persons.**

Standing with you are some of the many members of the committees, boards, and sections of the Council who have tested this fellowship of persons and found it good. They have brought their own rich heritage of personal qualities to our common treasury. They have brought their insights and commitments, their tolerance and sturdy loyalty to conviction, their wisdom as to past and present, as well as their

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Our Women's Work

Waiting

The restless millions wait
The light whose dawning
Maketh all things new.
Have we done all we can,
Have I, have you?

The Juhl and Germania W. M. S.

It had long been the desire of some of the women from the Juhl and Germania Congregations to organize an active Women's Mission Society. In the past the Ladies' Aids had donated to the mission work through free-will offerings. We had heard about the different mission projects, but as a whole, we had not been very mission minded.

So it was a pleasure to us when our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sorensen, invited us to their home on September 19th, 1946, for the purpose of starting a mission society among us. We were put to work that afternoon making bandages from worn sheets to be sent to the Santal Mission. This immediately gave us a sense of working together for a cause. Doing for others was one of Christ's missions on earth. This practical work was a very happy beginning for our W. M. S. group. Later in the afternoon we were told of the need for mission work both at home and abroad. We decided to organize as a W. M. S. and elected Mrs. Sorensen our first president, and Mrs. Rolf Wischman and Mrs. Alfred Schneider as secretary and treasurer respectively. Since then we have met the third Thursday of each month. We hear something worthwhile, enjoy a light lunch and have a free-will collection.

We have also carried out a number of projects during our short existence. During September we volunteered to gather surplus apples and vegetables and have them canned at our nearby canning center. This amounted to sixty quarts, which we gave to Grand View College.

Our project for November was collecting winter clothing especially layettes, for European Relief. We were well pleased with the fine results of our efforts.

At our January meeting we learned that the rooms in the new dormitory at G.V.C. needed to be furnished and that the W. M. S. of our synod has taken it upon their shoulders to raise money for this cause. So we lay our plans to assist in this work. We plan, under the direction of Mrs. Kester and Miss Snyder, to sell all types of cards and stationery through the year, the proceeds to go into our room-furnishing fund. Also, we have a birthday bank where we as individuals can have the joy of donating.

And then we are planning on a bake sale which, too, should make the fund grow.

We were happy to buy and read the W. M. S. booklet just printed. We now feel that we are a part of the

national society and we hope that we can help to continue the good work begun by Karoline Kjolhede and Mary Knudstrup. The Santal Mission Magazine has also been introduced to us and many of us have subscribed to it. "The Land of the Santals" is being read as a continued part of our program now.

In February, our mission group and their husbands visited the Lapeer State Hospital and Training School, where a social and educational program was enjoyed.

The March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Delford Henderson. It happened to be on the same day as that of Mrs. Rev. Sorensen's birthday, so we tried to make it a happy birthday for her. At this meeting we decided to have a Mission Sunday each year in March for which a special program will be prepared.

In spite of a rather severe winter, we find that we have had an average attendance of fifteen members at our meetings. As we send this report of the work we have been doing, we want to include a greeting to all members of W. M. S. May we all grow in our way of Christian living by giving to those in need and by sharing with others the good things of life.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Delford Henderson, secy.

I do not remember where I read the verse at the top of the page. It comes to my mind, as for instance, when I read the above report. The efforts of small groups, such as this new mission society, together with the efforts of other groups throughout the country, will help to hasten the arrival of the day when "light will dawn for restless millions." The results of good work being done bring so much joy and satisfaction to both those who are doing and to those who are receiving—thus working two ways.

Today spring is in the air here in Minnesota. Mrs. Robin is pulling long angleworms out of the lawn, while Mr. sits blinking in the sun in his bright russet vest. The urge to find rake and spade will soon become irresistible. It is a lovely privilege to meet spring as each year it comes around.

F.S.P.



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What About The Jews?

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength,—and thy neighbor as thyself. — Jesus of Nazereth. I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions, fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is?—Merchant Of Venice.—Shakespeare.

Not long ago a reader of Lutheran Tidings wrote to me and said that he was worried about the rising tide of hatred in this country against minority groups and especially against the Jews.

It is very evident to all of us that there is more than enough prejudice in this country. Which reminds me of the old definition of a prejudiced person. He is a man who is down on something he is not up on.

According to the World Almanac there were about 15,000,000 Jews in the world in 1938. Of these 4,770,647 were in the United States. In 1938 that was about 3.69 per cent of our total population.

One of the most common accusations against the Jews is that they have cornered the wealth of our land. When we look back into our history and examine the records of those who built up great family fortunes, we find that there were very few Jews among them. These men were not Jews: William Vanderbilt, C. P. Huntington, James Hill, John Jacob Astor, E. H. Harriman, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Jay Cooke, J. Pierpont Morgan, P. D. Armour and Henry Ford.

Of course there are wealthy Jews, but there are also wealthy Danes. The Jews have become influential, too influential, in certain lines of business. But so have others. At least one president of the United States had to go to the House of Morgan.

It is said that the Jews are crooked. Some of them are. Too many of them are. But they are not the only crooks in the U. S. A. There are even crooks among Danes, believe it or not. I know it from experience. If a person will take the trouble to go to the history books and read the story of the really big American swindles, it is doubtful that the Jews have a higher batting average than shrewd Yankees.

It is a very common belief that the Jews are a type and many people pride themselves upon being able to pick a Jew every time. This is sheer ignorance. The prominent nose is a characteristic of all the peoples of the east Mediterranean area. It is claimed by Breasted that that is a Hitite contribution. There are Jews with large noses and some with small noses, as there are Danes with large and small beaks.

