

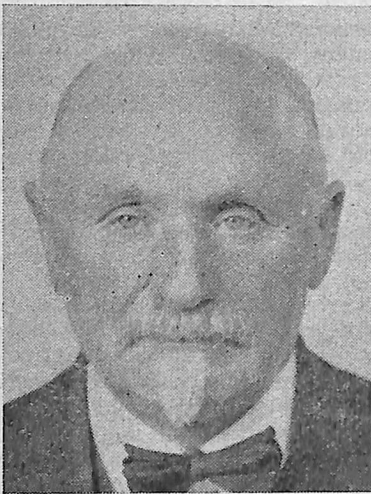
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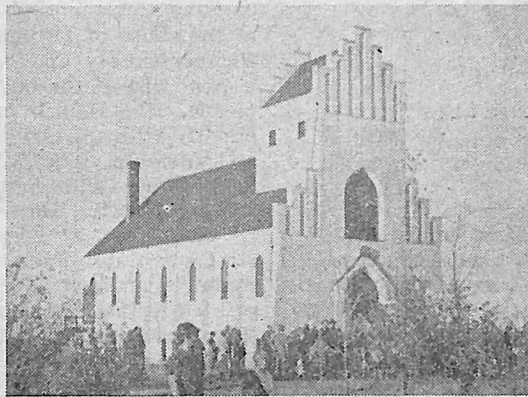
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Mrs. P. Rasmussen

Greetings To The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Convention, Racine, Wis.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Blessed be the God and Father our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 1, 3.)

The more I ponder on our distinction and honor as Christians, the more wonderful and rich the spiritual realities become to me. The more we live Christianity the better is the understanding.

First of all we have a heavenly Father, we are God's own children. As such we are cared for, as such we are beloved. John has stated this fact in one of his letters: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." In accordance with this we read from the pen of St. Paul: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We may also think of Peter's exhortation: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We have the Holy Spirit as a leader, the in-

spired word to guide us, the Christian fellowship to share (how often has it not encouraged me on Sundays that as we are having our service in our church way out on the great prairie, so the people also gathered throughout the world) the communion table to strengthen us, the privilege of prayer. And that privilege is unlimited.

When I read my New Testament especially the chapters in the gospel of St. John 14, 15, 16, I am face to face with promise upon promise given by Jesus to his friends the last evening in the upper room, and these promises came true on Pentecost, the great turning point in the apostle's life. There was a before and an after.

As we have promises and privileges, so also have we obligations; these go hand in hand as Peter speaks of it that we "should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into the marvelous light." Peter did that on Pentecost, he was obliged to do it, he could not do otherwise, the life within his heart had to be revealed, through his words and actions.

May you at the convention richly and abundantly be blessed in such a way that the Danish Lutheran Church inspired by the Holy Spirit will be able to go forward in days to come.

P. RASMUSSEN.

REPORT TO THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Held at Racine, Wis., June 17-22, 1947

By Alfred Jensen, Synodical President

Seventy Years

It is with rejoicing and thanksgiving that we look back upon the past today. God has been good to the Danish Lutheran Church throughout the seventy years of humble but earnest efforts on the part of its membership to serve His kingdom and glorify His Name. Let us be reminded of the words of the Psalmist:

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.
Serve Jehovah with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that Jehovah, he is God,
It is he that hath made us and we are his;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise,
Give thanks unto him and bless his name.
For Jehovah is good; his loving-kindness endureth
forever, and his faithfulness unto all generations.

(Psalm 100)

May our fellowship during this convention be undergirded with the deepfelt joy over the blessing of God which has rested upon our synod and its life and work the last year as well as during its entire lifetime. And may we humbly and earnestly ask to be consecrated with the Holy Spirit and with power from on high in order that we may take up the unfinished task before us, apply ourselves to the problems at hand and bring strength and hope to the generations to come.

It is also fitting that we at this time remember the pioneers of our Church. There were those who labored in Denmark that the sons and daughters of its church should not be lost in the wilderness of worldliness and sectarianism. Strong and consecrated messengers were prepared and sent over here to plant the seeds of God's harvest, to gather the scattered children of Denmark into churches and little by little these found themselves united within a sacred fellowship of faith and sacrament, imbued by the same hope of eternal life, dedicated to serve the kingdom of God among fellow countrymen.

Here is not the place to tell this story. We know how the bonds of fellowship have endured through many storms and trials, how the grace of God and the love of Christ have surmounted all difficulties. We have been led undeservedly into this new day, when we see new opportunities and responsibilities before us at any turn of the road. We feel very humble in the face of the challenge the future places before us. May God grant us increased and constantly renewed faith and courage, power and devotion, with which to serve His kingdom and build His Church within the Danish Lutheran Church.

Danish Contacts

During the last half year Rev. M. F. Blichfeld visited and spoke—sometimes in both languages—to most of our congregations. It was a fairly easy task to arrange his itinerary and I feel sincerely thankful to all those who helped to make it an easy task. Rev. Blichfeld had a good message, which was received with appreciation and he felt very grateful to everyone who had made it possible for him to complete his visits to our churches.

Some of our churches also enjoyed visits that Rev. Evald Kristensen made while he was the guest of the family of his daughter and son-in-law in Solvang.

Mr. and Mrs. Frode Hasseriis made extensive trips to visit most of our congregations last summer. They were welcomed and appreciated warmly. The bonds of understanding and fellowship are strengthened through such visits as well as that of innumerable other guests from Denmark. May it continue to be possible to cultivate, establish new and reestablish, such ties of friendship and spiritual kinship.

Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard, Copenhagen, found himself

compelled to postpone his visit to the Danish Lutherans in this country until next year, chiefly due to temporary ill health but also to serious and pressing duties. We will look forward to his visit with us next year, remembering with gratitude the fine message he sent to our convention last year through Mr. Erik Lindhardt.

Genuine and deepfelt sorrow filled our hearts at the passing of King Christian. The many memories of his contributions to the cause of Denmark's freedom linger fresh in our minds. His personality and courageous faith and determination will become one of the outstanding peaks of the life of the Danish people. The Danish people faces the future calmly and confidently with the new king and queen, experienced and capable of leadership.

Together with representatives of the Danish press, the president of the Danish Brotherhood, Mr. John Hansen, and Dr. N. C. Carlsen, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, an address was prepared and presented to the State department at Washington in March. Its text has been printed in the Danish papers. It carried the signatures of more than one hundred and fifty well known Danish-Americans. Whether this address will be able to accomplish its purpose is doubtful. South Slesvig seems firmly in the grasp of the Germanizing forces. However, the address may serve as an encouragement to those who work valiantly for a better day among the Danes in South Slesvig.

A great many of our members are visiting Denmark this summer. As instructed by the convention last summer I have appointed a committee of three to arrange for a joint trip to Denmark in the summer of 1948. Steamship space, it seems, will still be so restricted next year that it seems doubtful according to words from the committee whether any steamship company will be willing to reserve space for such a purpose. There is still hope. The members of the committee are: Rev. M. Mikkelsen, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Aage Jensen, Pasadena, Calif.; and Mr. Thormod Jensen, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Perhaps the committee ought to be enlarged in order better to represent the various sections of the country as well as the DAYPL. Likewise it might be wise to give it discretionary power to postpone the trip to 1949.

Recommendation No. 1.

A resolution in memory of the pioneers of seventy years ago be drawn up offering thanks to the mother church for its care and love through seventy years. Such resolution thanking God first and most of all.

Recommendation No. 2.

A resolution expressing confident hope of the future should be added.

Resolution No. 3.

Suitable appreciation should be expressed for the visits of the three visitors mentioned with an added note of good things expected from the coming visit of Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard.

Resolution No. 4.

A resolution to be presented in memory of the death of King Christian and the succession to the throne of King Frederik and Queen Ingrid.

Resolution No. 5.

That the cooperation in preparing and presenting to the state department the address and signatures on the South Slesvig Question be approved.

Resolution No. 6.

That the committee for arranging a trip to Denmark with the synod as sponsor be given the right to supplement itself with as many additional members as it may deem advisable in order to give it adequate representation. Furthermore, that DAYPL be given opportunity to be represented on the committee. Also that the committee be given authority to postpone the trip till 1949 if it thinks this step advisable.

I Cherish the Hope that the Conquering Spring

I cherish the hope that the conquering spring
New summer will bring,
And smile at the doubter's complaining.
Let winter imprison the snow-covered land,
The ice-king his glittering kingdom expand,
Yet summer its reign is regaining.

To birds of ill omen I will not give heed,
They shall not succeed
In quenching my hope with reviling.
The children at play and the flowers I love,
The woodlands and fields and the heavens above,
And the sunset on quiet lakes smiling.

Though often the ice-bands the heart-strings entwine
—They do so with mine—
I do not surrender to sadness,
For under their blanket of glittering snow
Lie thousands of wonderful seed-corn, I know,
Awaiting the summer with gladness.

I trust in the living and merciful Lord,
From whom we came forth,
To whom our souls are returning.
I hope that God's heaven shall be filled with a host
So great that the devil shall know he has lost,
And no one gives heed to his mourning.

ADAM DAN,
Tr. by J. C. Aaberg. May 1947

State of the Synod

The character of the congregational life as well as the work carried forward with the exception of a few places have fairly well been integrated into that of the American Church community with which our synod increasingly becomes identified. English is to be considered the chief medium of intercourse. Danish customs and culture nevertheless have great influence and in a religious sense, I venture to maintain, that our congregations are still deeply embedded in Danish Christianity. Superficially there might seem to be a great difference, but people's ways and actions, even expressions, may change considerably without any permanent change being effected within the soul and mind.

For this reason we still have a good claim on being the Danish Church although the language is fading out of the picture. It is especially gratifying according to my views that the broadness and spaciousness with respect to tolerating and encompassing varying, even clashing viewpoints theologically and philosophically are still with us. We have within the ranks of the ministry exponents of widely divergent viewpoints and the lay people carry with them similar characteristics. This inclusiveness according to my judgment has been characteristic of the Danish Church since its start 70 years ago. Clearly defined boundaries have been avoided. Our constitution may lack in conciseness, but for that very reason emphasizes the main Christian contribution: God's action in saving men through the Means of Grace.

But being inclusive and broadminded does not assure Christian growth. I would like to state that our synod sorely needs the direction and influence of the Council for Elementary Christian Education. The teaching in Sunday School, Summer Vacation School and the Confirmation Classes as well should be reinforced and given definite direction by better training of the teaching personnel but especially by the improvement of teaching material. We have stressed the importance of attitudes and fellowship to the extent that we have neglected the importance of imparting religious knowledge and information concerning the Christian way of life, thinking and living. A look at the statistician's report should convince us that somehow, our Sunday Schools are sadly depleted of pupils and our summer vacation schools likewise. These should be the main recruiting divisions of the church. Perhaps the reasons for the lack of growth in numbers of the synod can be found here. To me carefully prepared Sunday and Summer School work implemented by a good teaching staff will be a better means of assuring ourselves of a future harvest than anything else, that can be done.

