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At The Door

There is a door through which we all must pass just as those who have gone before us. Contrary to my general policy I have today chosen to write about myself pointing out a few times when I have been near that door.

First I'll go back to my early childhood and to the town of Alden, Minnesota, where I was born. There was a carpenter's shop a short distance from our home, and dimly I remember how I as a four year old enjoyed playing with the shavings on the floor there. Then one day when the carpenter himself took a chew of tobacco, he told me how good it was and asked me if I would like to taste it. Immediately I accepted his offer and he gave me a mouthful. I chewed away at it, and not knowing anything about tobacco, I swallowed the juice. Soon I was home sicker than I had ever been before. The doctor considered it a very serious case and my parents were worried, afraid that I would not recover. I was near the door, but did not enter.

Then in my early teens we lived on a farm which my father bought to provide work for his growing boys. There was a good mile and a half from our home to the post office. Often it was my task to get the mail, frequently I went on horseback. We had a good, kind and faithful horse, his name was "Cline," and he always showed friendliness to me, but something unexpected happened one day: I can only guess that he was stung by a bee. Suddenly he balked as he had never done before or after. He threw me off and gave a kick which struck me in the head. This caused me to lie unconscious in the grass. Neighbors had seen it, ran up to see me, then hurried to our home and shouted to father: "Your son has been killed." Father and a friend visiting in our home hurried and picked me up, brought me home and put me to bed where I laid quite some time before I knew what had happened. Again I had been near the door but was permitted to continue life here.

In my later teens, on a nice spring day, I was out in the field plowing. Suddenly there was a rattlesnake lying in the furrow where I walked nearly stepping on it. I stopped the horses,—the one was "Cline," Now I was a boy then, and as other teenagers I could do foolish

things. I had often seen rattlesnakes and killed many of these. Why not have a little fun playing with it and teasing it before taking its life by stamping its head with my heel. But when I tried to do this I was careless in letting my one hand hang down my side, and the rattler was quicker than I, it gave a jump and struck the middle finger of my right hand. I felt nothing more than if I had been slightly pricked by a sharp needle. But I thought: "You little rascal," and this time my heel crushed its head. I felt like a hero having killed an 18 inch serpent with four rattles. It was about 11:00 a. m. and I continued plowing another hour. When I came home at noon I showed mother a small swelling—pimple-like and not more than as from a mosquito bite. When she heard my story, she was frightened and we all became frightened, but none of us knew what to do. We consulted neighbors, and about 1:30 p. m. father and I were on the way to the doctor 11 miles away. He told us what should have been done immediately after the bite, now he painted my swollen hand with Iodine, gave my father a bottle of whisky, and told him to give me a big dose every half hour until I was dead drunk. If only that would happen then I would be out of danger, the one poison was to counteract the other. I was given 14 or 15 doses before it happened early the next morning. My parents were happy when they saw me in that condition which only has happened once in my lifetime. I had been near the door again but four days later I was perfectly well once more.

Many years later we were four men on our way to the church convention in Danevang, Texas. On Tuesday, June 11, 1935, in southern Alabama, we suddenly had a blowout, the right rear tire was gone with a bang and the car was out of control. We landed in the ditch after the car had taken a couple of somersaults and was now a total wreck. The four of us were all taken to a hospital in nearby Atmore, Ala. For several days the doctor and nurses did not expect me to live. Not before the following Saturday (the 15th), the nurse, as she saw me, exclaimed: "That is the first time I have seen you smile." Things had changed, and little by little I was getting better. Again I had been near the door, but did not enter.

Six years later, on Sept. 8, 1941, I had a slight apopleptic stroke. Again there was a fight for life, in April, 1942, the doctor said I would not live two months. I had to resign and give up my work. I moved away to a place where I could rest. I had again been near the door, but thankful to God and man I was well enough in 1944 to offer my services to our

"At The Door" appeared in the September issue of "Budbringeren," the monthly church bulletin for the Newark, N. J. church, which also was served by the late Rev. A. C. Kildegaard.

Being written probably less than a month before "The Door" was opened to him, we find that every word of this greeting becomes a challenging sermon. — Editor—

synodical president, and a few months later I received through him a letter of call and began my work here with hopes for the future.

Lastly, in November, 1945, I was in a train wreck where the cars on one of the finest New York Central Railways trains on a trip from Chicago to New York left the track and in less time than it takes to tell it were thrown into a field in Indiana as if they had been bowling pins. Some cars were turned upside down, others lying on their side to left and right, the car I was in was turned only half ways over and was lying in the ditch beside the tracks. As if by a miracle all the hundreds of passengers escaped from the danger of

threatened death, only a few were slightly hurt. Again I had been near the door. It must have been the will of God that I should still be here on this side.

How many times have you, my friend, been near that door? Are you making use of the means of grace given us by our loving heavenly Father and administered by His servants in our church? Some day we shall pass through the door of eternity. May we each time we have been near that door see in that a reminder and a warning to prepare, that our passing may be through death to life.

Sincerely yours,
A. C. Kildegaard

District Convention At Newell, Iowa

Sept. 26-28, 1947

Friday afternoon the delegates and pastors from the Iowa district met for worship in the Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church of Newell. Pastors J. P. Andreasen and H. O. Nielsen were in charge of the service, Andreasen served at the Lord's table while the last mentioned preached the sermon.

At the conclusion of the service Haakon Jorgensen, pastor of the Newell church bid the guests a hearty welcome. The warm welcome of pastor and congregation made it easy for the guests to feel at home. Whether in church or parish hall fall flowers were in abundance. Autumn in Iowa is beautiful.

Our district president, Pastor Harold Ibsen opened the business meeting after the afternoon service. The minutes from the 1946 district meeting at Fredsville were read, corrected and approved. The treasurer of the the district, Louie Oleson, reported an income of \$688.21, total expenses of \$342.73 and a total balance of \$345.48. His statement was audited and found correct by Alfred Grau and N. S. Bush.

There were 31 delegates, nine pastors and the members of the district board present. Dagmar Miller was also given the right to vote, making a total of 44 votes.

The district president read his report and it was turned over to a committee for study. This committee presented its report Saturday forenoon in the form of the following resolutions: **Resolution I.** Whereas, there is a general need for a better understanding of our synodical work among our lay people and,

Whereas, the district constitution provides for annual visits to the congregations by the president or someone he may send and,

Whereas, the constitution also provides that each congregation should send in an annual report to the president, be it therefore resolved:

A committee composed of all the presidents of the congregations or other board members and the district president meet once a year to discuss matters of interest pertaining to the work of the district, including the president's visit and the congregations' annual reports, the meeting to be called by the district president.

Resolution II. Whereas, the work of the Lutheran

Welfare Society of Iowa is new to our district be it therefore resolved: That each of the women's organizations within the congregations appoint a Women's Mission representative responsible for keeping in touch with and working with the district Women's Mission representative in order to carry on a program of education relative to the Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa as well as other work within their scope.

Both of these resolutions were adopted.

The delegates gave their reports. However, space will not allow mention in detail of the many activities, improvements, anniversaries, etc. It should be mentioned that the Waterloo relocation and building program is steadily making progress.

Three pastors have moved or will move to Iowa in the near future. Leif Kirkegaard, Holger Jorgensen and Einar Farstrup were all bid welcome.

Friday evening, Mr. John C. Bruce, Field worker of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa spoke. Also did he show a sound film entitled "Come Unto Me." During the questioning period many questions were directed to Mr. Bruce in regards to the work of the L. W. S. of Iowa and Mr. Bruce had his information well in hand. I am sure most of us left the meeting with a deeper and better understanding of the great task the church has in helping the unfortunate children as well as adults in our midst.

Saturday morning pastor Marvin Nygaard was in charge of the devotions. He used as his text, Acts 1:1-11. The theme of his talk was of the marvelous promise that has been given to Christians of the Christ who will return as He departed. In this promise there is hope for men of faith, come whatever may to this perishing world.

Following the morning devotions the business meeting was called to order by the district president. The message of Rev. Alfred Jensen to the district meeting was read. (See Lutheran Tidings, Sept. 5, 1947). From this report considerable discussion followed. In regards to the Lutheran World Action the reports from the congregations were as a whole encouraging. About half of the congregations have met their quota and the rest had hopes of doing so. In regards to the

Lutheran World Action the following motion was made, seconded and carried: The Iowa district decided to rescind the decision made at the Cedar Falls district meeting concerning the raising of the L. W. A. quotas on the basis of contributing membership. It will henceforth be based on confirmed membership as in all other districts of the synod.

In regards to the Church Extension Fund the following motion was passed after much discussion about the method of collecting the funds: Moved and seconded that this convention go on record favoring the voluntary method of contributing to the Church Extension Fund instead of assessing each contributing member. Motion carried.

Holger Nielsen asked that the chairman appoint a committee to define the term "voluntary method." The committee met and defined the term to mean that the quota should be based on one dollar and fifty cents per contributing member but that each congregation could decide by itself how this quota should be raised.

The district president next read the report from the president of the Pension Fund. There were words of appreciation from the pension board for the cooperation shown by the congregations in the past and hopes they would continue their support. The Pension Fund will carry a greater load this year than ever before. At present there are 30 pensioners as compared to 24 last year.

The following resolution was adopted by the Newell district convention: Be it hereby resolved that the District IV convention go on record requesting that the resolution passed by the synodical convention in Des Moines, Iowa, 1946 (Annual Report p. 117-118) be observed by the synodical treasurer.

The report from Rev. Richard Sorensen, president of the Danish-American Young People's League was read. This report was followed by a talk by Rev. L. A. Kirkegaard, the advisor of the Iowa DAYPL. It was something of a significant fact that for the first time in the history of the district the young people's work was presented in this official manner to the delegates of our congregations. Because it must be considered a step in a new direction I include the manuscript in the minutes.

