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KING CHRISTIAN X OF DENMARK

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King Christian X, ruler of Denmark for the last 35 years, died Sunday evening, April 20th, in Amalienborg Castle after an illness of 15 days.

King Christian was 76 years old at the time of his death and was mourned by an entire nation as the beloved monarch who had won the respect and the love of his countrymen.

The king suffered a heart attack on Easter Sunday and gradually grew weaker day by day. Eight hours

before his death he lapsed into a coma and the royal family was at his bedside as his strength ebbed.

Meanwhile a large throng of several thousand Danes expecting their beloved king's death at any moment, had collected in the square in front of the Amalienborg Castle to await further news.

At his bedside was Queen Alexandrine, who recently became ill herself from the strain of long hours

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The Deeper Unity

Fifth Sunday After Easter

These things spake Jesus; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee: even as thou gavest him authority over all flesh, that to all whom thou hast given him, he should give eternal life. And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send even Jesus Christ. I glorify thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I manifested thy name unto the men whom thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them to me; and they have kept thy word. Now they know that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are from thee: for the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received them, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee, and they believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine: and all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine: and I am glorified in them. And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are.

(JOHN 17: 1-11)

The last evening Jesus spent with His disciples will always remain the best evidence of His great love for these. It was not a sentimental love overflowing with pity for them or for Himself at the thought of the parting to come. The intimate and spiritual quality of the words of Jesus in those late evening hours is charged with a concern more for the future well-being of the church than for that of the disciples, even though the church had not yet emerged. To Jesus Christ these His disciples were the chosen carriers of God's message of salvation to men. Upon them rested hereafter the success of God's work for the eternal welfare of mankind.

On what could Jesus then depend to keep the disciples closely united in their assigned task? On vows, promises, written rules and plans laid down in advance? None of all these. Christ put all His trust in the ties of a spiritual nature, on the power of the words He had spoken to them during the last three years. Christ depended upon the vision of the Father, the nearness of the Almighty God, the love and mercy He had shown to suffering and sinful mankind. In all of that God had been present and had drawn the disciples into the warmth and security of His fatherly care and wisdom. There was no organization to bind them, no pledges to fulfill no regulations to guide them. Only the constant flow of spiritual insight and guidance, a deep feeling of the presence of God in their hearts and minds. But this relationship so aptly described by Christ: "Now they know that all things whatsoever thou hast given me is from thee: for the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received them, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee; and they believed that thou didst send me," show us the only true foundation for the Church of Christ to build upon.

To Christ the disciples were God's children through

creation, but by coming to know the only true God as their Father through Christ they had come to know God's eternal nature and to participate therein. They were related to God as the stream is to the source, as the branches are to the trunk and the root, as the spokes are to the hub of the wheel. They were entirely and completely depending upon Christ and upon the Father. It was through such complete dependence that they were to gain the strength and wisdom and courage with which to conquer a hostile world. Jesus Christ was not concerned about ways and means and plans and methods. His main reliance was the force and conviction of the words He had spoken, and the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit.

When Christ speaks of being glorified, it is not a prayer for eternal manifestation of God's approval of His accomplishments. Jesus saw in the lives, the hearts and minds of these disciples the proof of His execution of God's will in sending Him to earth. Rather is His entire prayer aiming at the fulfillment, the completion of His earthly task. It is a plea that it may continue to perfection. His reasons for asking and praying for such fulfillment are found in the truly spiritual and moral character of the relationships established between God and these disciples. He sincerely desires that it may never be disowned by God but that it may form the unseen and unbreakable bonds that will bring all future disciples to be one in spirit as these had become one, in the same sense in which it could be said that He was one with God the Father.

The sense of unity for which Jesus Christ prayed at this critical moment should not be confused with the unity and union so often demanded and discussed among church groups of varying national and denominational character. It is evident from the words of the prayer that Jesus Christ was not concerned with the external differences that might come to exist among those who in the future were to become His disciples, just as He never had tried to have His disciples think, talk and behave alike. He always treated each person according to the needs of that person.

What Jesus sought in the prayer was God's assurance that these His first disciples as all future ones would remain true to the spiritual fellowship into which they had so happily entered, in which they were bound.

The words of Jesus asking for oneness can thus only be applicable to the divided state of the Church and the struggle for unity when these are viewed from the deep spiritual unity of the Christian community. In spite of all outward differences and disuniting and disconcerting efforts to be found within the Christian churches, the common faith and sacraments nevertheless keep all branches firmly united with the true vine and the stream of Christian life and love and works spring from a common source: the love of God the Father in Jesus Christ.

The real burden of the prayer of Jesus for His disciples is brought to us through such questions as these: Are we living in the spiritual fellowship of disciples

today? Are we depending upon the living reality of that fellowship to renew and keep forever growing and vigorous the hearts and minds and acts of our various communal parts and activities? Do we feel a deep and satisfying sense of communion with Christ, strongest and entirely real when we join around the table of the Lord in Holy Communion, but sure and certain at all times? Do we have a sense of belonging, not only to a certain group, a certain place, a certain church home and organization, but do we feel a sure sense of belonging directly and personally to Christ Himself, the Good Shepherd?

One of the great preachers of this age has said this: "We in America must rethink our desires for freedom until we discover that the largest liberty comes from belonging rather than from belongings." We often pride ourselves in the glorious possessions of houses, land, jewelry, money, talents and many other gifts bestowed upon us by a generous Creator and heavenly Father. Only as we through such gifts and blessings become bound to God by a deep sense of responsibility and belonging do we derive the full benefit of all such gifts.

Children will be blessed as they absorb the home in the atmosphere of a place where they have their joyful duties and responsibilities rather than a place they can treat as they see fit. In like manner the full benefit of citizenship is never realized until the proper and designated task has been assigned and accepted by each citizen. There is no freedom in doing as you please. Only as your place is fitted into that of the whole country do you truly feel the joy of belonging. There is no masterhood in the Kingdom of God. There is only discipleship. You do not rule and reign there. Only God is Master and Ruler and Sovereign. It is His good and gracious will that we in true worship of Him may find our perhaps small and insignificant corner of His kingdom in which to live and serve and have fellowship with Him and all His children.

Dostoevsky once said: "He who bows to nothing can never bear the burden of himself." God through Christ had called the disciples of Christ into the close spiritual fellowship that should give them the strength to carry the burden of the entire world of humanity, its everlasting welfare on their shoulders, in their hearts and on their consciences. Christ Himself lifted humanity up from being helplessly lost in the mire of despair and sin and misery into the bright sunlight of the blessed day of salvation. May we through like deep and spiritual relationship be depending upon God, belonging to Him and laboring in His vineyard.

Alfred Jensen.

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He Came To Himself

Everyone recalls the story of the prodigal son who requested of and was given his part of the inheritance by his father. And everyone must recall, too, the lines concerning the son after he was hit by evil times and literally wished for the husks that the swine did eat. When in this dire predicament he thought of the good days he had spent in his father's house, the contrast between his past and his present condition was so striking that, as it is related, he came to himself.

That one can come to himself implies that it is also possible for one to wander away from himself, from his better, his true self. And that statement implies, too, that we have another than the better self; there is a worser self. For some reason or other, this worser self has at times a character peculiarly beguiling for us humans. It creeps upon us in our moments of weakness, when we are unduly immersed in the things of sense when we are too thoroughly engrossed with what the Bible refers to as the world. At such times our better, our righteous, our kind and loving, our more spiritual sense is, as it were, trampled underfoot. And fortunate, indeed, are we if this better self is only momentarily forgotten; for in the clamor and din of the day, the sobbing of the still, small voice, our conscience, can scarcely be heard.

If, while this worser self is our master, fortune smiles upon us and we prosper in the world, then success is not success but unsuspected, disguised failure. What avails it a man were he to gain this entire world and lose his soul in the process! Under such conditions adversity may be a more genuine blessing than mere worldly success. Famine itself may be manna to the hungry soul. And so it was to the prodigal son. The hold upon him of his worser self was shaken off, and he came to himself.