There are those who complain about the character of the preaching we have in our synod. To me it is impossible to generalize, since our well known independence of mind allows each minister to preach according to his own particular light. I feel that as a whole the gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners is being preached effectively in our synod, according to the various convictions and abilities of the preachers. Our hymns from the "Hymnal for Church and Home" as well as the "Junior Hymnal" supply our need in

this respect and "World of Song" for meetings outside the church.

This year will see inauguration of the Church Worker's Course at Grand View College. Rev. A. E. Farstrup has accepted election as its director. This is a forward step and can become of immense importance to the future of elementary education and youth work in our synod. No one should expect immediate dividends, but it may be the spearhead for an improved approach to these important tasks.

A couple of years ago I ventured to suggest that each district by right should have a center for its proper attention to many problems, such as Sunday School teacher's conferences and training days, Youth camps, shorter periods for older people in which to meet and listen to lectures. A good many more uses than these can be found. Since then Danebod Folk High School has had a real blood transfusion and has come to serve in the capacities suggested. Nysted is also on the way back and Solvang with Atterdag College is looking for the possible establishment of a boarding High School for young people. These attempts deserve far more attention and support than they are getting outside of their own immediate neighborhoods.

But these three places cannot properly answer all the needs. We need to find a camp site in each of the remaining districts, improve it and build the buildings necessary for its efficient use by young and old people during the available summer seasons. With the aid of the above mentioned places and Grand View College, we would have the main centers or basis of operation for an elementary education and youth program.

Recommendation No. 7.

That the Council for Elementary Christian Education and Publication Committee of the Synod cooperate in order to produce the best possible and most easily available material for use in Summer Vacation and Sunday School and Confirmation classes.

Recommendation No. 8.

That the synod decide to collect a fund of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring camp sites and improving these as well as aiding the already available places like Danebod, Nysted and Atterdag, in order that each district may have a center for the purpose of Sunday School conferences and training classes, youth camps, older people's shorter meetings, leadership training courses, pastor's retreats. The cooperation of the district board with the DAYPL district board and the local authorities should be obtained for this purpose.

Vacant Churches and Pastoral Supply.

These churches are at present or will soon be without the services of a resident pastor: West Denmark and Bone Lake, Viborg and Gayville, Brush, Cordova, Tacoma, Danevang, Manistee. There is one student in the theological class expecting to graduate next winter: Gordon Miller. During the year the following have been ordained: Peter Thomsen to serve Omaha and Clayton Nielsen to serve Denmark. Pastor Halvdan Knudsen, Vejle, Denmark, has accepted a

call to serve Los Angeles, left vacant with Rev. Farstrup's acceptance of a call to direct the Church Worker's Course. Two candidates have been granted ordination at this convention: Harold Riber commissioned to serve the Santal Mission and Leif Kirkegaard, special student at Grand View College seminary for the past year, called to serve Ringsted.

Rev. Holger M. Andersen is at present serving Wilbur, but intends to take up studies at the University of Washington this fall. I hope he will be able to serve both Tacoma and Wilbur from then on. Chaplain Verner Hansen, out of the army, is studying at the University of Chicago, while Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Cordova, has resigned in order to devote his time fully to completing his college course.

It was with a heavy heart we laid Rev. A. W. Andersen, our synod's ordinator, to rest at the burial lot of the Children's Home in Chicago, on the 15th of January. He was a noble Christian gentleman, that served His Lord and Master to the fullest of his ability and to the last breath. His personality will long be remembered among us and the breath of his spirit will be felt for long in our midst. Rev. Andersen has ordained 19 men for the ministry during the last ten years. It was my privilege to ordain Peter Thomsen and Clayton Nielsen, due to his illness and death.

It is useless to pretend that the future supply of ministers seems adequate. There are a large group approaching the age where retirement is customary. Indeed, Rev. J. J. Lerager has already had to resign his charge at Brush on account of ill health. We hope for improvement and express our sympathy as well as gratitude for many years of faithful service.

The report from the College and Seminary will naturally deal with the problem of how to obtain an adequate supply of ministers for the future. Meanwhile, let each father and mother, each home assume part of the responsibility for the failure. While ministers and missionaries are not necessarily born as such, they are reborn to be the messengers of God. This new birth often lacks the nourishment and nurture altogether productive of the purpose. Do we not fail to live the faith-life and prayer-life with our children that bring them into company with His purpose, Will and Ways? Perhaps it would be well if we examined the youth work as carried on in our churches and young people's societies in order to find out if there is ever issued a serious direct or indirect challenge to serve or call to respond to the need for ministers. Maybe the need and demand to live and die as true Christians is so weak among us that our young people do not feel any call to become consecrated to the ministry. In all events there are deep underlying causes for this lack of ministers. It is with us as with other churches, but in the case of most of these a large number of ministers are going into home and foreign mission work and being a part of an expansion program. With us there has been little if any expansion due to home mission commitments, or foreign mission assignments.

It is encouraging to report that many if not all congregations have responded to the suggestion from last year's convention that they raise salaries of ministers commensurate with their ability to pay. The constantly rising living cost would have forced the necessity of this anyway. However, it presents a different problem. Some of the smaller churches facing the issuing of new calls or the necessity to raise their minister's salary in order to keep him from moving now have a hard time to make it. The Home Mission Council has agreed to subsidize one such in order to make it possible for that particular congregation to issue a call that would at all be acceptable.

The question sometimes comes to my mind, whether or not it would be possible for the synod to work out a plan by which a minimum salary would be guaranteed. Circumstances rather than ability often are the reasons for the bad situation in which ministers find themselves. It is nearly ruinous for a small congregation when it faces changing minister very often due to the fact that larger and financially better situated congregations monopolize the ministerial supply available. Perhaps a commission could be appointed to look into this matter and return next year with some helpful answer.

During the year I have visited forty congregations, some of these more than once. The professors at the Seminary in

Des Moines have shown great willingness to help serve the vacant churches.

The reports of the district presidents contain all the information and more so than I can give concerning the matter of local improvements, changes in location as at Waterloo and Racine, additional church to be built at Greenville, chapel church acquired at Hay Springs, while Danevang and Davey also have applied to the Chief of Chaplains to buy each a chapel. The Rosenberg congregation was granted a ten year loan of \$2,500.00 from the Church Extension Fund in order to complete their new parsonage. Pasadena also has a very fine and lovable parsonage. Pipe organs and electric organs are the object of fund gathering several places. All in all the reports from districts testify as to the lively interest in keeping the churches in good material condition everywhere. The very sober and at times pessimistic undercurrent is of a healthy nature. For after all, the work of the church is not finished by providing all the material things and funds. The work of God for the upbuilding of the heart and soul of men are the main objectives. These may not so easily be described, nevertheless, they are the objectives back of all our prayers and strivings. May God grant us humility to believe and devoutness of heart to serve unselfishly.

Recommendation No. 9.

That a suitable memorial to Rev. A. W. Andersen be included in the findings committee report.

Recommendation No. 10.

That our congregations be urged to encourage young men to consider entering the ministry and that all homes and families shoulder the responsibility for the future supply of ministers.

Recommendation No. 11.

That the synod as far as possible and reasonable assist the smaller congregations in obtaining adequate ministerial services, preferably a resident minister.

Recommendation No. 12.

That the district presidents be thanked for their very fine help in furthering the growth of synodical understanding and fellowship as well as encouraging the in-gathering of the funds for the synod budget.

Home Missions.

After reading the foregoing account of the ministerial supply, it would seem almost hopeless to plan further for home missions. There are not enough ministers as it is, so why think of more places for them to serve. True enough there are one or two temporary-out of service to any church, and there are two or three studying and another such as Einer Anderson, assisting in Los Angeles and San Diego, that will be ready to serve full time after finishing college. But as a whole and with many ministers nearing the retirement age, it looks discouraging.

Rev. Erik Møller is serving the Mirage Flats Lutheran Community Church near Hay Springs. His salary this year is being paid out of Home Mission Funds, and it is asked that the H. M. Council continues to do this for the next year, because the chapel just acquired presents quite an outlay of money. The church expects to have it partly paid for this year.

We have supported Rev. Farstrup's efforts in starting a mission in San Diego. I was with him the last time he was there, the 16th of March. There is a fine group very much interested in keeping on. If we had a minister ready and suitable for the job, we should at once ask for a location through the Regional Home Mission Committee. But where is the man? We have so far supported service to Granly about ten times during last year by paying 50 per cent of the expenses involved. The group is small but very loyal and the children and young people belong with us in spite of distance and circumstances.

Wilbur has not as yet found any permanent solution to the need of obtaining the services of a minister. The Columbia Basin project seems rather far off at this writing.

Newark has called twice without any success. Rev. Kildegaard, Sr., who serves them, seems still to have hope that they will be able to find and call their own minister.

In spite of the admittedly gloomy aspects at present I think that now is the time to take a definitely bold and for-

ward step in home missions. We need to commit ourselves in such a way that it will convince also the young men considering the future of the ministry in our synod that we are not fighting a rear guard action but are determined to bring our church to the front.

The first thing necessary is that we forget our fear of numbers and disregard the figures which speak discouragingly. I can point out that no less than 13 of the 82 churches we are serving are so small and served so inadequately and working so haltingly that the future seems very much in doubt. These 13 churches must be saved by instituting a full program of activities as soon as possible. They should be given to understand, that the synod is determined to help them to become full-fledged churches. If after a time these churches do not respond as they should to this treatment, it can then be decided to discontinue these. But it is necessary that we set out to either have them prosper or fail. Let us invoke the grace of God and the power of His Spirit. If we boldly and confidently attack these problem churches with faith in the God and Father of Jesus Christ we shall not fail.

But there are other opportunities than these. It is not necessary that I name them for the time is not right at hand that they be tackled. But the Home Mission Council should have adequate funds at its disposal to act, if an opportunity presents itself demanding quick action. There are also the very necessary help in the form of loaning funds for church and parsonage construction. Thus the two sides of our home mission problem boils down to funds for home mission as support annually and loans to the permanent buildings necessary.

There is a total of \$4,000.00 in the Church Extension Fund. Our Home Mission Council Fund is in the amount of \$1,400.00. Both of these should be substantially increased. We are increasing our investments in the future education of our youth in Des Moines. Now let us secure the future growth of our synod by giving evidence to the future ministers of our synod that we want to give of our means that God may use these for the extension of His kingdom. I think it will be good stewardship, that we will prove ourselves good and faithful householders, by gathering a fund for Church extension and home mission.