(Due to lack of space this Report will appear in the next issue. —Editor)

The allocation committee made its report. It reads as follows:

Cedar Falls	\$1497.00
Waterloo	851.16
Hampton	371.76
Newell	1044.48
Kimballton	946.84
Fredsville	1066.44
Oak Hill	259.14
Exira	163.46
Ringsted	665.78
Des Moines	589.06
Moorhead	103.66

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The district meeting voted to send the following gifts, to be paid out of the district treasury: Church Extension Fund \$100.00, Santal Mission \$100.00, and the Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa \$50.00.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that

the district secretary send a resume of the convention minutes to the delegates as soon after the meeting as possible.

The last matter of business was the election of a district president and when the ballots were counted Rev. Harold Ibsen was again elected to serve in this office for the next two years.

Saturday evening was given over to the Women's Mission Society with Mrs. Peter Lillehoj in charge. Mrs. Ida Egede the national president spoke briefly on the W. M. S. goals. The speaker of the evening, Rev. K. Tromborg, was introduced by Dagmar Miller. A sum of \$90.00 from the evening collection was given to the Santal Mission in memory of Caroline Jorgensen. (Reports from this meeting will be given in full in the woman's page of L. T.)

The ringing of church bells Sunday morning announced the day of worship. Saturday at our meetings is mostly a long day of business routine but Sunday—

O Day, full of grace, which we behold,
Now gently to view ascending;
Thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
Good cheer to all mortals lending,
That children of light in every clime
May prove that the night is ending.

Pastors Juhl and Kirkegaard preached from the day's text but since the church was full for both services few could listen to both services.

Rev. Einer Farstrup gave an excellent lecture in the afternoon. He spoke of conditions in England, the low level of religious interest in Denmark, the tendency of the smaller folk schools to disappear. At Lund, Sweden he was most impressed by the Communion Service at which former enemies knelt together. In the reports and discussions at Lund, it was evident that the Lutherans were sensitive to the charge of indifference to politics. They affirmed that the church must be the conscience of the state.

At Lund were also the Lutherans that had fled out of the Baltic states to escape from the Russians. The atrocity stories are not all propaganda.

Sunday evening Dr. Knudsen gave an outstanding lecture on our foreign policy as being one that will lead us inevitably to war. He spoke of military men in responsible positions in our government, the fabulous sums spent by the government for military research. Dr. Knudsen felt that this trend could be headed off by enlightened public opinion, before it was too late.

The district meeting ended on a very serious level and we all felt that this had been a good convention in every respect. To the Newell people and to Rev. and Mrs. Jorgensen we extend our thanks for hospitality. Tak for Gæstfrihed, Tak for Mad og Tak for Samværet!

Holger O. Nielsen, Secretary.

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IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

By Alfred C. Nielsen

"ONE WORLD OR NONE"

The great war has been over for some time, but what we have can hardly be called peace. There are international tensions and name calling. There are rumors of war and fear of war.

Under these conditions it might be well to do some thinking about war and peace.

When Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States in March 1861, several of the southern states had defied the government of the United States and had left the Union. In the South men were defiant. In the North they were confused. But Lincoln saw the important issue clearly. It was not slavery. It was the Union. He knew that if the different states could veto the acts of the U. S. government with impunity an orderly society was impossible. He knew further that if the Union broke up into parts it would mean almost ceaseless wars as had been the case in Europe and in Latin America. If there was to be peace in the United States the federal government must depend upon the loyalty of its good citizens and have power to enforce its will upon a recalcitrant minority. Secession meant war to save the Union.

Wars have been the curse of Europe. Take any century of European history after 180 A. D. and the years devoted to war have in many cases equalled those devoted to peace. During the seventeenth century there were the wars of religion with the terrible Thirty Years War. During the eighteenth century there were such wars as the War of Spanish Succession, War of Polish Succession, War of Austrian Succession, Seven Years War and the beginning of the French Revolutionary Wars.

But there was a time when there was peace in the Western World. This was during the rule of the good Roman emperors between 31 B. C. and 180 A. D. Rome at that time included Europe to the South and west of a line along the Rhine—Danube frontier and the lands around the Mediterranean Sea. For two hundred years the civilized world had peace and prosperity. Roman law and Roman peace were enforced, and there was enough good will so that enforcement was not too difficult.

The objection may be raised that this law and order was at the expense of freedom. There is some truth in that statement. But mankind was surely better off than during war-ridden periods preceding and following that era. So cruel and confused was the period before the good emperors that there is much truth in the ancient saying that the world came to Rome as much as Rome came to the world.

When the Roman government weakened after 180 the powerful could again veto the laws and edicts of the government and anarchy followed. There was anarchy during the barbarian invasions. There was anarchy during the period of feudalism. There was anarchy during the period of formation of the Western nations, and there have been anarchy and wars since.

Think of living in a community where the strong can do as they please. Such a community is a community without the benefit of law. And where there is no law and order, we have anarchy.

That was the condition that had prevailed among the nations for centuries, and still does. The strong nations did as they pleased. When they were so inclined might was right. The great powers strode over the globe and took what they wanted. England did, France did it, Germany did it, and the United States is not without guilt. When some of the nations have wanted the same things at the same time we have had war.

Following the First World War the League of Nations was born, but it was not strong enough to restrain the rapacity of the self-willed. Japan, Italy and Germany did what they pleased and war came.

Now we have the United Nations and the veto. We wanted it and Russia wanted it. We use it and Russia has used it most freely. We are for the U. N. when we can have our way. When we can not we use the veto.

If the citizens of a nation can choose which laws they wish to obey there will be endless confusion. If states within our union can veto acts by the government there will be war as in the days of Abraham Lincoln.

Let us have no illusions about it. If the present stalemate in the U. N. continues there will be war. The veto will have to go. There must be international law and obedience to it. What this means is an international government. It must come, or we will perish. It is "One World or None." The weapons have made that imperative.

What can we do? We can do all in our might to get food to Europe to keep those poor people from going utterly mad with starvation. We can pray to God that he will rid our hearts and minds of self-righteousness and from believing the worst about others. Finally, we must work for a more perfect union of all the peoples of the world.

Displaced Persons Arrive

New York — Fifty displaced persons from war-devastated European areas arrived here under the sponsorship of Church World Service, interdenominational relief and reconstruction agency. Arrival of the group brought to 1,200 the total number of displaced persons brought here by American Protestant and Orthodox churches.

Most of the new arrivals were from Balkan countries or from Germany. They included Protestants, Eastern Orthodox and those with no formal religious affiliation.

Various church groups will cooperate in helping the new-comers find homes and employment.—(RNS).

Our Women's Work

Our Mission Project

When I received a letter from Mrs. Lillehoj asking for a short article about the W. M. S. work in District 3, I suddenly realized how little I know about the work being done in our district. I have therefore decided not to attempt such an article at this time, but I do promise that a complete report on our district W. M. S. meeting will be forthcoming soon. Instead, I shall attempt to tell you something about the Nielsen's own missionary project.

On January 30th, Miss Sletvold of the Lutheran Charities 'phoned to ask whether we would take into our home for a few days a little child of sixteen months. She was calling from the Juvenile Court and needed immediate placement for this little boy, and since there were no foster homes available asked if we would be willing to accept this little guest. Within a half hour Miss Andersen, a caseworker for the Lutheran Home Finding Society was at our door with "our new baby." Having deposited him in my arms, she went out to get his wardrobe—a large brown "grocery store" bag contained whatever clothing he possessed—it was clean, but meager.

After Miss Andersen left, I sat down with my baby to remove his wraps and try to make him feel at home. He was a good little fellow—very quiet, no outburst of any kind during the transfer from Miss Andersen's arms to mine. "A bit too pale," I thought as I removed his snowsuit, "and his shoes are much too short." These I removed next, and found a larger pair in the bag. Obviously these had belonged to his sister, but he found them comfortable. Such beautiful blue eyes and soft gold hair! Brian was such a lovely baby, or could be with proper care, and his quota of love.

Since it is a number of years ago since my boys were babies, we had long since disposed of our baby bed, but a call to our children's home assured me of a bed and a high chair. It didn't take me too long to realize that I was somewhat out of the routine of baby tending, and there's no doubt about it, Brian did give me extra work. He had been very ill in November, first pneumonia, then measles and chickenpox followed in rapid succession, so it was no wonder he hadn't learned to walk. His appetite was tremendous (that always pleases a mother) but I felt he had never really had enough to eat. His first bath was exasperating! He just wouldn't take to water—unheard of conduct for a 16 month old baby. He was therefore "exposed" to his bath twice daily with one of Paul's wooden tops bobbing up and down in the water to help divert Brian's attention during the process of neck and ear washing which he hated as much as any twelve year old!

Well, the "few days" lengthened into a week, and a week into a month. He was now as much a part of our family as our own boys. Then came the day we

were all dreading. Miss Anderson telephoned to say she had found a foster home for Brian and would I have him ready to pick up on the 4th of March? Many were the tears I shed during those days and for a couple of weeks following his departure. But I was not registered for foster care, and anyway, I was too busy! Thus I tried to console myself.

I didn't hear much about Brian after he left until Miss Anderson called one day to say she was again looking for a home for Brian. The couple into whose home he had gone from ours, were interested in a baby for adoption, and Brian was not for adoption. Did I think we would care to register for foster home care and once again take him into our home, this time on a more or less permanent foster home arrangement? ("Permanent" meaning here a matter of years perhaps). We registered immediately, were "investigated" and now have our Foster Home Permit, and what is more important to us we have our Brian back again.

