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Ministers for the Sanctuaries of God

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"Unto you o men I call; and my voice is to the sons of men." (Prov. 8:4).

I

In a magnificent, descriptive definition, the Epistle to the Hebrews defines a priest as "being taken from among men," yet "ordained for men in the things pertaining to God." (5:1). Speaking of his apostleship, the Apostle Paul's words ring with spiritual and moral fervor when he says, "Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1). Indeed, it is quite difficult to conceive of a more exalted view of any vocation than that which the Christian Church, the beloved community, has for the ministry. It is most assuredly correct to say that the Church has a high conception of the Christian ministry. Speaking to a conference of students of Eastern colleges in April 1906, the late Woodrow Wilson said, "The only profession which consists in being something is the ministry of our Lord and Saviour—and it does not consist of anything else. It is manifested in other things, but it does not consist of anything else."

Yet, this high conception of the Christian ministry is not reflected in the number of candidates for the ministry. It appears to be something that we talk about in lofty language, but do not translate into action. In a way we do realize the importance of the ministry for the life and growth of the Church, but too often we fail to link the realization of the objectives of the

churches with the leadership which the ministry ought to furnish. For the shortage of pastors in the Protestant churches means something more than pulpits without preachers, altars and fonts without administrators, people without pastors. If the Christian ministry means only the securing of officiants to function in various capacities at stated times any number of adequate substitutes may be secured. However, if the Christian ministry involves—as I believe it does—man's response to a divine call what shall we say to the failure of our generation to raise men for the ministry? What is wrong that instead of a long line of successive ministries we often suffer from the weakness of intermittent ministries? Here, I am less concerned with what is wrong than with the question: What does the existing situation do to our Christian conscience? Let me illustrate.

One of the fine art collections in the city where I live contains an exquisite piece of early Christian art which symbolically depicts Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. Only a few blocks away from the building which houses this beautiful mosaic work of an ancient Christian artist stands the church of St. Thomas the Apostle. A whole series of stained glass windows beautify this modern church edifice. Each of these portrays some ancient or medieval bishop. In the very same community stands another church which architectural beauty attracts many of us. A bronze tablet memorializes the great service of one of its

early pastors of whom it says that he labored with all his might in the task of building a strong congregation. There is a long step, indeed, from the simple symbolism of the shepherd and the sheep to the stained glass windows depicting the great bishops of the ancient church and to the Protestant church which pays tribute to a servant in the manner already explained. Yet, there is a link, yes, one link, which links the servants of the Church. That one link is Jesus Christ through whom we have the Christian ministry.

Therefore the shortage of pastors in the Protestant churches cannot but do something to our Christian conscience. It is more than a lack of manpower; it is a tragic declaration of our generation's failure to understand that we cannot have the regular ministrations of a Christian ministry without commitments. "Unto you, o men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of men."

What Shailer Mathews said many years ago is still true, except to a much larger extent. "There is nothing more threatening to the growth of evangelical Christianity than the failure of men to go into the ministry." (The Church and the Changing Order p. 227). Traditionally speaking, the Protestant churches in America always have looked to the denominational colleges to supply the candidates for the ministry, but the situation which confronts us is one in which in spite of the greatest enrollment of all times the need of the Church for pastors is unmet. It brings to the fore what I often have had occasion to point out that the Church is not a school and the School is not a church. There have been periods in American church history in which the college generations responded to the appeal for candidates for the ministry in such a way that great forward strides were made by the churches as they accepted the challenge which the Westward Movement presented to the Church, especially the great Protestant church bodies. We are not witnessing a similar response today. We must under no circumstance cease to look to the denominational colleges for men, but we must look elsewhere, too.

II

The spiritual and moral need as one meets it today is so appalling that the words of Jesus take on an increasing significance. Surely, "the laborers are few," and there is every reason for praying that the Lord will "send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). The question which we face in the world today is not to ask whether we shall relate ourselves to the world's problems or not, but rather in deciding whether to lay spiritual hands on these things that we face or to declare that they are none of the Church's business.

In this very connection it would be well if the men in the pulpits, the people in the pews, and the teachers in the class rooms would remember that there is a legitimate function for the truths which are forged on the anvil of events as well as for the truths which God communicates. However, when we deal with the former category of truths we must guard ourselves against the danger of identifying our voice with that of God. "I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that use their tongues, and say, 'He saith.' The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he

that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully" (Jer. 23:30, 28). The crying need today is the ability to articulate, not merely reiterate the Gospel. There cannot be any real articulation of the Gospel except as we fully understand that it addresses itself to a concrete situation; the situation itself may become a creative event out of which some creative good emerges because of the Gospel's dynamic power.

I am not sure that we need to help present and future pastors to see the innumerable series of interconnectedness which constitute life today, and which consequently necessitates that we expand our whole outlook as we contemplate our work as ministers of Christ to our generation.

The Christian people themselves must share the blame for the failure of men to go into the ministry. We must understand that to the extent to which we in practice disregard the Church's high conception of the ministry we actually tend to alter the conscience



Interior of Bethania Church, Solvang, Calif.

of those who otherwise might think in terms of the Christian ministry. Do not misunderstand me as if I speak of the ministry as a group of men immune to the acid of criticism. Pastors are by no means unqualifiedly praised in the prophetic writings. Some of the most stirring chapters in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah deal with this question. The promise of God: "I will give you pastors according to mine heart . . ." (Jer. 3:15) bespeaks the dearth of the right kind of pastors. I am sure that we agree with Thomas Aquinas that "Should it ever become impossible to maintain the present number, it is better to have a few good priests than a multitude of bad ones." Our church has been blessed with a goodly number of good pastors. Let us never forget our debt on that score. Our weakness lies not in the lack of good pastors, but in our irrefutable failure to raise a sufficient number.

III

It is not the lack of basic principles and motives that sets us back in the task of reaching men for the ministry. It is true that we need a larger measure of faith and love, but our people are neither a faithless nor an unloving people. What we need more than anything else is to study the formula we need. Neither

faith nor love are substitutes for formula. They constitute the indispensable basic principles and motives apart from which there cannot be a ministry, but they do not in themselves tell us the formula for dedication, consecration, and commitment. "The greatest work of faith," says John Oman, "which ever helped to make a better world was committed to a handful of disciples, not very learned, not supremely able, not very courageous, but men of faith by a vision of God's rule they had seen in the Lord" (Concerning the Ministry, p. 5). Our generation has heard much talk about the will of God. It is indicative of our generation's awareness of the rule of God. Nevertheless, at times the will of God has been presented as if it were a new law. At other times it has been spoken about in such ambiguous language as to give the impression of unreality. God's will is not like an architect's or engineer's original drawing from which any number of blue-prints may be produced, nor is it like a perfect die from which a perfectly identical product is made. The validity of the religious appeal whether it comes from the lips of Jesus or from the modern spokesman for God is verified in action involving both mind and muscle. Jesus makes it unmistakably clear that the way to the verification of religious truths is a matter which involves the will, on our part, to act in such a way that our step becomes a commitment (Cf. John 7). To one in whom Jesus saw that possibilities of the making of a disciple, Luke reports Jesus as saying, "Follow me . . . Go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God" (9:59, 60).

We are living in a world in which we daily are confronted with the making of tremendous commitments in the fields of science, social work, racial relations, labor and management, political outlook, national and international relations. We are completely out of touch with the mentality of this generation if we think that we shall secure leadership for the Church without commitments.

Instead of helping young people to first decide **what it shall be** perhaps we should help them to answer first **where shall it be**. The two questions overlap, but if rightly put before the youth, the question: Where shall it be, sometimes decides the issue.

Young men! We shall always be insufficient in ourselves, but let not that deter you from the ministry. For "sometimes you may even cherish the hope that you have succeeded best in the thing whereto He really sent you, when in human eyes you seem only to have most suffered defeat." Such are the wise words with which John Oman closes his book on the ministry. (p. 176).

Perhaps you will say, "So little comes of it." Why the ministry? Why not teaching, business, medicine or any other vocation, but not the ministry? Listen to the words of God to the prophet Ezekiel: "As for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses . . . saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from Jehovah. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass (behold, it cometh), then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them" (Ezekiel 33:30-33). Who dares to say that it is a small thing to perpetuate a prophetic ministry? We need ministers for the sanctuaries of God. "Unto you o men I call; and my voice is to the sons of men." Let that word stand not as a text for this message, which it is not, but as a challenging motto above an urgent appeal to think so constructively about the Christian ministry and our need for pastors that our conscience will touch us to the quick.

Annual Church Convention, Solvang, California

June 22—27, 1948

The 71st annual convention of our synod was held at Solvang, Calif., during the week of June 22—27. Many had looked forward to the meeting with great anticipation, not least the people of the Solvang community and the members of other California congregations. It was only natural that many were wondering if the attendance would be large enough to give the meeting the aspects of a real church convention.—Any fear along this line was soon dispelled, as reports revealed 161 votes the second morning of the business session.—By Saturday evening the convention registration desk reported 434 registered guests and on Sunday some over 500 guests were present. Adding to this total the many local people attending the various services and meetings the Solvang convention will go down in history as one of our good sized conventions, and it was a good convention in the deeper sense of the word. Many inspiring messages were given; the reports given on the convention floor from the various fields of work in the synod re-

vealed that throughout our congregations and in the various institutions the work has been blessed by the Grace of God and the good will and sincere efforts of individual leaders and congregational groups.