In surveying the field of our synod we find that there are 32 churches in urban areas with a membership of 8,763 baptized members and 3,332 contributing members served by 25 ministers. There are 50 rural churches with 10,428 baptized members and 3,482 contributing members served by 30 ministers. Due to present vacancies the number of ministers serving these churches are not altogether correct.

The trend in our synod has for some years been toward a greater number of members in urban churches. There are comparatively fewer children among city folks. May I suggest that we recognize definitely in the future that a minister should be trained with the view in mind to serve either in an urban or a rural field. There are today so many helpful methods and approaches to employ, things to know and practice, for a minister, that it is better for him to be trained for one of the two fields.

I am not forgetting that the training of a minister is not the main necessity. The faith he holds, the personality and characteristics, his willingness to serve God and His children, these and many more are fundamental. Nevertheless, I think it well if our candidates when they are seeking to locate after graduation know how to use the knowledge and the training they have received. It might also make it easier for a young man contemplating entering the study for the ministry if he knows that he can be assured a training that qualifies him for the field of service he prefers.

Recommendation No. 13.

That the convention pledges full support of a home mission program which will aim at making the smaller and inadequately served and working churches self-sustaining in the course of ten years.

Recommendation No. 14.

In order to have the necessary funds to loan to home mission congregations for the purpose of erecting churches or parsonages, I recommend that we plan to increase our Church Extension Fund to \$50,000.00 by collecting 20 per cent of this sum every year for five years.

Recommendation No. 15.

That we aim at having 20 students in the theological class at Grand View in the course of three years.

Recommendation No. 16.

That the possibility of joining forces with other small Lutheran groups in the Canwood area be explored and if any such possibility is discovered it should be realized.

DAYPL.

It is not my intention to comment on the report submitted by the president for the Danish American Young People's League. I welcome his report together with the rest of the reports from the work carried on within the boundaries of our synod. I am sure that the young people will find a sympathetic hearing for whatever plans and purposes they want to share with the convention. As indicated in my suggestion for collection of funds for camps, I think the synod or districts should be willing and ready to provide facilities, just as local congregations usually are in providing meeting places, gymnasiums, and equipment for the use of the young people of the congregations. This also marks the first time when a young people's convention is scheduled to be held in continuation of a synod convention.

Our Finances.

Our efficient and trusted treasurer, Mr. Olaf R. Juhl, is enjoying a trip to Denmark and Norway with his wife and youngest son. During his absence his office will be in the hands of Mr. Hermod Strandskov, the synod auditor and statistician. This arrangement, although entirely one made between Mr. Juhl and Mr. Strandskov, has the approval of the synod board. Naturally, we are happy that our treasurer can make this trip to Denmark and hope he enjoys it to the fullest. We are also happy that Mr. Strandskov, who is more intimately acquainted with our synod's finances than anyone else besides Mr. Juhl, can fill his place temporarily.

In order that those who look for figures dealing with financial matters such as benevolences and contributions to missions and Christian education can be informed I list below the actual amounts contributed during the last fiscal year for our various causes. The one exception to the above is the Seamen's Mission. The contributions to that cause run from Febr. 1, 1946, till May 1, 1947. I have avoided duplications of gifts. It hardly needs to be said, that a great many gifts from our members for support of charitable and other good causes have been donated without passing through the hands of any of the treasurers of the synod, Santal Mission, Seamen's Mission or Women's Mission Society:

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| Synod Budget | \$29,510.84 |
| G. V. C. Jubilee Fund | 21,721.99 |
| Dormitory Furnishing | 1,722.90 |
| Seamen's Mission | 1,152.30 |
| Santal Mission | 9,084.80 |
| Luth. World Action | 30,515.38 |
| Women's Mission Society | 1,434.92 |
| Old Peoples Home | 114.00 |
| Amer. Bible Society | 237.55 |
| Eben-Ezer | 213.55 |
| Danevang Church | 73.00 |
| Davey Church | 60.00 |

Total synod contributions\$95,841.23

Even though this is a modest sum, it is on a par with what larger and much stronger synods contribute.

The four funds under the synod board's supervision and control have yielded in net income as follows:

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| Grand View College Endowment Fund | \$10,817.83 |
| Minister's & Widow's Pension Endowment Fund | 3,076.72 |
| Old People's Home Endowment Fund | 1,973.82 |
| Old People's Home Reserve Fund | 2,689.00 |
| Total from all funds | \$18,557.37 |

The figures above are in all respects a testimony of our inflated economic situation. They would be impossible to achieve in what is considered normal times.

Our people have been generous to our cause during the last year and we, who are charged with the responsibility of leadership, are grateful to each and everyone for willingness

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Free Men

The world in which I grew up was one of considerable interest and discussion. I can barely remember the Farmers' Alliance. My father and two of our neighbors attended Alliance meetings every Saturday afternoon. Of course the Alliance was a farmers' organization and promoted farm unity and farm co-operatives. It was definitely anti-monopoly and anti-middlemen. When these farmers got together, they discussed the great issues of the day; sometimes, I suppose, with more heat than light.

I also have a faint recollection of the Populist movement. That too was essentially a farmers' organization. Low prices, exploitation and bad weather drove the farmers together into one of the most militant movements in our history. In their platform in the election of 1892 they demanded such things as the secret ballot, income tax, postal savings banks, shorter hours for labor, election of U. S. senators by direct vote, the initiative and referendum and the expansion of the currency. It is interesting and significant that fifty years later we take all those things for granted. So these farmers were not so stupid!

That the Populist movement was no small thing is shown by the fact that in the presidential election of 1892 they polled more than a million votes. This gave some of the big boys of our country a big scare. It led one of them to say that what this country needed was an education or a foreign war or both. In 1896 they set out to educate the people.

The presidential election campaign of 1896 was one of the hottest in our history. Farmers and their wives of our community drove across the sandhills to Grand Island to hear William Jennings Bryan. In school we children made it hard for each other. Our school was a political battleground in miniature.

The Republican party chose Mark Hanna, the Ohio millionaire, as chairman of the Republican national committee. Mr. Hanna, with millions of dollars at his disposal, started the process of education. He sent out tons of literature and took care of the newspapers. He was saving the United States from red Bryanism and free silver. William McKinley won the election, and men and women in velvet and gold could breathe easily once more. Concerning the election of 1896 Tom L. Johnson, great mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, had this to say, "It was the first great protest of the American people against monopoly—the first great struggle of the masses in our country against the privileged classes. It was not free silver that frightened the plutocrat leaders. What they feared then, what they fear now, is **free men.**"

How true that is! Since the days of Jeremiah, through the dark days of the Gracchus brothers in Rome and up to our times, tyrants whether in church, school, business or state have feared free men. That is one of the reasons why some of the mighty in our land hate and fear Henry Wallace. They know he is a free man.

When I look back at these pioneer farmers, I can see their short-comings. Many of them were harsh

and crude, but many of them were also remarkably well informed and vitally interested in their world. In my community, many of them read considerably. More of them listened with keen interest to some excellent lecturers at the local folk school.

Not so many years ago I was present in a small gathering where there were three pioneer farmers. These men were about eighty years of age, and I was deeply impressed with their discussion of contemporary problems. Perhaps they did not have all the facts, and perhaps they did not understand the full significance of these facts, but at least they were interested. In that same gathering were three or four younger farmers. These young men had at least a high school education. As the evening wore on the old men continued their conversation, but the younger men fell asleep! I suppose they have so many labor saving machines that they were just worn out.

Probably I am wrong, but it is my impression that generally, people are not so interested in their own true welfare and the welfare of others as were the farmers of fifty years ago. If people are not interested in their own genuine welfare, we may be certain that their future is not a bright one. Probably it is advertising that is making us concerned about the wrong things. What profited a man if he gain the whole world . . . Our very great concern about things may yet lead us to ruin. We may try to, but we can't fool God.

Right now Congress is greatly agitated about labor and labor laws. There have been abuses and they need to be corrected, but labor is not our great danger. I wish that Congress would show some concern about monopoly and the tremendous concentration of wealth.

Some years ago a spokesman for the very rich of this country made this interesting statement about his class:

It matters not one iota what political party is in power, or what President holds the reins of office. We are not politicians or public thinkers; we are the rich; we own America; we got it, God knows how, but we intend to keep it if we can by throwing all the tremendous weight of our support, our influence, our money, our political connections, our purchased senators, our hungry congressmen, our public speaking demagogues into the scale against any legislation, any political platform, any Presidential campaign that threatens the integrity of our estate.

Now that was quite a mouthful, and I am not saying that all rich men are bad. Far from it. Some of them are great and public spirited. James Hill and Andrew Carnegie were both rich and great. But great power is dangerous in any group. We have recently seen that many of the rich in Germany and France were willing to sell their country out to Adolf Hitler.

One of the most precious things about our country is its great heritage of freedom. But no country can or will remain free long unless there are many of its citizens who love freedom deeply.

ALFRED C. NIELSEN

Our Women's Work

Prairie Days

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Evening was the best part of the day. That was the conclusion the minister and his wife had come to as the winter wore on.

When the supper dishes were done, and the oatmeal put in the double boiler on the back of the stove—there was no quick oatmeal in those days—she would take the bread, the milk and the butter and carry it down in the cellar. When the first heavy frost set in, they came down one morning to find the milk frozen solid, and the butter and bread like rocks. They thawed out the milk on the back of the stove and breakfasted on oatmeal, coffee and dunked doughnuts, since these, too were like pieces of granite. Then she would light the lantern, hanging on a nail in the middle of the cellar. The heat from its feeble light was enough to keep the frost out. She would pick out a couple of nice apples from the barrel and take along up into the kitchen, polish them and put them on a plate, then she would light the living room lamp, blow out the wall lamp over the sink, and with the lamp in one hand and the plate of apples in the other go upstairs to the living room. She would get out her sewing and establish herself in her favorite rocker between the table with the lamp on it and the stove.

When she looked up from her sewing she could see her husband by his desk, reading or writing. Before long he would join her, and they would spend the evening together, sometimes just talking, but usually the minister would read out loud from one of the new books. They would plan the garden they intended to make in the spring, and invariably they would play a game of chess before going to bed, and eat an apple.

The baby was born in May. Two months before it was expected the minister's wife called the doctor and asked him to take care of her when the time came. He asked if she was having trouble of any kind, and when the answer was no, he asked her to call him again when it was about time. And that was all the pre-natal care she and the baby received.