In the two months he was away, he had learned to walk, and since then he has learned to say a few words, too. Brian is a constant source of pleasure to our entire family. The joy he brings us far outweighs whatever work or occasional inconvenience his presence here may cause us. We receive some compensation from the Lutheran Home Finding Society: \$2.95 per month for clothing, and \$33.01 per month for his keep, but what he means to us as a family can never be measured. We are the debtors!

I hope some of you women who might be interested in extending a helping hand to children in need of foster home care, will contact your local Lutheran Home Finding Society. It is one of the finest ways I know of doing a real service for a little child who otherwise might be shifted about from place to place. There is but one point that should be stressed, and that is that these children who are in need of foster care are not adoptive. Should you desire more information and are not able to get it in your community, I shall try to assist anyone interested.

A. Frances Nielsen.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25, 1947

District VII WMS Meeting

The Women's Mission Society of District 7 held its annual meeting on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, during the district convention. We opened our meeting by singing "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling." After which the district representative gave a report on the year's work. Most of our Ladies' Aid groups had contributed to our special project this year, namely the furnishing of the new dormitory at Grand View College. Omaha had "gone over the top" with its \$200 contribution. Mrs. Grobeck told us about the various projects which they had had to help raise the money. Brush has a Mission study group and at Cor-

dova the regular meetings of the Ladies' Aid Society had been used for Mission study. The point was stressed that we need to become Mission conscious. If our hearts and minds are opened to the crying needs around us our purse strings will naturally open too. We were urged to form Mission study groups to create interest.

Since our district representative, Mrs. Lerager resigned last winter and the present representative (Agnes Nelson) held the position only by appointment, an election was held. Mrs. Orville Sorensen of Nysted (formerly Mildred Due) was unanimously elected W. M. S. representative of District 7.

It was announced that anyone was welcome to help themselves to the left-over pamphlets.

That concluded our business meeting. We sang "Oh Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling," and then our district president, Rev. E. Moller, delivered a stirring message on "Home Missions." He expressed the fear that our children will not know where to turn in times of sorrow and stress if we do not wake up to our responsibilities as home missionaries. He emphasized that the time to act is here and now if the world is to be saved from paganism.

We sang "Lord, I Wish to Be Thy Servant" and Rev. Moller led us in devotion.

Agnes Nelson,
(Dist. Repr.)

Integrating The Work For The Christian Education Of Our Children

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Progress presupposes Plan. If steady progress is not made out children will not only lose interest, they will also tire of that imparting of the knowledge of God and his ways with man, which we want them to love. There must be progress from year to year in the knowledge imparted.

The child will go to Sunday school and summer school from the time he is six years old until he is thirteen—seven years—then to confirmation class. The work in summer school should be a continuation of that in Sunday school. This is what I mean: Records are kept in both schools as to what periods in Bible history have been covered. The summer school should start where the Sunday school left off. This will be so much easier if the Sunday school has its vacation while the summer school is being taught. The teacher in the summer school may then simply go to the record and learn: Did the Sunday school end with Moses, well then we start with Joshua; did it end with Elijah, then we start with Elisha. It will then be a continuous, connected, forth-running instruction in which the child will constantly be discovering new territory, and incidentally, new truths.

But here, again, we must depend upon the teacher's knowledge of the Bible for making haste slowly, making progress with thoroughness. If the teacher does not know his Bible, he will cover the vast amount of good stories with a rabbit's foot, and the result will be a skeleton of information without flesh and blood. Take Genesis, for instance; there are at least seventy good stories in Genesis, each of which should occupy a separate period in the school day, whether in Sunday or summer school. The teacher must have had the Bible opened to him, so that he has caught a glimpse of the various and vast ramifications of what the stories tell. If that has been done then it will not be a question of finding enough material to fill the period of Bible-story telling; it will be a question of eliminating so as to make reasonable progress.

Example: The story is Cain and Abel. They

brought offerings; who taught man to bring offerings? How did Cain know that God looked to Abel's offering and not to Cain's? How does a man look when he scowls? Can a good father bear to see his child going around scowling? What does the expression mean: "Sin croucheth at thy door?" Did Cain entice Abel into the field, or did both merely happen to be there at the same time? Can one of Abel's sheep have strayed into Cain's grain? (No!)—Did God ask: Where is thy brother? Because he did not know? Might God's asking have become a help to Cain to tell the truth? Did Adam and Eve tell the truth when God asked them? Did Cain? What is God trying to do for Cain when he says that he will avenge Cain seven fold? What must be the result when "Cain goes away from the face of the Lord?"—The beginning of our godless civilization.

The story of Cain and Abel cannot possibly be covered thoroughly in less than two periods. And thus with all the stories; there is an inexhaustible wealth of material. But we must eliminate, for we must make progress. And we have seven years of Sunday school with at least 42 Sundays in each year, if allowance is made for a vacation during summer school, and the great church festivals. That is 42 periods. Then we have six weeks of summer school of five days each; that is 30 periods, or in all 72 periods in a year for the telling of Bible history.

And now I will present a schedule on which there will be various opinions, and on which, perhaps, many will disagree with me. But then, perhaps, they may present one that is better:

First year, Genesis; Second year, Exodus-Deuteronomy; Third year, Joshua, Judges, Ruth; Fourth year, 1 and 2 Samuel; Fifth year, Kings-Prophets; Sixth year, Gospel; Seventh year, Acts-Epistles.

I believe I can foresee one objection to this schedule; maybe I can forestall it.—It will be said: Why five years spent on the books of the Old Testament and only two on those of the New?

Being a Dane, I will answer a question with a

question: Why did God require 2000 years to prepare man for the fulness of time when the Messiah could come? And our men of science tell us that each human being in the course of his life recapitulate the life of the race. If this is true will it not be wise to take plenty of time to show the child the imprints of God's footsteps on earth before we point out to him God on earth in his Son? Can fathers and mothers be satisfied to pray: "Our Father" over and with their children and to teach them about this Father until it dawns upon the children that he is a good Father, full of loving kindness and worthy to be believed when he has sent his Son to earth to save us? Must we force the children into that choice which God

so wants to be the most free choice on earth that he planted not only the tree of life, but also the tree of knowledge of good and evil right behind it? I am of the opinion that the children are best being prepared for that choice by seeing their father's and mother's life in The Faith and by being told of God's extended preparations for the coming of Him whom man must choose if he wants to fare well eternally.

Besides all this we have the preparation for confirmation which should last two terms of six months each. This we will consider in the next issue, if before that, I am not called to account by someone.

Valdemar S. Jensen.

Minutes Of The 1947 District VII Convention

Nysted, Nebraska — September 26-28

After morning devotions led by Rev. Clayton Nielsen. the business meeting was called to order at 9:45 Saturday morning with the singing of the first stanza of "The Church's One Foundation." As the district constitution provides that the district president and the district secretary preside in these offices at the convention, the first business was the roll call. Forty-six delegates from ten of the twelve congregations of the district were present when the roll was taken. Five more came shortly afterward. This was a total of fifty-one delegates. Seven pastors were present.

The minutes of the 1946 convention were read. These minutes had been approved at the conclusion of the last convention, and so only comment was made on the action and activities specified for the previous year.

The treasurer's report was read and approved by motion and vote. At this point, in order to give special attention where needed, the chair appointed Martin Grobeck, Omaha, and George White, Brush, to serve on the Allocation Committee, together with the district president, Rev. Eric Moller, Hay Springs.

The district president read his report, as found in the annual synodical reports, and made additional comments on later events, which occurred after the writing of the report. These additions included: the resignation and moving from the district of Rev. P. C. Stockholm; the progress in the moving of chapels into Danevang and Hay Springs; the good but poorly attended Sunday School Institute at Nysted in August; the resignation and moving from the district of Emelie Stockholm, Sunday School Superintendent of the district; the work of the Lutheran Student Foundation and the incorporation thereof; the work of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Nebraska; the uses, support and possibilities for the Nysted Folk School; the good but little used district Sunday School library; and the youth work within the district.

The report of the synodical president, Alfred Jensen, for the district convention was read. Together with it was read the report of Lutheran World Action, and of the Grand View College Jubilee Fund. They were considered especially in relation to District VII.

While these reports were well in mind, they were discussed before reading other reports. The district president reminded us of the urgent need for L. W. A. funds. Mrs. Grobeck, Omaha, stressed that we had a duty to support the Jubilee Fund, just as a father and duty to the support of his family. Chris Nelson, Cordova, accepted this statement without reservation, but wished to know how we could get people to understand fully that they were a part of this "family." Vagn Duus, Rosenborg, asked how Omaha did it. Martin Grobeck replied that they had made use of the G. V. C. film, had invited representatives to speak, and had sent out canvassers who went to the members of the congregation, several times if needed.

Erik Moller spoke briefly of the importance of church

directed college education. The secular college so often teaches a vicious selfishness. We must be sure that we place the right values first. It is true that our synod is too small at least insofar that we know one another so well that we become prejudiced and personal in our likes and dislikes. This we must overcome. We discuss this now because you are to go home and push this. You, personally, may have given your share. But could you do more by yourself or by urging others?

The Home Mission Extension Fund, its goal, purpose and need, was brought to the attention of the convention. Peter Nielsen, Denmark, Kansas, suggested we leave out any specific planning at our meeting as to collection and procedure since the Home Mission Council would probably soon outline an overall collection plan. Howard Christensen, Cozad-Nysted, reminded us that we did have a quota or goal of a dollar and a half per contributing member which we should begin on now.

An explanation, with some detail, was now given regarding the increase in the synodical budget. The increases were largely the result of our own action, especially at the national convention with its regularly appointed and representing delegates. We are under obligations to ourselves to fulfill our quotas.