The opening service of the convention was held Tuesday evening, June 22, in the beautiful Solvang church. Pastor J. C. Kjaer of Seattle, Wash., preached the sermon. Taking his text from Romans 13 and Matthew 16, Pastor Kjaer pointed out that Christ becomes a reality only to those who prepare for Him.

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The grime and impurities of life make us lose our sense of direction. He offered the keynote challenge to the convention "that in considering the work and the institutions of the Church may we reflect and truly see the living Christ."

Pastor Aage Møller spoke briefly in behalf of the congregation in words of welcome to all the guests that had come to Solvang.

After a good nights rest the convention guests gathered again Wednesday morning for the opening of the business session of the convention.—The opening Devotion and Bible Hour service was in charge of Pastor Verner Hansen, who at present is taking post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. Choosing his text from the Gospel of Luke, the speaker centered his message on the theme: Christianity must be the means for the redeeming of lives, and in the Christian life, the opportunity for redemption "knocks more than once."

The business session opened under the direction of Pastor Alfred Jensen, synodical president. He reminded us that as we gather here we are representing not only our individual churches but the synod in promoting the work of God. He then declared the convention opened in the name of the Triune God.

The convention officers, elected a year ago, were all present: Chairman, Dr. Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa; assistant chairman, Pastor A. E. Frost, Waterloo, Iowa; convention secretary, Pastor Verner Hansen, Chicago; assistant secretary, Miss Margaret Michaelsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

After the singing of the hymn, "O Worship the King," the chairman called for the roll call of delegates and pastors present. A total of 153 votes were registered at the opening of the business session (this compared well with 144 a year ago at the opening session in Racine—which, however, later reached the 200 mark).

The following delegates and pastors were registered at the convention:

PASTORS

The following pastors were present at the convention: Paul Baagøe, L. C. Bundgaard, Howard Christensen, Vagn Duus, Arthur E. Frost, Edwin Hansen, Verner Hansen, C. S. Hasle, Alfred Jensen, Holger P. Jorgensen, Jens C. Kjaer, Svend Kjaer, Halvdon Knudsen, Johannes Knudsen, James Lund, Sven Marchmann, Gordon Miller, Enoch Mortensen, Aage Møller, Clayton Nielsen, Eilert Nielsen, Holger O. Nielsen, Ove R. Nielsen, Niels Nielsen, Ernest D. Nielsen Harold Petersen, Alfred E. Sorensen, C. A. Stub, Holger Strandkov, Charles Terrell, J. L. J. Dixen, Jens Kr. Jensen, Johannes Mortensen, Carl L. Rasmussen, A. J. Tarpgaard.

Also the following Synod Board Members: Olaf R. Juhl, Charles Lauritzen, Viggo Nielsen.

Pension Board: J. K. Jensen.

Statistician: Hermod Strandkov.

Rep. G.V.C. Board: Harold A. Petersen.

President W.M.S.: Mrs. Hans Egede.

Publication: Erling N. Jensen.

DELEGATES

District No. 1

From Troy, N. Y.: Mrs. James H. Lund, 3 votes.
From Bronx: Mr. Christian Madsen, 2 votes.
From Bridgeport, Conn.: Mr. James Jorgensen, 2 votes;
Mr. Vendboe Nielsen, Mrs. Viggo Nielsen.
From Hartford, Conn.: Mrs. Ellen Olsen, Mrs. Peter Christensen, 3 votes.

District No. 2

From Greenville, Mich.: Mrs. C. A. Stub.
From Muskegon, Mich.: Miss Edna Wolkersen, Miss Thyra Wolkersen.
From Detroit, Mich.: Mr. Christian Staugaard, Mrs. Christian Staugaard.

District No. 3

From Chicago, Ill. (Trinity): Mrs. Ernest D. Nielsen, Miss Helga Petersen, Mrs. J. K. Jensen.
From Chicago, Ill. (St. Stephens): Mr. George Rosenkilde, Mrs. Verner Hansen.
From Racine, Wisc.: Mr. Anker Erickson, Mrs. Anker Erickson, Mrs. Bert Vium, Mrs. Soren Jacobsen, Mrs. A. E. Engelbreth.
From Dwight, Ill.: Mr. S. Dixon Sorensen, Mrs. S. Dixon Sorensen, Mr. Ehms Eskildsen, Mrs. Ehms Eskildsen, Mrs. Charles Lauritzen.
From Clinton, Iowa: Mr. Jens Juhl, Mrs. Jens Juhl.

District No. 4

From Cedar Falls, Iowa: Mr. C. B. Jensen, Mrs. C. B. Jensen, Miss Julia Madsen, Mrs. R. C. Nielsen.
From Kimballton, Iowa: Mr. Emanuel Rasmussen, Mrs. Emanuel Rasmussen.
From Hampton, Iowa: Mrs. Karen Jorgensen.
From Waterloo, Iowa: Mrs. Arthur Frost.
From Des Moines, Iowa: Miss Esther Kjaer, Mr. Erling Jensen, Mr. E. A. Kramme.
From Ringsted, Iowa: Mr. L. A. Petersen, Mrs. L. A. Petersen, Mr. August Sorensen.
From Fredsville, Iowa: Mr. Carl C. M. Nielsen, Mr. Christian Sloth.
From Newell, Iowa: Mr. James Andersen, Mr. Carl Christiansen.

District No. 5

From Minneapolis, Minn.: Mrs. T. Ingemann Pedersen, Mrs. Hermod Strandkov.
From Askov, Minn.: Mrs. Harold Petersen, Mr. A. P. Jensen, Mrs. A. P. Jensen.
From Alden, Minn.: Mr. Axel T. Skov, Mrs. Axel T. Skov.
From West Denmark, Wisc.: Mr. Niels Henriksen.
From Dagmar, Mont.: Mrs. Olaf Moller.

District No. 6

From Diamond Lake, Minn.: Mrs. Henry Black.
From Gayville, S. D.: Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mrs. John Kaufman.
From Tyler, Minn.: Mrs. Dagmar Petersen, Mrs. Harold Petersen, Mrs. Jeppe Markussen, Mr. Jens Jaspersen, Mrs. Jens Jaspersen, Mr. Peter Petersen.
From Ruthton, Minn.: Mr. Volmer Jensen.
From Viborg, S. D.: Mr. Ludvig Andersen, Mrs. Ludvig Andersen.

District No. 7

From Kronborg, Marquette, Nebr.: Mr. T. A. Williamsen, Mrs. Lars Larsen.
From Dannebrog, Nebr.: Mrs. Julius Jensen.
From Omaha, Nebr.: Mr. Chris Fredericksen, Mrs. Chris Fredericksen, Mr. Martin Grobeck.
From Cozad, Nebr.: Mr. Soren Knudsen.
From Lindsay, Nebr.: Mr. Anders Andersen, Mr. Henry Henriksen.
From Davey, Nebr.: Mrs. Herluf Christensen.
From Cordova, Nebr.: Mr. Julius Petersen, Mrs. Julius Petersen.
From Denmark, Kansas: Mrs. Clayton Nielsen, Mrs. S. D. Wollesen.
From Brush, Col.: Mr. Viggo Christensen.
From Dannevang, Texas: Mr. Verner Petersen, 3 votes.
From Granly, Miss.: Mr. N. P. Madsen.

District No. 8

From Los Angeles, Calif.: Mr. Axel Lindvang, Mrs. N. F. Nielsen, Mr. Anton Nielsen.
From Pasadena, Calif.: Mr. Aage Jensen.
From Solvang Calif.: Mrs. Poul Christiansen, Mrs. N. P. Hald, Mr. Henry Johnsen.

From Salinas, Calif.: Mr. Chris Christensen, Mrs. Anna Schmidt, Mr. Nis P. Pors.

From Parlier, Calif.: Mr. Fred Holm.

From Easton, Calif.: Mr. Hans J. Nielsen.

From Watsonville, Calif.: Mr. L. P. Holgersen.

District No. 9

From Enumclaw, Wash.: Mrs. Thorvald Pedersen, 3 votes.

From Seattle, Wash.: Mr. Marius G. Madsen, Mrs. Marius G. Madsen, Mr. W. N. Hostrup, Mrs. J. C. Kjaer.

From Tacoma, Wash.: Mrs. Anna Christensen.

From Wilbur, Wash.: Mr. V. K. Jurgensen.

From Junction City, Ore.: Mr. Thorvald Hansen, Mr. Ove Bodtker, Mrs. Lydia Skov.

The Agenda for the business meeting presented by the synodical board was accepted. The annual reports from all the various institutions, standing committees, etc., which had been printed and sent out to all delegates and pastors well in advance, were now presented to the convention one by one. (In order to save time these were not read, but the respective individuals submitting reports were given the opportunity of making brief additional comments).

The committee, consisting of the pastors, J. C. Kjaer and Harold Petersen, and the delegates, L. P. Holgersen, E. Vendelboe Nielsen and Mrs. Harald A. Petersen (Tyler), had been appointed by the chair in advance of the convention, and thus this committee could be called upon to report at the opening session on Thursday morning.

The following other committees were appointed by the chair:

Committee No. 1—Balloting—Rev. Halvdan Knudsen, chairman; Richard Jensen, Nis P. Pors, Emanuel Rasmussen.

Committee No. 2—Balloting—Rev. Johannes Mortensen, chairman; Soren Knudsen, Carl Nielsen, Thorvald Hansen.

Committee No. 3—Synod Treasurer, Finance Advisory Committee and Statistician Reports—S. Dixen Sorensen, chairman; Axel Lindvang, A. P. Jensen, Verner Petersen, Rev. James Lund.