The day after the baby was born the young mother became seriously ill. When the doctor called, he found her running a high temperature. He set to work at once, sent the minister to town for medicine, ordered the patient to be wrapped in blankets, wrung out of hot water, and changed every 15 to 20 minutes, and to drink large glasses of hot lemonade in between. The minister came back from town towards evening, and took up his post by his wife's bed, helping to change the blankets, and giving her the lemonade. Towards dawn he went outside, and when he came in again the woman staying during the night could see that he had been crying. She put her hand on his arm and said: "Don't cry, my friend, I have just said such a good prayer to our Lord, and I know He is going to let us keep her." When he came upstairs his wife said: "I am feeling better. I believe I am going to get well." And she did.

When the doctor came he brought with him a doctor from another town, but all they could say was, that the danger was past, and that she would soon be well. The baby had almost been forgotten. Now she had her share of admiration and adoration.

—E. P. L.

From Hampton, Iowa

"Consecration" was the theme carried through the program of W. M. S. of Hampton, Ia., Sunday evening, April 20th.

Mrs. Bjarkestrand, a missionary now home on furlough, was the guest speaker. She spoke on "The Life of Miss Anna Jensen." This missionary, through her cheerful and untiring

efforts, "planted the Cross in India soil." She died in 1946, having dedicated her life to the mission work. To further this work, said Mrs. Bjarkestrand, would be our "mindekrans" to Anna Jensen.

Rev. Juhl in his message spoke of the Great Command and of the mission work in likeness to that of the Good Shepherd. He asked that we hold up the arms of those in the mission fields through prayer and contributions; then we too, in a way, are missionaries.

"Mother's Missionary," a short play, a scripture reading and vocal and piano solos were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Following the program, lunch was served and a collection was taken for the Santal Mission.

—MRS. H. HANSEN.

W. M. C. Formed In Omaha

Have you heard about the Women's Mission Circle sponsored by the Danish Ladies Aid of Our Savior's Danish Lutheran Church in Omaha? On the eve of April 23, everyone interested in forming an English Ladies' Aid met in the church parlors for a get-together.

Mrs. Ebba Petersen, president of the Danish Ladies Aid, led us in devotions preceding a temporary election of president and secretary. Mrs. Lettie Henriksen served as our temporary chairman. Having decided that the purpose of our group was to do mission work in our local community and church as well as in our synod, Mrs. Henriksen by act of vote appointed a committee of five to formulate a constitution for the group which would be acted upon at the next meeting.

May 7th, was the date set for the "special" organization meeting. The constitution formulated by the committee was studied, "picked to pieces" and at long last accepted by vote previous to the election of the following officers.

Mrs. Harriet Hansen, president
Mrs. Bernice Farstrup, vice-president
Miss Elaine Trukken, secretary
Mrs. Lillian Andersen, treasurer
Mrs. Florence Rasmussen, courtesy chairman
Mrs. Margarethe Grobeck, publicity chairman.
Mrs. Lettie Henriksen, program chairman, assisted by Mrs. Kristine Thomsen and Miss Elna Petersen.

Another item of importance was that of naming this newly formed group. We, members, represent three groups as some of us are in the Business and Professional Women's division; others are interested in participating in an English Ladies Aid, while several enjoy doing work similar to projects undertaken during the war as making bandages for the Red Cross. Consequently, after considerable discussion the Women's Mission Circle was favored. The first project to be undertaken by our group is to make bandages for the Santal Mission. Miss Metha Petersen will be our director and instructor in making the bandages.

The first "regular" meeting was held in the church parlors May 28th. Our president led us in devotions. Following the devotions we had a short business meeting before beginning to make bandages. Yes, Miss Petersen had purchased twenty yards of gauze and before coffee-time we had made 160 "square" bandages. At our next meeting we are hoping to do even better so as to be able to have a package ready for mailing before July 1.

All participating enjoyed this first meeting very much and we are looking forward to many more similar evenings. The beginning seems to be most difficult, so now we hope to accomplish a few things during the year.

—E. T.

Report to the Seventieth Annual Convention

(Continued from page 5)

and generosity. I am personally convinced that there is no greater satisfaction for a Christian than to be able to give to the cause his church presents as worthy of support. It is found to be true that only what you give to Christ and His kingdom do you truly possess, all the rest may vanish and eventually will. But what you give away with your heart and love attached will always remain with you.

There has not been any bequests during this year. It is so much more gratifying that we can report larger donations than ever.

It is worthy to note also, that our Pension Fund has contributed more liberally to the support of those seeking and needing its help than has been done by other synods having a pension fund established and operated along similar lines as ours. I think it is worth mentioning for the information of those who may labor under a mistaken idea that we are far behind. Actually, we are far ahead.

Only if we adopt a contributory system of pensions, calling for about 4 per cent of salaries contributed by the pastors and a similar amount from the congregations can we expect to get a pension system that will make it possible for a retired couple or pastor or widow to live entirely from pension income. But such a system is very expensive, especially for those who are up in years.

A modest sum has been contributed to the American Bible Society. I hope that we can keep this up also this year. A little help like that from all the Protestant churches will greatly aid the Society in keeping the world supplied with Bibles, for that is about the demand placed on the American Bible Society at the present time.

I cannot close these comments on our finances without expressing sincere appreciation on behalf of the members of the synodical board to all those who in some way have made it possible to have all this money collected and directed to the right sources. The district presidents and members of the Financial Advisory Committee I especially want to thank for their part. It is putting it very mildly when I say that the board of the synod has had good cooperation from these, who in the first line carry the responsibility. Especially am I grateful for the help the district presidents render in furthering the Lutheran World Action appeal. Of course, the local pastors and collectors have also been very helpful and recognition will be awarded all congregations that reach their two year goal.

But most of all do I thank God for He has moved all to give and work and pray for the cause of the Kingdom among us. His blessing has been with us through the year.

Delegate's Traveling Expenses.

Attention is called to the rules governing the partial payment of traveling expenses for delegates from the outlying districts and the two southern and two Canadian congregations. This also applies to a certain number of pastors. I refer you to pages 104 and 105 in last year's Annual Report. The treasurer will be prepared to take care of your claims Saturday at the convention.

Constitutional Amendment.

Amendment to the Constitution Par. 22 (2b) by adding "and candidates approved for ordination." This will be voted on in the place on the agenda adopted.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Rev. Plambeck sent me recently the sad news that her husband, Rev. Henrik Plambeck, is not well enough to take care of the work of the necrologist. We are saddened to hear of the illness of one, who for more than forty years has worked faithfully in the Danish Church. He has been with us at our conventions whenever possible and the work of the necrologist was appreciated by him.

I have below made mention of a few of the many friends of our Danish Church that have gone home to God during the last year. Their memories are treasured with us and their works will remain to honor them for the sake of their Lord and Savior.

Mathias Andersen, Diamond Lake; Mrs. Hans Madsen, Solvang; Peter Munkholm Petersen, Ruthton; Mrs. Rasmus Hansen, Grayling; Hans Henriksen, St. Stephan's Chicago; Mrs. Jens Andersen, Kimballton; Andrew Petersen, Little Denmark, Michigan; Rev. A. W. Andersen, Ordinator of the synod; Mrs. Pastor A. J. Tarpgaard, New York; Carl Bundgaard, Withee; Mrs. Niels Sørensen, Manistee; Olaf T. Jensen, Clinton; Alfred Jørgensen, Solvang; Mrs. Johansen, Dalum; Mrs. Dora Trukken, Kimballton; Elvira Lynggaard Mikkelsen, Hetland; Iver Iversen, Arcata, California; Lawrence Petersen, Arcata; Mrs. Anders Jepsen, W. Denmark; Niels Kr. Sørensen, Pasadena; Hans Nielsen Jørgensen, Hampton; Hans Jepsen, Easton; Peter Bovbjerg, Askov; Søren C. Petersen, Withee; Mrs. L. Henningsen, Solvang; Mrs. Gregorius L. Smith, Dwight; Herluf L. Hansen, Clinton; Anders Møller, W. Denmark; Anna Johansen, W. Denmark; Niels Nielsen, Solvang; Mrs. Chr. Appel, Solvang; Mrs. Jørgen Poulsen, Askov.

In Conclusion.

It has been my intention to avoid duplicating in this report what some of the many other excellent reports bring to the convention's attention. I am conscious that this has not altogether been accomplished.

May I in conclusion bring my sincere appreciation to the many friends and helpers, who so graciously have supported me in carrying out my duties as president during the past year. It has been my privilege to accept the hospitality of many homes in the different congregations I have visited. The hospitality shown me in this way has helped make it possible to travel without being too weary. On occasion, my wife, or perhaps other members of my family have joined me and for the friendly reception received everywhere I want to give sincere thanks.

I cannot let this opportunity go by without also including a hearty thank you from myself and Mrs. Jensen for the many beautiful gifts, flowers, telegrams and cards reaching us on the day of our silver wedding. It will always remain in our memory as perhaps the most memorable of all the days of our homelife. Thank you very much.

It was a sad message that brought news of the passing of Herluf Hansen, Clinton. He had been sick for some months suffering from a heart ailment. For that reason he was confined mostly to his home. But we had all hoped he would be allowed to stay with us for many years yet. Herluf Hansen was a member of the synod board for 6 years. Those of us who shared the duties of the board with him came to love and esteem him very highly. He was a real friend and comrade. His words were dependable and his judgment unerring. He did all he could in the place he served. I hope that the convention will remember Herluf Hansen in a suitable way, especially by expressing to Mrs. Herluf Hansen our deepest sympathy. May I also at this time express by own personal appreciation for the fellowship and common trust and helpfulness enjoyed in working with the board. I am conscious of many errors and failings as president and I know that the entire synod board undoubtedly would say it also feels the presence of mistakes. But I know that we who have been placed on the board are united in doing our best as ability, time and conscience will permit.

May God guide us and inspire us to serve His cause unselfishly and with all we have and are.

May I close this report with referring to one of the old wise and sacred sayings from Proverbs:

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

May God bless our Danish Church in the year to come as He has in the year past. May our 70th convention bring us together with a strong and solemn faith in His wisdom and goodness and peace.

"I Was Hungry . . . And You—

By Dr. E. Theodore Bachmann
(Liaison for World Council of Churches
in Frankfurt, Germany)

Hunger is striking in Germany as never before. The cities are worst hit. In Freiburg, chief city in the southern French Zone, the March calorie count—computed from available rations—was 874 per day. In April, when the people determined to stage a hunger protest, the occupying authorities threatened to oust the mayor and other officials. The people obeyed, swallowed their anguish and kept silent. In badly ruined Ludwigshafen impartial observers speak of the situation as catastrophic. The average daily calorie count in south Baden as a whole during March was 884. April brought no relief, nor did May.