Martin Grobeck, on the Allocation committee, asked if two laymen were enough to decide how the distribution was to be. How could three men know if they were considering all conditions in twelve congregations? Since the district constitution limited the committee to three it was voted to allow the committee to call one from each congregation for consultation if it was felt it was needed. Thereupon, it was moved that each congregation elect one delegate, from among those present, who could be asked to help pass on allocations. Carried. This did not alter the constitutional provision.

The question was now asked: Shall we continue our Sunday School Institutes? Howard Christensen informed us that Rev. Einar Farstrup was hoping he would be able to set up institutes and Sunday School meetings throughout the synod. If this could be done that would take the place of our district institutes. Peter Nielsen asked if we could not, as we had done in the past, combine the Sunday School institutes and district meetings. He had observed that delegates often gained a contagious enthusiasm for the Sunday School when this had been done. Mrs. Rasmussen, Nysted, suggested we have a more general fellowship meeting of the district. Arnold Krogh, Nysted, would like to see outside, specially trained talent present at such meetings so that we could receive other and new views. Great satisfaction was expressed by several in having Rev. E. W. Mueller of Chicago at the last S. S. I. The only regret was that so few heard him.

The district president suggested that we wait and see what the Council of Elementary Religious Education did, and recommended that the district board be given the right to decide

on a Fellowship Meeting, and to be allowed to plan a S. S. I. together with the district meeting if no other district Sunday School meeting was held.

It was moved that we lay the matter of special meetings on the table until the next convention. This was seconded but before a vote was taken a substitute motion by Chris Feddersen, Marquette, was made which would allow the district board to arrange for either a Sunday School Institute, or other meetings in its place. This substitute motion won and was carried.

Now the question was raised as to whether or not we should now have a Sunday School Superintendent for the district. Martin Grobeck moved we eliminate the office. The motion carried. Jorgen Andersen, Hay Springs, moved we send a letter of thanks to Emelie Stockholm. Carried. Later in the day, when a letter from Miss Stockholm was read, the convention gave her a rising vote of thanks.

The meeting adjourned for the noon recess, and convened again at two o'clock. After singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," the Allocation Committee gave its report. It had been decided to allocate the District VII quota for the synod at the average of \$5.20 per contributing member. Peter Nielsen wished to have explained again how this money was used, or was to be used. The district president did this, and after reading what the sums were for the various congregations he reminded us that we were the synod, each as individuals and as a group. We have decided this amount; this is a goal we have set; let us fulfil our goal.

Gudmund Petersen, Davey, questioned the equality of the distribution. There were various interpretations of contributing membership. Davey was counting man and wife as two. Erik Moller explained that past experience in the synod shows that we have been unwilling to accept a standard which was acceptable to all. Arthur Nielsen, Davey, explained that since man and wife were listed separately in the report sent to the synodical statistician, their quota was too high in comparison to other congregations. They would try to raise the amount which their contributing membership figure gave them, but it meant paying about twice the amount, proportionately, that the rest of the congregations gave.

A general discussion followed on what constitutes membership, especially contributing membership. It was generally agreed that a standard was needed. The district president asked Howard Christensen to refigure all congregations on a \$5.36 per contributing member basis. This was the new basis needed to fulfil the district's quota to the synod.

Vagn Duus moved that discussion cease on the standards and qualifications of membership and that we continue to other business. Carried. By the time this business had passed Howard Christensen had finished the new calculations. These new allocations were read. Vagn Duus moved that the Davey contributing membership be accepted as 22, as corrected by the Davey delegates. Carried.

The Pension Fund Board report was read and discussed. It was moved and carried: Since we are given credit on our quotas for pension fund contributions, District VII moves that the pension fund contributions of congregations be not listed separately.

The Lutheran Welfare Council of Nebraska report, sent by Peter Thomsen, our representative, was read. It was moved that we continue our membership by the paying of the annual ten dollar dues, and that our present representative continue at his post. Carried. It was also decided that twenty-five dollars be sent to the Institutional Chaplaincy Service, affiliated with the council.

A report was given on the Lutheran Student Foundation, formerly the Lutheran Student Association, the change resulting from its incorporation. District VII is a member, and helped to formulate the new constitution of the L. S. F. by sending a representative to the organizational meetings. It was moved and carried that the district continue its membership and pay the twenty-five dollar a year organizational membership dues. Some of the district young people attend the University of Nebraska where the foundation carries on most of its work.

Nysted Folk School was next discussed. Shall we as a district buy a share or shares? What use are we going to

make of the school building? Does it have any value to us? A good general discussion followed. (The account of the folk school meeting Sunday afternoon considers the whole matter more fully.) It was moved that we as a district buy five shares or more. Carried.

Announcement was made of the young people's proposal for the pastor exchange in the district. The plan was seconded by the convention.

The Reading Circle report was given by the manager for the past year, Howard Christensen. He invited all to join the circle, and to attend the auction of the books which was scheduled to take place at the convention. With the reading circle books the district Sunday School library was also placed. The income from the reading circle books would in part determine the cost for the next year.

Mrs. J. M. Petersen, Cordova, asked how more services could be obtained by congregations without pastors. A discussion followed on some of the things being done to help, but such plans had limitations. The problem is not solved by borrowing ministers. We need to urge more young men to enter the ministry, and congregations can do much to make the work one of anticipation and joy. The present temper and philosophy of the world at large does not promote the ministry.

The chair asked for any other problems or special reports that any congregation might have. When none were brought forth, the chair asked for special announcements. Mrs. James Fowler, Hay Springs, thereupon invited all to the dedication of the new church at Mirage Flats. It is planned for this fall, probably November ninth.

The district president expressed thanks for the work of the retiring reading circle manager, and extended best wishes to the newly appointed manager, Clayton Nielsen, Denmark, Kansas.

It was voted to send greetings to the other district conventions of the synod which were in session during the same days.

In the nomination for district president, Erik Moller received the majority. He was then elected president by the raising of hands. The secretary called for a rising vote of appreciation of the district president's work. He responded to this appreciation by saying: We are working not for our district, or for the synod, primarily, but for Christ. Let us not succumb to the popular trend of indifference. Indifference is one of our greatest enemies.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. A rising vote of thanks was given the convention officers. The meeting adjourned by singing **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage.**

Ronald Jespersen, Secretary

Sunday morning young and old gathered at the church at 10 o'clock for Sunday school. Rev. Clayton Nielsen spoke to the children and Rev. Vagn Duus conducted adult Sunday school. Our discussion centered around various points in the 6th chapter in the Gospel of Luke, especially the 29th verse: "And unto him that smiteth thee on one cheek, offer also the other."

At 11 o'clock the spacious church was filled to capacity for worship service. It seemed fitting that we sang, "Fair Beyond Telling, Lord, is Thy Dwelling." Rev. Erik Moller delivered the sermon and he chose for his text the parable of the prodigal son. He pointed out that although we all desire to identify ourselves with a group, there are times when we feel a hunger to be considered individually. We need to know that God cares for us each one. He stressed the thought that Christianity is not a reform but a creation of life. The weakness of the prodigal son was that his plea was "give me" not "make me." As a child needs to feel the security of his father's love and protection so we need to feel that protecting love of God.

Rev. Gunnar Petersen was in charge of the Holy Communion service, and in his invitation he spoke briefly from the text, "Come unto me all ye who are heavy laden." He reminded us that most of our burdens are of the mind because we are selfish. Only through communion with Christ can we gain strength and peace in mind.

At noon we all gathered in the dining room in the college building where the Nysted ladies fed us royally. Many additional guests had arrived and the noon recess passed very quickly.

We met again at the church at 2 o'clock. This time to discuss the future of the Nysted Folk School. The secretary of the Nysted Folk School Association, Mr. Richard Sorensen, gave his report on the meeting held last winter; and we also heard the treasurer's report given by Mr. T. S. Hermansen. Rev. Howard Christensen told us about his hopes and plans for the future of the school. By using it for conventions, fellowship meetings, youth camps, etc., it could once more become a cultural center for District VII. He expressed the hope that we would join in and help. There is a great deal of work yet to be done and financial aid is greatly needed. We were urged to buy shares that have been issued, at \$10 per share. The congregation at Nysted is small but it has worked hard to recondition the school building into its present usable condition. Mr. P. Brun Petersen of Marquette had donated three months of skilled carpenter work last summer. A lively discussion followed during which it became evident that the District is interested and willing to help. The board consisting of T. S. Hermansen, Richard Sorensen, Arnold Krogh, P. B. Petersen, Carl Thomsen, Hans Foged, and H. Christensen was elected.

Rev. Howard Christensen called for volunteers to come and spend a week at the school, bringing paint brushes and carpenter tools. He promised that there would be lectures and song fests in the evening. Several men from the near-

by congregations promised to come, bringing the necessary tools, and possibly their wives to do the cooking. The date was set for Oct. 13-19, and on this cheerful note our meeting ended.

After a short recess we met again. Rev. Vagn Duus gave a very challenging lecture on "Rebuilding the Rural Community." He called our attention to the fact that when people are in need they go to the government, not the church, for aid. He stressed the point that we must get the church back in its rightful place as the center of the community.

After the afternoon meeting a book sale was held. All the books purchased by the Reading Circle for the past year were auctioned off as were also several books purchased by the District for Sunday school work.

We met again at the church in the evening for the last meeting of the convention. We sang "Take My Life and Let It Be." The speaker of the evening was Rev. Gunnar Petersen, and he chose to tell us something about the colony of Huttenites in Vermillion, S. D. He felt that we could learn a great deal from their mode of life. We need to work together in unity and with brotherly love. We sang "The Country Lies In Deep Repose," and we now listened to several short farewell talks by delegates from various congregations. Everyone agreed that the Nysted people are good hosts. There were many expressions of appreciation and gratitude to them and to our speakers for their contributions. We felt that we could go home strengthened and inspired because we had enjoyed true fellowship throughout the meeting.