Committee No. 4—Old People's Home, Children's Homes and Eben-Ezer Institute Reports—Rev. Eilert Nielsen, chairman; Rev. Niels Nielsen, E. A. Kramme, Miss Thyra Wolkerson, J. K. Jensen.

Committee No. 5—Pension Fund, Seaman's Mission and Santal Mission Reports—Rev. C. S. Hasle, chairman; Rev. P. Rasmussen, Mrs. Ellen Olsen, Chris Staugaard, Mrs. Ida Egede.

Committee No. 6—Publications Committee Report, Synod Historians Report and Archivist Report—Rev. J. Knudsen, chairman; Rev. Ole Nielsen, Mrs. T. Ingemann Pedersen, Mrs. Marius G. Madsen, Mrs. Agnete Jensen.

Committee No. 7—Committee on Inter-Church Relationship—Rev. Enok Mortensen, chairman; Rev. Howard Christensen, Mrs. A. Engelbreth, Aage Jensen, Mrs. C. A. Stub.

Committee No. 8—Elementary Religious Education—Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen, chairman; Rev. Gordon Miller, Mrs. Anna Christensen, Mrs. James Lund, T. A. Williamsen.

Committee No. 9—D.A.Y.P.L. Report and Report from the Synodical Representative to D.A.Y.P.L.—Rev. Marius Krog, chairman; Rev. Carl Rasmussen, Miss Esther Kjaer, Mrs. Harold Petersen, Mrs. Verner Hansen.

The 1947 convention at Racine, Wis., voted to establish a Board of Welfare in our synod, and a committee was appointed to work out proposed "Board of Welfare Rules." These proposed rules were presented to the convention at this time, and a discussion followed. The committee recommended that the Seamen's Mission in New York be recognized as a part of the work we do in our synod, and a representative be included in the membership of the Board of Welfare. In regard to the Article V, point 6, the synodical presi-

rent, Pastor Alfred Jensen, explained that under this rule the local congregations will receive credit on their quotas for gifts given to the various institutions functioning under the Board of Welfare. The following rules were adopted:

Proposed Board of Welfare Rules

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this board shall be the Board of Welfare of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

1. To study the need of extending our welfare work.
2. To study the need of expanding our charitable institutions.
3. To promote educational work that would create more interest and understanding of welfare work in our synod.
4. To study continuously the moral and social welfare of man in the light of Christian principles and counsel our people and pastors through lectures, pamphlets and articles.
5. To evaluate and to recommend to our Synod for recognition, support and encouragement those Lutheran agencies and institutions of charity maintaining sound Christian and professional standards of social, health and welfare service.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Welfare shall consist of one representative of the following institutions and agencies to be appointed by the respective boards of directors:

1. Danish Old People's Home, "Valborgsminde," Des Moines, Iowa.
2. Danish Lutheran Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.
3. Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.
4. Danish Children's Home Fund, Perth Amboy, N. J.
5. Danish Seaman's Mission, New York, N. Y.
6. Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colo.
7. The Synodical president shall be ex-officio member.
8. One member is to be elected at the Synodical convention for a term of three years.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS

1. The Board of Welfare shall meet once a year at a time and place determined by the Board.
2. Special Meetings may be called by the chairman of the Board by written request of three members of the Board.
3. The Board shall organize itself by electing a chairman and a secretary from its membership at the first meeting after the Synodical convention.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES

1. The Board of Welfare shall act in an advisory capacity to the Synodical Board and its various institutions and annual church convention.
2. To prepare and effectively utilize literature and other educational and promotional media which will help our people understand the principles and trend of Christian welfare work.
3. In conformity with the purpose above stated the Board shall from time to time study and evaluate the services of the agencies and institutions under its direction, in the light of changing conditions and developing trends in Christian welfare work.
4. a. The Board shall seek to co-ordinate its activities with the Division of welfare of the National Lutheran Council and the work of other Lutheran bodies.
b. The Board shall encourage the agencies and institutions under its direction to co-ordinate its activities with the Lutheran agencies and the social agencies on State and local level as well as in the Synod itself.
5. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Welfare Board to obtain from the member agencies and institutions their annual reports and assemble same and submit them to the Synodical Convention, together with appropriate comments and a report of the activities of the Board of Welfare.
6. The Board shall obtain from the agencies and institutions requests for aid from the Synodical budget. These requests shall be reviewed by the Board of Welfare and recommendations shall be made to the Synodical Board.
7. It shall be the duty of the Board to recruit personnel and

encourage the young people of our church to prepare themselves adequately for Christian Welfare work.

8. The Board shall assist the agencies and institutions in promoting larger gifts and bequests and in other ways present to our people the opportunity of increased support of Christian Welfare work.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these rules may be made at any Synodical convention.

Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination and Jurisdiction

A committee was appointed by the chair at the 1947 convention for the purpose of studying the Board of Examiners and the Board of Ordination, its duties and functions, and report to this year's convention. The following pastors were chosen: C. A. Stub, chairman; Johannes Knudsen, Ernest D. Nielsen, L. C. Bundgaard and Holger P. Jorgensen. This committee after a year's deliberation and a meeting held at Grand View College Feb. 12—13, 1948, presented the following proposals to the convention: (printed here as amended).

PROPOSAL I

The committee proposes to the convention that the present Board of Examiners and the present Board of Ordination be discontinued.

PROPOSAL II

The committee proposes the establishment of a Board of Ministerial Training, Ordination and Jurisdiction.

PROPOSAL III

The committee proposes that the structure and functions of this new Board shall be as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Structure of This Board

- A. The Board shall consist of:
 1. The Ordainer. The President of the Synod. The Dean of Seminary. 2. And four (4) others elected by the Synod convention. These four members shall be: two (2) lay men and two (2) pastors. The clerical members shall be men in the active ministry and who have served at least five (5) years in the ministry.
- B. Members of the Seminary Faculty, the Synod Officers and the members of the Board of Education shall not be eligible for election to this Board.
- C. The term of office of the elected members shall be four (4) years except that the first board members elected shall serve one, two, three and four years respectively.
- E. The Board shall elect its own chairman, who shall be a pastor, and secretary from the four (4) elected members.
- F. Except where otherwise specified, a majority present shall constitute a quorum and decision shall be by a majority vote of those present.
- G. The Board shall meet annually prior to the convention, and at the call of the chairman.
- H. The expenses of the Board shall be paid by the Synod.

ARTICLE II

The Functions of This Board

- A. Function as Board of Admissions.
- B. Function as Board of Ordination.
- C. Function as Board of Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III

The Duties and Rights of This Board

- A. As Board of Admissions.
 1. The Board shall pass on the personal, academic, spiritual and physical qualifications of the applicant seeking admission to the candidacy of the ministry in the church.
 2. Application may be made upon the completion of the required pre-seminary course or at any time subsequent thereto.
 3. Written application for admission shall be sent to the

chairman of the Board accompanied by:

- a. A transcript of academic record.
- b. A health certificate.
- c. A vita.
- d. The names of two (2) references, one of as a rule shall be his local pastor.

4. The board shall review the progress of each candidate annually, and the Seminary shall submit, upon request, the necessary information.

5. The Board of admission shall have the right to make recommendations in regard to pre-seminary and seminary curriculum.

B. As Board of Ordination.

1. Acceptance of unordained men.

- a. Application for ordination shall be sent to the chairman of the Board and shall be accompanied by a letter certifying that the applicant has received a call to serve in a capacity which requires ordination.
- b. Applicants shall submit certificate of graduation, a transcript, and faculty rating.
- c. The Board shall meet in conference with the candidate for ordination for the purpose of passing upon the candidate's qualifications for the ministry.
- d. In case of candidates who are graduates from non-Lutheran theological seminaries, the Board shall review the entire background of the candidate and require that he fulfill the obligations as set forth in Art. III, A. 1 & 3.
- e. The applicant shall be certified for ordination by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The action of the Board shall be binding upon the church and ordination cannot be denied. The decision by the Board can only be rescinded by five-sevenths majority vote of the entire Board.
- f. A second application cannot be made before a lapse of six (6) months.
- g. The rite of ordination shall be the sole responsibility of the Ordainer.

2. The acceptance of non-theological trained men.

A non-theologically trained man who, in accordance with the constitutional provisions, receives a letter of call shall constitute a matter of special action by the Board. His letter of call can be provisionally accepted only, until the Board has passed upon the applicant's qualifications and declared him a candidate for ordination.

3. Acceptance of ordained men.

a. Application shall be sent to the Synod President. The data requested by the Synod President, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, shall be submitted to the Board, which shall determine the applicant's qualifications. The procedure of the Board shall then be the same as in Article III, B.

4. Acceptance of non-Lutheran ordained men.

- a. Application shall be sent to the Synod President. The data requested by the Synod President in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, shall be submitted to the Board, which shall determine the applicant's qualifications for acceptance.
- c. The Board shall determine the validity of the ordination of the applicant. In the case the ordination is held valid, the procedure shall be the same as for the acceptance of ordained Lutheran pastors.

Where re-ordination becomes a necessity, the procedure shall be the same as for un-ordained men.

- C. Function as Board of Dismissal.

In case of suspension from the ministerial office, in accordance with the constitution, the President of Synod shall present the case to the Board. The suspended person shall then be given the privilege of defending himself before the Board. The Board shall then recommend either reinstatement by the Synod President, or dismissal by the annual Synod convention.

Action by the Board shall be by two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE IV

By submitting a motion to the convention, in accordance with the ordinary manner of procedure these rules may be changed by a two-thirds vote at the convention.