Yesterday I stopped on the edge of Pforzheim, where 36,000 people had died in a single 24-minute air raid near the end of the war. A couple of trucks had delivered the last potatoes requisitioned from the farms. Housewives, children, old people lined up to get their six pound quota per person. It would have to last them for the week, and then some. Speaking to the man in charge, I expressed the hope that the summer crop would be good. "We can't be sure of that," he replied, "when people even now are going out into the fields at night and groping for the newly planted spuds. They'll probably help themselves to the new crop before it's ripe, or the owner has a chance to harvest it." As an attendant shoveled out the rations, a woman reflected, "We're becoming slaves to our instincts to keep alive." One might have added, "even in the American Zone."

On April 30 the mayor of the industrial city of Essen, in behalf of the city council, posted a notice on all public bill boards. "For months," ran the announcement, "the city council has pointed out the impending danger of a feeding catastrophe. Today it must be affirmed that a new low has been struck in the general food situation, and it gives rise to the most ominous forebodings. The number of sick and tubercular is steadily rising."

The notice continued, "During the first week of the present ration period the average consumer received 1702 calories per day, in the second week only 1183, in the third week only 1126, in the fourth barely 741. In view of reported shipments of grain and flour it will not be possible for the average consumer to receive more than 1500 grams (a pound and two thirds) of bread during the coming week." Meat and fats were out of the question, and even cornmeal, rationed as a potato substitute, was out, too.

While I was in conference with the church's Hilfswerk leaders in Stuttgart today a telegram arrived from one of the church welfare directors in Bielefeld, pleading, "Food situation in British Zone, especially Ruhr cities, hopeless. Rush any available aid." The Stuttgart men had no trouble counting up their emergency resources. "Like the loaves and fishes for a multitude," said one.

Germany has over sixty-five million people crowded into its three western zones of occupation. The bread

basket lies to the east. Cut off from its natural food supply, western Germany will have to import. Before the war it imported only 17 per cent. Even with crops at their best, perhaps after this summer official military government reports say it will have to import 42 per cent of the food for those ravenous millions. Meanwhile, it looks as though these people are a political pawn, victims of a struggle for power between east and west.

Nevertheless, the Church must help feed them. Christians in the U. S. dare not relax their efforts, both at food gathering for abroad and at urging our Government to remember humanity in its budget. Christ identifies himself with these hungry masses. "I was hungry . . ." And you? The time to help is drawing short.

Children In Radioland

Book by Johannes Hoifjeld

Some years ago, going home from a visit in the U. S. and waiting in Minneapolis for the Great Northern train I met on the station a man with whom I had a very interesting conversation. We were to be fellow passengers on the same train. He was a Norwegian Lutheran minister, who was going out to serve the First Lutheran Church of Ketchikan, Alaska. His name is Johannes Hoifjeld. We spent a very pleasant day on the train as we traveled together up through Minnesota and Dakota, and we discussed many different themes. He was well posted on poetry, also being a writer himself and had translated several Danish songs and hymns. In our conversation he told me that he had written a poem in the Norwegian Christmas magazine, "Jul i Vesterheimen." And when I reached home I found the poem in the copy of this fine Christmas magazine.

Every year since then he has sent me fine Christmas greetings in prose and verse. And now the other day I received a new book from him, entitled "Children in Radioland."

The book contains playlets and skits by Ketchikan, Alaska, children that have been presented over the Alaska, KTKM Radio station on Saturday mornings mostly during the war.

As I leafed through the book before reading it, I found it to be illustrated with different portraits and pictures, such as pictures of Melancton, Luther, Grundtvig, Washington, Lincoln, the church building in Ketchikan, Vikings plowing the Sea, and others.

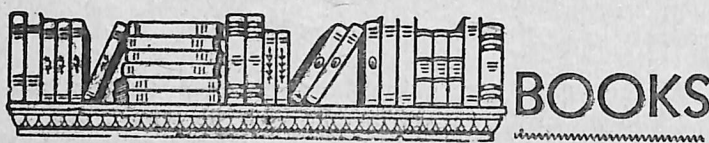
A number of themes have been presented throughout the book, and Dr. H. A. Stub of Seattle, Wash., says: "It covers the main truths of the Lutheran Church in an informative and easily understood language which should be very helpful to many. It is brought forth in dialogue and story form."

Personally I have enjoyed the following parts most: "The Ancient Land Marks" quoting the scripture readings: "Remove not the ancient land marks which thy fathers have set." (Proverbs 22:28); "The Boy With The Basket of Blessings," "The Calvary Bill of Rights," "The Playlet of George Washington," "The Truth That

Makes You Free" with a short biography of Abraham Lincoln, "We Belong To a Singing Church," "A Visit With Grandpa," "The Lief Ericson Visit," and the first and foremost the playlet about Grundtvig and his wonderful hymn, "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand," as well as the translation of "Kirkeklokke ej til Hovedstæder." About this translation the author writes: "It is a difficult hymn to translate as it is full of beautiful Danish idioms, which make it hard for a translator to do justice to. But I worked hard on it. It took me a whole night and some more time to do some carving and brushing and polishing of it."

The price of the book is \$1.50 and it can be bought from the Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn., and from the author, Rev. Johannes Højfeldt who is now pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Eureka, Calif.—It is a book worth having.

P. RASMUSSEN.



GOD IN HISTORY by Sherwood Eddy; Published by Association Press, 347 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. 284 pages; Cloth Price \$2.75.

With his characteristic forthrightness Sherwood Eddy appraises current social, economic and political trends in the light of God's will and purpose. In order to give some indication of the theme of the book, permit us to give a few quotations from its pages: "We are concerned in this book with man's total life: the moral and spiritual, the intellectual and esthetic, the economic and political, the individual and social." "We are the problem, not Hitler alone. We are God's problem and our own." "Jesus' contemporary followers have been ready with profuse professions and promises, but few have done the will of God—especially in the matter of economic justice and racial brotherhood." (Foreword).

Against the panorama of recorded history and in the light of God's will and purpose for mankind Dr. Eddy sees today's events in their true perspective and their ultimate meaning. His book is absorbing and rewarding reading for serious-minded persons.

—H. S.

A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS by Dr. Ralph D. Heim; Published by the Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia 7, Penna.; 212 pages; Cloth, Price \$3.50.

The first Gospel harmony based on the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament has now been published. The author, Dr. Ralph D. Heim is professor of Christian Education and English Bible at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Heim has chosen to present the four Gospels in parallel rather than to limit the harmony to the synoptic Gospels alone. This harmony makes it easy for those who use the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament for their private reading to follow the life and ministry of our Lord through one combined Gospel, as they appear in the columns on the pages of the harmony.

All in all, the harmony has been prepared so that the entire record of the four Gospels may be had on one page for the study of that which has been called "one Gospel written by four."

We recommend the book to Sunday school teachers, pastors, and all lay Bible scholars.

—H. S.

THE STORY OF JESUS IN THE WORLD'S LITERATURE edited by Edward Wagenknecht. Published by Crative

Age Press, 11 E. 44th St., New York 17, N. Y. 1946; 478 pages. Price \$5.00.

This is an anthology of the best in literature about the life of Jesus. There are quotations from 171 authors, ranging from medieval to modern times.

The author has selected from the greatest writers of all countries and ages and has divided the contents into nine sections: His Coming, The Hidden Years, Legends, His Work on Earth, The Social Gospel, The Passion Drama, Christ as Redeemer and Savior, Afterwards, and Christ Universal.—These sections are in turn divided into chapters, all of which fit into the compiler's plan to give the story logical continuity.

This book cannot be read at one sitting. It is a book for reference. It has a wealth of material on the Lenten and Passion theme, as well as from the world's great Christmas literature.

The illustrations, which add much to the book, are by Fritz Kredel. It is a unique volume, designed for the sheer delight of reading, and its appeal is universal. The price may seem a little high; but it's close to 500 pages, size 8x10 is in fact a library of good literature from the many centuries of Christian poetry and prose.

—H. S.

TRUE NATURE—PICTURE STORIES and **WORLD'S CHILDREN—PICTURE STORIES**, Published by Encyclopedia Britannica Press, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill. Price 50 cts each.

These two series of booklets, each 40 pages, 8x10 inches, are beautifully reproduced illustrations from Encyclopedia Britannica Motion Pictures. There are twelve books in each set. The TRUE NATURE series is a wonderland of animals, true-to-life photographs taken from actual moving pictures. It gives the children and adults an opportunity of seeing how the animals really live. Some of the titles are: Animals Of The Woods, Gray Squirrel, Water Birds, Black Bear Twins, Animals Of The Farm, Etc.

The WORLD'S CHILDREN series gives a true-to-life presentation of children in many lands. Some of the titles are: A Day With Dutch Children, Kana, Prince of Darkest Africa, Pauli and His Hawaiian Feast, etc.—A short story follows with each picture which will awaken the imagination of any child in the interest of the life of children in other lands.

In our house Halvor thinks that both sets of books are some of the best he has ever seen.

—H. S.

ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

Scandinavian Program Grant To University of Minnesota—We mentioned in the last issue of L. T. the interest manifested in many groups for the exchange of students with other countries. The study of Scandinavian language, literature and culture is receiving more and more recognition at many of our larger schools and universities.

The University of Minnesota has recently been granted a sum of \$130,000 from the Carnegie Corporation for the establishment of a Scandinavian study program. The projected study would be directed mainly at modern Scandinavian problems and the position of the Scandinavian countries in relation to the rest of the world. It provides for additions of new basic and advanced courses in the college of science, literature and arts, and will be organized under the university's international area program.

The proposed curricula will include expanded studies of Scandinavian history, courses in political science and modern social advances, the geography, economic life, and the arts and crafts of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland. The grant is for five years, with \$30,000 allotted for each of the

first three years and \$20,000 each of the last two years.

The University of Minnesota has for many years maintained a Scandinavian department and its library, containing 50,000 books relating to Scandinavian countries is the largest in this country.

We are happy to be able to bring this announcement to our readers and as we know that many of our young people attend this university, we hope that many of them will avail themselves of this opportunity of taking certain courses in this field.

Big Business is reaching out its greedy fingers in many ways endeavoring to grab from the average household any possible savings. One of the most clever schemes is the proposed changes of women's clothing. But the fashion BIG BUSINESS is gearing up its propaganda machine for a total fashion change.

We may ask, what does this concern us, especially in a church paper? It concerns us very much. In 1929 when we were at the height of the boom, styles changed so radically that it was estimated that American women spent \$15,000,000,000 on changing over to the longer skirts. Now the fashion business is again out to make the women of America hand over probably another fifteen billion dollars for the proposed change in styles. Will American women be so irresponsible?