"And then he said," — so goes the narrative; but before calling attention to just what the prodigal son said, I would ask the question: To whom is he speaking? Why, to himself, of course. There is an expression to the effect that when one starts speaking to himself he is growing old and childish. That may be very well be, but the prodigal son was not growing childish. He was becoming responsible; he was growing up.

May I be so presumptuous as to encourage each one of my readers to come to himself, if need be, and then to speak to himself? Ordinarily you are the one who can make yourself the most telling speech. Even though I were acquainted with each one of you, you would still know yourself better than I do. Moreover, you do not go on the defensive when speaking to yourself as you do when someone else tries to pry into your life.

Come to yourself. Be honest with yourself. And if you then find that you are in a far country, away from your Father's house, say to yourself, as did the prodigal son, "I will arise and go to my Father."

There is no need to relate the details of the rest of the parable. All will no doubt recall how the son did go home, and how his father, who had been waiting for his wayward boy, did not stay stubbornly indoors, but who, when at last he saw the boy coming, ran

out to meet him, and fell upon his neck and kissed him. He was that glad to see him.

May you be induced to preach yourself the little sermon I've suggested? Then draw your own, your very own conclusion about yourself. And, thereupon, let us all, whether we be the younger or the elder brother, decide to go in to our Father. In His house are many mansions. If it were not so, He would have told us. There only our better self can live, and, fortunately, that is the self of which we need not be ashamed. Our better self is childlike, trusting, truthful, kind, and free. In our Father's house we can be deeply happy, because we know that there we are at home.

Our Father has light in His window,
When unto His light we move,
He sendeth His angels to lead us
To mansions in heaven above.

A. C. Ammentorp.

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.

Proposals 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

We move that a Junior membership be established to promote a greater interest in the work of the church, the age limit for such membership to be from confirmation to 18 years of age and that such member be exempted from synodical dues.

Harald Ibsen, President,
District IV.

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK

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administering to her husband; Crown Prince Frederik, Crown Princess Ingrid and Prince Knud.

Crown Prince Becomes King Frederik IX.

Upon the death of the king which came at 11:04 (5:04 Central Standard U. S. Time) Sunday evening, April 20th, Crown Prince Frederik automatically succeeded his father the next day on the throne and became King Frederik IX. The young king, imploring divine guidance from the "King of Kings" formally took over the reins of government in a centuries-old ceremony on the balcony of Christiansborg Castle, before an estimated 100,000 of his subjects.

The ceremonies were opened by the premier of the constitutional monarchy, Knud Kristensen, who shouted three times over: "King Christian X has died. Long live his majesty King Frederik IX."

The young king then spoke briefly to his people and said to them: "We will continue after the example set by our old royal couple," and he lifted the mourning veil of his beauteous queen, Ingrid of Sweden, and kissed her in the presence of the vast throng jammed into the square in front of the castle.

King Christian X was laid to rest on Wednesday, April 30th, at Roskilde Cathedral chapel, traditional interment place of Danish kings.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

**The 21st International Sunday School Convention,
Des Moines, Iowa, July 23—27, 1947.**

What Is It?

It is a meeting sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education, the official agency of forty Protestant denominations of which our Danish Lutheran Synod now is a member. Through the years these conventions have been great gatherings of thousands of lay Sunday school workers in the churches of Canada and United States.

What Is Its Purpose?

America Needs Christ.

"The church of Jesus Christ today faces a chaotic and confused world which seems bent upon self-destruction . . . The Christian Gospel, which presents Christ Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, is today, as always, our only hope . . . This Gospel . . . has been committed to Christians as a sacred trust to be taught to others with persuasive love. . . To face the present urgent needs of mankind the Protestant evangelical forces of Christian education are called to meet in a great convention. . . In a great, united effort we must arouse our people to a deeper concern for moral and spiritual needs. We must seek inspiration. . . we must seek a new evangelistic zeal. . . we must chart new directions. . . To this end let the workers in Christian teaching in the United States and Canada come to Des Moines. Let us demonstrate to our two nations and the world our unity in the task of teaching for Christian living. Let us proclaim again our allegiance to the redemptive Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

—Taken from the official CALL TO ACTION, these words sound the keynote of the convention.

What Will the Program Be Like?

1. Bible study—each morning.
2. Prayer and worship—early morning.
3. Great Mass Sessions—Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon.
4. Addresses—each morning and evening.
5. Forums. —
6. Group meetings (denominational)—afternoons.
7. Music. —
8. Luncheon and dinner meetings—arranged.
9. Exhibits—of books, teaching materials, and visual aids.

Why Should I Go?

A teacher or leader is constantly drawing upon his fund of knowledge and inspiration. Like a well, this fund should have intake as well as outgo, else it becomes badly depleted. Fortunately, there are many ways by which a teacher or leader can add to his intake. One of the finest of these is by attending great gatherings such as this Des Moines convention where he rubs elbows with national and international leaders in his field and with other people over the country who, faced with problems like his own, have found successful ways of meeting them.

The inspiration and feeling of unitedness in a great task which come from attending such meetings is impossible to measure—but it goes a long, long way toward helping a teacher or leader to do a better job.

Can Des Moines Accommodate 10,000 People?

Des Moines handles many conventions each year. The Convention Bureau and Hotel Association are interested and promise adequate facilities. Not everyone can be accommodated in hotels but there will be sufficient housing through the use of private homes.

What Will It Cost?

The registration fee is \$5.00. Rooms in private homes will be \$1.50 per night. Rooms in hotels may be had from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per night. Meals will cost about \$1.75 and up per day.

How Do We Register?

I, Mrs. Aksel B. Holst, Cedar Falls, Iowa, will secure registration cards for you. Fill out the card—both sides—and mail it with your registration fee of \$5.00 to "The International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, Illinois." If you find after registering you cannot go, you may secure a refund providing you apply for it by July 1, 1947. Or you may transfer your credentials to someone else who cares to go.

Who Are Some of the Speakers?

Morning Worship.

The **Visual Education Committee** of the International Council of Religious Education, under the leadership of Rev. Oscar Rumpf, of the Evangelical and Reformed Board, will have charge on Friday.

A committee of the **United Christian Youth Movement** will present a dramatic service on Saturday.

Bible Hour.

Dr. Paul Hoh, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, will speak Thursday on the subject "The Bible, The Foundation for Christian Teaching."

Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, Professor of Church History Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, will bring a message on Friday on "The Bible in Christian Teaching."

Dr. A. C. Wehrli, head of the Department of Old Testament, and dean of Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri, will give the address on Saturday, having for his topic "The Bible and I."

Morning and Evening Address.

Thomas Clark, Attorney General of the United States, will address the group Thursday night, using as his topic "Can the Church Lead the Way Out of This Moral Confusion?"

Mrs. Harper Sibley, Rochester, New York, president of the United Council of Church Women, will answer his query, affirming that "The Church Can Lead."

Dr. Charles Turck, president of the Macalester College, St. Paul, will be the morning speaker on Friday, with the subject "Education for Christian Leadership."

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, Washington, D. C., on Friday night considering spiritual problems, will speak on "Matched With the Impossible."

Dr. Reuben H. Mueller, executive secretary of Christian Education for the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, will bring a message on Satur-

day morning on "Evangelism Through Community Cooperation."

Dr. E. C. Farnham, executive secretary of the Southern California Council of Churches and of the Los Angeles Council, on Saturday night will speak of "The Churches Working Together in the Community."

Hon. Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Council of Religious Education, will also address the Saturday evening session, speaking on "The Community—Problem and Opportunity."

Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, will speak on Sunday afternoon, using as his subject "Christians Have No Option."

John A. Subhan, Methodist Bishop of the Bombay Area (India) will be one of the several nationals to take part in the program on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Subhan will give a picture of what the Christian church has done for India, and what it can do in the future.