ARTICLE V

A. These governing rules go into effect upon adjournment of the synodical convention at which they are adopted.

B. All former rules and regulations for the Board of Examiners and Board of Ordination are herewith declared suspended.

Proposal No. I

The following proposals had been presented to the convention from the District III Convention: "District 3 recommends that the fiscal year of Grand View College be changed to conform to the fiscal year of the synod," Dr. Ernest Nielsen explained the origin of the proposal, Dr. Johannes Knudsen pointed out that it would be difficult to make this change. He explained also that the portion of the operating funds of the college obtained from the synod is only 16 per cent of the total expenditures. The convention voted not to accept recommendation.

Proposal No. II

The proposal from four of the Michigan churches in regard to a possible change of name of our synod was considered next. (This with the other Proposals I—VI have all appeared in several issues of "Lutheran Tidings").

Pastor Edwin Hansen introduced the proposal mentioning that the majority of the congregations in the Michigan District would undoubtedly favor the change of name. He explained that much of the work in the Michigan District is done among people who are not of Danish descent, and in some cases the name "Danish" is a handicap.

Pastor P. Rasmussen from Dalum, Canada, felt that the Danish name need not interfere with the work of the synod any more than the Danish name interferes locally in any one congregation.—It was pointed out by others, that some congregations have already made such changes in the local congregations, eliminating the word "Danish" from their name.

Pastor Alfred Sorensen called attention to that a committee investigating a possible change of name, would be in keeping with the trend and policy of other foreign-originated synods.—After further discussion a written ballot was taken and the proposal was adopted by a vote of 94 to 45.

Proposal No. III

J. K. Jensen, delegate from Trinity Church, Chicago, spoke to the proposal, pointing out that most institutions handled such large amounts of money, that only trained men should audit the books.

Pastor Alfred Jensen explained that under the present system the Statistician audits the various accounts. After some discussion a vote was taken, and the proposal was voted down.

Proposal No. IV

The proposal in regard to possible help from the synod to the children of South Slesvig was given considerable discussion. Pastor Alfred Sorensen contended that if Lutheran World Action was not aiding

the people of South Slesvig, then we should either urge the Lutheran World Action leaders to include also this area, or we should have an independent in-gathering for same.

Pastor Alfred Jensen presented correspondence between himself, Chr. Warthoe and Dr. N. C. Carlsen. He explained that the licensed agencies distributing relief in Europe are required to help the people mostly in need regardless of religious or national boundaries. Therefore he contended if South Slesvig children are being neglected by Lutheran World Action it is only because their need is less than the need in other sections, the war-ravaged areas of Europe, etc. He maintained further, that if any group of Danes in America wanted to help South Slesvig it would seem to be a natural cause for most any organization to promote, but he did not feel that the synod could venture into this project, at least until we have fulfilled our task with the Lutheran World Action.

Dr. Johannes Knudsen expressed his contention that if there is real need in South Slesvig, we are not living up to our Christian duties in neglecting these people. He therefore suggested that if it could be possible for our synodical president to visit South Slesvig on his trip to Amsterdam, we should have him do so, in order to bring back a more complete report about conditions there. After further discussion the following motion was adopted: "That Rev. Alfred Jensen on his trip to Amsterdam be instructed to investigate personally the situation in South Slesvig."

Proposal No. V

After a brief discussion the proposal was adopted with the following substitute motion: "In case of a vacancy in the office of the ordainer the election to this office shall take place on the second afternoon of the convention."

Wednesday Evening the Bethania choir, directed by Cecilia Fauerso, organ soloist: Gudrun Sorensen, and Thyra Larsen as accompanist, gave a 45-minute concert. This was a real treat for everyone after a long day of discussions, committee meetings, etc.

Two meetings were held that evening. Dr. Johannes Knudsen spoke in the church about Grand View College. Before his address, four recorded selections of the Grand View College Choir under the direction of Olaf Lund were played. Unfortunately the mechanism of the phonograph was not very good, and the results were rather disappointing to us who had heard the G.V.C. choir on its recent tour. Dr. Knudsen told about the success of the tour; and with a closing remark on that phase of his talk, he told us that one person had said that "the choir had done Grand View more good than twelve ministers."—He explained further that the 250 students enrolled at Grand View necessitated an expansion program which has altered considerably the entire physical plant of the college. It has also meant new opportunities, of which the choir is one example.—The small and most inadequate gymnasium is a handicap to an adequate physical education program at our school. We realize, said Dr. Knud-

Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa
Editor

W. M. S. — 1908-1948

Forty years have passed since the memorable day in June, 1908, during the synodical convention at St. Stephen's, Chicago, when a group of women with a vision, and a few of our pastors gathered in Humboldt Park and organized a Women's Mission Society to be a direct help in the Mission work of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church. This first society, as we will remember, was called "Danske Kvinders Missionsfond" (D.M.K.) As the language changed to English the name also was changed and this group is now known as Women's Mission Society.

On this 40th anniversary we will pause in a moments silence in memory of the many women who shouldered the work in those early days and laid a solid foundation on which we may further build. Especially will we remember Mrs. Karoline Kjølhedede whose constant prayer and untiring efforts by speech and by pen has built into the Mission work of the Danish Church a memorial that will stand the test of time.

To our own honorable president, Mrs. Knudstrup, who has just celebrated her 80th anniversary and is still active in the work of the church we will say, "Happy Birthday from all your friends in W.M.S." Her letters in the Round Robin of the board are still an inspiration and a guide to the other members.

And now we are looking ahead, looking forward for new aims and new goals. It is refreshing to get letters from our women suggesting new ways to do big things for Him who said: "Go ye out into the world and preach my gospel." The rules for W.M.S. have always been simple and they have been retained so. "Every woman friendly to the work of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member of the organization" is one of these rules and informal as this may seem our women have always shouldered the work and been willing to take on added responsibilities so that it is truly a pleasure to work on the board.

Before many days we will gather in Solvang for the convention. We will commemorate the forty years, we will be inspired to even greater efforts, we will conduct the business of W.M.S., and we will meet with the whole group on Friday evening which is W.M.S. night. Mrs. Ernst Nielsen and Rev. Alfred Sorensen will be our speakers and we will through this meeting be led on to nobler efforts and greater zeal.

One of our Mission groups in Chicago has made the motion that W.M.S. through the coming year take upon itself the matter of help to the S. Slesvig clothing project. We will discuss this at our meeting there, where it without a doubt will be given kind thought and consideration.

Let us pray that this synodical convention out on western borders may be a happy and worthwhile experience and that through this meeting our church in

all its branches of work may become even more important in our lives and that also our group may be working toward the goal of peace in heart, home and land.

Kind greetings on behalf of the Board of W.M.S.,
Ida Egede.

A Tribute To Danish Hymns And Songs

By Emma H. Hansen

I am thankful to be a child of Danish-American pioneers, growing up in a home where freedom and spiritual values were considered greater than material values and in a community where homes were built around the church and folk school.

There were few conveniences or luxuries in the home of pioneers but all had hymn books and song books, which were in constant use.

Our Danish-American poet, Adam Dan, writer of Danish-American pioneers has expressed their wealth in his song, "Du Store Rige Frie Land, Vi kom ej Fattige hertil, Men med en Arv saa rig," and we, their children, were privileged to share in that rich inheritance.

My earliest memory of my mother was of her singing to me, like so beautifully expressed in the song, "Den første gang jeg hørte sang, den randt af redest kilde," was in the twilight, and strangely it was the song, "Lyksalig, lyksalig, hver Sjæl som har Fred, skønt ingen kender Dagen før Solen gaar ned." She had been telling me of the death of three little brothers and this song was sung at the burial services.

Years later this song was sung when my little daughter, Else, suddenly passed away and there was great comfort in the words, "Gud Fred er Sjælesolen, som aldrig gaar ned."

When I was a child, we did not have Sunday school in our congregation but went to church on Sunday morning as a family group, and while the sermon might seem long, we could always join wholeheartedly in the hymn singing.

In the Danish Church Vacation School and Danish "Hverdagsskole," which we had for a number of years, we were taught many Danish songs and hymns.

Rev. C. C. Sorensen, our first Danish pastor in Immanuel's congregation, Kimballton, Iowa, gave me a Danish "Melodibog" for hymns and I cherish memories of many hours spent in the parlor playing on the old organ and singing hymns for my father, who could not sing and grieved because he was not given the gift of song so he could sing the songs and hymns he loved so well. One of the hymns we learned together was: "Hvert et Lys i Livets Nat, Hver en Trøst i Livets Smerte." This became one of our favorite hymns and was the last one sung for my father and mother before they passed away.

When I attended confirmation class with Rev. Gregersen, learning hymns was not compulsory, but I

learned many hymns by heart and it seemed the most valuable part of the training to me.

I am not sorry I grew up in the "horse and buggy" days when speed was not essential to us. My mother and I took many long drives, often driving 18 miles to Harlan to visit my oldest brother, and on this drive there was time to sing many of the folk-songs which were stories in song like "Henrik og Else," Liden Kirsten and Ridder Aage," as well as Grundtvig's hymns with many verses.

At the age of 14, I went to stay with Rev. Kjølhedes in Newell, Iowa, for two years attending Danish-American "Ungdomsskole." Karoline B. Kjølhede had been a teacher in the free school in Denmark for many years and devoted a great deal of time to teaching me to love and appreciate Danish literature, history and to value my rich Danish spiritual and cultural inheritance.