Let us remember that millions in Europe and in Asia have barely that with which they can cover themselves. They do not at the present time ask for "the latest style."

Such spending as took place in 1929 would do two things: 1) It would send America skidding into another depression. 2) Europe needs, and begs for clothing, shoes for its weary feet, and some touch of freshness to balance the drabness of the war years. Women in nearly all the European countries, also in Denmark which otherwise is favorably situated, have been reduced to patching and repatching pieces of cloth that in other days would have been discarded. An article in *Colliers* stated recently: "An American woman going about in London in her pretty dress, her fine warm coat, her nylon stockings and fashionable shoes would drop down dead several times a day, if looks could kill. Even her British friends can't resist stabbing looks, barbed remarks."

We can be thankful that we are privileged to live in America. But let us remember that our help toward brightening the faces and hearts of millions in Europe and thus strengthening international friendship may be the criterion on which our very existence may depend.

Greetings from Grand View College

June 6th Grand View College concluded another year. Dean Stolnaker from Drake was our speaker, and Dean Alfred Nielsen presented a class of thirty-two to the audience. The chorus sang; there were several solos, and we ended up with the usual farewells at the coffee table.

As of the present date we have more enrollments for next year than we had the past semester. The number is 177 of which exactly one third is from the city of Des Moines, not counting members of our own church. This is a somewhat larger percentage than we have ever had. Of the 118 students enrolled from the Synod 75 are re-enrolled and 43 are new enrollments. We encourage the young people of our churches to enroll as soon as possible. Tyler is leading with twenty-one; Chicago follows with seventeen.

Not all of our present staff will return. But we have engaged several new teachers. Miss Ruth Thorup from our congregation in Omaha will help Alfred Nielsen with the history courses. Mr. Carl Standskov will teach chemistry, and Mrs. Cleo Gould from Elkader will teach English. Mr. Hurley will continue to teach mathematics and the veterans of the faculty are returning. There are two new enrollments in the seminary for next year.

Our new biology building is going up fast now. It is an army building from Sioux City and it will serve us well. The girls' dormitory has suffered delays due to strikes and lack of material, but the plastering is well under way now, and nothing should de-

lay us from now on. We are getting ready to remodel the bath rooms in the old building and to effect considerable repair and alteration. It is a delight to observe the new dormitory. It grows more lovely and attractive from day to day.

—JOHANNES KNUDSEN

Grand View College
June 13, 1947

P. S. May I add that Miss Jane Hansen of Askov Folk School in Denmark will join us next year. She is a librarian and she will help us professionally and perhaps teach a Danish class.

July 4th at Danebod

The usual 4th of July Festival will be held at Danebod, Tyler, Minn. Chester Graham of Belmont, Mich., former leader of the Ashland Folk School, will be the speaker at the afternoon meeting. Added features will be a Band Concert, a Folk Dancing exhibition, and other amusement features are slated.

The main feature will be the presentation in the evening on the out-door stage of the operetta, "Carmelita," an adventurous musicale, filled with sunshine and the romantic atmosphere of "New Spain," now New Mexico. Participating actors, singers and dancers number about fifty.

The production of "Carmelita" is considered the greatest attempt since "Elverhøj" which was presented in 1932 on the Danebod Folk School campus.

Guests from out-of-town will be welcome as always at Danebod. If registered in advance guests will be accommodated with night lodging.

SVEND U. HANSEN,
Tyler, Minn.

D. A. Y. P. L. District IV Convention

The young people of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church of Dwight, Ill., will be hosts to the young people of the D. A. Y. P. L. District IV at the annual convention July 4, 5 and 6. The program is planned and dedicated to those young people who feel there is a work to do, a program to be carried out and ideals to be implemented.

Friday afternoon, July 4—registration followed by a banquet at 5:00 p. m. at which time the Rev. Richard Sorensen, national president of D. A. Y. P. L. will address us.

Later in the evening an historical pageant will be presented by the Dwight young people at Renfrew Park. Saturday forenoon will open with a worship period after which the business session of District IV will be held. Round Table Discussion regarding several phases of our Youth program in our various church groups is an added feature during the first part of the afternoon session. The rest of the day will be spent in recreation, fun and fellowship.

Two of our district pastors will have charge of the Sunday morning church and communion service.—Sunday afternoon Harald Riber, who now is ready to leave for the Santal Mission field, will be our main speaker. We have a feeling that our meeting will be climaxed at this time.

Some have asked what this meeting will cost. Not more than \$6.00 and maybe less. Have you registered? If not write to Miss Edith Hollis, R. 1, Dwight, Ill. or Ove Strandskov, 325 W. Chipewa St., Dwight, Ill., preferably before June 30th.

—Committee.

What We May Expect Of Lund

By Dr. Abdel R. Wentz, Chairman
American Section, Lutheran World Federation

The Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Lund this summer is certain to write a new chapter in the history of world Lutheranism. There will be both tangible and intangible results. At least five things may reasonably be expected to come out of the gathering.

1. A broader fellowship among Lutherans. Quite apart from the discussions in the several sections of the Assembly, and far beyond the decisions and actions of the plenary sessions, the co-mingling of Lutherans with one another may be expected to bear good fruit in the years to come. Delegates will come from every quarter of the world. They will represent various nations and colors and races and tongues. But they will all hold in common to the Lutheran understanding of the Gospel. Their ten days of fellowship with one another will initiate many a fine friendship and produce many a by-product of spiritual insight.

2. A deeper understanding among Lutherans. There is much variety among Lutherans across the world. They are so numerous, so widely spread in location, and so various in their historical backgrounds that there is abundant room for a more thorough understanding of one another and more complete appreciation of their various problems and possibilities. The assembly will be a process of mutual give-and-take. Each group has something to contribute and something to learn. Lund may be expected to promote mutual understanding among us all.

3. A wider cooperation in practical tasks. The practical problems confronting world Lutheranism are so serious in their character and so large in their proportions that no one Lutheran Church and no national group of Lutheran Churches can possibly solve them alone. "We must help one another." This has been the watchword of the Lutheran World Convention since its organization in 1923 and it will ring out clearly and resoundingly at the Assembly of the Federation in Lund. We may confidently expect great interest among the assembled delegates in that part of the report of the American Study Commission which has to do with orphaned missions and church rebuilding and other undertakings on behalf of suffering Lutherans everywhere. The results of Lutheran World Action will be very much in the lime-light of the discussions, and we may be very certain that the needs will be clarified and plans adopted to meet them. It is the hope of some of us that Lutherans, at least in national groups, will soon begin to unite their energies in prosecuting the world mission of the church. Perhaps Lund will do something to make a beginning along that line.

4. Better relationships with other Christians. In these days of increasing contacts and widening relationships among various Christian communions, Lutherans must bethink themselves of their relations with

other followers of Christ, those who do not fully accept the Lutheran understanding of the Gospel. As we consolidate our own ranks we also lift our eyes to the wider horizons. The World Council of Churches will hold its first Assembly in Amsterdam in August and September, 1948. The Lutherans of the world are assured ample place in the program and planning of that ecumenical council. The gathering at Lund will enable us to approach the Amsterdam meeting with clarity of purpose, with unity of voice, and with a willingness to take our part in the common tasks of all Christians.

5. A more thorough process of group thinking. The Lund Assembly will be important not only for what it does and says but also for what it projects and plans. Committees and commissions will be appointed to carry on the processes of thought and action which Lund will only begin. We may surely expect that the Assembly of 1947 will start a process of group thinking that will go on down the years bringing Lutherans towards a common mind and leading them increasingly to full cooperation and a united front. The exchange of gifts and the sharing of Scriptural insights must continue through the generations. In this way the Spirit of God will bless His entire Church and lead us Lutherans all over the world into a fuller realization of the implications of the Gospel and a fuller acceptance of the responsibility of the Church.

Music Knows No Barriers Of Tongue

By Mrs. Justine Bodensieck
(Representative of the American Section of the
Lutheran World Federation to displaced
persons in Germany)

Since I am stationed in Lubeck I have attended a Lutheran service every Sunday. I have never understood a word of the service and still I have felt at home all because the Lutheran church is a singing church. Now I realize the significance of belonging to a singing church!

On the first Sunday in Lubeck I entered the Estonian Lutheran Church in Artillery barracks with fear and trembling. A children's service was ready to begin. I slipped into a rear seat as the organ began

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playing, "Take Thou my Hand, O Father, and Lead Thou me"—the song that has been sung at every important occasion in my life—once again God gave me the full assurance that He was leading me!

That first Sunday seems long ago now but the value of belonging has increased Sunday after Sunday. Whether the service is in the Estonian, Lithuanian, Latvian or Polish language, the Lutheran melodies, especially the old familiar chorals, draw me into the circle of believers. And, thanks to the vigilance of my sainted father who had me memorize many of these chorals during my childhood, I can join in the song even though the language is different.

Each Sunday I visit a different camp church and each time I am received with a welcome that I do not deserve. At Herrnwyk, a Latvian camp about ten kilometers from Lubeck, where all the 412 inhabitants belong to the Lutheran Church, little Meta Simson, in native costume, greeted me.

It was a quaint sight to see the members of this congregation coming from their barracks carrying chairs. Chairs are a scarce article and those who want to sit during the church service must bring their own.

In greeting each congregation I tell the people that the Lutherans in all countries are united through the Lutheran World Federation, that you, who belong to the American section, are interested in your brothers and sisters in Germany, that you are praying for them and sending them material aid. Are you doing all you can for your fellow Lutherans? Do you pray fervently for them?

Greetings and Comments From Our Readers

"I Have Spoken Openly"

"The High Priest, therefore, questioned Jesus concerning His disciples and his teaching."

It's a favorite sport by people who hardly ever attend church, but who nevertheless keep a kind of membership in it to ask this and that person what the preacher said. If you go to such people and attempt to get them to come where they can get first hand information, they have, besides their absence excuses, a lot of information about people in the church and the preacher. He said so and so and he did so and so. In fact, the things they seem to know the best are the minister's faults, and sometimes such people are quite insistent upon telling them to him.

The self-styled righteous people represented in Christ's day in the Pharisees were told to get their information from them that actually heard what was said, in this there is also a rebuke to them for not going to the right source for their information.

"I have spoken openly to the world, I have always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where all the people gather and in secret I have said nothing." John 18:19-20.

A preacher says nothing in secret from the pulpit. And from the church pew is the place for people to hear him. And the place to question him about his teaching and preaching is not from someone who has made little attempt to understand him but from those who actually have understood and have heard him.