Dr. John Baillie, Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh and Moderator of the Church of Scotland, will close the convention on Sunday night, calling the delegates to deeper consecration to their tasks as Christian teachers and leaders.

Could Delegates From Our Synod Stay at Grand View College?

It is entirely possible that arrangements can be made providing the delegates are not fussy about accommodations. Write to me, Mrs. A. B. Holst, if you are interested.

Agnes Holst.

(Member of the Committee of Elementary Religious Education)

Books I Like

By

Ellen Nielsen

Mr. Blandings, who builds his dream house as in a nightmare hardly needs an introduction now after he has been sweeping (or should one say **haunting**) the country for months with his pathetic and laughter-provoking dilemma. Rueful laughter. For who among us has not been in a like dilemma? The old gyp game. Sign on the dotted line. No strings attached. You, too, can win. In six months time you can double your money. Started from scratch and now look. Etc., etc., etc., ad nauseum. It's the old army game and it goes on and on as long as there's a Mr. Blandings among us.

This book is so funny because you, too, have slipped on a banana peel or chased your hat down a windy street . . . and its fun to sit back in your easy chair and read about the other guy doing the same thing. It makes you **laugh**. And only you yourself know the undertone of reminiscence and mortification in your laughter.

The book should be required reading for anyone contemplating having dealings with real-estate men, contractors, architects, carpenters, **plumbers**. Read and take heed for you know not when you'll be in Mr. Blandings' shoes.

Mr. Blandings wanted to get away from the city

(away from It All) and he saw this place in the country. And the real estate man saw it with him. Alas. Mr. Blandings dallied, hesitated. He who hesitates is lost. Either way, he is lost with a real-estate man. His goose is cooked. The real-estate man said "Confidentially, I have some Other People who are very much interested in this property . . ." And instantly Mr. Blandings was on hand to snatch the property from those horrid Other People. Aren't we all? There's nothing we covet as much as that which other people covet.

From then on the book is a history of your life and mine in like dealings, great or small. Barnum was right. "There's one born every minute." "While we're at it we might as well . . ." So Mr. Blandings who wanted only a simple little place in the country (only a clip better than Thoreau, **of course**) ended up with a fifty thousand dollar investment, a sadder and wiser man.

"Oh, wad some power the giftie give us
To see ourselves as others see us!"

Eric Hodgins has done it in "MR. BLANDINGS BUILDS HIS DREAM HOUSE." A not inconsiderable lesson is to be learned at the price of the book, \$2.75. For your convenience the book may be had, postpaid from

ELLEN NIELSEN

Rt. 6, Box 723, Fresno, Calif.

P. S.: Want any Danish books fresh from Denmark? In July I expect to be at my favorite "Boghandel" and will be glad to send you any Danish books you might want. (I'd like to astound the "boghandler" with a gob of orders!) Below are a few of the books I can personally recommend, the price translated as accurately as possible into our money, "porto" included. (Allow from two weeks to a month in mailing).

"FORAARET SAA SAGTE KOMMER" Erindringer af Kaj Munk. His hyggelig and delightful autobiography, generously illustrated. \$3.35.

"HURTIG SVANDT DEN LYSE SOMMER" af Kaj Munk. A continuation of his autobiography dealing mainly with the conception and production of his plays. \$3.35.

"HIMMEL OG JORD" af Kaj Munk. A varied collection of his articles, sermons, poetry. \$2.50.

"SAA FAST EN BORG" af Kaj Munk. Sermons, articles, discussions. \$2.30.

"VED ORDETS SVÆRD" af Kaj Munk. Sermons. \$1.75.

"VED BABYLONS FLODER" af Kaj Munk. Sermons. \$1.85.

"KAJ MUNK" af Oscar Geismar. \$1.15.

"ORDET'S DYST OG DAAD" by Niels Nøjgaard. A most comprehensive book about Kaj Munk. \$4.80.

"ERINDRINGER" af Martin Andersen Nexø. 2 vol. \$3.35.

"AARGANGEN DER MAATTE SNUBLE I STARTEN" af Ernst Frandsen. A review of modern life and literature. \$1.75.

"STATEN OG MENNESKET" af Berggrav. \$2.75.

"RELIGIONENS TERSKEL" af Berggrav. \$2.60. These two books are for specialists or ministers! Deep. Difficult.

Orders for any of the above books must be in my hands by June 5.

Our Women's Work

A Prayer On Mother's Day

God, help me to be to my children all that a good mother ought to be. Give me grace to love them wisely and to walk before them carefully. I pray for mothers of boys and girls everywhere. Inspire us who are parents with dignity—the importance of our calling. Strengthen us with the knowledge that tomorrow's world is ours through our children, if we do good work and are faithful.

Extract from item sent in by Mrs. James Lund, Troy, N. Y.

From Our W. M. S. On The West Coast

The Friendship Circle of Los Angeles had invited the Ladies' Aid of Pasadena to a luncheon on last March 13th. We were sixteen ladies who in three cars drove to L. A. It was a very hot day, and we almost wished that we were going to the seaside instead of to a luncheon; but we changed our minds when we were ushered into the new cool assembly hall in L. A. and saw the festive tables with beautiful flowers and good food, and were welcomed by the very friendly L. A. ladies.

After the luncheon there was a W.M.S. meeting. Pastor Farstrup read a scripture verse, we sang and Mrs. Knudstrup, who is spending the winter out here, spoke to us of W.M.S. work and mentioned how blessed it is to find a Danish church to go to when one is traveling and far away from home.

As the representative of Dist. 8 of the W.M.S., I had been asked to tell something of the work of the society. So I had prepared a paper which read as follows:

Last year at the district meeting at Watsonville I was asked to try to arouse added interest in the work that the Women's Mission Society is doing in our synod. So when I came home, I wrote letters to all the Ladies' Aid Societies in the district telling them of the past good works and future plans of W.M.S. Nearly everyone responded to my letters so I could see that there is interest for the work in the district. However, I think that there might be someone present today who has never heard of W.M.S., so I shall attempt very briefly, to explain its purpose.

W.M.S. was organized during a church convention at Chicago in 1908 for the purpose of helping out and furthering the work of the Danish Lutheran Church here and also in our mission fields. All its funds have been donated through private gifts or through the different women societies in our church. And it is surprising how these gifts have come in year after year. A board, consisting of five members elected at our annual convention, decides for what worthwhile causes the funds can best be used, and our money never lies idle long. For instance, if a small congregation needs a little financial aid W.M.S. has often helped out. The seminary students usually receive a gift from us, and G. V. C. has been donated gifts at various times. After the Texas storm last year, W. M. S. stepped in and worked to send a substantial gift to the congregation at Danevang. And so the work has been carried

on in many different ways. Now our synod is building a new girls' dormitory at our school in Des Moines, and W.M.S. has taken it as its duty to furnish the rooms in this new building. It is a big project, but should not be an impossible one, and will certainly be a nice gift from all the women in The Danish Lutheran Church in America. It is up to the local groups to gather the money for this project. How this must be done I cannot say. Personally, I am not in favor of a separate Mission society, as I think too many societies scatter the interests; but if the Ladies' Aids have one or more meetings every year with the W.M.S. work in view, many things can and will be done, and it will not interfere with the local work but be a blessing to it.

I became a member of W.M.S. in 1912, and have had a meeting in my home every year since, wherever we have lived. My husband would give a talk on some mission. The ladies present would donate whatever they wanted to for the cause and we would have our coffee.

I feel that there is interest in the work of W.M.S. in District 8, and I hope that it will continue to grow stronger all the time. There is no greater work for us women than that of helping to promote the spiritual life. I will close with a verse from the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley:

A good woman never dies—
In worthy deed and prayer
And helpful hands, and honest eyes,
If smiles or tears be there.
Who lives for you and me—
Lives for the world she tries
To help—she lives eternally.

We had a nice social gathering after the meeting. Our thanks go to the L. A. church for a good afternoon. I am sure the meeting will bring results.

Greetings to all,

Christine Marckmann.