Some think all Jews have dark hair and skin. This is not true. Over one-third of the English, German and Austrian Jews have light hair and nearly one-half have

light eyes. More than ten per cent of European Jews are blonds and fully forty per cent are mixed. This all adds up to one fact: **The Jews have ceased to be a type.**

Christians complain that the Jews are clannish. Who wouldn't be after what they have endured for two thousand years? They have suffered exile and persecution since the days of Moses and Pompey. They have no illusions about life. Too many of us have hundreds of acquaintances but very few real friends. People of the orient know the value of the family and kinship in general. People of the western nations have that to learn over again.

One frequently hears that the Jews are a dirty people. A large percentage of them probably are more dirty than the average American. One reason for this is that so many live in the poorer sections of the large cities which are always dirty. Another reason is that most Jews have quite recently come out of the terrible ghettos of the cities of Eastern Europe. People tend to carry their dirty habits with them. Rarely does a person become a gentleman in one generation.

Those of us who are so close to Castle Garden or Ellis Island should not fall for prejudice against minority groups. When I was a boy I heard the Danes called such uncomplimentary names as greenhorns and filthy Danes.

Yankees (whoever they are) complained that they could not compete with the Danes. Many of them could not. The Danes had not yet found it necessary to spend all Saturday afternoon and many evenings loafing and drinking in a saloon. No, he was home fixing up his farm, and making his home a place of beauty and comfort. He was succeeding and the indolent are often jealous of the successful.

It was Edmund Burke who said long ago that it is not fair to condemn a whole nation. There are of course Jews who are crooked and dirty. But that is not true of all of them. I have personally known and worked with many of them. Some I have disliked and others I have liked.

Let us not forget that Jews have and are contributing greatly to our civilization. In all fields of endeavor they have contributed. Who would not be proud to claim acquaintance and kinship with such men as Albert Einstein, Niels Bohr, Louis Brandeis, Felix Frankfurter, Ludwig Lewisohn, Franz Werfel and Mischa Elman?

Adolf Hitler, that monstrosity in human form, told the German people that if the Jews were liquidated their troubles would vanish. Well, the Jews have vanished from German life, but not the troubles.

Alfred C. Nielsen

The negro problem is not so much a problem about the negro as it is a problem about the white man. It began when the white man brought the negro here; and furthermore, now that the negro is here, the question of his relationship to the whole life of America depends less upon what the negro is than upon what the white man thinks.—W. Russell Bowie.

Trinity's Diamond Jubilee

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service was an answer to the questions raised the Sunday before. In the communion address our pastor spoke about "Rededication through Holy Communion."

The banquet at the Graemere Hotel was an event which the Rev. Alfred Sorensen expressed in these words: "Truly, this is characteristic of Trinity Church." Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen gave the invocation, and Mrs. Jens M. Sorensen extended a hearty welcome. He spoke of Trinity church as a spiritual landmark in the city of Chicago. He introduced the toastmaster, Mr. Walter Andersen, president of the congregation, by paying tribute to Mr. Andersen's loyalty, love and service to the church. Mrs. S. Grogel's beautiful soprano voice captured the hearts of all. The Hon. R.



S. N. Nielsen

Baumann, consul general, spoke appreciative words about Trinity church. Other speakers followed: Mr. S. N. Nielsen and the pastors M. F. Blichfeld, Alfred Sorensen, H. C. Jersild, and Ottar S. Jorgensen. The principal addresses were given by Pastor Joshua Oden, Irving Park Lutheran church, and our own pastor. Pastor Oden, speaking in a lighter vein, addressed the audience on the subject, "Enjoy Yourself; it may be later than you think." Our pastor spoke thoughtfully on the subject: "A new sense of our mission." Mr. J. K. Jensen conveyed greetings from the Danish Aid and Relief Society, which had sent a beautiful basket of flowers for the occasion. The toastmaster called upon several individuals to arise as he introduced them to

the audience. The banquet was a beautiful affair. Much work had been done in order to make it very festive. The hope, expressed by the chairman of the jubilee committee, that the banquet would not be a tedious affair, but an inspiration to greater effort, was certainly realized.

Youth Night, Saturday, March 22, proved to be very successful. The young people, who were in full



Ernest D. Nielsen
Cand. Ph. D.

charge of the evening and assumed the full financial responsibility for the meeting, had accepted the invitation to participate with the enthusiasm of youth. A great amount of work preceded the meeting. Every member of the Young People's Society did his share. The speaker for the evening, Rev. Alfred Sorensen, gave an address on the subject: "The stones tell the story." which we are sure will be remembered for a long time. Following the inspirational meeting in the church the Junior League presented a short sketch in the church parlors. Coffee and refreshments were served from beautifully decorated tables at which the wife of the president of the congregation, the president of the Ladies' Aid, the president of Trinity Guild, and the wife of the pastor presided.

Sunday, March 23, climaxed the week's activities. The Sunday school assembled for a special children's service in the church where the Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen in his kindly way told a Bible story from the old Testament. The president of the synod preached at the morning service. He gave a Protestant interpretation of the significance of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. In the afternoon he presented a lecture in which he

indicated certain possible dangers to the life of the church, and challenged Trinity to be true in the future as it has been in the past. Pastor Alfred Jensen's lecture followed that of Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen. Pastor Jorgensen spoke about the church as it is reflected in the local congregation. He gave us a message in

Church may continue to be a spiritual landmark in this great city.

Trinity Reporter,
Chicago, Illinois.

Our Synod Joins I. C. R. E.

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response to the future. They have brought the sense of humor that makes all men kin, their ability to enter with understanding into the joys and sorrows of others, and their loyalty to Him whom having not seen we love. And from this blending of hearts and minds have come friendships that are rooted deep and live forever.

(As the Chairman goes along the line he says:)

And with this hand of fellowship into this sacred community of persons, there go my hope and prayer that by such growing friendships among us you and we may be enriched.