In the early morning I was awakened by her with the song: "Vaagner, vaagner, danske Helte, springer op og spænder bælte." In Kjølhedes home I learned the significance of the words "Dag og Daad er Kæmperim," and when I recall those years I am amazed at how much living and how much song could be put into each day. I am grateful I learned the value of expressing life in song like Grundtvig writes in his song:

"Den Gamle Nattergal i Danevangen, etc.
Datter min, lær dig til i Tide!
Syng, som jeg, bort din Sorg og Kvide!
Syng dig glad!"

I was too young to remember when F. L. Grundtvig came to my home occasionally, but it was my privilege to know Adam Dan and Kristian Ostergaard whose songs I have loved and sung, as well as songs of H. J. Petersen and other Danish-American poets.

"Den Sag er Aldrig i Verden tabt" is now used in translation by American groups like the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and I was deeply impressed when I first came to their meeting in a Church Chapel and they were singing "That Cause Can Never Be Lost Nor Stayed" to Nellesen's familiar tune.

In those early years of our Danish-American church we stressed "Menighedssang og Fællessang," the words and content of the song being the most important. Musically, the singing left much to be desired in contrast to the present day where we have more solos sung by persons with highly cultivated, beautiful voices, and group singing with a musically trained person conducting and stressing beauty and harmony, sometimes at the expense of the words of the song.

The pastor of the church usually led the singing at the services on Sunday morning, and I particularly remember Rev. Gregersen, when he was pastor of Immanuel's congregation, Kimballton, Iowa, with his powerful voice filled with deep emotion when he would sing "Til Himlene rækker din Miskundhed Gud" and "Nu Bede vi den Hellig Aand." I can still picture him as he ascended the pulpit singing "Da er Sorgen Slukket da er Perlen funden, Paradis oplukket, Døden overvunden, Herre hør vor Bøn."

It was a great event in my young life when I attended the first meeting of "Dansk Sammensluttet Ungdomforeninger" in Omaha, Nebr.

I think O. C. Olsen expressed the ideals of that youth well in his song:

We are building for tomorrow
For a strong and active life,
Not for fame or gold to borrow
Nor to wage a war of strife.

I consider myself fortunate to have lived my youth in days when homes, churches and schools were built and constructive forces were dominant. And I wish I could give a little of the sense of security and hope for the future I had, to the youth of today, when destructive forces cast deep shadows over their lives and they wonder if there will be a future or if the atomic bomb will end all.

At the age of seventeen I was privileged to attend our church school, the "Danish University," G. V. C. and there experienced a rich and close fellowship with other young people of our synod from various states, having a rare opportunity for comradeship.

We began the day with morning devotion, singing our wonderful morning hymns. There was always a song sung before most classes, before lecture periods and in the "Daligstue" groups would gather around the piano and sing, mostly in the early evening. The day closed with evening devotion where we sang our beautiful evening hymns. Friday or Saturday evenings were often spent in the gymnasium hall, where we enjoyed "Sanglege" singing lustily and enjoying ourselves in a most wholesome way.

Sunday mornings students gathered in the large "Foredragssal" for worship, which was conducted by the president of G. V. C. which in 1907 was Rev. Nordentoft. Here we experienced the fellowship of worship and having an opportunity of singing Danish hymns together.

A group of students who took the Danish course preparing to teach in Church Vacation Schools were assigned schools in the congregations in different states. I first went to Bone Lake, Wis., to a small congregation served twice a month by Rev. Jorgensen, and I am convinced I learned more that summer than the children I tried to teach.

Rev. Jorgensen later became pastor of Immanuel's "Menighed" in Kimballton, where Christian and I established our first little home in the congregation in which I grew up and I can only begin to realize what a blessing that was to me and mine.

I am indebted to Rev. Jorgensen for helping me to a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Danish hymns, particularly Grundtvig, Kingo and Brorsons hymns and also of the value of "Menighedssang."

I cherish the memories of the festival days in the church at Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, when the fellowship and joy of our Christian faith was expressed in singing hymns written for these great festivals.

When several congregations were gathered for "Kredsemde," and all congregations and ministers for "Aarsmøde" once a year, I think many of us experienced what is expressed in the hymn "Hyggelig Rolig—Naar under Sang med dit Vingede Ord, Sjælen af by over Stjernerne for."

I am thankful that I was able to take part in a number of such meetings, where a rich fellowship was experienced in worship and song, and I could appreciate the words often expressed by Rev. J. Jorgensen.

sen, "Det er godt at være med hvor Højtiden gaar an!"

It is difficult to put into words all that is experienced in living together in a congregation sharing life's joys and sorrows, experiencing Christian fellowship, and singing together hymns like "O Kristelighed, du skænker vort Hjærte, hvad Verden ej ved," and songs like "Der er en Vej som Verden ikke kender," which we often sang at mission meetings where the power of prayer was stressed.

This I know, after having lived in a city where I never have found a real church home, that while I can experience fellowship with people of all races and denominations I can never feel **at home** in other churches.

Mrs. Gudrun Brucker, who lived a rich life in folk-schools and churches in Denmark, being a daughter of a well known folk-school leader, Anders Jørgensen in Høng, expressed to me in our last conversation: "I regret that my children grew up without the sense of really belonging to a family and a people like I did, giving them a sense of security and being rooted."

I often hum the words, "Mange milde Øjne har fulgt mig paa vej" and in knowing how much that has meant to me, I also realize my children growing up in a city in this day will be denied the sense of security I had at their age.

If I had not had my Christian training in the Danish Evangelical church, I doubt if I would have considered "Pinse" the greatest of the church festivals and I have sought in vain in the American hymnals for real "Pinsesalmer." I have tried to give my American friends an understanding of some of our wonderful Pentecostal hymns and have succeeded at times far beyond my expectation.

One evening on Pentecost Sunday in Grace Community Church I talked about Grundtvig and his hymns and gave them "I al sin Glans nu Straaler Solen," also giving them Rev. Rodholm's translation. I was so anxious to give people an understanding of Grundtvig and his hymns and I felt I had somewhat succeeded when Rev. Wahlberg in thanking me said: "That Grundtvig must have been a wonderful man!" and he wanted to know where he could find books to read about Grundtvig.

I was so grateful that my son was stationed near Solvang before he was sent overseas and there was welcomed into homes like Niels Petersens, Ferdinand Sørensens and Agnes Brøns, spending Christmas eve in the latter's home and enjoying many wonderful "Sang Aftener" in their homes.

When he came home from overseas he told me of his innermost longings in lonely hours on Saipan. I was happy when he told me he wanted to learn more of the Danish songs and hymns when he got back, and that he felt it was a sacred duty of the ones who returned to devote their lives to the winning of the peace, for which so many sacrificed their lives.

He had not been home long before he was so busy preparing himself to take his place in the struggle for a peaceful world, where brotherhood of man rules out wars, that there was little time to devote to learning hymns.

There is little room for songs in the lives of youth today and the ones who have dedicated their lives to

solving the problems of today and those who realize fully, what the threat of the atomic bomb means, feel that time is fast running out.

They carry the world on their shoulders, figuratively speaking, and deny themselves many desires of their heart.

We who have experienced "den Pinseglans der følger sig bag Taagen" hope and pray for an outpouring of the Spirit over the people.

"Trøster over alt som truer

Alt hvor for vort Hjærte gruer."

God grant that we may experience—

"I Jesu Navn da Tungen gløder

Hos Hedninger saa vel som Jøder

I Jesu Navnets Offerskaal

Hensmelter alle Modersmaal

I Jesu Navn Udbryder da

Det evige Halleluja."

I am thankful that the rich treasure of Danish songs and hymns has been mine and that many of them are "born anew" so that they may be sung by the generations that come after me. I appreciate deeply the work done by Rev. Rodholm and others to give us many translated songs and hymns in the American language.

Emma M. Hansen,
Denver, Colo.

VITA

By Einar August Anderson

I, Einar August Anderson, was born in Yonkers, New York, on May 5, 1918, the son of August Anderson and Justine Anderson, nee Johanson. Both of my parents were born in Sweden. I am therefore not a member of the Danish Lutheran Church in America by accident or birth but by my own free choice.

I was baptized into the Christian faith by the Rev. Gottfried Hammarskiöld, a home mission pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church engaged in work among the Scandinavian immigrants in cities where there were no Scandinavian Lutheran churches. Later I was confined by the Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Charles Gilbert.

As I did not feel at home in the Episcopal Church I soon sought for that church to which most Scandinavian people belong. But in this country, one who looks for the Lutheran Church soon discovers that there really is no such church here in America, merely a collection of more or less antagonistic independent synods. One finds also that most of these synods have forgotten too much of the spirit and the historical tradition of the Lutheran churches in Europe and have adapted too much of the spirit and forms of the Calvinist and Methodist communions which up to a short time ago so completely dominated American religious life.

For a time, I belonged to one of the German-American synods and spent a year at one of its colleges in the mid-west. But by the time that I had definitely decided that I wanted to be a Lutheran minister, I had also come to the definite conclusion that the real Lutheran "kirkelighed," "church-atmosphere," I suppose we might call it, did not exist here in America. Instead of an historical old church going back through the centuries to St. Ansgarius, and beyond him, to the first Pentecost, all we had here in America was a system like any other sect built on some person's theological writings. For the mark of a sect is always its strict adherence to a certain doctrinal system from which there may be no deviation whatsoever. The mark of the true Universal Christian Church is, on the other hand, theological freedom within the framework of the fundamental Christian Faith.