My Ma

Sweetest singer in the land
Is Ma.
She that has the softest hand
Is Ma.
Tenderest, gentlest nurse is she,
Full of fun as she can be,
And the only girl for me
Is Ma.

From "A Boy's Tribute"—Edgar Guest.

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Carl

April 17th late in the afternoon, we received a telegram from the United States War Department that our son Carl, was killed in a plane crash on April 15th after an attempted emergency landing on a beach in Panama near Howard Field, where he was stationed, and that his funeral would be on the 17th. Canal Zone health authorities insist on burial there and reinterment cannot be until 18 months later.

Carl enlisted in the U. S. armed forces during the summer of 1942 and about a year and a half later he was commissioned from Luke Field, Arizona. He was with the 8th Air Corps overseas. On his first mission his engine caught fire and he had to bail out over enemy territory in France. For about four weeks he



Lt. Carl H. Bundgaard

managed to stay away from the Germans, who were closely on his and three other men's trail; he was protected and cared for by the French underground; when he finally reached the safety zone, after carrying on his back one of his chums who had a broken leg, there was a plane waiting, ready to take him back to England. We were happy the day a message came from him stating that he was safely back with his old squadron. He reassumed his duties, but at first the unfortunate mission was too vivid to his memory so he was placed in a rest camp for about two weeks after which he was fit for final and complete service. He completed his missions, was in all the major battles as a fighter pilot, flying one of the fastest planes in the army, The Mustang. There was only one great city in Germany he had not seen from the air, he shot down five or six German planes; he had several narrow escapes, on one mission only three of the seventeen came back, and on another occasion he found his plane bullet ridden after he landed.

After a rest in the States he re-enlisted and after various duties on several bases he was sent to the Canal Zone where he has been occupied as instructor and patrol flier and recently he took part in the joint army, navy and marine maneuvers in Porto Rico.

In May or early June he would have been allowed

to fly from Panama to Wisconsin, a cross country flight, and we had looked forward to seeing him once more. I had personally always had the feeling that some day we would get a message that Carl had died with the machine. On the night of April 15th, I had a vague dream and vision of a plane descending slowly toward the ground and then disappear. His death does not come as a surprise to me, though it has been a soul stirring shock. Carl wanted to fly and he was only a year out of high school when he set his mind on it. First he tried to enlist in the navy as a flyer but was told that he did not have sufficient schooling, he tried the marines with the same result; he finally applied to the army and was advised to take a civilian flying course under army supervision at Amherst College, Massachusetts. After finishing this elementary course he was still not needed in the army except for glider training.

By some strange chance the commander of his particular glider unit was killed and the whole outfit was told that they could either re-enlist or go home. Carl re-enlisted and was accepted as an air cadet. From his commander we have evidence that he was an outstanding and conscientious pilot; and from his chaplain in England, who by another strange coincidence happened to be my classmate at the Western Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, we also have a letter in which he states that Carl was well liked by every man in his squadron and had a good record as a flyer. He was honored with the air medal, the distinguished Flying Cross and six oak leaf clusters.

Such is the outward frame of his career. We know that all this means very little and perhaps does not even bring comfort to those that loved him most, and yet in the choices that youth have been forced to make the latter years there must have been to them some satisfaction in knowing that they have attained in part a goal. Carl loved flying, once he wrote to us, "It's a wonderful feeling to be up there in the clean blue air."

When he seemed lost in that first mission I had just learned to know the following lines by Ralph Magee:

"Oh, I've slipped the surly bonds of Earth,
And danced the skies on laughter silvered wings,
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sunsplit clouds and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of; wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air,
Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle flew;
And while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God."

A few days later the parents of this boy received the message from the war department. "We are sorry to inform you—". But that father knew what it meant to say, "Oh death where is your sting, O, grave where is your victory?"—We have a photograph of clouds that Carl sent us before he went overseas; we have placed Magee's poem under it, forever it shall speak to us of that unseen immortal reality which we cannot live or die without. Shortly before the war broke out Carl was elected by our Eastern Dis-

strict of the Y. P. S. as a member of its executive board; he had begun to take keen interest in that little responsibility which his office entailed, but our civilization has a brutal periodical habit to break into that which ought to be and to fling us out where we should not be.

He shall never again sit at our family table, but when we shall expect the rest of our children to come

home, we shall leave a chair for him too.

LCB.

Carl was the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis. We know that we speak in behalf of a large host of readers of L. T. as we express our greetings and our sympathy to the L. C. Bundgaard family in their bereavement and sorrow.

We are grateful for the spirit of the above greeting written by a father bowed in sorrow, but at the same time comforted by the promise of eternal life beyond the darkness of death. — Editor

But The Master Is Greater

Rev. Alvin Peterson
Student Service Commission
National Lutheran Council

"This year I can really thank God; I have found Him"

A student at the University of Nebraska writes this at Thanksgiving time to the student pastor.

"When I came to college I wasn't interested in going to church; now I enjoy it"—thus writes another student.

A boy writes, "I wish my league at home could enjoy just one of our student discussions."

And the pastor comments: "The perils for students today at a great university such as ours are great..... but the Master is greater!"

"The perils for students are great . . . , but the Master is greater!" This is the spirit which motivates the church to carry on a spiritual ministry to students on campuses of non-church related colleges and universities throughout the country. Of the approximately 100,000 Lutheran students at colleges and universities in our country today, nearly 85,000 of them are on non-church related campuses. With the realization of the great need for an intensive approach to this challenging task, the Lutheran church unified its efforts among students one year ago with the creation of the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council. This commission with Dr. Morris Wee as Executive Secretary carried on the work which was formerly under the direction of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church and the Student Service Department of American Lutheran Conference. The church today goes where the Lutheran students are studying in order to hold them for Christ and the Church!

How does the church minister to Lutheran students? A picture of student work at one of the large universities of our country, the University of Nebraska, is typical of student work in an area where there is a large number of Lutheran students. At the University of Nebraska 1200 of the 9,500 students are Lutheran. Of these, approximately 800 are from the churches of the National Lutheran Council. In addition over 100 National Lutheran Council students are at Business Institutes, Nurses' Schools and other local colleges. Of the 900 students in Lincoln, approximately 200 are married some with children. To bring the ministry of the church to these students and families and to bring these students to the church is the primary task of Pastor Alvin Peterson, full time pastor for Lutheran students under the Students Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council.

But all students are not within the church! 1000 students at the University of Nebraska indicate no

church preference on the registration cards! In addition, many who indicate a church preference have had no vital experience of Christ and His saving power for them! These students constitute a challenge for the campus pastor also.

The work among students may be divided into three general parts: the ministry through the local churches, the fellowship of the Lutheran Student Association (LSA) and the counseling and soul care by the pastor for Lutheran students. It is the policy of the Student Service Commission that, wherever possible, students be encouraged to worship in a local congregation on Sunday morning rather than sponsoring separate worship services. The normal atmosphere of the morning service is believed to be the best worship environment. The preaching of the Word is still one of the most effective means of spiritual ministry. There are in Lincoln six churches of the National Lutheran Council which cheerfully open their doors to students. Some of the students also find their way into the local leagues, Sunday schools and choirs.

Students on a large campus especially need the fellowship and spiritual strength which comes from a group of their own faith who have similar problems and interests. The Lutheran Student Association meets this need. Any Lutheran student is actively or potentially a member by virtue of being a Lutheran and a student. Those who are interested band themselves together with these specific aims:

To strengthen and sustain Christian students in their faith through: the use of the Bible, privately and in groups; through prayer; through regular Church attendance; through frequent reception of Holy Communion; and through fellowship in LSA.

To seek to win students to full commitment to Christ To encourage students in the study and appreciation of the Church and its teaching for our world today, and in participation in the Church's program of Evangelism and Social Action.

To afford the opportunity for cultivating friendships and social life on a Christian level.