General Secretary:

In the name of the multitude of growing persons of all ages whom the member agencies of the Council seek humbly to serve, I welcome you into the fellowship and the **ennoblement of our unfinished tasks.**

Standing with you now are many persons who in their varied fields of service come very close to little children with their hopeful responsiveness, to youth and its courageous self-dedications, to maturing life and its resolute self-sacrifice. They are so close to these people and so keenly aware of their needs that they know all too well how far short of serving them adequately the combined efforts of us all must fall. And so they live and move and have their being under the divine compulsion of unfinished tasks. To all other sources of power and purpose, they add to the ancient word, "Woe is me if I carry not the Christian message through the ministry of Christian nurture to those not fully reached."

(As the General Secretary goes down the line he says:)

And with this hand of fellowship into the ennoblement of our unfinished tasks, there go my hope and prayer that you with us may find the ennoblement that joyous and unselfish effort always brings to the soul.

Presiding Officer:

In the spirit of these words of welcome, and in the quietness of heart and mind, let us pray.

(After a few moments of silence)

Prayer: Eternal God, the Source of all good and perfect gifts, we bring thee our humble and hearty thanks for the gift of our Christian faith, for the bond of human fellowship, for the blessing of the unattained.

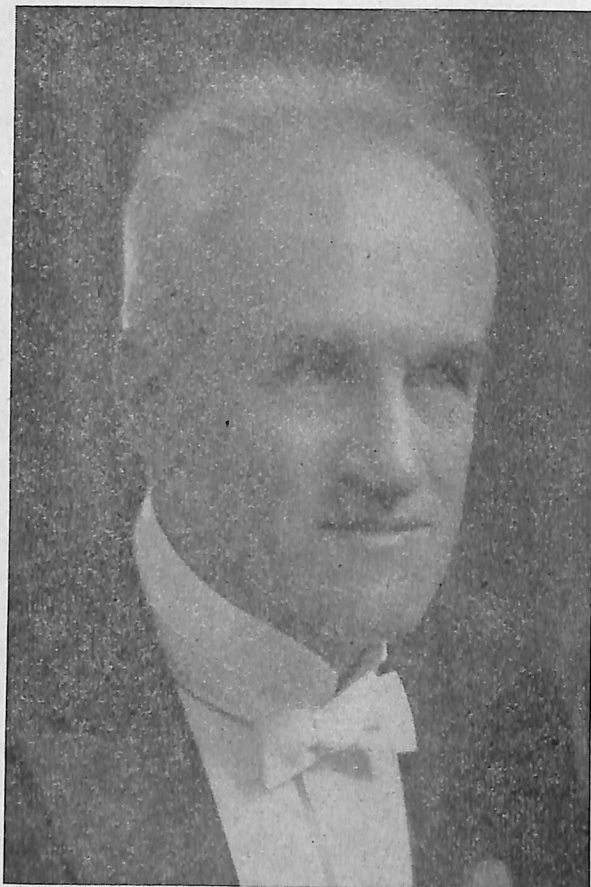
Grant to us who receive these new members and to these good friends who join our fellowship an enrichment of spirit and enlargement of vision because our hands have been joined this day in common endeavors. Let the growing persons of all ages in the agencies thus received today live in our minds, inspire us when weary or confused, give us joy when the shadows fall.

In the name and spirit of Him who has laid upon us the injunction, "**Go—teaching—**" Amen

One sensed a bigness about this moment, as our comparatively small Lutheran synod extended its hand to be received into the fellowship of this larger Protestant group to join with them in the revitalization of Protestant Christian education, and in so doing receive renewed inspiration and strength to carry on more effectively the work within its own group. We sensed a warm welcome from the audience and also from individuals who later greeted us.

Please watch for announcements, which will be forthcoming in "Lutheran Tidings" from time to time, relative to our work in connection with the International Council of Religious Education.

Agnes Holst



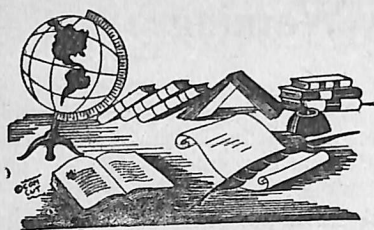
George Dupont-Hansen

which he pointed to the true sources of strength within the living church of Jesus Christ. The evening session was reserved for an historical sketch written by Mrs. George Dupont-Hansen. The sketch was supplemented with especially prepared slides which were shown on the screen.

We cannot conclude this resume of the jubilee celebration without mentioning the contributions of the Trinity choir and its director, Mr. George Dupont-Hansen. It was a joy to hear the large choir sing at the services. We all know that weeks of strenuous practice with double rehearsals had been held in preparation for the jubilee week. Many congratulatory letters and telegrams were received and read Sunday evening.

Although there are none of the charter members of Trinity Church living, Trinity Church has among its members one, Miss Cecilia Petersen, whose very first acquaintance with the church extends back seventy-five years.

The members of the Ladies' Aid served a delicious dinner Sunday noon and the members of the Trinity Guild served smorgasbord in the evening. Other things might be mentioned, but we must stop before our readers grow tired. It is our hope that Trinity



Across the Editor's Desk

The Scandinavian Airlines System, comprising the airlines of Sweden, Norway and Denmark has within the last few weeks inaugurated regular flights to the U. S. and return. Since 1939 preparations have been under way in the three Scandinavian countries for a trans-Atlantic airline service. The Scandinavians set out to model their system after the finest in world aviation and they have, as a consequence, borrowed much from the United States. They have cooperated with the U. S. in all international endeavors, they believe in unrestricted air commerce, and they have proved with action that they intend to be among the leaders in world transportation.

The opening of the Scandinavian Airlines is a historic event in the relations of America with Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Hans Christian Andersen prophesied a century ago that the direct approach to Europe from America will be via Scandinavia. Today this is a fact. And the close co-operation of the three Scandinavian countries in many social, political and religious matters offers a fine example for the hopes of a United Europe and a United Nations.

To mark the opening of the Scandinavian Airlines System, the Scandinavians staged a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. It was a fine dignified affair. If the Scandinavians have borrowed technical know-how from U. S. we could borrow to good advantage from the Scandinavians some of the mature stature and social assurance which have characterized them in their intelligent handling of relations in and with this country.