Agnes Nelson, Reporter.

Report Of The Ninth District Convention

The ninth district of the Danish Lutheran Church held its annual convention at St. John's Lutheran Church in Seattle August 29, 30, and 31. The business session was called to order by the District President, C. S. Hasle on Saturday morning at 10:00. The roll call showed that the following delegates were present. Wilbur: Mr. V. E. Jurgensen. Enumclaw: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weston, Mrs. Karen Rasmussen, Mrs. Betty Laursen. Junction City: Mrs. Anna Clausen, Mr. Jens Reerslev, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Jensen, Mrs. Dagny Gribskov. Tacoma: Mr. Einar Petersen, Mrs. Thora Petersen. Seattle: W. N. Hostrup, Rasmus Hansen, L. C. Larsen, Mrs. Cecilia Skivesen. The District Treasurer, Mr. Hans Eskesen and the following pastors were also present, Holger Andersen, C. S. Hasle, J. C. Kjaer, and C. Terrell. There was a total of 21 votes.

The convention elected C. S. Hasle as chairman and C. Terrell as secretary. Mrs. Betty Laursen was appointed by the chair to send a report to "Dannevirke."

The minutes of the last convention were read and accepted as read. The president's report was read and a committee consisting of Rev. Holger Andersen, L. C. Larsen and Mrs. Edward Jensen was appointed to report on the president's report.

The treasurer's report as of Sept. 1, 1947 showed a balance of \$464.07, of which there is \$178.42 in the general fund and \$285.65 in the district mission fund. The auditing committee, V. E. Jurgensen and Einar Petersen, found the books in order. The convention accepted the treasurer's report.

At this time the reports from the congregations were given. Wilbur, after being without a pastor

for so many years, is fortunate in having Rev. Holger Andersen to serve them for the summer. Tacoma, left vacant by Pastor A. W. Andersen's necessary retirement, has been able to keep the church doors open every Sunday. Rev. Thoyer, an American Lutheran pastor of the Old People's home at Puyallup, has been conducting services every Sunday. The Sunday School has been discontinued. The congregation is feeling the need of a full time pastor. Junction City has plans for building a new parsonage during the coming year. Enumclaw has completed a building improvement program. Rev. Alfred Sorensen resigned the Seattle call after 25 years of service. Rev. J. C. Kjaer accepted a call to Seattle and the work was carried on without a break.

The following message was received by the convention, "Greetings of Christian fellowship, God bless you." Alfred and Gertrude Sorensen.

The next item of business was Rev. C. S. Hasle's motion to repeal paragraph 3, clause E of the District Constitution, which reads as follows: "The President or any other member of the district board whom he may designate, shall make an official yearly visit to each congregation of the District." After much discussion the meeting was adjourned for the noon meal.

Alfred Jensen, the Synodical President, who had been delayed by a landslide in the mountains, arrived in time for the afternoon meeting.

The motion to repeal Paragraph 3, Clause E of the Constitution was defeated.

The committee on the president's report recommended:

1. That the secretary be instructed to send a greeting to Mrs. A. W. Andersen. That he also express our appreciation for the work she and her husband did in this district.

2. That the secretary send acknowledgement and thanks for the greeting of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen.
3. That the convention express thanks to Rev. Thoyer for his service to Tacoma.
4. That the convention recommend that each congregation fill its L. W. A. quota.
5. That the convention express its thanks to Rev. Hasle for his service as District President.
6. That the president's report be adopted.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Rev. Alfred Jensen was given the floor and made a strong appeal that we pastors and delegates return to our congregations and emphasize the great need of L. W. A. Our contributions as of August 1 were as follows:

	Quota	Receipts	Per cent
Enumclaw -----	\$ 796	\$ 92.65	11.63%
Junction City -----	660	265.00	40.14
Seattle -----	1004	1163.67	115.90
Tacoma -----	440	498.00	113.18
Wilbur -----	100	83.00	83.00
Totals -----	\$3000	\$2102.32	70.07%

The allocation committee reported our share of the synodical budget is \$1500 which amounts to \$4.75 per contributing member.

Each congregation's share is as follows:

Seattle, \$627.00; Tacoma, \$190.00; Enumclaw, \$304.00; Junction City, \$346.75; Wilbur, \$85.50. Total, \$1553.25.

Alfred Jensen called our attention to the fact that the Synodical Convention at Racine had established a Church Extension Fund. The Fund of \$50,000 is to be reached over a period of five years. It will be reached if the equivalent of \$1.50 per contributing member is given each year. This is not to be conceived of as an added burden but is an opportunity to help carry on the work of our church.

This concluded the business meeting.

C. Terrell
Convention Sec.

P. S.—I have not attempted to report on the most important part of the convention, the worship services, lectures, and discussions, as it would be well nigh impossible in a few words to recapture the spirit and content of the messages.

The Pension Fund Sunday

Just in case the delegates should forget to mention it, I wish to remind all our congregations of the annual collection or offering to the Ministers Pension Fund which according to our rules should be taken on the 1st Sunday in November or some other Sunday or Holiday that may seem more suitable to you. Some congregations prefer to place a certain amount on their budget for this cause so as not to have so many special collections.

However, I do wish to underscore the fact that our Pension Fund this year apparently will carry a larger load than ever before. Several eligible persons have applied for pension since our convention in Racine and the total number of pensioners now is thirty-three. Your Pension Fund board hopes to be able to pay the pensioners the extra amount this year again. We understood that to be the wish of the convention as well when we were allowed an increase on the synod budget of \$2500.

Perhaps some one will wonder, why this increase was necessary when the treasurer's financial report showed a balance of \$2835.37. The past years your Pension Fund board has made it a policy, if possible, to keep a reserve of about \$2500 in the treasury after the Annual Convention to pay the quarterly pensions due on July 1st and the extra gift of \$50 to each pensioner. After this has been done very little remains in the treasury and most of our congregations do not send in their annual contributions to the synod until New Year. Our next quarterly pension payment comes due October 1st. So the balance in the treasurer's statement is only a reserve to meet immediate expenses.

Recently another former Pension Fund board member, who worked hard to build up our present Pension Fund, Rev. A. C. Kildgaard, passed away very suddenly in death. When I read the letters that passed between the board members during the trying years of the thirties, I come to appreciate their efforts more fully that have resulted in the increased giving to this cause today. Therefore our thanks to those who have labored before us in our churches. We must carry on their good work.

A. E. Frost, Pres.

Short Talks About The Seamen's Mission

II. What is "Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports?"

Seamen's Mission started in London the same time as the mission spirit as a whole was awakened within the evangelical Church in Europe, about the year 1800.

A British Mariner, who had been with the Navy in the attack on Copenhagen 1801 was an earnest Christian who felt the responsibility for his fellow-seamen. He started the work, and the sparks from his heart caught fire, which led to the formation of "The Port of London Society" and "The Bethel Mission Society." The two were later united under the name of "The British and Foreign Sailors' Society." 1834 the Church of England took up the work amongst seamen, chiefly visiting the ships at anchor in British ports. It finally took shape as "The Missions to Seamen," as we see it now with Churches and Reading-rooms all over the world.

In Denmark the Seamen's Mission did not start in harbors at home, but chaplains to the seamen were sent on ships leaving for far off places. Amongst these was the well-known poet and pastor Poul Martin Møller, who died 1838. From his ship in the Far East he wrote the famous poem:

"Rosen blusser alt i Danas Have,
lifigt fløjter vist den sorte Stær,
Bier deres brune Nektar laver,
Hingsten græsser stolt paa Fædres Grave,
Drengen plukker af de røde Bær.

"Udi Øst og Vest, og hvor jeg vanker,
drømmer jeg om jer ved Danmarks Sund;
selv iblandt Constantias fulde Ranker
mindes jeg med længselsfulde Tanker
Løvet i Charlottes Bøgelund.*

"Ja, vor danske Jord er sommerfrodig,
der er Kræfter i det danske Brød.
Derfor er den danske Mand saa modig,
derfor var Normannens Kniv saa blodig,
derfor er den danske Kind saa rød.

"Dersom sligt for Fattigdom du tyder,
Østens atlaskklædte, rige Mand,
glad mit sorte, danske Brød jeg bryder,
takker Gud, mens, fra min Læbe lyder:
"Danmark er et lidet, fattigt Land."

* Charlottenlund ved København.

With these words Poul Martin Møller has given expression to the thoughts of many a seafaring Dane. Perhaps the seaman does not like to say it, perhaps he will even deny it. But try to sit quietly beside him in one of the ports far from Denmark and let him show you his photo album with pictures of his home, his wife and children, then you will understand, that the undercurrent in his mind is just the same as that of the writer of the above quoted lines: longing for Denmark!

Of the Scandinavian countries, Norway was the first to start organized Seamen's Mission. After a visit to England (1864) a Norwegian pastor organized "The Society for Propagating the Gospel to Seamen in Foreign Ports." Three years later a similar Society was formed in Denmark, which was followed by Societies on the same line in Sweden (1869) and in Finland (1875).

In Denmark some leading Christian personalities sent out an invitation to join the efforts to help Danish seamen in foreign ports. The following is an extract from that letter:

"Away from home the seamen ought not to be cut off from the opportunity to hear the Word of God and to partake in the holy Sacraments. Some of them are away for years and do not understand sufficient of the language of the countries, where they go, to be benefited by the Church-services there. Others are not yet sufficiently founded in the faith to seek the Churches and obtain the help, which alone can save them from the temptations they meet.

"We therefore hope to receive contributions, which will enable us to send pastors to such foreign ports, where most Danish ships are calling.