There are two Lutheran Student Associations at the University of Nebraska, one at the Main Campus and one at the College of Agriculture. The latter has its center and meeting place in the large parsonage of the pastor which is provided by the Student Service Commission. Each Sunday evening the students prepare their fellowship supper, spend an hour in fun, and another hour in meditation, inspiration or discussion of a vital spiritual subject. During the week the cen-

ter is used for "Interest Groups", discussions, council meetings parties and fellowship. The main campus LSA is not as fortunate in having a place to meet, yet it has a large group of interested active students. The Sunday meetings are held at First Lutheran Church and include a supper, fellowship and an hour of inspiration similar to that of the School of Agriculture LSA. The pastor's office at the Temple Building on the main campus serves as a working center and a counseling room during the week. Students from both groups meet each Sunday morning for Bible class near the city campus. Because there is no student center, students must meet in a rented room. One of the many projects of LSA is the Lutheran Student Choir of 35 voices under the direction of Mr. Leonard Blinde, student in the School of Music.

The large number of married students on the campus has made it advisable to sponsor a separate program for them. Twice each month a fine group of couples and their children meet for a covered dish supper at the pastor's home. Challenging and inspirational discussions keep these young couples interested and active in the work of the church. Many of these students live in one small room, in a tiny apartment or in a trailer. Think what it means for them to come together for a fellowship supper and then to discuss the problems which face them, both as students and homemakers.

Does student work pay? Is it worth the investment of time, effort and money by the church? It is difficult to put into writing the many fruitful experiences which come in this ministry to students. Hardly a day goes by that the campus pastor does not receive a thrill. These young men and women, sons and daughters of the church, are a special pride and joy. Jovial, spirited mature, many of them are deeply interested in the Kingdom of God and the future of the church. In LSA they find other young people who are liked minded. Joining in fellowship they gain spiritual strength and poise. The many Christian homes that find their beginning in LSA are one of its fruitful by-products. Of no little significance on the campus is the impact which the Lutheran church makes through its students on the total life of the campus. Christian students today are combatting by their lives and testimony the secularism and atheism which is present to some degree on almost every state university campus. The adherence of the church to the Word and our insistence on a Christ-centered student program serves as a dynamic influence and as a positive leaven on the campus.

The work of the Student Service Commission and its pastors is to take these young people who come to the University and other educational institutions in Lincoln and keep them for the church, enrich their lives, bring them to a deeper faith in Christ and send them back to their congregations and their communities as positive Christian leaders. To this end, the pastor concentrates on a program of intensive spiritual counseling. The field is large and not all are reached, but it is encouraging to witness students come to faith, to share with them the thrill of a new victory, and to guide them into channels of Christian service.

The social side of the ministry to students is not

primary, nor is it overlooked. Students, like everyone else, enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut, popcorn etc. There are skating parties, picnics, and singing. Nebraska students like to sing.

One of the encouraging aspects about this ministry to students at a state university is to find that we can't tell the Lutherans apart. Here they come from nearly all synods. They play together, sing together, plan and work together, study the Word together and pray together. That in any language is Lutheran unity, and likely will carry over into later life in the church with surprising effectiveness.

Does ministry to students pay? We are convinced that it does. It is only deplorable that it was not done on a full time basis sooner. Even now much more could and should be done. The one immediate need for an effective ministry in Lincoln is a Lutheran Student Center on the main campus—a Center which will be a central meeting place all week long for our students—a home away from home, a monument to our faith in the student youth of our Lutheran Church. Students of today will be among the leaders of tomorrow! Our investment in a spiritual ministry now will pay a hundred fold in a dynamic church of the future. Pray for our youth at the colleges! The perils are great, but their Master is greater!

In Memoriam

It was with great sorrow that this community Saturday morning, April 19th, learned that Herluf L. Hansen had passed away during the night. We all knew that, on doctor's orders, Herluf had been taking it easy and had to give up his work as "Area Rent Control Director" last fall, but we did not know that we were not to see him again in church and in our Danish congregation. We will all miss Herluf. He was one of our leaders, and real worker. He served as president of our congregation for many years, and was secretary of the church board when he passed away. For several years he served as trustee on our synodical board, and, for some time, was on the board of directors of the "United Danish Societies," and this year he was president of our Danish society "Dannevirke" here in Clinton.

Born sixty-two years ago last June in Clinton, he spent his entire life here, with the exception of the time he attended Grand View College. He leaves his widow and several nieces and nephews.

On the 22nd of April, he was buried from his home on Pershing Boulevard and from the church he loved and served so well. The Rev. Schoenbohm, a friend of the family for many years, spoke in the home, and Rev. Harris Jespersen delivered the funeral sermon in the church. The church was filled with flowers, and every seat was filled with friends who had come to pay their respects to a loyal and faithful worker, who had been called home.

May God bless his memory among us, and comfort Mrs. Hansen in her hour of sorrow.

Alfred Holgaard.

Christianity, Communism and Capitalism

At a recent meeting I attended about "World Peace" the question was raised from the floor: "Is it not Communism against Christianity which is, really, the issue?"—

I am sending these lines, because I feel that we cannot exclude Capitalism from the issue of world peace, and, also, because it has become a pressing inner duty which I dare not shirk.

If, when the third world war comes, only those men were to be killed or maimed, who have, lately, so vociferously proclaimed that we take a strong and uncompromising stand against Communism, "even if it leads to war" or "even if it means war" with Russia, I should not even lift my pen to write this. But, you know,—it is Johnny across the street, and the widow's son in the next block, and, then,—all those little children in my Sunday School, whom I have told that the explanation to God's fifth commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is "Thou shalt not kill," and the key to it: "Do to others as you would others should do to you."

In discussing Communism and Christianity let us frankly and candidly admit that Communism, as we know it, took over and takes over where Christianity breaks down,—in other words in Christian countries where "Christians in name only" cease to follow Christ. This can also be expressed by saying—where so-called Christians have satisfied their conscience by hearing the word of God without doing it.

It is not accidental, I believe, that the countries in which Communism is now an applied ideology, and the countries in which it, according to past events and present accounts, is closest in taking over, are the old Catholic countries, which, also according to detailed accounts and statistics are the most backward socially and progressively. Christianity, there, only meant the key to the gate of heaven after death.

Germany, which was always a socially progressive country, seems to be the proof of this contention in that at the last election no communistic majority was voted in any zone, as far as I have understood the newspapers. Only, then, we must admit, in case of utter misery, starvation, and despair would Germany turn to Communism as the last act of self-preservation. There is ample evidence both in facts and in print of the contention that misery, hunger and despair breeds Communism, simply as self-protection.

Communism, then, as an applied ideology is basically a remedy to correct the injustices of onesided economic and social conditions of whatever causes.

Now, under the circumstances, and following up what has here been developed, it is my contention that Communism as we know it, is a transitory social and economic condition, which, when the conditions causing it have been overcome, will develop into some kind of State Capitalism.—It was also contended, I clearly remember, when Russia was an admired ally, that what existed in Russia was not at all Communism, but State Capitalism.—Reversely, no-one, I am sure, in view of the fact confronting us, will contend that Capitalism as we know it today is a stationary, economic institution and condition. It must necessarily

change with the needs that create it, if it is to continue.

Now, I am sure, too, that I have heard accusations of State Capitalism against Franklin D. Roosevelt, so it does not seem so far-fetched to suggest such a basis as a possible common ground for Capitalism and Communism to debate their economic needs, instead of point blank stating that we are out to fight and to block Communism even if it means war. The result, certainly, will not save Capitalism, but, probably, as in England, if anything is saved at all, spell its final doom.

And, if we are willing to debate all questions and settle all questions in a Christian spirit, say through the United Nations Organization, demonstrating clearly to the Russians, who, we must not forget, discarded Christianity because the Christians only heard God's word, but did not do it; if we in the U.N.O. clearly demonstrate our Christian spirit—with a will to do to others as we would others should do to us—with a will to love one another as Christ loved us—with a will to peace on earth in the spirit of the Christ we confess and hear,—instead of in a worldly spirit of selfishness and force, then, through the power and the grace of God, I believe, that even the Communists would recognize some of that spirit in the love of Lenin to the common man, and that we both, America and Russia, could save our sons for constructive work in the world, and as the joy and pride of mother and father and country at home.