The Second World Conference of Christian Youth will meet in Oslo, Norway, July 22-31. Thirteen hundred young people from many lands will assemble to share in a program of inspiring addresses, Bible studies, group discussions on subjects of vital concern to alert Christian youth. Gathered in the heart of Lutheran Scandinavia, this large group of youth will also take part in worship services which will present the traditional liturgies of the great communions of Christendom.

Outstanding Christian leaders will be heard. At the opening session there will be an opening message by Bishop Eivind Berggrav, Primate of the Lutheran Church of Norway, and Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches and chairman of the World Student Christian Federation. General chairman of the conference is the Rev. Alexander Johnson of Oslo, Lutheran pastor and chief advisor for students and youth groups in Norway. He will give the message at a service which will be preparatory to the Lutheran communion service which will be held in the cathedral in Oslo.

The theme of the conference is taken from the

mighty christological passage in the second chapter of Philippians and is a clear-cut affirmation of faith as it rings out over a broken and discouraged world: "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Delegations will be by national quotas by organization. The four initiating groups are the World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations the World's Student Christian Federation and the World Council of Churches. In addition, the following are sponsors: World's Sunday School Association, International Missionary Conference, and World's Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches.

A band of sixty youth leaders from every corner of the world spent a week in July last year at the Chateau de Bossey, near Geneva, Switzerland, furthering plans for this great 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 at Amsterdam in 1939, on the very eve of the outbreak of the European war. That gathering with its arresting theme: "Christus Victor," was not only a great demonstration of Christian cooperative action and purpose in itself but also provided an enduring inspiration for the dark days through which Christian youth have passed since 1939.

It was recently announced from the office of the National Lutheran Council that a delegation of fourteen Lutherans from America will attend the Conference representing ten church bodies and church related organizations.

We are not at this time informed to what an extent our D. A. Y. P. L. will be represented, if at all, through the above mentioned fourteen delegates. But we feel that we may have an opportunity of having our own representative present, in as much as Rev. A. E. Farsstrup, one of our very capable Youth leaders, will be in Denmark through the summer. We feel confident that if he could be present at this conference, that he would bring back impressions from such a gathering which may prove very beneficial both to him personally, but also to our entire youth work. We recommend that if no action has been taken toward a possible representation of our group at the conference, that our National D. A. Y. P. L. board take this matter up for consideration immediately.

Help Stamp Out Cancer— The American Cancer Society has launched its annual campaign to raise funds to help stamp out cancer. The goal this year is \$12,000,000. This money will be used three ways: First, to tell the people of America about the danger signals of cancer; second to help cancer clinics and hospitals in the care of patients with cancer and third, to help finance scientists who are working to discover a sure and permanent cure for cancer.

Officials of the Society, in opening the annual campaign, warned the people of America that cancer plays no favorites. "This disease strikes young and old, rich and poor, alike," declared one official. "It kills people of every race, creed and color— and that means it kills Americans because we are of all races, creeds and colors. Cancer is the original democrat of

death—it does not choose between an Indian, Englishman, Italian, Pole or Hindu: It strikes all of us with equal force, leaving a trail of death and suffering across America.”

After pointing out these blunt facts, the official urged all Americans — regardless of race, creed or color—to give what money they can spare to this cause. Said the official: “The cause of the American Cancer Society is the cause of humanity — it is the fight for life itself — not merely some other person’s life — but perhaps even yours, or the life of one of your loved ones”

From Saskatchewan

The winter has been one of the most severe in the history of our colony. We have had several terrible snowstorms. Most of the roads have been closed for all kinds of traffic for months. For a long period even the bus service in Saskatchewan was cancelled. At present the snow and ice is disappearing and we have considerable flood water.

As a consequence of the severe winter the work of the church was nearly at a standstill for a period of two months. We have had some services here at Canwood, but only a few families were able to attend. We are now resuming our entire schedule with services in all our districts. Health conditions have been unusually good in our groups throughout the winter which indeed has been a great blessing for us.

The annual meeting of the Zion congregation in Canwood was held in January. However, only a small group was able to attend. The treasury showed a balance for the year of 1946 of a little over \$1000. We find this to be very encouraging for a small congregation of only 16 paying members. A sum of \$600 had been paid off on the property belonging to the congregation, and this is now free of debt.

It is now our hope that world conditions may improve in such a manner that the immigration of Danish families may again strengthen our communities here in Canada. At present these conditions are still quite uncertain.

At our annual meeting the following were re-elected on the church board: Mrs. P. P. Solvang as secretary Mrs. P. Olsen as treasurer and Mr. Chr. Madsen Christensen as trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Georg Skafte have returned from a four months tour to Denmark. They enjoyed the trip, but are happy to be back again.

Vilhelm Larsen.

Canwood, April 1, 1947.

In Memoriam

The Rev. A. W. Anderson who was called to his eternal reward will always be remembered by the members of this church and his many friends in Tacoma as a true shepherd of souls, one who always understood the weaknesses of men, sympathetic in time of trouble and always able to comfort and encourage as he presented to his flock, the Savior whom he loved and served so faithfully. The story of his ministry in his Synod should be an inspiration to those who carry on after him. May his memory ever continue to minister to the souls of this congregation.

V. E. Thoren

(From Church Bulletin, Tacoma, Wash)

Only A Warning

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago we were visited by a man who presented himself as Thorvald Andersen of Seattle, Wash., and a member of our church there. He was moving into — and wanted to transfer his membership “when he got settled.”

He told a long and quite fantastic story, but one which possibly could have been true. We found out, however, almost by accident, that he is a professional deceiver of ministers who apparently is traveling about the country cheating ministers of Scandinavian churches.