"The pastors should have Services on board, where seamen are not able to attend the Church-services ashore, visit the sick at hospitals and organize Churches for Scandinavians living in the port and the adjacent country."

The men, who sent out this letter to the congregations in Denmark, had faith in God. Soon work was started in the English city Hull and the Russian capital St. Petersburg (1868). The year after work began in London (1869) and in Newcastle (1872), Hamburg (1873) Libau-Riga (this was possible only after personal efforts made by the late King Christian IX (1902), Danzig-Neufahrwasser (1917), Gent (1913 and after the war again 1926), Antwerpen (1939). Since 1878 the Danish Seamen's Work in New York and later in Reykjavik, Buenos Aires and in Dairen (China) was partly supported by the Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports.

During the last war the seamen's work was very

difficult. In some of the places the work had to stop, some of the buildings (Danzig, Hamburg and Hull) were destroyed, the port of Dairen was and is still closed to foreign shipping. But on the whole the work continued, and in some places even developed.

At present Danish Seamen's Mission in Foreign Ports is working in the ports of London, Hull, Newcastle, Hamburg, Gent, Antwerpen, Danzig (Gdansk-Nowy Port), New York and Reykjavik.

The work in New York has since the time of the late Rev. Rasmus Andersen, who started the seamen's work here 1878, been closely connected with the Danish Church in Brooklyn, Our Saviours Church, as voluntary work by the pastor and supported by members of the Danish-American Churches. In 1946, however, a message was sent to Denmark, that if the Danish Seamen's Mission wanted to have the work for Danish seafaring men in the harbour of New York continued, they must send a man over for this work specifically. The Church needed a man's whole time, and the Seamen's Work would also require a full-time man. Thus it happened, that we were sent to New York!

I have only a few months' experience in the work on this side of the globe. I used to be in China, and though the Y. M. C. A. work there kept me busy, I tried to find time to visit the Scandinavian ships, when they arrived in the Far Eastern Port. The work there compared with the work here was much different, as everything in China is different from conditions in America. That I may write about in another article. Suffice it now to say, that these few months in New York have convinced me of one thing: The work here for Danish seamen on ships, in hospitals and elsewhere requires even more time, than one man can give. I do not understand, how Pastor Dorf and his predecessors have been able to find time to do it. They must have had more than one man's ability, faith and physical strength.

In conclusion just two things:

1. It has in some ways surprised the Board of Directors in Denmark to find, how expensive the work in New York is. They have been used to using Danish Kroner and other European currencies, which is very small compared to the big American Dollar. It was a greater step they took to start work here, than to take up work in any of the other ports. It was done in faith, and they will carry it through.

2. It also requires much faith and wisdom to carry on the work here. Therefore it will be necessary to have the full support and prayer of friends on both sides of the Atlantic. I feel grateful to those churches and individual friends in America, who have been helping in the past, and would like to express, how much it is needed also in the future. Hands from East and West, from Denmark and the from the Danish churches in America, meet in New York to help to carry on the work for Danish seafaring men in the port here. Thank you!

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Square Heads on Round Trip

By Ellen Nielsen

IV

Last full day at sea. Tomorrow we land at Gøteborg. We've had then, will have, three fine days at sea (for we are already in the North Sea and all is well).

Two days ago the sea-gulls came. Ah, the fine, brave birds flying out to meet us! One could not tell them from the white spray of the waves so much they looked like flecks of foam. They are smaller than our sea-gulls of the Pacific Coast, whiter; they are like Copenhagen-porcelain birds against the blue-green of the waves.

The sun is brilliant and in the distance the water fades so much to the color of the sky that we seem rocked in an enormous bowl.

On the decks over the hold sit the deck boys in their white coats sunning themselves like a flock of larger sea-gulls.

Once, looking over a railing to a sort of private strip of deck below I saw one of the young lads rolled up in his grey blanket, flat on his back, in the sun, a young god asleep.

Ah, an ocean voyage is wonderful! Still . . . If only we could see **land** I would like it better! "O vidste jeg blot om bag Havet laa Land!" Or if we could have had the sea-gulls with us. Or if there hadn't been **quite** so much water. Or if the boat could have stopped once in a while and we could have got off and stretched our legs a bit. . . .

The deck boys smiled at my relief (the fine smooth sea, the warm weather) But the young curly-haired lad with the sad, laughing eyes (rarely are the two at one in the Swedish), the one with the "flicka" began teasing me, saying briefly, whenever he passed me "Storm." But I could see land now so I could afford to laugh . . . and be brave. But he was diligent. "**Store Bølger**" he promised me gravely, or "Storm warning posted."

These merry, kind and willing deck boys seemed to me excellent ambassadors of Sweden. Let it be whispered that, for me, they were even better than the entire University of Lund Men's Chorus. Thus may the humblest person carry in him the seed of good-will, the green hope of land sighted. My grateful thanks go out to my cordon of kind-hearted deck boys, my Man With The Lantern, My Tailor, the Waiter.

Ah yes, the Waiter! With his wonderful slanting legs to brace the floor as he swung around us; he was

a quarter horizontal most of the time. He was very quick and intelligent and talked, betimes, of Faust and Goethe books and music and strange lands; he had a Latin way of shrugging his shoulders. I asked him "Are the Swedes a gay people?" He lifted one shoulder. "No, that I should not say, they would like to be gay but they can't, they are too heavy, too earnest. . . . The Danes have the lighter touch." I persisted "Are the Swedes brave?" He swooped by me with a platter of eggs "Oh, yes!" he sang. "Good fighters!"

(Readers, forgive the constant battle of tenses; half of this is taken directly and without alteration from my notes, the rest written in retrospect; thus you will see, sometimes in one paragraph what I **see**, what I have **seen**. On a journey there is no time for grammar or construction; he who runs can't write.)

Yes, coming up on deck those last fine days was a transmigration indeed! You sprang from the dark stairway right straight up into a dazzling blue sky; the light almost knocked you over, it was like a blow. And what a motley gathering met your eyes! People you had never seen before! Instead of a sparsely settled population the decks swarmed with people! A sort of gay circus atmosphere reigned over us, we were suddenly at ease, informal, happy and innocent as children.

The coast of Scotland! Land! Something fast and solid in this wet, heaving world! You stared at the grey, distant, immobile strip and found yourself near to weeping. Land! I, who was dead, now live! That, **that** is land! It was like seeing a miracle wrought before your eyes. You wanted to touch it, to bless it, to give thanks . . . Instantly we became people, entities again. (In the vast, turbulent ocean you draw apart, lose yourself, you are lonely, separate, austere). For you could not join in the Midsummer Festival. Though, while you slept they had festooned the ship with green leaves and branches, though the trio of musicians had been transferred, piano, instruments and all to the enclosed deck, you could not join in the festival, you were too lonely, too troubled, the night was too dark and vast . . . like the sea. And against the sombre, dark ocean you were too brittle, your laughter was too feeble. The sound of people laughing in the night above the wash of the sea offended you; you crept away to be alone.

For that is one of the horrors of the ocean; it makes you feel too raw, too exposed. In all the violence you cannot bear much more. You cannot quite be people on the ocean! What you feel is a suspension of being; thank you, not this dance, please . . . later, when I'm people again.

You are grateful to the Chief Steward because he is so delicate, so sensitive, so with-drawn; he doesn't attempt to merge, he is pre-occupied with the sea, he is a gentleman. (The other stewards were bluff and hearty, pitting their **selves** against the ocean, asserting themselves. Not our Steward; he respected the sea and himself and the troubled, dark, unknown sea in others. "Yes, madam, I say that you may sleep."

So much, no more, would he mete out of courage and belief; his confidence was never bravado.

Feeling good again I began to write. The state-room was too stuffy so I put my typewriter on a bench on our little private deck and made out, rather lopsidedly. . . . At once the steward brought out a little table for me and set me up in office in fine style. My deck boys fluttered around me like sea-gulls, curious, picking up crumbs of information. "What are you saying now?" they would ask. "I am saying you are **nice**" I would answer and their faces would light up with beautiful satisfaction and they would lean over the typewriter to see if they could find themselves mirrored there. . . . "My name, Gran" said the one with the flicka. "You tell them I'm the tallest and greenest in Sweden, **me**, Gran." I promised I would say good things about them; in their faces I saw that I had given them a sort of immortality, I would make them live on **paper**! They tip-toed past me. . . .

Occasionally someone would pass . . . stop, stare. And invariably they would ask the obvious, not-too-bright question: "Writing?" (I used to toy, in my imagination, with various answers: no, **only sewing up a little dress**, or **beating up a cake**, or **teaching the dog to shake hands**).

The weather was so fine when I was feeling good . . . naturally. So I begrudged the moments spent below in my "office." I would make little sorties into the upper air, rebelliously, reluctantly . . . envying the limp, relaxed, carefree crowd just **being** . . . I would hang for a moment, over the railing staring morosely at the beautiful, warm blue water and mutter "Well, you don't **have** to write, there's no **law** . . ." and then slink below again, below below . . . carrying, as some poet has so wonderfully put it "the central ton." The **me** that plagues me. The self-imposed, idiotic, useless task . . . The central ton, heavy as lead; un-able to live without reflection. . . . Record, record. For why? Anyone could floor me with the question. Even on the ocean one clings to one's central ton. But the people up on deck, sprawled in the sunlight . . . ? I **loved** my prison cell, my dungeon . . . because I was writing. I was safe in central ton.