Svend Holm.

Memorial Service For King Christian X

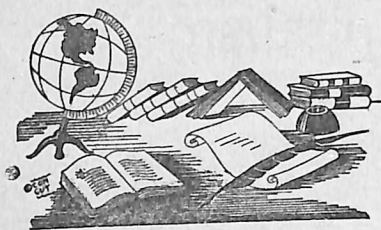
A memorial service for King Christian X of Denmark, who passed away on Sunday, April 20th, was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue at 12th Street, New York City, on Friday evening, May 2, at 8 o'clock, attended by Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the United States; William Borberg, Danish Minister to the United Nations; Consul General Sigurd Christensen; Count Benedict Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, Financial Counselor; Consul Viggo Jensen; members of the consular staff and other notables

The Rev. Dr. J. V. Moldenhawer of the First Presbyterian will be the host on behalf of the church, and the services will be in charge of the Rev. Dr. A. T. Dorf, assisted by ministers of Danish churches in New York, the Rev. C. M. Videbeck of the Salem Church of Brooklyn, the Rev. A. C. Kildegaard of the Trinity Church of the Bronx, and the Rev. Frantz-Oluf Lund, of Our Saviors Church in Brooklyn, with members of the Society of former members of the Danish Royal Guard as ushers.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE, 1947

RACINE, WISCONSIN



Across the Editor's Desk

The Lutheran World Action is now on its last stretch toward the final goal of raising the \$10,000,000 for Relief and Rehabilitation in the war-scarred world area.

The Augustana Synod was the first of the eight participating bodies of The National Lutheran Council to "go over the top." With a two-year goal of \$1,164,275.84 the cash receipts from the synod on April 23 were \$1,167,198.38.

The total amount raised by all of the eight Lutheran bodies as of that date was \$7,185,394.99 or 71.8 per cent.

Our synod has just passed the halfway mark of our goal, on that same date a 53.6 per cent of the \$56,463.62 expected from us.

We know that a number of our congregations have made special efforts recently in reaching their full quota. Would it not be possible that we in all our congregations laid all excuses aside and buckled down to some honest and sincere thinking and action, and finish what should really be a very minor matter to dispose of: Less than a cent a day for a period of two years to give aid to starving, dying people, rebuilding of homes and churches etc. And we living in a land of plenty, yes in many respects we squander with money, food and luxuries!

We plan to publish in the June 5th and the June 20th issues of L. T. a list of the congregations that have reached their quota 100 per cent. Let us see if it would not be possible to have quite a substantial list of names, and what a joy if all our congregations would say: **Now, If Ever—Lutheran World ACTION!**

Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

Our Paper Is Growing

Dear Editor:

I want to bring you my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the poem about "Washington, The Man"; Rev. Enslemann's article, "Spiritual Growth" and Alfred Nielsen's articles as they appear in L. T. It is truly like daily bread; and I can not help thinking: "not by bread alone but by every word that goes out of 'His Mouth' do we live." It is wonderful to me that our "Ordets Tjenere" are getting better all the time in expressing their thoughts. There is growth now that is blessed and encouraging also in our little Church. We need not be a Loke to hear that "grass grow".

There is a matter I long to broach to all who wish to find aid for a fuller life in fellowship. Should there not be a small space in L. T. devoted to finding the best programs on the radio? I have often been most happy to have read of a new and fine program or speaker. Being alone so much of the time it has meant much to me and I have longed to share all this with others. I have almost felt sorry for so many who are too occupied to hear them.

The Jewish program, "Eternal Light", is one of the outstanding folk life programs. It appears Sunday evening, 6:30 E. S. T. As a Dane I feel I am with kindred souls once a week in that half hour. May we pray to grow in grace and holiness as we learn that we are all children of one Father, and that what is a gain for one of the great family is a gain for all.

Sincerely,
Mari Stottrup,
McMinnville, Oregon.

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Cedar Falls, Iowa

Dear Editor:

I think you are doing a grand job on "Lutheran Tidings". It has more and more material in it for use as reference, material one wishes to save for future use. That is certainly fine and the real purpose of a church paper.

I am wondering if others feel as I do about the need for a table of contents. Unless one cuts out the article, or writes on the outside of the particular issue it is endless searching to locate an article after a month or two has passed by. I like the Table of Contents on the cover—the title of the article and the name of author. Incidentally, I am inclined to think that the paper would be more widely read. For people who are not too actively participating in the work of the church and who think they are too busy to page through the publication to see if there is anything they might be interested in, there might be a little more of an incentive to read if the eye could catch either a title or an author's name, upon picking it up.

My personal reason for desiring a Table of Contents is to save me time in hunting for articles I want to re-read.

Yours truly,
Agnes Holst.

Thank you for the fine greeting and your suggestion.

The possibility of a Table of Contents has been considered before. We realize the need for same, and we shall be happy to have same presented at a meeting of the Committee on Publications, the governing board of our paper.

Due to the fact that we print only twice a month we usually need all the space available, and have so far found it impractical to relinquish the front page for a Table of Contents. But we do believe, that part of a page could be set aside for same. The editor, of course, should not object to "a little extra work."

Editor.

More Practical Suggestions

Dear Editor:

The "Lutheran Tidings" should have a practical page about church work—very graphic, very understandable; sometimes about the synod, and sometimes about the local work: procedures, suggestions, questions and answers. These should be mostly contributed by local members.

There is still something needed to make a large number of Danish Ev. Lutheran Church members feel that L. T. is their paper and that it often has helpful ideas in it, besides the inspirational material. To have that feeling of belonging to a church group that reads and expresses itself in L. T. aids in bringing about a unity in a synod that is helpful to each congregation and its members.

The convention too should furnish help to its delegates who have special problems to solve—more discussion about practical things.

Gertrude H. Mortensen,
Seattle, Wash.

A Young Man's View Of The Church

In a church bulletin an ex-G. I. writes the following thoughtful expression of what he likes to see in a church:

"Anyone who has traveled considerably as we boys in the service have no doubt visited many churches, both large and small in these United States. I have visited several in the east and south and find it truly a thrilling experience. When one visits other churches he can not help but compare it to

his own at home. By comparing I mean the attitude of the people attending, and the choir. Of course, he will observe the church structure itself, whether it looks fabulous or poor in structure, but he realizes this is not the important factor to a thriving Christian community. The true picture is seen in what takes place inside the church.

One of the most striking and thrilling experiences one can undertake on a Sunday morning is to attend church when it is completely filled and the ushers are in a frenzy about finding seats for the late comers. One feels that he is living in a community where God's word has an influence and he feels that he is a part of a thriving organization which brings him satisfaction and peace of mind. Through the doors pass men of all walks of life, the farmer, the businessman, the laborer, the teacher, the professional man. Here in the church they are all equal in the eyes of Him, whom they have come to worship, regardless of their profession, wealth or poverty. Yes, the church can be a great influence in any community if we would play our part."

It All Comes Back To Me Now

I fell for it, hook, line and sinker. But I will not bite twice on the same hook. Does that mean that I want war? No, I hate war.

The word Pacifism, whether heard or read, has almost the identical meaning to me, that Quisling has to the Norwegians. It speaks not of strength and truth, but of weakening demoralization. But once again that word is creeping into our headlines and many people are falling for it, hook, line and sinker.

"It is none of our business what Russia is doing to her people", thus spoke a man who had fought in the first world war. I could not help thinking: Then why the Lutheran World Action, if it is none of our business how the rest of the world is faring? Yes, it is our business. We are living in "One World". But it sorely needs improvement!

I understand that our church is on record as being opposed to military conscription.