I am writing this in the hope that we can warn other of our men whom he might visit. He got no money from us, nor did he steal anything, although he stayed overnight with us, but from two other ministers in town, or some of their church members, he got money. According to the story he told us he was “on top of the world,” and so of course did not need any money, but to the other ministers he told a terrible sob-story about his wife and daughter being in a hospital in a nearby town after a serious car accident.

The other ministers whom he visited are of the Swedish Covenant Church and the Norwegian-Danish Free Church. All three of us are new ministers in town. According to whom he visits, his name is Thorvald Andersen, Sigurd Andersen, Emil Sjogren, and possibly a number of other names.

He is 35-40 years old, about 150 pounds, 5 ft. 9 inches tall, thin, no teeth at present, thinning hair, fair complexion. In all three stories he claimed to be a linotypist and a navy veteran, married, and two or three children. He speaks English with a Norwegian-sounding accent, although with us he claimed to be Danish-born.

He seemed able to read “Dannevirke” and sing Danish songs. He knew a lot of our ministers by name, especially those on the west coast, but also a number of others. That was his unwritten identification, and the one thing that kept me thinking that probably he was all right. He knew the Covenant and Free Church’s ministers equally well.

The ——— police have his story down, but his whereabouts now are of course unknown.

If you print this, the man may read it and change his tactics, but it might also stop him. If no one does anything about it, he may be able to carry on quite a while, before he is caught, he may cause a lot of trouble.

Greetings,

A similar “friend of pastors” toured several of our congregations about ten years ago. We are grateful for the above warning, as such “racket” must be immediately checked.

Editor.

Do You Know Lutherans In Veterans Hospitals?

The Chaplaincy Service of the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council solicits from the Home Pastor and Congregation the names and addresses of service men and women who are in Veterans Administration Hospitals and other hospitals as patients or personnel.

Send names and addresses at once to:

Chaplaincy Service,
Division of Welfare,
736 Jackson Place, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Grand View College And Our Youth

G. V. C.

Every day we are reminded that there are only a few weeks left before the end of school, even fewer before Student-er-fest. As usual some term papers have been postponed until now and as usual the nice weather does much towards not getting them done.

Even the eighteen people who stayed here during Easter vacation did not finish all that they had planned to do.

On Thursday, April 10, Mr. N. McCombs, Superintendent of Des Moines Public Schools, spoke to us about the teaching profession. After emphasizing the great need for teachers, Mr. McCombs went on to point out the advantages that this profession now offers. Besides the fact that salaries have gone up, and that teaching environments have usually been the best in town, the satisfaction gained from feeling that one is a part of making this world a better place to live, alone is almost enough to outweigh the disadvantages.

Friday, April 11, we had our "Show-boat Dance". Paul Jorgensen and his committee had painted a back drop in one end of the hall depicting the ocean with ships, whales and floating bottles. They completed the atmosphere with ropes hanging down from the ceiling to tall poles, with signal flags, and with life preservers. Coffee was served in the dining room.

On April 16 and 17, Rev. A. E. Farstrup, formerly of Los Angeles, will be our guest speaker. We are looking forward to his visit.

Bodil Strandskov.

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An Idea Expanding

Conforming with this column's policy of previous months, of attempting to keep you posted as to the activities of the Peace Movements and their problems, we wish to recommend Sumner Welles' newest book, "Where Are We Heading?" Realizing the extreme urgency and necessity of breaking down the suspicions, greed and grave doubts which are deterring the establishment of peace, Mr. Welles views foreign policies of the world over. Acknowledging the superiority of the United Nations over what the League of Nations offered the people of the world, Mr. Welles analyzes the grave defects.

Also the Paris Peace Conference did not rank too high in Mr. Welles' opinion. The red hot question of Trieste received its share of comment. Sumner Welles' comment on event-making men such as Molotov, Truman, Marshall, Beven and many others prove to me most interesting. The final chapter of "Where Are We Heading?" deals with the much "cussed and discussed" American foreign policy. The reputation earned by Mr. Welles while in the service of the State Department qualifies his authority for making the judgments and suggestions that he does.

For those seeking a permanent peace here is a good analysis of the problems involved in attaining it.

Kai Mortensen,
Grand View College.

(From "Grand View Echo")

D. A. Y. P. L. Dist. III

District III of the Danish-American Young Peoples' League will have its summer camp at Danebod Folk School at Tyler, Minn. The first meal will be served at 6 p. m. Sunday, July 6, and the last at noon, July 13. Young people over 15 years of age are invited to take part in the week's activities which will include devotional and inspirational messages, group discussions, sports, swimming, group singing, choir work, and possibly a camp band. There will be folk dancing and games for an hour every evening.

Each camper is required to bring bedding, towels, soap and personal

necessities. Also bring your "World of Song", Hymnal for Church and Home, and Bible. If you wish to swim you must bring either a statement from your physician or from parents or guardian to the effect that you are in good physical condition.

See later issue of Lutheran Tidings concerning cost and the general program. If you do not receive a circular, you may get such by writing to Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn. All registrations must reach Rev. Mortensen, at least, one week before the opening date of the camp. Since accommodations for lodging are limited, we advise you to register early.

Following the above mentioned camp, Danebod Folk School is sponsoring a Junior camp from July 13 to July 20.

Harold Petersen.

D. A. Y. P. L. Dist IV

The District IV D. A. Y. P. L. extends an invitation to the societies in the District to attend the annual youth convention to be held July 4-6, 1947 at the St. Peters Lutheran Church in Dwight, Illinois.

Gladys Whiteside
District President

The Young Peoples Society of the St. Peters Lutheran Church in Dwight, Illinois, invites the young people and their pastors to attend the annual D. A. Y. P. L. District Convention in Dwight, on the 4-5-6 of July 1947.

Violet Andersen,
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OUR CHURCH

Hartford, Conn.—An adult Confirmation service was held in the Hartford Church on Sunday, March 23, two members were on that day accepted in to full membership with the church.