A sort of sad, unwilling activity began to possess the ship; we were being dis-possessed. Sound of luggage being closed and strapped, a sort of brief house-cleaning in the staterooms. Women began looking happy, absorbed, busy. . . . For a while I didn't know what was happening until we began exchanging addresses . . . be sure to write . . . I'll never forget . . . Let's make a date for next year sure at . . . be sure to look me up. . . . The futile, desperate unbelieving contacts, contracts. . . . The music was so sad I could hardly keep from weeping. For the last time the orchestra played for me "Faar jag lamna nagra blommor." (May I Leave some flowers?).

Far jag lamna nagra blommor, ett par rosor i din vard och du ma ej varda ledsen, min kara.

Ty de rosorna ar komna fran en konungagard, det vill svara till att komma dem sa nara.

Den ena den ar vit, och den andra den ar rød

men den tredje vill jag helst dej forara.
Den blommor inte nu, forstnar givaren ar död,
Men da blommor den ratt lange, min kara.

And when they played the lovely "Calle Schewens Vals" no one wanted to dance. . . .

Bishop Malmström in New York

Bishop Axel Malmström of Viborg, Denmark, visited Salem Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., September 28, for the second time, en route to Denmark from Canada where the Bishop had attended an International Missionary Conference. In the absence of Rev. Videbeck, who was in Toronto in connection with the laying of the cornerstone for the new church there, Rev. Povl Baagoe, who is in charge of the Seamen's Mission, New York, conducted the ritualistic part of the service. Mrs. Carl Brunn sang a selection, entitled "Open the Gates of the Temple," which concludes with Handel's "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

The Bishop preached over the text, "But now we see not yet all things put under Him," Hebrews 2:8, and stressed that in all the hard things we are living through everywhere in the world, there is, to a high degree, use for the expression, "Christ, the Conqueror." All Christ's battle was against an unseen opponent. One does not understand Gethsemane or Calvary unless one understands that Christ was fighting against the unseen Powers of Evil. Martin Luther has best expressed what the Devil is. He calls him "God's Devil." He can go only as far as God allows him to go. If there were anything that is not subject to God's Power and Christ's Power, God would not be God, and Christ would not be Christ. Christ wants to be King in our lives. The burning question every day is, may Christ really have the right to be King in our lives? It is a personal question and can only be answered by each individual.

The Bishop especially stressed the following two points:

1. There is a close connection between Christ's Resurrection and the day He shall come again to establish His Kingdom.
2. Christ's Resurrection on Easter Morning means the dawn of a new time; but people will not turn to Christ, where people still seek their own, there we shall not expect to see the victory of Easter Morning, but we shall still see evidence of Paul's expression that "Satan is the God of this world."

It is the art of faith to be able to hold fast to this that all things are put under Christ even though we do not for the moment see that all things are put under Him. The Bishop said that although Evil may win a temporary victory, those who are on the side of Evil are on the losing side whereas, although Right may seem to suffer defeat, those who are on the side of Christ are on the winning side. In this connection, Bishop Malmström quoted a statement made by Johannes Johnson, a Norwegian Missionary, "The tempora-

ry rule of the Evil One shall not own one inch of Eternity."

In response to a speech of welcome by Mr. Alfred Hansen, President of the Church, the Bishop expressed his own and Mrs Malmstrøm's appreciation of the welcome accorded them by Salem Church and also expressed his gratitude for the floral tribute brought him by Rev. Videbeck on behalf of Salem Church during his hospital stay in Canada. The Bishop said the presentation of that gift did a great deal to make a difficult time a rich time.

It was an unforgettable experience for Salem Church to be honored with two visits by one of the Bishops of the Mother Church in Denmark, a man who was very active in the Resistance Movement during the occupation; and we feel closer to the Home Church because of the Bishop's visits and hope that we may again be honored with a visit by Bishop Malmstrøm if the Bishop should return to the United States in the future.

Ida Johnson

Grand View College and Our Youth

School has been in session for a month and as you can well imagine it is in full swing. Almost all of the classes and classrooms are filled to capacity and some were so full that they were divided into extra sections or the students were refused admittance into the class.

There is a record enrollment as you all know due mostly to the influx of returned veterans. The 246 students enrolled in the college and seminary are subdivided into 191 boys and 55 girls. The number of girls is augmented to a certain degree by the 49 student nurses who attend a two-hour zoology class every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning.

The new dormitory is almost completed and it is really nice. Speaking for the girls, allow me to express our enjoyment and our appreciation of it. The only things left to do in the rooms are small jobs such as installing another towel rack and placing a shelf below the mirror. When we first arrived we thought we would go crazy much less be able to concentrate on our studies because of all the noise the workmen were making while they constructed the wrought iron bannister but we adapted ourselves to the situation and almost missed the noise when they finished.

The cafeteria is a great success and all of the students are well satisfied with the good food and efficient service that we have. We realize that operating such a cafeteria is a task of no mean proportions and wish to make a special note of the fine work of the kitchen staff.

The new athletic field was seeded the other day after the girls' gym classes had removed all the little rocks and stones; consequently we now spend all of our spare time hopping for rain. Intra-mural touch football is being played on the old athletic field and the fellows participating really do enjoy themselves.

In an attempt to sell as many subscriptions as possible

to the school paper, "The ECHO," the student body has been divided into two teams. The team which sells the least subscriptions sponsors a formal dance for the winning side. When you receive your letter asking for a subscription to the Echo, please respond willingly.

U. K. officials were elected and also the staff of The Echo and The Viking on the second Saturday after school started. Wilmer Larsen is president of U. K., Esther Johansen is editor of the Echo, and Vernon Jensen is editor of The Viking.

The annual fall picnic was held on the fifteenth of October. We enjoyed it thoroughly for we had the entire day off and didn't have to worry about the ever-present studies. Thus another year at Grand View College, Des Moines 16, Iowa, gets off to a flying start.

Helen Jorgensen,
Tyler, Minn.

The Church Choir

Last Sunday evening I stopped at a church in the downtown district of one of our large cities. It was about 15 minutes before the service was to begin but I decided to go in and spend that time in quiet meditation.

The church was large and beautiful. Only a few worshippers had arrived and were seated here and there in the large auditorium. However, my attempts at quiet prayer were disturbed by the choir practicing in a nearby room, especially as the singing was punctuated by frequent peals of loud laughter. This ceased presently and as the time came for the organ prelude the organist was seen hurrying to her place as if she were late. Following her came the members of the choir in an irregular, straggling line, crossing one side of the church to pass into a room near the front. As the prelude ended they emerged in orderly fashion and took their places on the platform behind the pulpit.

The singing was good but lacked any inspiring quality. Through much of the service, including the reading of the Gospel lesson, there was considerable whispering, smiling and fidgeting among some of the members of the choir, creating a sense of distraction in the audience which made it difficult to capture the desired spirit of worship. It was only when the pastor, by his inspiring sermon, won over both the choir and the audience, that a feeling of worship and reverence came over the congregation.

I could not help thinking of the pastor in somewhat the same position as a baseball pitcher whose team-mates do not back him up and who has to win his own game.

On the other hand, I have seen and heard choirs whose members were awake to the importance they had in the service. They looked upon themselves as bringers of a message in song and their attitudes and their singing were accordingly. How uplifting for both pastor and congregation to have a choir whose singing is truly inspired and who are one with the audience in prayer and worship. Probably some members even increase the support they give the pastor by praying for him as he enters the pulpit and delivers the sermon. As a result he is strengthened and his message increasingly blessed. Such oneness of purpose, or teamwork, to use again an expression from baseball is certain to make the service richer and the presence of Christ more real. Lives have been changed and sinners brought to God by means of inspired song. It can happen today through your choir and in your church.

—E. O.

OUR CHURCH

Dr. Erling Ostergaard has regained his health and is now anxious to make a number of speaking tours in behalf of the Santal Mission. We suggest that congregations and districts take advantage of the opportunity of getting added information about this great Mission field in India.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Carla S. Petersen and Gudrun Sorensen, who have returned after a successful concert tour in Denmark were scheduled to give a concert in St. Stephen's church Sunday evening, October 19th.

Pastor Halvdan Helweg from Copenhagen, Denmark, who has served the West Denmark, Wis., church during the summer will speak at the Danish evening in the Perth Amboy church on Wednesday evening, October 22nd, before his departure for Denmark.

District 1, the eastern district of our synod, will conduct a Sunday school teacher's institute in the St. Stephen's church in Perth Amboy, N. J., beginning Friday evening, Oct. 31 and continuing through Sunday, Nov. 2. Rev. A. E. Farstrup, our synod's director of Elementary Religious Education, will be in Perth Amboy to lead the Institute. Some of the pastors from the district will assist him. The committee for the Institute consists of Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, Perth Amboy, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Bridgeport, Dagmar Potholm Petersen, Portland, Kirstine Brylle, Hartford, and Elise Bertelsen, Brooklyn. All active and prospective teachers from the district are invited to attend.

St. Stephen's, Chicago—A Harvest Festival was held October 17, 18 and 19 with Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, as the guest speaker.

Greenville, Mich.—The ladies of the Trinity Church Circle recently turned over a sum of \$1000.00 to the local church Building Fund. Last year they gave some over \$500.00 to the same cause.

Dwight, Ill.—At the regular church service in the St. Peter's Lutheran church on Sunday, October 5, a rather unusual reunion was observed. Eight members of a class of eleven, that had been confirmed in this church on October 5, 1902 (45 years ago), were in church and after the service shared in reminiscing from the bygone days. One of the eight was Mrs. Ellen Kildegaard, the widow of the late Rev. A. C. Kildegaard. One member made the statement: "I often walked the seven miles from our home to the church where the classes were conducted."