"Fleet Air Wing Four", a patrol bombing unit of the U. S. Navy needed a replacement crew and plane. There were no trained crews available. Eight of us volunteered. We had to fly through some of the worst weather conditions in the world. I had never had the radar turned on. In fact I didn't know how to turn it on. But we left on a three thousand mile journey in the air with a pilot who had never made a water landing, and we were flying in a sea plane.

It took us two weeks, but it should only have taken us two days. I wished that I had more time to learn of a job on which depended seven lives besides my own.

Yes, disarm and become a peace loving nation! (?) But I hope that the next time that I crash in the Bering Sea, that it will not be because of motors that had had too many hours service could not be replaced—because it is too cold there!

Ralph Buhl
Tyler, Minn.

We should like to hear more from Ralph Buhl in regard to the best means for improving present world conditions.

Do you really think that even the most well-balanced preparedness for another possible war will solve the problem? We believe that our goal must be a United Nations co-operating under the banner of active Pacifism.

Editor.

Lines By A Layman

"I AM AT A LOSS"-----

Yes, I am at a loss to understand, and wonder as I may, I seem unable to find a justified reason for the continued in-activity that our District shows from convention to convention. Our District, comprising a portion of lower Michigan, consists of 11 (eleven) congregations, which as a District for all practical purposes as to promoting Christian Life and fellowship are total strangers to each other, except for the usual group that attends District conventions once a year.

We meet at a pre-designated spot for these annual meetings, but promptly upon adjournment thereof forget that we exist as a unit of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surely we must have problems in common wherever in the District we may be located. Do we not have sorrows and happiness, hopes and aspirations that should be shared and shared alike, or are we sufficient unto ourselves?

At this writing eight months has elapsed since our last annual convention, and I know not of a single "District" activity that would tend to bring us in closer fellowship with one another. Other than for synodical records we do not exist. Do we not as a district unit have an obligation to perform and not merely exist as a book record? What are we doing as a District to promote Christian life outside of our own community? What do we hope to accomplish? What do we need to do?

Perhaps now that the war years are over, with its shortage of gas and transportation in general, we might begin to plan and put into effect some district doings. For the sake of our God, for the sake of our Church that teaches his Gospel and for the sake of ourselves we must no longer isolate each congregation. We need a shot in the heart and soul to awaken us from our Rip Van Winkle sleep.

Sometime ago a district leader told me: "It is easy to criticize, but tell us what **you** would do. What have **you** to suggest?"

First I would suggest that each congregation be assigned a given week-end in a given month which could be designated as "District Visitation Sunday," inviting members from all other of our district congregations to come and visit with it, come and get to know us better, come to hear our pastor, come to enjoy our singing and music, come to fellowship with us if only for a day.

Such week-end trips with a set destination and goal would surely make many new friendships possible. One month my family will go, next month your family perhaps.

Secondly, I would suggest "Council Forums" each quarter, wherein the respective members and their wives comprising the many congregational boards sit in an "ALL COUNCIL" round table forum, for the purpose of bringing these key members of our churches into closer relationship and for the further purpose of bringing ourselves up to date upon current matters pertaining to Lutheran welfare, and wherein we can discuss problems of leadership and receive vital messages of inspiration from knowing and learning of other churches' problems and their handling thereof, and sort of consoling together in Christian union.

Yes, I would suggest several other activities that would awaken us and take us out of our humdrum as a unit of our Lutheran Church in America. I would even dare suggest a good old-fashioned church picnic. An "all-district" one to cover a Saturday afternoon and evening of wholesome fun and sport, with a stay over for Sunday devotions.

Thus putting Christianity into fellowship with one another; Christian life and work demands sharing and sharing all.

B. P. Christensen.

A Thank You

We are indeed thankful for the several and very fine Greetings and Comments for this column. We feel confident that we are on the "upward trail" and we urge all our readers to consider the possibilities we have of making this column a real "workshop" for our ideas, suggestions, criticisms, etc.

Although we will not have room for greetings from all our readers in one issue, we nevertheless extend the invitation to all to contribute in some manner to this or other columns in our publication. Only then will it be in the full meaning of the word, our Church Paper.

Who will be the next contributor?

Editor.

Grand View College And Our Youth

Greetings

Everybody at G. V. C. has been hustling with activities. Of course "Studentfest" is the reason. The living room has become a stage upon which rehearsals are going on every night. People are seen staggering exhaustedly from the gym after a rigorous workout for the gym and folk-dancing exhibition. All these are indications that the big days are coming.

Friday the 25th Grand Views' hallows ed halls and spires received a face lifting. All hands turned out with bushes, brooms, buckets and brawn to transform the building, whose winter makeup was not becoming, into a shining castle radiating in the splendor of spring. The windows reluctantly gave up their dirt and the sun splashed through. The dingy walls took new heart and the floors reflected the bright-ly washed woodwork. Most marvelous to behold was the willing, industrious spirit found in the students. A seemingly endless task was accomplished in a few short hours. Reward: coffee for all.

Thursday, the 24th. Dr. John Knudsen gave a very inspiring lecture entitled, "The Standard We Live By." He traced the guiding principles through our own standards. Rev. A. E. Farstrup, formerly of Los Angeles, California, and an alumnus of Grand View stopped via here on his way to Europe, to speak to the students. His lecture Wednesday night, April 16, concerned itself with the thought: What it means to belong to a people. Thursday morning, April 17th, Rev. Farstrup lectured on "What Is Man?" He was the second lecturer brought here by the funds from the National Lutheran Council.

Approximately 350 alumni and future aspirants are expected at Studentfest. Preparations and more preparations have created a feeling of suspense. The slogan is "We'll see you at Studentfest."

The New Training Course

John Sorensen.
(Seattle, Washington)

Johannes Knudsen.

In the meantime I will introduce the course to you by the statement about it which is included in our bulletin. I hope that there will be a keen interest in this course and that many will enroll for it.

"This training course has for its purpose the training of young men and women to become effective workers in the program of the church, especially in the fields of religious education and youth activities, without making this work a profession. It is designed also to meet the needs of young people who may wish to attend Grand View College for their own personal development without any particular thought of pursuing an academic career. The course does not offer college credit, but it is open to students enrolled in the Junior College, and in the determining of student load the subjects of the training course will equal the Junior College subjects.

"Stress will be laid upon personal development and upon appreciation of Christianity as the integrating factor in human living. The course will consist of lectures, discussions, and project work in the fields of Biblical study and church history. In addition, courses in religious education and leadership principles are offered in which the emphasis will be on the development of techniques and skills whereby the student may equip himself or herself for effective leadership in the Sunday School and youth activities in the local congregation.

"The subjects of the training course should be supplemented by courses in the Junior College. We recommend English, history, sociology, psychology, literature, speech, Danish, and Bible. Especially the courses in physical education and recreational leadership form a valuable practical addition to the training course. Commercial subjects offer good training in the chorus is highly recommended and training in choir direction will be provided."

News From Grand View College

Work on the remodeling of the old main building will start in June. We plan to enlarge and re-equip all the bathrooms. A girls rest room will be built on the main floor, and some remodeling will be done in re-arranging class rooms and offices. The foundation for the new temporary science laboratory, given to us by the government, has been completed behind the gym hall, and the building should be ready in a few weeks. The government has also given us most of the fixtures needed for the bathrooms in the old building.

Speaking about government surplus, we can mention also that we have received a walk-in electric refrigerator, 6x7x8 feet, from an air base in Kansas. It is somewhat used but can be fixed up at little expense. We have also purchased for the physics laboratory a radio transmitting set worth \$1,800.00 at a cost of \$30.00. We are working hard at the matter and expect to get quite a bit more of science and kitchen equipment.

An advertising bulletin has been printed and sent to all the homes of the Synod. If you have not received one, please write for it. The regular catalog may be had upon inquiry, and registration blanks are also available. The tuition price next year will be \$200.00. Board and room will cost \$325.00. A tuition scholarship of \$25.00 per semester will be available to all members of the Danish Lutheran Church. Application should be made to the Synodical Secretary, Rev. H. O. Nielsen. Application blanks are available at the office of Grand View College. These scholarships will be paid out of the usual Synodical grant to the college and will not require an additional grant. Instead of being used in the general account of the college, the Synodical grant will thus mainly be used in direct aid to students.