It was, through accidentally coming across the name Grundtvig, and from a study of his writings that I found what I believe to be the true Lutheranism, that type of Lutheranism which I believe Martin Luther would adhere to if

he were alive today in the modern age and acquainted with the advances of scientific knowledge and the scientific investigation of church history in our day. And I found also that one of the Lutheran synods in America was trying, however imperfectly that might be, to bring into reality his views on the Christian Faith and the Church built upon Fundamental Faith which, in spite of some historical errors, which can be easily corrected and do not in the least invalidate the basic truth of his view has so much to teach not only Lutherans but all Christians of all denominations. And I found also, that this synod was also trying to carry over into American Lutheran church life that authentic churchly atmosphere which has been since the Reformation so characteristic of the Lutheran churches in Europe that church life which the other Protestants, with the exception of the Church of England so carelessly and foolishly threw away four hundred years ago, an act from which they have suffered ever since.

And so, it is not so unusual, that I, although of Swedish descent, should seek to become a member of the Danish Lutheran Church in America, and also, to become a minister in that church.

Having graduated from the theological seminary of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, and having been called as pastor of Our Saviour's Danish Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York, I hereby apply to the Board of Ordinations of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for ordination. I hope that with the help of the Lord of the Church our work together in Our Saviour's Church will be to His glory alone and that the power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, will become increasingly manifest among us.

VITA

I, Paul Ejner Gerdson Wikmann, was born in Copenhagen on January 2, 1911, the son of Dr. phil. Anders Edward Wikmann, Finland, and Gunnell, nee Holzhausen, Sweden.

Shortly after my birth my parents left Denmark, and I came into the home of Miss Johanne Olsen, Haastrup, Fyn, where I was brought up. To this, my real home, I am indebted for the love I received and for the Christian faith and knowledge, into which I at first unconsciously and later consciously, grew.

Already at an early date I felt the desire to become a missionary. However as I had no means, for which I could receive an education for that purpose, I entered at the age of fourteen the apprenticeship in the dry goods line. Shortly afterwards I became acquainted with the YMCA movement, where I found a spiritual home and quickly became an active member.

Having ended my apprenticeship I came to Aarhus as a clerk in my trade. There through inspirations from Mr. Eli Bogh, a missionary from India, I decided to emigrate to Canada in order to work my way through the first years of school. The next seven years were rich in experience, learning the language, working and making money enough for the high school training. A great value to me was my contact with the Danish colonies and congregations in West Canada, where I took an active part in the religious activities. Having obtained admission to the university of Copenhagen in 1937, I went back to Denmark in order to complete my education.

During my years at the university I took up work in YMCA, first among the soldiers, later in charge of the YMCA dormitory for young men.

On account of the war I was prevented from going back to America as soon as I had expected. I had to discontinue the studies and work in the underground movement in which I felt it was my duty to partake.

In 1945 after a year as prisoner in a concentration camp, I became a secretary in the Central YMCA in Copenhagen, where I worked in the youth section and among the unemployed people.

In March, this year, I married Kathrine Pedersen, who herself for a number of years has been active in the work

of God among the youth of YWCA.

Having received a call to serve as pastor of the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Manistee, Mich., I have applied to the Board of Ordination of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church for ordination in order that I might serve this congregation.

It is with prayer to God for His strength that we now take up our new responsibilities.

Paul Ejner Gerdson Wikmann.

Danish Pentecost Service In The Seaman's Church Institute, New York, N. Y.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 16, at 4 p. m. in the afternoon, the Danish Churches of Greater New York and New Jersey, together with the Danish Seaman's Mission, conducted a joint Danish Pentecost Service in the chapel of the Seamen's Church Institute, 25 South Street, New York City. The service was conducted by Rev. Baagøe, Pastor of the Danish Seaman's Mission, and Rev. Videbeck, Pastor of Salem Church, Brooklyn, New York.

After the Prelude and the Opening Prayer, the audience sang one of the age-old Danish Pentecost hymns, "I al sin Glans nu straal'er Solen, Livslyset over Naadestolen, nu kom vor Pinseliljetid." The singing of the hymn was followed by the Liturgical Service before the Altar. Mrs. Ellen Christensen of Perth Amboy, N. J., then sang a selection, entitled "Apostlene sad i Jerusalem og bød paa Herrens Time."

The first sermon was delivered by Rev. Videbeck, who spoke on the theme, "The Significance of Pentecost for the Individual." The pastor said that Pentecost is the greatest Festival in the Church Year and in the Kingdom of God because Pentecost is the Festival of Truth. The second sermon was delivered by Rev. Baagøe, who spoke on the theme, "Pentecost and God's Plan for the World." The pastor stressed that God's Plan was revealed in the answer of the Apostles: "Be converted and be baptized, and ye shall receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit."

At the conclusion of Rev. Baagøe's sermon the congregation sang, "Nu bede vi den Helligaand at sammenknytte os ved Troens Baand." Then followed the Altar Service, after which the congregation sang "Kraften fra det høje, alt som en Ild for Øje med alle Tungers Liflighed neddaled til Guds Menighed. Takker alle Gud for hans Gave!" The service closed with the Postlude, "Festmarch," by Blackmore, played by Mr. August Lee, organist at Salem church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

After the Pentecost Service in the chapel on May 16, there was a social gathering in the Danish Seaman's Reading Room in the Seaman's Church Institute. Coffee and cakes were served, and there were many speakers, among them Rev. Baagøe, Rev. Ove Nielsen of Perth Amboy, N. J., and visitors from Denmark, who had just arrived on the Batory, and were very happy to be present at a traditional Danish "Pinsefest" (Pentecost Festival).

The Danish atmosphere of the festival was heightened by the singing of Danish songs, such as "Vort Modersmaal er dejligt," "Jylland mellem tvende Have;" and "Du Danske Mand, af al din Magt, syng ud om din gamle Mor." The festival closed with the singing of the song, which was Denmark's Battle Hymn during the five years of occupation, "Altid frejdig, naar du gaar,

Veje Gud tør kende, Selv om du til Maalet naar, først ved Verdens Ende."

Ida Johnson.

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sen, that the building of character and personality is of utmost importance, therefore the language question and the heritage problem is approached with this in mind.—G.V.C. with all other schools also wages a battle against secularization. Dr. Knudsen told us that it had challenged him to hear Pastor Halvdan Helweg from Copenhagen say when he visited at Grand View College: "I think that what you are engaged in here at G.V.C. is far greater than you realize."

Pastor Svend Marckmann spoke at the Danish meeting held in the auditorium at Atterdag College. His theme was "Mindernes Magt" (The Power of Memories). Following his lecture Thomas Olesen Løkken from Denmark told about his visit in Slesvig.

Thursday, June 24

Thursday morning Pastor L. C. Bundgaard was in charge of the morning devotion and the Bible Hour. He used as his text a passage from the Gospel of Luke, and we can bring only a few, brief statements from same: Christ offers man a choice between LIFE and DEATH. This must be emphasized now, because our age faces a crisis, and many are unaware of it. We must, said Pastor Bundgaard, learn to travel "the main street of realism, and not the sunny sideroad of romanticism." He said further: Spiritual forces are always stronger than any materialism. The pages of history demonstrate this. The speaker said that we arrive at real LIFE by successive stages or steps, as we ascend in our development. And finally we meet at the top, where all are one—in Christ.

The business session was now resumed. After the reading of the minutes from the previous day and a few minor corrections, the discussion was resumed on:

Proposal No. VI

After a brief introduction of the proposal a rather long discussion followed. The following substitute motion was presented:

1. Move that Chapter 8, par. 30 of the Constitution be changed to read:

"The synod shall have the following officers: an ordainer; a synodical board of seven members consisting of a president, vice-president-secretary, treasurer and four additional members who, together with the treasurer, shall constitute a finance committee which shall organize itself. The president and vice-president-secretary shall be pastors.

2. (Deleted).

3. Move that Chapter 8, par. 31, of the Constitution be changed to read:

"All officers shall be elected by a ballot by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. The term of election of the board members shall be for two years in rotation, with the exception of the office of president which

shall be for four years. The ordainer shall be elected for an indefinite term."

Rev. Arthur E. Frost
Charles Lauritzen
Olaf Juhl
Dr. E. D. Nielsen
Erling V. Jensen.

DISCUSSION of the Substitute Motion—Dr. E. D. Nielsen pointed out that proposal VI is legally invalid as presently phrased. The chairman stated that a corporation legally can designate the buying and selling of property to a committee if its laws so permit. Chairman continued that a change in the articles of incorporation is necessary under the substitute motion.

Dr. E. D. Nielsen said that though it is legally permissible for a board of trustees to buy and sell property under our present set-up we have only a board of directors. The substitute motion proposes a finance committee which shall have the burden of business routine and whose functions shall be legally validated by the signature of president and secretary. The whole board determines the policies governing investments.

Dr. Johs. Knudsen proposed a new motion as follows:

"Whereas there is need for a thorough study of the administration of synodical affairs, be it resolved that the chair of the convention appoint a committee of five members to make such a study and to make proposals to the convention in 1949."

Rev. Alfred Jensen stated that he felt no postponement necessary. He said that the synod funds have been profitably invested under the present system and that the idea of this motion is to facilitate the financial arrangements of the future. Rev. Stub expressed his opinion this could be done by simply enlarging the board and let them reorganize themselves into a financial committee. Dr. Knudsen's substitute motion was voted on and lost. Rev. Jensen expressed his appreciation for the vast help of the Financial Advisory committee and pointed out that he believed that no decision involving the F.A.C. has ever been made without unanimity of opinion. He said that a decision of five out of seven members as will be required under the substitute proposal will certainly be undisputed. This will not be a radical departure from our present set-up.