Seattle, Wash.—A class of 35 members is meeting once a week under the direction of the pastor, J. C. Kjaer, in a study of the Danish language.

An open forum sponsored by the young people of the Seattle church will be held in the junior auditorium on Sunday evening, April 27. The subject for the evening will be "Boy-Girl Relationships, from the Christian Viewpoint." Pastor Jens C. Kjaer will give the introductory lecture.

Pastor Evald Kristensen, from Denmark, who with his wife has been on a visit in this country since January, spoke Friday evening, April 11 in the St. Stephan's Church in Chicago, and on Sunday morning and afternoon, April 13, in the St. Peter's Church Dwight, Ill. He is scheduled to speak Sunday, April 20, in St. Stephens Church in Perth Amboy, N. J. and in Our Savior's Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Pastor and Mrs. Kristensen will sail from New York on Friday, April 25.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, is at present on a speaking tour in the Michigan district of our synod. The following itinerary was scheduled for his tour: Greenville, Mich. April 13; Grant, April 14; Grayling, April 16; Ludington, April 18; Manistee, April 20 and Muskegon, April 21.

Nysted, Nebr.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jensen, faithful members of the Nysted church and community since the early pioneer days, observed their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday, April 7. They were united in marriage in the Nysted church by Rev. J. C. Skovgaard on April 7, 1887. The Jensen home has through the many years been active supporters of the church work, and the activities of the Nysted Folk School. Present at the 60th anniversary celebration were their 11 children 33 of the 38 grandchildren and the six great-grandchildren.—Holy communion services were held in the church where Rev. Howard Christensen, pastor of the Cozad and Nysted churches, was in charge and Rev. H. O. Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa assisting.—The latter was a neighbor and close friend of the Jensen home through his boyhood and youth. Many letters and greetings were received, also from Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Højbjerg in Denmark, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Dorf of Peekskill, N. Y., and from Mr. and Mrs. C. Arild Olsen residing in Berlin, Germany. The family had open house in the church parlors throughout the afternoon. Here a short program was given. Several songs had been written for the occasion, one of them by August L. Bang, editor of "Dannevirke."

Rev. and Mrs. P. Stockholm of Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr. will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 24. A sister of Mrs. Stockholm, Fru Jensine Nielsen, a niece Frk. Erla Nielsen and a nephew, Hr. Leo Nielsen all of Copenhagen, Denmark recently came to this country and are now visiting at the Stockholm home. Fru Jensine Nielsen is the mother of Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, pastor of Trinity Church in Chicago. His mother, sister and brother have been visiting in the Trinity Church parsonage, Hr. Leo Nielsen arrived by plane from Denmark in time to attend the Trinity Church Jubilee banquet March 20. He will return by plane on April 23 to his import business in Copenhagen. Frk. Erla Nielsen, a sister of Rev. Ernest Nielsen, is a nurse in a maternity hospital in Copenhagen.

St. Stephen's Church, Chicago—Rev. and Mrs. Alfred E. Sorensen had Open House in the parsonage Sunday evening, April 13. Members and friends of the church were welcomed to share in more intimate friendship with their new pastor and his family.

A new additional service has been inaugurated at the St. Stephen's Church by having two members of the confirmation class assisting the pastor each Sunday at the church door in receiving names of visitors and their addresses.

Minneapolis, Minn.—On Sunday, April 27, Rev. O. S. Jorgensen of the Minneapolis Church will exchange pulpit with Mr. Harold Riber, student pastor of the West Denmark, Wis., church.

Rev. Peter Thomsen, Omaha, Nebr. was the guest speaker in the Denmark, Kans. church on Sunday, March 23.

A Father and Son banquet was scheduled by the Men's Club of Our Savior's Church for Friday evening, April 18. This is an annual affair for this Men's Club and has proven very successful.

Askov, Minn.—An invitation has been extended from the Askov Young People's Society to have the Minnesota District Young People's Convention in Askov during the week-end June 27-29.

Greenville, Mich.—Weather conditions were so adverse that Easter services had to be cancelled for the three churches served by Rev. C. A. Stub.

Improvements are being made at the St. John's Church as the men have been busy lately digging under the church for a basement for the church furnace.

Johannes Jepsen, R. F. D. 1, Pulaski, N. Y. who through many years has devoted much of his time and interest in the Porto Novo Mission announces that he has received a shipment of a Danish book: "Porto Novo Missionen, Et Lille Stykke Indo-Dansk Historie" written by Pastor Anker Møller. The book contains 224 pages of text and many pictures. It can be had from Mr. Jepsen postpaid for \$1.50.

Los Angeles, Calif.—A large number of members and friends of the Emmanuel Church gathered Easter Sunday

evening to honor the pastor of the church, Rev. A. E. Farstrup, and his family, before their leaving the congregation for a visit through the summer in Denmark. A program of music, song and speaking had been arranged for the occasion. Rev. C. C. Rasmussen, former pastor of the church, and who now through a number of years has been a member of the city council of Los Angeles, was the toastmaster. A fine gift was presented to Rev. Farstrup from members and friends in appreciation of his work through the years he has been the pastor. Rev. Farstrup and family will sail for Denmark from New York, Friday, April 25.

Pastor Halvdan Knudsen from St. Nikolaj Church in Vejle, Denmark, who has accepted a call from the Los Angeles church is expected to arrive in Los Angeles in July. During the vacancy, Einar Andersen, student pastor, who through the past year has been assistant pastor to Rev. Farstrup, will be in charge of the work of the church. He will be assisted by Rev. C. C. Rasmussen and Rev. Svend Marckmann of Pasadena, Calif.

Marinette, Wis.—Adult confirmation was held in the Marinette church on Palm Sunday and three new members were received into full membership.

Granly, Miss.—Rev. Vagn Duus, Dannavang, Texas, served the Granly congregation on Palm Sunday.

Sheffield, Ill.—Rev. Holger Standskov, Dwight, Ill., served the Sheffield church on Easter Sunday afternoon.