A lady came to the president of a congregation and complained about a sermon the preacher had given one Sunday. She wondered if he had gone crazy since he was "preaching about apples." (The preacher had used a perfect apple in a harvest festival service as an illustration of what can be accomplished by spraying and pruning.) The president of the congregation asked the lady: "Were you present, did you hear the sermon?" "No, but—" "Well, I was, and to me it was one of the most wonderful illustrations I have heard. You and I need to be sprayed and pruned just like an apple so we can become a more perfect fruit."

In this ignoble trial of Christ there is at least a bit of honesty in the tricky motive of asking Jesus directly about his teaching. But there is also the indictment: you had the chance to hear me, now take the consequences of your neglect. L. C. B.

—From "Nazareth Tidings," Withee, Wis.

An Adventure In Giving

It happened at a Sunday service. I sat next to her and could not help observing. The time had come for the offering. "Let us worship God with our offerings," the pastor said. So she worshipped! She withdrew her hands from a scented, smooth-fitting glove and adjusted her rings. Then she opened a huge plastic-and-morocco handbag with clasps as big as casket handles. From its commodious depths she drew forth a coin purse and began to fumble through its contents. She ignored the nickels, she passed up the dimes, she would be a good sport—her hand closed on a quarter. To be sure, she fingered a half-dollar, too, but she was not quite equal to it. The quarter won out!

Meanwhile the church was down at the heels and cried out for paint and varnish; it needed decent windows and altar furnishings worthy of the House of God; the pastor was underpaid. Down the street Vice and Amusement dwelt in palaces; stores flaunted gay luxuries at fabulous prices and catered to their swarming devotees and their expensive tastes. Farther out in the great wide world, hunger, disease, and suffering lifted hands of prayer.

I do not believe she was consciously wicked. She was pleasant and gracious. She knew the hymns and responses and seemed at home in church. Perhaps she just did not understand what it was all about. Obviously she was refined and wealthy. For herself and her family there were, I am sure, a fine home, an automobile with plenty of gas, a piano, a radio and furniture to match, and sumptuous tableware and fare, with plenty of spending money. But for God Almighty and His Kingdom; for sweet charity and the cause of righteousness; for the saving of human souls—twenty-five cents!—

Thank God for the faithful ones wherever one goes, who shoulder the load and carry on and stretch themselves to meet every new endeavor! Truly they are the salt of the earth. If others also would let God into their giving, every item of budget and drive and campaign that the Church could reasonably devise would go over with ease. And the humbler gifts of the poor and less favored could all go for "over the top" and extras. And our generation would see such strides in missions and charities and gospel work that people everywhere could wake up and ask, "Has the First Century Come Back?"

—Lutheran Herald

What Was It?

The goods in her dress cost \$70, the making \$40, and her cloak \$150. She wore a \$500 diamond ring and a watch and chain which cost \$300. She was in attendance at a meeting called to consider the care of the friendless poor. The report of their misery was so touching that tears rolled down her cheeks, while she looked carefully through her well-filled purse and handed out 25 cents for their relief!—Selected.

OUR CHURCH

Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr.—Rev. P. C. Stockholm preached his farewell sermon in the St. John's Church Sunday, May 11th. He has served the Kronborg congregation since the fall of 1941. Rev. and Mrs. Stockholm have since their departure been visiting with relatives and friends in Des Moines, Iowa, and in Withee, Wis.

Rev. and Mrs. Niels Nielsen of Easton, Calif., are at this writing on their way to New York City by auto to sail for Denmark on Friday, June 20th. Their address while in Denmark will be Steffansgade 40, Horsens, Denmark.

Waterloo, Iowa—Rev. Arthur Frost and family have now moved into the new remodeled parsonage which was bought about a year ago. Their address is now 1456 Hawthorne Ave., Waterloo, Iowa. The new parsonage locates the pastor on the proposed church site, and the Waterloo congregation is hoping to build a new church in the not too distant future. Indications are that this part of the city will witness a decided expansion of population within the next few years.

Racine, Wis.—The Bethania congregation in Racine has been given permission by the Madison Regional Home Mission Council to relocate in West Racine, west of Lathrop Avenue between Washington and Sixteenth St. The possibility of finding a better location for the Bethania Church has been under consideration for a long time. Now that the Home Mission Council of the National Lutheran Council has assigned the right to relocation, plans will undoubtedly progress quickly for this venture.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Following a request from the St. Stephen's congregation of Perth Amboy to the Home Mission Council of our synod, arrangements have been made for Miss Bodil Strandskov of Dwight, Ill., to help Rev. Ove R. Nielsen during the summer to establish three Sunday Schools in the Perth Amboy area. One Sunday School will be in Woodbridge, one in Sayerville, and the third will be in Raritan Township, New Jersey. The latter will be known as Chapel Springs. This project is being undertaken in order to serve the children of members of the congregation who have moved from Perth Amboy proper into the above areas; and also to serve children in a newly developed area of Raritan Township where no Sunday School has yet been established by anyone.

Dagmar, Montana—The annual "Mid-sommerfest" will be held in Dagmar June 27-29. The two guest speakers will be Pastor Rudolph Arendt of Vancouver, B. C. and Rev. Verner Hansen of Chicago.

The Danish Gym team under the di-

rection of Mr. Erik Flensted Jensen will visit the Dagmar community during the four day period July 18-22 for several exhibitions.

Mr. Poul Mouritzen, one of the pioneer members of the Dagmar colony and church left on May 28th for a trip to Denmark. The trip was taken via Scandinavian Airlines System in one of the famous Douglas DC-4 Passenger Liners. His son, Dr. Holger Mouritsen, connected with the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, accompanied his father to the airport.

Ringsted, Iowa—Leif Kirkegaard who has been called to be pastor of the St. John's Church in Ringsted moved with his family into the parsonage this past week. The parsonage has been remodeled and redecorated from basement to attic. According to plans Kirkegaard will be ordained at the synodical convention in Racine, Wis. He conducted his first church service in Ringsted on Sunday, June 15th.

Solvang, Calif.—A three day "Danish Festival" was observed recently in Solvang, Calif. Dean Alfred C. Nielsen from Grand View College was the guest speaker on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Aage Møller spoke Saturday evening at the banquet and again Sunday morning at the church service. A successful concert was given in Memorial Hall by Miss Carla Petersen and Mrs. Gudrun Sorensen.

Rev. J. C. Aaberg left Tuesday, June 17th from New York City via American Airlines for Denmark where he plans to visit through the summer months. He planned to spend a few days in London before proceeding on the Danish Airline to Copenhagen. We are happy to bring in this issue another translation of one of our Danish songs by Rev. Aaberg. Rev. Aaberg writes to the editor: "I am sending a translation of Adam Dan's 'Jeg løfter mit Haab.' This is a difficult song to translate. And I probably should have worked a little longer, but I have just a few days left now before my trip." We hope Rev. Aaberg will enjoy his visit in Denmark, and be back to give us many more translations of our many cherished Danish hymns and songs.

S. N. Nielsen, Chicago, well known in the Danish church groups in Chicago, but also from annual church conventions, left June 11th via the Air Ways on a visit to Denmark. In spite of his age, close to 90 years, he was looking forward to this new venture of traveling through the air and in a few hours to cross the Atlantic ocean.—More than 60 years ago he crossed the Atlantic ocean for America on a steamer which spent several weeks on the voyage. He visited Denmark also in 1909. Mr. Nielsen will be missed at our annual church convention this year. He has been a regular member of the conventions through the many years, and he has gained many friends because of his loyalty and his love for his church and

all its fields of work.

Marinette, Wis.—Mr. W. P. Schmidt, one of the pioneer members of the Marinette-Menominee churches, recently donated four new headphones for the hard-of-hearing fully installed in the Marinette church.

Granly, Miss.—Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen of Chicago was the guest speaker in the Granly congregation on Sunday, June 8th.

Dwight, Ill.—An Adult Confirmation service was held on Pentecost Sunday in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church. A total of 18 adults were accepted into full membership of the church on that Sunday.

Denmark, Kans.—Rev. Clayton Nielsen now publishes "The Denmark Church Bulletin." At a recent service the "Service flag" was removed from the church sanctuary and a dedication was made of the Evergreen trees planted by the church.

Tyler, Minn.—The "Dansk Børneskole" has recently been sold and will be moved to make room for the proposed moving of the Danebod church.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Rev. William Larson, post-graduate student at Yale Divinity School, was the guest speaker in the Bridgeport church on Sunday, June 1st, in the absence of the pastor who attended the Young People's Convention held in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Omaha, Nebr.—The Women's Mission Circle was organized in Our Savior's Church on May 7th. Officers were elected and the group will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p. m. in the church parlors. The first project of the organization will be to make surgical dressings for the hospital in Santalistan, India.

Program For District III Convention Askov, Minnesota, June 27-29

Friday

5:00 Registration and supper
7:30-8:30 Song
8:15-9:30 Welcome messages and opening address by Rev. L. C. Bundgaard
9:30 Games

Saturday

9:00 Song and devotional message
10:00-12:00 Business meeting
12:00 Dinner
1:00 Excursion to beautiful park, sports, and picnic supper
8:00 Concert by Carla Petersen and Gudrun Sorensen

Sunday

10:30 English Service with Communion
12:00 Dinner
2:30 Address by Dr. George A. Pond, University of Minnesota
4:30 Coffee and song
6:00 Supper
7:30-8:30 Music and talent program
8:30 Address by Rev. Marius Krog—closing meeting.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts from the Synod Treasurer

For the Month of May, 1947

Towards the Budget:

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| Congregations— | |
| Clinton, Iowa | \$ 50.00 |
| Newell, Iowa | 692.40 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 239.00 |
| Omaha, Nebr. | 30.00 |
| Parlier, Calif. | 80.00 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. | 18.20 |
| Tacoma, Wash. | 136.80 |
| Ladies Aid, Moorhead, Iowa | 35.00 |
| Mrs. Kathrine Nissen, Eben- Ezer, Brush, Colo. | 3.00 |

Earmarked Pension Fund:

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| Congregations— | |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 68.00 |
| Askov, Minn. | 77.41 |
| Ruthon, Minn. (Pastors dues) | 35.36 |
| Pasadena, Calif. (Pastors dues) | 8.00 |
| "In Memory of Aage Stanstrup Jensen, Gayville, S. D." | |
| Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sorensen | 2.00 |

Home Mission:

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| "In Memory of J. C. Jensen, Nysted, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Christensen, Ring- sted, Iowa | 2.00 |
| Congregations— | |
| Gayville, S. D. (Pres. Travel) | 25.00 |
| Viborg, S. D. (Pres. Travel) | 25.00 |
| Ludington, Mich. (Annual rpts.) | 2.50 |
| Hartford, Conn. (Annual rpts.) | 3.00 |
| Misc. Subs. to Luth. Tidings for May | 9.25 |