The chairman suggested that the needed constitutional changes be made at this convention, since they require two years for validation, and that a committee be appointed to work out the further details during the coming year. Rev. Frost moved that no part of the substitute proposal go into effect for two years. Motion lost for lack of a second.

Rev. Alfred Jensen then moved that paragraph 2 of the substitute proposal be deleted. Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen agreed. Motion was seconded and carried. The deleted paragraph follows:

The finance committee shall have the full responsibility of the management of the G.V.C. endowment fund, the ministers' and widows' pension fund, and the Old People's Home endowment fund and reserve fund, and any future funds which may be set up, and

shall make such investments of these funds as from time to time be required.

Rev. Alfred Jensen then moved that the men who presented the substitute proposal be charged with working out appropriate changes in the by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Motion seconded and carried.

The chair called for a ballot on the substitute proposal; this resulted in the adoption of same by a vote of 127 to 9.

The following findings of the committee on the president's and the district president's reports were now presented to the convention. We print same in full and shall later give the changes made to same:

1. Whereas Almighty God has blessed us abundantly during the past year be it resolved that the 71st Annual Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America express its gratitude for these blessings.

2. Whereas the Gospel of Jesus Christ presents the only solution to the perplexing problems confronting our generation, be it resolved that we rededicate ourselves to the preaching and the teaching of the Gospel of Christ, the use of the means of grace, and that we emphasize the necessity of Christian living and the practical application of the principles of Christ throughout the world.

3. Whereas Christian education is of vital importance to the life of our Church, be it resolved that we affirm it as our duty to support such education by all Christian means; that we emphasize the necessity of Christian education in our homes; that wherever possible we cooperate with other churches in the use of released time from public schools; and that we work for the improvement and extension of instruction in Sunday and Vacation Schools and in all other phases of our work in which instruction is given.

4. Whereas our Church is an integral part of the American community, be it resolved that we enter wholeheartedly into the church life of our local communities, and that we, where possible, endeavor to extend the influence of our Danish Lutheran heritage.

5. Whereas a difference of opinion exists as to the necessity of a peace time draft of our youth for military training, and whereas the Congress has passed a limited peace time draft law, be it resolved that we as a Church respect the conscience of the individual before God and his fellow-men as far as military training is concerned.

6. Whereas Pastor Wikmann has been called to serve our Church in Manistee, Mich., and has been ordained to the ministry in our synod, be it resolved that we welcome Pastor and Mrs. Paul Wikmann among us.

7. Whereas "Kirkelig Samfund af 1898" has purchased Vartov and is planning to make it into headquarters for its work in Copenhagen, and whereas the urgent needs of our Lutheran brethren abroad are calling for our active and generous help, be it resolved that this convention authorize the synodical treasurer to accept gifts for Vartov from individual donors and to forward such gifts to the proper authorities in Denmark.

8. Whereas it has become necessary for the Den-

mark Tour Committee to change its plans, be it resolved that it be authorized to organize the two tours desired.

9. Whereas sickness has prevented Bishop Fuglsang-Damgaard to visit the two Danish Synods in America this year, be it resolved that we join with our sister synod in inviting the bishop to visit our churches in 1949.

10. Whereas we as a Church have a distinct contribution to make to American Church life, and whereas we are a part of the larger Lutheran Church, be it resolved that we pray for spiritual strength to carry out our assigned tasks, and that we continue to fulfill our Christian obligations in our cooperation with other church bodies.

11. Whereas our program of religious education is being promoted by Pastor Einar Farstrup and our Committee of Elementary Religious Education, be it resolved that we urge all districts and all congregations to take full advantage of the opportunities which Pastor Farstrup and said committee offer our Sunday and Vacation Schools.

12. Whereas Pastor Robert C. Schmidt has been called to serve our Church in Racine, Wis., be it resolved that we accept his application for membership in our synod and that we extend a hearty welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Schmidt.

13. Whereas an adequate supply of pastors is vital to the welfare of our synod, be it resolved that we pledge ourselves to work continuously for the improvement of the calling and the position of pastors of our synod, and that we endeavor to improve our seminary and to enlarge its attendance.

14. Whereas a number of faithful pastors and pastors' wives have passed away during the past year, be it resolved that the convention instruct the synodical secretary to write letters of sympathy to the bereaved families.

15. Whereas the Committee on Camps has not met during the past year, be it resolved that said committee be asked to continue its work as instructed until next year's convention.

16. Whereas the Bethany Lutheran Church, Wolters Corner, Withee, Wis., and the Zion Lutheran Church of Germania, Marlette, Mich., have applied for membership in our synod, be it resolved that said two congregations be admitted and bid welcome amongst us.

17. Whereas the home mission program is an integral part of our church work, be it resolved that the home mission program as outlined in the President's report be approved.

18. Whereas we have failed to meet our quota to the Church Extension Fund, be it resolved that the Home Mission Council be instructed to prepare and to distribute literature which describes the needs and functions of said fund, and that all the churches which did not meet their quota last year be urged to do so this year and that we postpone the second installment one year.

(Convention Report continued in next issue)

Grand View College And Our Youth

It took me nine months to grow tired of school work, but just a few weeks have elapsed and I wish I were back at Grand View again. I miss the good times and the fellowship I have had there during the past year. I learned good things at Grand View because there were students and teachers there who were an inspiration to me and who encouraged me to want to keep on learning.

Living just a few hours drive from Solvang, I was lucky enough to attend the annual church convention there. For me, it was a very interesting week, because not only am I much more familiar with the work of our synod, but I made many new acquaintances. There were six or seven of my fellow school-mates present and when we got together we all started to talk at once. We wanted to know everything that had happened since school let out and then we had to tell about our work for the summer and our plans for the fall.

Wednesday night, June 23, was Grand View College night at Bethania Lutheran church. Dr. Johannes Knudsen spoke about the college, the changes made in the past semesters and the plans for the coming year. Following this, was a colored film taken of the campus grounds, the new dormitory and the activities during Studentfest were also featured. The Grand View choir has made two records of five of the numbers sung on our tour, and two of these were played before Dr. Knudsen's speech and two of them were played after the film. The church was filled with both young and old and a pleasant time was had by all.

Saturday night, June 26, there was the Danish American Young People's Rally at the church, and it was there that the Grand View College Jubilee Fund finally reached its goal. Before the meeting it was discovered that in order to reach the top, \$108 were needed and it didn't take two minutes before the money was raised. We students of Grand View can certainly be thankful for all the help and interest we have had in our school from the various members of our church. It is through them that we have been able to accomplish many of the things we have set out to do.

Greetings to all my friends and classmates from Grand View, and my hopes are to see many of you again in the fall.

Inger Jensen,
Pasadena, California.

Tenth Annual Grand View Camp

For Juniors, 12 to 16, inc.
August 1-8, 1948.

GRAND VIEW CAMP

The Grand View Camp is located at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. The college and campus are the camp grounds. Campers are to sleep in the college dormitories, eat in the dining room and use the class rooms, gymnasium and athletic field during the daily program. The swimming will take place at the Birdland pool, or some other.

DAILY PROGRAM

7:00- —Arise.
7:15- 7:30—Exercise in gym.
8:00- —Breakfast.
8:30- —Clean up.
9:00- 9:15—Devotion.
9:20- 9:55—Bible hour.
10:00-12:00—Organized play and craft.
12:00- 1:00—Dinner and rest.
2:30- 3:30—Swimming.
4:00- 5:00—Quiet games and craft.
5:00- —Supper.
6:00- —Singing.
7:00- 8:30—Games.
8:30- —Refreshments.
8:45- —Camp fire.
10:00- —Lights out.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

On this day the parents of the campers are invited to be guests of the camp for dinner.

Program

10:45—Church service.
12:15—Closing meeting.
2:00—Closing meeting.

RULES

1. The camp is open to boys and girls 12 to 16 years of age. A camper may not have reached his seventeenth birthday.

2. Campers may not leave the grounds without permission.

3. Campers who wish to swim, must present a written permit from parents.

4. All campers must clean their own rooms, and in their proper turn take part in policing the grounds and setting and clearing the tables and washing dishes.

5. Campers must attend all sessions, unless excused.

6. The leaders reserve the right to dismiss any camper who fails to conform to the rules and regulations of the camp.

7. Campers must pay for property damaged or destroyed.

EXPENSES

Room, board and tuition	\$12.00
This item will be reduced when two members of the same family attend. The rate will then be	
	11.00
Room, board and tuition for shorter stay per day	2.00
Price for one meal	.75

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals will be served to campers beginning with supper Sunday, August 1, and ending with dinner Sunday, August 8.

Be sure to bring towels, soap, swimming suits, tennis shoes and gym suits. If you play tennis bring your racket. **Do not fail to bring sheets, pillow case and one blanket for your bed.**

Bring your New Testament, Lutheran Hymnal and "World of Song."

Enroll early. Be sure to give your age. We can not guarantee to accommodate young people who are not enrolled. In order to make our plans we should like to receive your enrollment by July 25.

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District VII Junior Camp July 18-23

Nysted Folk School For Junior Young
People 10 to 14 inc.

Many people in this district have requested that there be a Junior Camp for the young group. Rev. Peter Thomsen of Omaha, Nebr., Rev. Clayton Nielsen of Denmark, Kansas, and Rev. Howard Christensen of Cozad and Nysted are trying to set up such a camp with the aid of others. At the camp the young people will be given a chance to play, sing, learn, and worship together.

Camp begins with supper on Sunday the 18th and closes noon on the 23rd. Board, room and tuition will be \$12 for the six days. Campers are to bring bedding (sheets, pillow cases, and blankets) as well as soap, towel, **A World of Song** and a spirit of sharing.