Acknowledgment of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the Month or March, 1947
Towards the Budget:
Previously acknowledged....\$13,641.66
General:

Congregations—	
Bridgeport, Conn.	125.00
Hartford, Conn.	210.00
Troy, N. Y.	119.85
Montcalm Co., Mich.	500.00
Menominee, Mich.	15.60
Clinton, Ia.	100.00
Waterloo, Ia.	472.50
Des Moines, Ia.	84.11
Moorhead, Ia.	40.00
Ringsted, Ia.	510.00
Askov, Minn.	36.80
Nysted, Nebr.	123.50
Cozad, Nebr.	267.00
Granly, Miss.	49.00
Kronborg-Marquette, Nebr.	698.75
Davey, Nebr.	78.75
Los Angeles, Calif.	31.80
Watsonville, Calif.	50.00
Junction City, Ore.	200.00
Wilbur, Wash.	62.46

Earmarked Pension Fund:

Congregation—	
Clinton, Ia.	23.00
Waterloo, Ia.	57.00
Alden, Minn.	64.00
Volmer, Mont.	23.00
Easton, Calif.	25.00
Junction City, Ore.	32.00

Earmarked Pension Fund, Pastors Dues:

Hartford, Conn.	16.57
Bridgeport, Conn.	20.00
Brooklyn, N. Y.	30.00
Troy, N. Y.	26.70
Detroit, Mich.	51.00
Ludington, Mich.	10.36
Muskegon, Mich.	24.60
Racine, Wis.	33.30
Dwight, Ill.	35.00
Chicago, Ill. (St. S.) ..	39.60
Clinton, Ia.	26.00
Oak Hill, Ia.	14.00
Dagmar, Mont.	23.00
Tyler, Minn.	46.00
Viborg, S. D.	22.50
Cordova, Nebr.	17.50
Brush, Colo.50
Hay Springs, Nebr.	23.76
Nysted, Nebr.	17.20
Danevang, Tex.	15.00
Salinas, Calif.	34.32
Fresno, Cal.	15.96
Seattle, Wash.	15.40

Home Mission:

Congregation, Troy N. Y.	45.57
"In Memory of Rev. A. W. Andersen," Anonymous, Seattle, Wash.	2.00
Misc. Gifts and Subs. to Lutheran Tidings,	52.50
Earmarked, Annual Rpts., Congregations—	
Tyler, Minn.	17.00
Rosenborg, Nebr.	1.51
Solvang, Calif.	3.50
Earmarked, Presidents Travel Expenses, Congregations—	
Danevang, Tex.	65.00
Solvang, Cal.	17.45
Salinas, Cal.	14.50
Easton, Cal.	8.88
Parlier, Cal.	8.87

Tyler Children's Home:

"In Memory of Mrs. Fred Brockstadt," Hope Afternoon Club, Tyler, Minn. ..	3.00
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Total towards budget to date—\$18,439.01

Received for Items Outside the Budget:**To Lutheran World Action:**

Previously acknowledged, (towards 1946-47 Quota)	\$26,465.32
Congregations—	
Troy, N. Y.	47.00
Exira, Ia.	65.00
Clinton, Ia.	34.00
Tyler, Minn.	1,886.00
Nysted, Nebr.	45.00
Dagmar, Mont.	35.00
Seattle Wash. "For Starving Children in Europe." ..	210.00
Junction City, Ore.	125.00
Marie Nielsen, Metuchen, N. J.	25.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Troy, N. Y.	200.00
Mrs. Marie Standskov, Ringsted, Ia.	5.00
Anonymous, Rushford, Minn. ..	20.00
"In Memory of Niels Ostergaard", Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brandt & Family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Alleckson, and	

Orville, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schnell, Tyler Minn.	11.00
"A Friend," Viborg S. D.	50.00
"A Friend in South Dakota,"—Hans Madsen, Solvang, Calif.	1,000.00
Mrs. Clara Hornsyld, Solvang, Cal.	4.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Wilbur, Wash.	5.00
Mrs. A. Andersen, Wilbur, Wash.	50.00
Eva and Victor Nielsen, Pullman, Wash.	3.00
Total (1946-47)	10.00
	\$30,295.32

To Seaman's Mission:

Congregation, Bridgeport, Conn.	10.00
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To Women's Mission Society:

Congregation, Bridgeport, Conn.	32.90
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G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged	\$64,996.08
Anonymous, Rushford, Minn.	20.00
Danish Ladies Aid, Bone Lake, Wis.	15.00
Hans Jensen, Hutchinson Minn.	2,500.00
"In Memory of Bill Larsen, Kimballton, Ia." Mr. and Mrs. Anton Buhl, Tyler, Minn.	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Ia.	5.00
Coupon Interest on Treasury Bonds	27.05
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen, Chicago Ill. (St. Steph.)	10.00
Total to date,	\$67,583.13

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

Contributions to date,	\$31,800.00
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Towards Room Furnishings of New Dormitory:

Previously acknowledged,	\$355.59
East Badger Ladies' Aid, Hetland, S. D.	25.00
Ladies Aid, Detroit, Mich.	175.00
"In Memory of Father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Johan H. Coak," Mrs. Margrethe Mangsen, Detroit, Mich.	25.00

Total to date	\$580.59
Respectfully submitted,	

Olaf R. Juhl

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\$2,400 Minimum Salary Set For Rural Pastors

CLEVELAND, Ohio — (RNS) — New minimum salaries for pastors of Congregational Christian churches were announced here by the Missions Council.

The new scale provides an annual salary of \$2,400 for rural clergymen and \$2,400 plus a house for urban pastors. Official telephones and annuity pension dues are added.

The minimum salaries give a sharp lift to pastoral remuneration.