Mrs. Ellen Kildegaard, who remained with her mother, Mrs. Johanne Hansen in Gardner, Ill., a couple of weeks after the funeral service of the late Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, has now moved to the home of her son, Theodore Kildegaard, and will remain there for some time. Her address is: 1129 Lakeside Drive, East Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dan Chr. Andersen, who visited and spoke in a number of our congregations and in other groups on his first tour in U. S. has together with his wife arrived again in U. S. Many will remember their first visit as they were the first to bring a direct greeting from a "Liberated Denmark." A film with that title was shown in approximately 100 Danish-American communities.—Mr. and Mrs. Andersen will immediately begin a new tour in Danish communities showing a new film in beautiful colors taken on a tour in Denmark, including scenes from the Rebild festival on July 4 showing the Danish Royal couple, etc.—According to reports they have already made arrangements for their appearance in more than fifty communities. See the announcement on the last page of this issue. It is recommended that anyone desiring their program make immediate arrangements.

Racine, Wis.—The annual Harvest Festival of the Bethania Church was observed on Sunday, October 19. The guest speaker for the evening meeting was Rev. E. P. Morack of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Racine.

A Reformation Rally of all the National Lutheran Council churches in Racine will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3:30 p. m. Rev. E. S. Hjortland, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, will be the guest speaker. The choirs of all the participating churches will sing in a joint choir under the direction of Rev. O. V. Magnussen.

The Sunday School teachers of all the Lutheran churches of Racine will have the privilege of attending a series of S. S. Institutes held the last Monday of each of four months, October, November, January and February. The first session will be held Monday, October 27.

Juhl, Mich.—The Juhl Hall was the scene of a good-will gathering between community folks and their Mexican neighbors on Monday evening, August 25. About 125 people were present to share in this inspiring and entertaining program which had been arranged by the Juhl Ladies' Aid, by an interested group from the Sandusky Methodist Church, together with Miss Latter, missionary worker amongst the Mexicans, and Rev. Sorensen of the Juhl Community Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The program for the evening included vocal music by the men's quartet of the Sandusky Methodist Church, by a trio of Mexican girls, and by two young Mexican men. There was also instrumental music, on trumpet, accordion, and piano. One of the young Mexican men led in the opening prayer and Rev. Sorensen offered the closing prayer.

Following the program there was an interesting program of social games led by Rev. Sorensen. At the close of the evening lunch was served by the Juhl ladies.

It is the plan of the leaders that other gatherings of a similar nature can

be arranged later. During the past month the Mexican workers have been using the Juhl Church for worship services under the leadership of Miss Latter.

District II Teacher's Institute And Fellowship Meeting

Juhl Church, Marlette, Mich.
Nov. 1-2, 1947

Juhl Lutheran Church, Marlette, Mich., extends a cordial invitation to members and friends of our churches to attend the District's Teacher's Institute and Fellowship Meeting. It will begin Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. and last through Sunday afternoon.

We hope and pray that many of our people in District II will attend this meeting and that God will give us rich days of fine fellowship.

Reservations should be sent in not later than Oct. 27th to Rev. Richard Sorensen, Marlette, Mich.

Rev. Richard Sorensen,
Mrs. Dalford Hendersen,
Mrs. Laura McLeod,
Rev. John Christensen

PROGRAM

Meeting Theme: Educating for Christian Living

Saturday, Nov. 1:

2 p. m.—Opening meeting—Rev. Edwin E. Hansen, Racine, Wis.

Subject: "The Practical Aspects of Teaching for Christian Living"

3:30—Coffee

4:00—Meeting and Discussion—Rev. John Christensen and Rev. Richard Sorensen

Subject: "Means and Methods of Educating for Christian Living in Sunday School."

6:00—Supper

7:30—Vesper Song Service

8:15—Evening meeting—Rev. Edwin E. Hansen

Subject: "A Teacher's Challenge"

Sunday, Nov. 2:

Juhl Church:

10:00—Sunday School — Missionary Kristian Tromborg

Subject: "The Value of Worship For Christian Living"

11:00—Divine Worship — Liturgist

Liturgist: Rev. Richard Sorensen

Sermon: Rev. Edwin E. Hansen

Germania Church:

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School

10:45 a. m.—Divine worship service

Liturgist: Rev. John Christensen

Sermon: Rev. Kristian Tromborg

Topic: "Educating for Christian Living in Our Community"

12:30—Noon Fellowship Dinner, Juhl Church Parlors

2:00—Afternoon meeting — Missionary Kristian Tromborg

Subject: "Educating for Christian Living on the Mission Field"

3:30—Coffee, closing remarks and farewells.

Acknowledgement Of Receipts from The Synod Treasurer

For the Month of September, 1947

Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged.....\$ 3,595.97

Congregation—
Muskegon, Mich. 26.20

Earmarked Pension Fund:

Congregation—
Hampton, Iowa 44.50
Grayling, Mich. 9.20
Chicago, Ill. 85.28

Earmarked Home Missions:

Congregation—
Tyler, Minn. 94.50
"Memory of Anna Lund, Lake
Benton, Minn.," Mr. and
Mrs. John Simonsen 2.00,
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlsen
\$1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Niels
M. Nielsen 50c, Mrs. Kat-
rine Tambo 50c, Mr. and
Mrs. R. Peter Nielsen 50c -- 4.50
Congregation—
Junction City, Ore., (Pres.
Travel) 15.00
Annual Meeting, District IX 25.00
Misc. Subs. to Luth. Tidings 8.50

Annual Reports:

Congregation—
Tyler, Minn. 12.50
Hampton, Iowa 5.00
Granly, Miss. 1.50
Newark, N. J. 2.50
Rev. V. S. Jensen, Des
Moines, Iowa 1.00

Tyler Children's Home:

"Memory of Anna Lund, Lake
Benton, Minn.," Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Black 1.00

Total to Budget to Date.....\$ 3,932.15

Received for Items Outside the Budget:

To Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute

Congregation—
Exira, Iowa 5.00
Salinas, Calif. 19.10
Grayling, Mich. 11.67

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

Contributions to date 31,800.00

Towards Room Furnishings of New Dormitory:

Contributions to date 1,100.59

G. V. C. Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged 70,880.06

Mrs. Ruth S. Johansen, Tyler
Minn. 40.00

From Cordova, Nebr., per Mrs.

Carl Thompson:

Chris Nelson 5.00
Otto Petersen 25.00
Henry Jensen 2.00
Mrs. Christ Lark 1.00
Holger Lark 1.00
Andrew Due 3.00
Gerda Petersen 5.00
Harold Rasmussen 5.00
Engvert Jensen 3.00
Levi Hansen, 5.00
Mrs. Axel Rasmussen 5.00
Axel Rasmussen 5.00
J. M. Petersen 5.00
Frederick P. Jensen 5.00
Mark Due 5.00
Mrs. Christina Olsen 3.00
Engvert Larsen 10.00
Emory Johnsen 5.00
Bernard Rasmussen 3.00
A. G. Nelson 5.00
Carl Thompson 10.00
Marie Hansen 5.00
Martin Petersen 5.00
Andrew Petersen 5.00
August M. Johnsen 5.00
Mrs. Belle Petersen 3.00
William Due 10.00
Ole Nelson 5.00
Iner Olsen 2.00
Jens Petersen 5.00
Vernon Jensen 5.00
Frank Petersen 5.00
Aage Paulsen 5.00
Carl Jensen 5.00
James Michelsen 5.00

186.00

Svend Petersen, Askov, Minn. 25.00
Elmer Riber, Dwight, Ill. 25.00

Ladies' Aid, West Denmark
Wisc. 50.00

Selma Buhl Sorensen, La
Grange Park, Ill. 25.00

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Petersen,
Viborg, S. D. 10.00

Rubert Petersen, Viborg, S. D. 2.00

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford John-
son, Viborg, S. D. 10.00

"Memory of Herluf Hansen,
Clinton, Iowa," The Synodi-
cal Board 12.50

Interest on "G" Bonds 20.00

Total to Date\$71,285.56

Lutheran World Action:

Previously acknowledged.....\$42,266.66
Congregation—

Port Chester, N. Y. 42.00
Muskegon, Mich. 124.45
Cedar Falls, Iowa 88.00
Rosenborg, Nebr. 9.50
Flaxton, N. D. 22.00
Wilbur, Wash. 17.00
Solvang, Calif. 18.25
Elna Thuesen, Solvang, Calif. 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bossen,
Solvang, Calif. 5.00
Sunday School, Rosenborg,
Nebr. 82.00
Sunday School, Ruthton, Minn. 15.36
Bethania Ladies' Aid, Solvang,
Calif. 53.54
"In Memory of Mrs. C. C. Sor-
ensen, Tyler, Minn.," Mr.
and Mrs. Lars Bollesen.... 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Brandt,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brandt,
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brandt... 5.00
Estella Stork, Victoria Selles,
Mertice Gronlund 5.00
By Rev. N. C. Carlsen, Blair,
Nebr., from Bishop Axel
Malmstrom meetings: Trin-
ity Congregation, Chicago,
Ill. 45.57
St. Peder's Congregation,
Minneapolis, Minn. 4.98
J. C. Frost, Portland, Ore., "In
Memory of Mr. and Mrs. P.
Sorensen, Withee, Wisc. 5.00
Ester Fredericksen, Moorhead,
Iowa 1.00

Total toward 1946-47 bud-
get\$42,813.31

Respectfully submitted,
Olaf R. Juhl,
4752 Oakland Ave.,
Minneapolis 7, Minn.

NOTICE

To all past residents, Danish Young People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa:

If you have any property in storage
here that you want saved please noti-
fy me at once. Anything not claimed
by November 30, 1947, will be given
to some service organization.—Francis
Y. Fell, 1100 E. Boyd, Des Moines 16,
Iowa, Treasurer, D. Y. P. H.

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to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to
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the congregation at _____
October 20, 1947

Name _____
New Address _____
City _____ State _____

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