Please enroll early with Howard Christensen, Cozad, Nebraska.

"That Cause Can Never Be Lost"

When the late Pastor Kr. Ostergaard wrote this song in the Danish language he likely did not dream that the day would come that it would be translated into the English language, yes into even other languages in other parts of the world. But that time has come and many have met the song in various groups both here in America and in other parts of the world. Many interesting reports have been given as to the use of the song. One tells of a chaplain who used the song every day on his ship, the Quakers are using it, and one report tells of a Chinese meeting in this country where it was used.

A daughter of the late Kr. Ostergaard, Mrs. Harald Nielsen, would like to gather material on all the various contacts that any of our people may have made in finding the song, "That Cause Can Never Be Lost" used outside of our own Danish church and Youth groups. She has already collected many interesting little stories. We hope that she may find considerable more material, and that after same has been gathered that she will write an article for "Lutheran Tidings."

We therefore urge our readers to help Mrs. Nielsen by sending to her any information that you may have in this respect. Her address is: Mrs. Harald Nielsen, Box 33, Tyler, Minn.

Acknowledgement Of Re- ceipts From The Synod Treasurer

For the Month of June

Towards the Budget:

Previously acknowledged ----\$ 967.64

Unassigned Receipts to Budget:

Congregations—	
Brooklyn, N. Y.	34.00
Clinton, Iowa	75.00
Askov, Minn.	76.77

Omaha, Nebr.	40.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	295.57

To Pension Fund:

Congregations—	
Minneapolis, Minn.	151.72
Clinton, Iowa	2.00

To President's Travel Exp.:

Congregations—	
Alden, Minn.	15.00
West Denmark	30.00

Total -----\$ 1,687.70

To GVC Jubilee Fund, Bonds:

Contributions to date (maturity value) -----\$31,800.00

To GVC Jubilee Fund, Cash Contributions:

Previously acknowledged ----	\$73,661.39
Interest earned	1.25
Carl Olsen, Omaha, Nebr.	5.00
Anna S. Rasmussen, Los Angeles, Calif.	113.00
Robert Nussle, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
George Rosenkilde, Chicago, Ill.	4.00
Mrs. Chr. Andersen Boes, Des Moines, Iowa	5.00
From Cedar Falls, Iowa:	
Mr. and Mrs. Axel Holst	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nielsen ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Hansen ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Holst ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Guldager	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hart Madsen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jensen	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anders Iversen ..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Refshauge	5.00
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Miss Karen Rasmussen	1.00
Rev. and Mrs. Holger O. Nielsen	5.00
Miss Edith Christensen	5.00
Mrs. Christine Holm	1.00
Miss Jesse Juhl	1.00
Mrs. Theo. Juhl	1.00
Mrs. Peder Pedersen	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nelson ..	2.00
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	\$73,955.64

To Lutheran World Action: (1948 quota)

Previously acknowledged ----	\$ 3,950.69
Congregations—	
Trinity, Chicago, Ill.	110.00
Clinton, Iowa	46.00
Waterloo, Iowa	49.50
Oak Hill, Iowa	167.84
Minneapolis, Minn.	19.50
Askov, Minn.	487.28
Children of St. Stephen's Sunday School, Chicago, Ill.	104.65
"A Friend in South Dakota" ..	500.00
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Total to date	\$ 5,435.46

Respectfully submitted,

Olaf R. Juhl,

4752 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis 7, Minn.

OUR CHURCH

Election Results at the synod convention in Solvang, Calif., held Saturday morning, June 26, were: Synodical president (2 years) Rev. Alfred Jensen; synodical trustee (2 years) Erling V. Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa; council of elementary religious education (3 years) Miss Cora Sorensen, Ringsted, Iowa; committee on publication (4 years) Rev. Enok Mortensen; board of education (4 years) Rev. Ottar Jorgensen; pension board (3 years) Rev. A. E. Frost; committee on church relations (2 years, 3 to be elected) Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, S. Dixen Sorensen, Dwight, Ill., R. T. Grau, Clinton, Iowa; Santal committee (5 years) Miss Sigrid Østergaard, Minneapolis, Minn.; superintendent of Old People's Home, Des Moines, Iowa (1 year) Sam Andersen, Des Moines, Iowa; necrologist (indefinite term) Rev. J. L. J. Dixen, Withee, Wis.; convention chairman—Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa; assistant chairman—Rev. A. E. Frost; convention secretary—Rev. Verner Hansen; assistant secretary—Miss Margaret Michaelsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The 1949 Convention—Upon invitation from the First Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Montcalm County, Mich., the convention voted to accept this invitation to hold its annual convention in 1949 at Greenville, Mich.

Pastor Axel C. Kildegaard preached his farewell sermon in the Bridgeport, Conn., church on Sunday, June 27. Beginning July 1 he is attending a six-weeks summer course at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Pastor A. Th. Dorf, Pastor Emeritus, who has lived at Peekskill, N. Y., since he retired from active service in our synod, was recently honored by the King of Denmark for his faithful service through the many years. The recognition given was the Danish "Fortjenst Medalje." The Danish Ambassador to the United States, Henrik Kauffmann of Washington, D. C., was present at the special festive occasion in New York to present the Honorary Medal to Pastor Dorf.

Aage Knudsen, Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Johanne Egebjerg from Denmark were united in marriage on June 23 and are now making their home in Pasadena, Calif., where he is employed. Aage Knudsen is a son of the late Pastor Thorvald Knudsen, and a brother of Pastor Halvdan Knudsen in Los Angeles and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College.

Pastor Alfred Jensen, synod president, will leave for the World Council of Churches meeting in Amsterdam, Holland, on July 16, sailing from New York on the M.S. BATORY of the GDYNIA AMERICA LINE. He will first visit relatives and friends in Denmark, and will upon instruction from the Solvang convention make a tour of inspection in South Slesvig in regard to the need

there for possible help from the Danish-American people—During his stay in Denmark, July 25—August 20, President Jensen's address will be: % Rektor H. M. Jensen, Statsskolen, Hillerød, Denmark. He plans to return to the United States by air passage immediately after the Amsterdam meeting.

During the absence of our synodical president, Pastor Holger O. Nielsen, synodical secretary, will be the acting president. His address is 1410 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. All matters pertaining to the office of the president, including letters of call to pastors, etc., should be sent to the acting president.

Pastor Thorvald Hansen, Alden, Minn., was united in marriage to Miss Johanne Johansen of West Denmark, Wis., at a candlelight ceremony in the West Denmark church on Saturday evening, June 19. Pastor Peter Thomsen of Omaha, Nebr., a close friend of the groom, officiated at the wedding.

Mrs. Hansen is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ansgar Johansen of West Denmark. Both the groom and bride have attended Grand View College.—Attending the bride was Miss Doris Fredericksen of Chicago, Marvin Jensen of Minneapolis was best man. Miss Esther Dixon of Withee, Wis., was the organist and Erling Grumstrup of Minneapolis sang "The Lord's Prayer" while the couple knelt at the altar.

A reception was held at the West Denmark Parish hall. Short talks were given by many of those present and a fine evening of fellowship was shared by all present. Many greetings and gifts were received from friends far and near.

The bridal couple are now at home at Alden, Minn., as the pastor and pastor's wife of one of our Minnesota congregations.

Herluf Jensen, son of Pastor and Mrs. Alfred Jensen, and Miss Dorothea Lund of Del Rey, Calif., were united in marriage at a beautiful candlelight service in the St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Parlier, Calif., on Saturday evening, July 3. The groom's father, Pastor Alfred Jensen, officiated at the ceremony in the church.—Geraldine Ann Lund, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Fred Pallisgaard of Los Angeles, close friend of the groom (from the school days at G.V.C.) was best man. There were four other attendants, close friends of the bride and groom.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Chester B. Thomsen home, home of the bride. The home and garden were beautifully decorated and lighted, and small tables and chairs, for the approximately 175 guests present, were spread throughout the spacious lawn garden. A delicious lunch was served, music was rendered and talks were given by the groom's father, Pastor Alfred Jensen, the other pastors present, Niels Nielsen, Marius Krog and Holger Strandkov, also by Fred Pallisgaard, the best man, Soren Paulsen of Parlier and the groom.—Mr. and Mrs. Jensen left that same evening and spent their "Honeymoon" in Southern California. Both have been students at Grand View College and "found each other" there. Herluf Jensen has attended Harvard University this past school year, and plans to return there for the next school year. During this summer he is taking a summer course at the Teacher's College of Fresno, Calif. They will be at home to their friends

during July and August at the home of the bride, % Mr. Chester B. Thomsen, Del Rey, Calif.

The Los Angeles Church entertained quite a number of convention guests from various congregations at a post-convention afternoon and evening meeting in the beautiful Emanuel's Church on Tuesday, June 29. Pastor Holger Strandkov of Dwight, Ill., preached the Danish sermon at the afternoon service, and the two pastors, Holger O. Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Holger Strandkov both spoke at the evening meeting. The ladies of the church served a delicious supper to all present a 6 o'clock and again served coffee to all present after the evening meeting. At the coffee table several others spoke. Pastor Povl Baagøe of New York and Pastor Carl C. Rasmussen both gave us an interesting account of a joint tour they made together throughout the day investigating the possibilities of a Danish Seamen's Mission work in the harbors near Los Angeles. We hope to be able to bring more about this in a later issue of L. T. from Pastor Baagøe, as he had made some very interesting contacts.

Several Convention Pastors visited our congregations on the West Coast before and after the convention. We hope to bring further reports on this in the next issue of L. T.



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