Of the total of 3,640 pastors, 488 previously received an annual cash wage

under \$1,000; 555 from \$1,000 to \$1,500; 820 from \$1,500 to \$2,000; 798 from \$2,000 to \$2,500; and 987 salaries of \$2,500 or more.

Food was reported one of the biggest items in pastoral expense. Maintenance of an auto for pastoral work was the second highest expense, most ministers spending 20 per cent of their cash salary for maintaining a car. Some spent as much as 30 per cent.

Third highest item was fuel costs. Health expenditures were generally low. Only small reserves were reported. Recreation and vacation allotments were almost negligible.

Benevolences last year, including gifts to home and foreign missions exceeded \$5,000,000.

NIEMOELLER IMPRESSED BY INFLUENCE OF LAYMEN IN CHURCH AFFAIRS

NEW YORK—When Pastor Martin Niemoeller returns to Germany he will stress to churches there the importance of active participation by laymen in religious affairs.

The German clergyman made this intention known to Religious News Service in an exclusive interview here. He said that during his tour of the United States he was struck by the strong influence which laymen exert in church life thought. This influence in apparent, he pointed out, not only in large organizations but also in the ordinary activities of local churches and Sunday schools.

And that's one the reasons, he believes, why Christian influence is greater in America than in Europe.

Niemoeller, who has been here since December under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches, has concluded his lecture tour and is vacationing until the meeting of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., April 22-25.

He plans to leave the country immediately after the meeting. Before returning to Germany he may go to Brazil to resume contact with German-speaking church groups there.

The German pastor said he has also been impressed with the widespread use of advertising and publicity techniques by American churches.

"Here Christianity feels enough confidence in itself to complete in the bright light of public opinion with business and industry," he observed.

Another phase of American church life which has interested Niemoeller is the similarity of worship services in many of the denominations. He said one of the obstacles to unity of German churches is the great variety in forms of worship.

Discussing German problems, Niemoeller said the future of the German church depends in large part upon international politics. He warned that the American and British plans for federalization will, if adopted, arouse a new nationalistic spirit among Germans.

"Nationalism in Germany is basically reactionary," he declared, "and a revival of this spirit would be disastrous for the future of Europe."

The Russian plan for unification would draw many within the orbit of Soviet influence.

"I see great possibilities for a new Christian era in Germany and all of Europe," Niemoeller said, "but this will depend upon peaceful settlement of differences between Russia and the western powers."

The economic future of Germany lies in a planned economy within a framework of cooperation with all European nations, he said.

"Small nations can no longer exist alone. But before the national borders are dissolved a new form of European federation must be substituted to provide an outlet for the old loyalties."

Praising the relief work of American church organizations, Niemoeller urged that this aid be supplemented by personal gifts sent to individuals in Germany in order to cement understanding between the two peoples.

"Because of the psychological state of Germans today, there is some mistrust of all organized relief work," he explained. This feeling can be counteracted by the personal touch involved in sending individual packages."

Niemoeller was asked to comment on the criticism his visit has received in some quarters. His reply: "I knew before coming that my lecture tour would be misinterpreted. Had I not been positive that Christian people would listen to my message, I would not have come." (RNS)

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

NEW YORK — Forty-four American delegates will attend the fourth assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, which convenes at Lund, Sweden, June

30-July 6, it was announced by the National Lutheran Council here.

More than a thousand delegates and visitors from 18 countries are expected at the meeting, which plans to appraise the losses suffered by Lutheran churches during the war and evaluate the position of Lutheranism in the world today.

Among the American delegates are presidents of six Lutheran bodies: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran Church; Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. Emmanuel Poppen, American Lutheran Church; Dr. P. O. Bersell, Augustana Synod; Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, Lutheran Free Church; and Dr. Alfred Haapanen, Finnish Suomi Synod.

Specific topics to be discussed include Church and State, the Lutheran Church and the ecumenical movement, foreign missions, evangelism, race relations, lay organizations, refugees, and the philosophies of materialism, nihilism, communism and secularism.

Preliminary studies are now being made on these questions by three special committees.

The assembly will also consider a recommendation of the American delegation for confessional representation in the World Council of Churches. The proposal, which has already been approved by the executive committee of the Federation, asks for recognition of Lutherans on a denominational basis. Under the proposed constitution of the World Council, Protestant representation is allocated on a geographical basis.

A proposed constitution for the Lutheran World Federation will come before the meeting. It provides that the Federation shall be a free association of Lutheran churches with no power of legislation. (RNS)

GROUND BROKEN FOR BIGGEST CHURCH

RED BAY, Ala. — While 3,000 people watched, Bishop Oliver Mills, national secretary of the Church of God, broke ground here for "the biggest church in the world."

The edifice, to be known as the All Churches Assembly, will have a seating

capacity of 15,000 and will cost \$50,000. Construction is expected to be sufficiently advanced to permit its use for the denomination's National Jubilee Assembly July 24-28.

Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson, of New York, general overseer of the Church of God, presided at the ground-breaking ceremony. (RNS)

PROTESTANTS URGE MORE ACTIVE LAY PARTICIPATION

NEW YORK — More active lay participation in the affairs of American Protestantism was urged here at a laymen's luncheon honoring Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, president of the Federal Council of Churches.

Sponsors of the luncheon, attended by 250 laymen, were Henry R. Luce, publisher, Time, Life and Fortune; John Foster Dulles, chairman, Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council; Lowell Thomas, radio commentator, and Cleveland E. Dodge, president, Protestant Council of the City of New York.

"The overwhelming majority of laymen will support a vigorous and thoroughly informed ministry, of reconciliation in the present ideological and class struggle," Mr. Taft declared.

The first step in this ministry, he said, is true research in human relations.

"For twenty years some of the great universities have sought to widen our knowledge of this almost neglected science, and of its application to labor relations and industry. The results of the research are essentially religious, but the Church had no part in it.

"The challenge to the Church is to provide informed Christian guidance in giving help to troubled souls who are trying to live straight in fighting world." (RNS)

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