Tyler Children's Home:

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| "In Memory of Aage Stanstrup Jensen, Gayville, S. D." | |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Kaufman | 2.00 |
| Total towards budget to date | \$ 1,543.92 |

Received for Items Outside the Budget:

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions

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| Previously Acknowledged | \$67,830.13 |
| Congregations— | |
| St. Stephan's, Chicago, Ill. | 249.78 |
| Jens Mikkelsen, Chicago, Ill. | 25.00 |
| Miss Anna Moller Chicago, Ill. | 10.00 |
| The Russell Parker Family Chicago, Ill. | 15.00 |
| Miss Ruth Jacobsen, Chica- go, Ill. | 5.00 |
| The Magnus Larsen Family | 5.00 |
| Morten Poulsen, Parlier, Calif. | 10.00 |
| Johanna Pedersen, Council Bluffs, Iowa | 25.00 |
| Luther Memorial Sunday | |

School, Des Moines, Iowa 20.00

Total to date ----- \$68,194.91

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

Contributions to date ----- \$31,800.00

Towards Room Furnishings of New Dormitory:

Contributions to date ----- 790.59

To Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged
(1946-1947 Quota) ----- \$34,803.57

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| Congregations— | |
| Grant, Mich. | 18.00 |
| Victory, Mich. | 50.00 |
| Ludington, Mich. | 200.00 |
| Clinton, Iowa | 48.00 |
| Fredsville, Iowa | 603.00 |
| Cedar Falls, Iowa | 171.50 |
| Minneapolis, Minn. | 171.55 |
| Askov, Minn. | 687.04 |
| Davey, Nebr. | 139.00 |
| Brush, Colo. | 30.00 |
| Cozad, Nebr. | 158.09 |
| Los Angeles, Calif. | 74.40 |

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| "In memory of Otto E. Peter- sen, Tyler, Minn.," From Friends and Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Johansen, Albert Jorgensen, Herluf Fredricksen, Reynald Jen- sen, Roy Jacobsen, George Johansen | 6.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. William Well- berg and Family | 3.00 |
| From Relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rasmussen and Family, Dr. and Mrs. Ar- chie Eklund, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johansen, and Bob Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Erb, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Ordlock, Janice and Bud, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Johan- sen, Doris and Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Johan- sen, Mrs. Julia Scheldrup, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Kjer- gaard, and Family, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Mar- tin W. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen and Family | 40.00 |

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| From Withee, Wisc.; Mrs. Ida Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Harald Christensen, Richard Nielsen, Leo W. Smith, Viggo Rasmussen— | 5.00 |
| From Ivanhoe, Minn: Gra- ham Fuller, Lloyd Larson, Frank Brandt, and Ames G. Olson | 8.00 |
| From Lake Benton, Minn: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Niel- sen, Mrs. Otto Rahef, | 2.00 |

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| "In Memory of Aage Stans- strup Jensen, Gayville, S. D.," Mr. and Mrs. Eiler Jensen 2.00, The Busy Bee Club 3.00, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Aaseth 2.50, Mrs. Sena Miller and Sylvia 2.50, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Smith 2.00, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson 2.00, The Danish | |
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| Ladies Aid 3.00, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen 2.00, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson 2.00 | 21.00 |
| "In Memory of Mrs. Jorgen Paulsen, Askov, Minn.," Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Nelsen, Cor- dova, Nebr. | 1.00 |
| "In Memory of Mrs. Karen Pe- dersen and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa," Mrs. Ellen Nielsen, Gruner, Iowa | 10.00 |
| "In Memory of Mother, Mrs. Lury Sayers, Ringsted, Ia.," Mrs. Ella Petersen | 2.00 |
| "In Memory of Mrs. John Jes- pergaard, Viborg, S. D.," Mr. and Mrs. Lars Simon- sen, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Simonsen | 2.00 |
| Soren Toft | 1.00 |
| "In Memory of Herluf Han- sen, Clinton, Iowa," Friends Miss Anna Schrader | 5.00 |
| "In Memory of Mrs. Maren Hansen, Askov, Minn.," From Ringsted, Iowa: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thomsen, Mr. and Mrs. Jens C. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Niel- sen, Mr. and Mrs. Ingvard Ostergaard, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Peder Johansen, Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Peder B. Pedersen Mr. and Mrs. Morten Ben- sen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Wiuff, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Sorensen, Mr. Ludvig Andersen, Mrs. Carl Petersen, Mrs. Anna Lar- sen, Mrs. Tena Jorgensen | 12.75 |
| St. Peder's Ladies Aid, Min- neapolis, Minn. | 25.00 |
| United Mission Circle, Ring- sted, Iowa | 8.00 |
| St. Stephan's Sunday School, Chicago, Ill. | 35.70 |
| Betania Ladies Aid, Ringsted, Iowa | 25.00 |
| St. Ansgar's Ladies Aid, Sali- nas, Calif. | 223.65 |

Total towards 1946-47 bud-
get ----- \$37,591.50

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| "In memory of Aage Stan- strup Jensen, Gayville, S. D.," To Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo., from Mr. and Mrs. Christ Snyder 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hansen 2.00, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. M. Hansen 2.00 | 5.00 |
| To the Bethesda Children's Home, Beresford, S. D. from Jessie M. Smith 2.00, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nelson 3.00 | 5.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
Olaf R. Juhl, Treas.,
4752 Oakland Ave.,
Minneapolis 7, Minn.
per H. Strandskov.

Santal Mission

General Budget—

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| St. John's L. Aid Mission Meeting Hampton | \$ 7.05 |
| Dalum Danish L. Aid, Dalum, Canada | 25.00 |
| Hope Luth S. S., Ruthton, Minn. | 5.85 |
| Danish Luth. Church, Bridgeport, Conn. | 25.00 |
| Luther Mem. S. S., Des Moines | 10.00 |
| Dan. Ladies' Mission, Group Brooklyn | 88.00 |
| Bethany Church, Ludington, Mich. | 25.00 |
| Anna Jacobsen, Hartford, Conn. | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Nels Nelsen, Moorehead, Ia. | 5.00 |
| Alice Jensen, Mpls., Minn., | 5.00 |
| Pella and Our Savior's Churches, Omaha | 37.60 |
| Ingemann Luth. S. S., Moorhead, Iowa | 5.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Viland, Veblen, S. D. | 5.00 |
| St. John's L. Aid, Seattle | 20.00 |
| Mrs. White, Ludington | 15.00 |
| Rev. John Christensen, Ludington | 15.00 |
| St. John's Church, Marquette, Neb. | 26.10 |
| Danish Luth. L. Aid Gayville, S. D. | 25.00 |
| Sigrid Ostergaard, Tyler, Minn., | 5.00 |
| W. M. S., Oak Hill, Iowa | 10.00 |
| In Mem. of Mrs. Albert Johansen, West Denmark, West Denmark L. Aid | 3.00 |
| Neighbors and friends | 12.80 |
| Victor Jensens, Tyler, Minn., | 1.00 |
| In Mem. of Herman Andersen, Lake Norden, S. Dak., Geo. Damms, Hans Christensens, Emil Andersens, and Jens Nielsens | 7.00 |
| In Mem. of Russell Madsen, Immanuel's L. Aid, Kimballton, Iowa | 3.00 |
| In Mem. of Mrs. O. W. Lund, Luck, Wis., Ladies' Aid, West Denmark | 3.50 |
| Friends, Oak Hill, Iowa | 5.00 |

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| In Mem. of Mrs. Jorgen Paulsen, Askov, Minn., Mrs. Kilstofte, Wm. Potts, Rev. Harold Petersen, Askov, Clarey Nielsens, Centuria, Wis. | 5.00 |
| Peter Larsens, Lake Preston, S. Dak. | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Mathilde Thompsons & Martin Larsens, Gig Harbor, Mich. | 10.00 |
| Jens Jespersens and Ellen Westerman, Seattle | 3.00 |
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| In Mem. of Mrs. Holden Hansen, Askov, Clarey Nielsens, Rev. Harald Petersens, Elna and Mrs. L. C. Pedersen and Dagmar Miller, | 4.00 |
| In Mem. of Mrs. John Jespusgaard, Martin Millers, Viborg, S. D. | 3.00 |
| For children's schooling, Elna Jensen, Ruthton S. S. | .35 |
| St. John's S. S., Seattle, Wash. | 45.00 |
| For hospital supplies, Central Luth. Mission Group, Muskegon | 10.00 |
| Total for May | 624.25 |
| Total since Jan. 1st | 3001.49 |
| Thank you, DAGMAR MILLER | |

N. B. The Commissioning service for Ribers at Pelican Rapids was a most impressive one. Rev. M. C. Diken gave the sermon and Rev. J. C. Aaberg, who baptized Harold Riber while the pastor in Dwight commissioned the young people. He was assisted by Rev. J. W. Girtz, Rev. O. S. Bjerkestrand, Rev. M. C. Diken and Dr. Heswig. Did you not know this Convention of the Santal Mission at Pelican Rapids, Minn., was for every friend of the Mission?
D. M.

Acknowledgement of Gifts

To "Valborgsminde," Old People's Home, Des Moines, Ia.

May 1, 1946 - May 1, 1947

New Hartford, Iowa—Andreas Christensen, 2 glasses of honey.
Hampton, Iowa—St. John's Ladies Aid 2 boxes of eggs, 2 boxes of corn, 2 boxes canned fruit and vegetables, 2 boxes of chicken and meat; Mrs. Fred Lund 1 can of lard; Mrs. Sondergaard and Jes Jessen, pork and meat; Mrs. Chris Pedersen 36 glasses of jelly; Mrs. Verner Petersen 1 can of lard; Mrs. Vestergaard 1 can of cream.
Marquette, Nebr.—St John's Congregation 2 cases of eggs.
Viborg, So. Dak.—Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2 boxes of chicken, dried fruit and cranberries.
Oak Hill, Iowa—St John's Congregation, 1 case of eggs.
Dwight, Ill.—The "Willing Workers" of St. Peter's Church, 2 blankets and \$15 cash.
Tyler, Minn.—Danebod Ladies Aid, \$20. Christmas gift.
Cedar Falls, Iowa—Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid, canned fruit and vegetables; Mrs. H. C. Smith, 4 table cloths; Mrs. Larsen, fruit and vegetables; Mrs. Roy Markusen, fruit and vegetables.
Kimballton, Iowa—Immanuel Ladies Aid \$10 cash.
Ankeny, Iowa—E. Jorgensen, water-melons.
Des Moines, Iowa—Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lund, 2 geese; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jorgensen, plants for flower and vegetable gardens.
With kind regards and thanks to all givers in behalf of "Valborgsminde."
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