As this is being written we are getting ready for Studentfest. We are expecting a large crowd, and the weather has been perfect. Bushes are green, trees are budding, and we hope for a perfect setting for the festival.

Johannes Knudsen.

Grand View College,
April 29, 1947.

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KEEP IT GOING thru LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

OUR CHURCH

Withee, Wis.— Memorial service for Lt. Carl Herbert Bundgaard, was held in the Nazareth Church on April 27th. Rev. Alfred Jensen conducted the service using the text for the day for his sermon, particularly the words, "You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." It was an inspiring and comforting message. The church was filled with people from far and near. All three of Carl's remaining brothers and his one sister had come home for the occasion and to take part in the communion which was part of the service. Mrs. V. A. Hansen sang beautifully, "When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul." This hymn had made a deep impression on Carl when he heard it over the radio about a year ago. Carl H. Bundgaard was killed in an army plane crash in Panama on April 15th, 1947.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—St. Stephen's Danish Ev. Lutheran Church will observe its 75th anniversary on August 24th this year. Jens Jessen, vice president of the church, is the chairman for the anniversary program. The Rev. Spholm was the first pastor of the church.

Bridgeport, Conn.—The Men's Club of the Bridgeport church has recently made some new improvements in the sacristy of the church, also taking care of the expenses connected with the same.

A Building Fund has been started. The "Friendship Circle" made the first contribution toward the same, and

later several other donations were made.

Menominee, Mich.—Pastor M. F. Blichfeld from Denmark was the guest speaker in the Menominee congregation Tuesday evening, April 22nd. The Men's Club was the host for the evening and served refreshments after the meeting.

Dalum, Canada—The Dalum congregation observed its "Stiftelsesfest" on Sunday, May 4th.

St. Stephen's, Chicago—Rev. Holger Andersen, Viborg, So. Dak., was the guest speaker in the St. Stephen's church Sunday, April 20th. Rev. Andersen will enroll for the coming year for post-graduate work at the University of Montana, Missoula, Mont.

The Eastern District of the D. A. Y. P. L. will convene for its annual meeting at Our Savior's Danish Lutheran Church, 9th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. on May 30, 31 and June 1st. Irving Nielsen of Staten Island is the District President. The Rev. F. O. Lund is pastor of the host church.

Seattle, Wash.—The Junior League at a recent meeting voted to aim at raising \$200.00 for the remodeling and refurbishing of the junior auditorium under the parsonage.

A new heating unit will be installed in the parsonage in the near future. A contract has been signed for same.

The Danish Gymnasts gave an exhibition in the Civic Auditorium of Seattle on Thursday evening, April 24.

The Annual Convention of Our Sister Synod, The United Evangelical Lutheran Church, will be held also in Racine, Wis., the week after our convention there, namely June 24-29. "The convention has secured the facilities of the Washington Park High School for the sessions of the convention. Included in these facilities are the auditorium-gym-

Announcement

My wife, our youngest son and I are leaving for a visit to Denmark, Norway and Sweden on May 12th. The synod's accounts will, during our absence, be handled by the auditor, Mr. Hermod Strandskov. This will not necessitate any change of address and it only means that my mail will be handled by Mr. Strandskov instead of by me personally.

We will miss being at the convention in June. May it be richly blessed and may its deliberations and decisions be of importance for the spiritual growth of our little synod.

Sincerely yours,

Olaf R. Juhl,
Synod Treasurer,
4752 Oakland Ave.,
Minneapolis 7, Minn.

April 25th, 1947. (2t)

nasium, the cafeteria and class rooms for special sessions and committee meetings. It is planned to hold all convention business sessions and worship services, with the exception of communion services, in the gymnasium which is large enough to accommodate comfortably any gathering of the convention. The cafeteria, fully provided with modern equipment, is adequate for the serving of 400 at a sitting. Adjoining the school property are a nine-hole golf course and a large swimming pool. Also a fine grove of trees and spacious lawns and parkways offer attractive opportunities for between session strolls. (From "Ansgar Lutheran")

The Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, Pastor of St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church was elected president of the Perth Amboy Area Council of Churches at its annual meeting on April 15th. Even though the Perth Amboy area is a Roman Catholic stronghold, the Perth Amboy Area Council of Churches, representing Protestant churches of Perth Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, Avenel, Cartaret, and South Amboy, New Jersey, represents approximately 30,000 Protestants. Mrs. George Farroat, also of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, was elected treasurer. The Council is represented by one pastor and two lay members from each church.

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Religious Literature

For the past nine months the Council of Elementary Religious education has been making arrangements to become an official member of the International Council of Religious Education. At the annual meeting of this group in Grand Rapids, Michigan we were represented and the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America joined the forty other denominations belonging to this body.

The International Council of Religious Education publishes many tracts and pamphlets as well as books for the help of Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, etc. From time to time a list of their printing and its availability to you will be found in these pages. If you wish to order any of this material you may do so by writing to the undersigned or directly to the council at 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill.

The seven most recent publications are:

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NEWS BRIEFS

HANS LILJE APPOINTED BISHOP OF HANNOVER

New York.—Dr. Hans Lilje, 48-year-old prominent anti-Nazi German churchman and former general secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, has been elected bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hannover, Germany, according to a report received here by the National Lutheran Council. He succeeds Bishop August Marahrens, leader of the so-called "moderate" group of German Protestants accused of compromising with Hitler, who recently submitted his resignation to the American Military Government after holding office for 22 years.

Bishop-elect Lilje is a member of the executive committee of the newly-created Evangelical Church in Germany, a federation of Lutheran, Reformed and Prussian Union churches. He is also a member of the faculty of the new Ecumenical Institute established by the World Council of Churches in Geneva, where he taught a course at the Institute's first term last fall.

A native of Hannover, Dr. Lilje is chairman of the German Study Commission which is preparing a report on "The Lutheran Church Facing the Problems in a Troubled World" for presentation at the assembly of the Lutheran World Federation to be held at Lund, Sweden, June 30 to July 6. He is expected to visit the United States after the assembly. (RNS)

CHRISTIAN PROPAGANDA FILM HAS WORLD PREMIERE

Washington, D. C.—An estimated 2,500 persons attended the world premiere showing at Constitution Hall here of "The Way of Peace," a movie depicting the Christian answer to the threat of atomic destruction. The film was presented under auspices of the American Lutheran Church, in cooperation with the Washington Federation of Churches.

A number of congressmen, high government officials in the executive department, and representatives of the diplomatic corps attended the showing.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D.-Colo.) told the audience that "both believers and unbelievers among the atomic sci-

entists are certain that there is only one answer to the atomic bomb—the brotherhood of man."

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches and Dr. James Shera Montgomery, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, also spoke. Dr. Gerhard E. Lenski, pastor of Grace Lutheran church here, presided. He said frankly that the picture is "pure propaganda" for the Christian viewpoint.

"The Way of Peace," produced in the East-West Studios in Los Angeles, now will be shown in cities throughout the nation. It is said to be the first film of a serious nature ever to be made with miniature animated figures.

Attending the premiere were the Rev. H. K. Rasbach, pastor of First Lutheran church of Fullerton, Calif., creator and technical supervisor for the picture; Wah Ming Chang, the photographer, and his wife, also a photographer, and Blanding Sloan, who with Wah Ming Chang, produced the film. (RNS)

PROTESTANT YOUTH COMMITTEE FORMED IN RHODE ISLAND

Providence, R. I.—Protestant youth is being organized in Rhode Island in a more thorough way than ever before. A Protestant Youth Committee of Rhode Island has been established, with the aid of the R. I. Council of Churches, and is sponsoring radio programs, recreational and educational activities.

The Council aims to serve as a clearing house for youth plans and activities, and to make the voice of youth felt in church and community. (RNS)

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