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Creation

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Centuries ago mankind discovered that our world is an orderly world. This was in contrast to a concept of the world in which things happened because gods or their apposing forces decided that things should happen and carried out their whims and wishes. Now it was seen that the stars moved in exact courses about the sun, that the pendulum revealed regularity of movement, and that the apple fell to the earth, because constant forces were at work. The speed of light was measured, electricity was discovered and put to work, chemical reactions were analyzed and utilized.

The picture of God changed. Men no longer saw him as an arbitrary ruler but as the creator of an orderly and regulated universe which operated according to the principles with which God had endowed it. So taken up were they with this picture of God that they often reduced him to the role of an engineer who had created a wonderful machine and who now sat back in satisfaction watching the machine operate according to its innate principles.

One hundred years ago, or so, mankind discovered that the world is an emerging world. It is not cast in unchanging forms but it grows and develops. New plants evolve and living beings change and adjust themselves to new conditions. But all this does not happen by chance. The orderliness of the world is maintained and the laws of change can be found and followed. Men used this knowledge to improve his plants and his breeds and he marveled at the unfolding of life.

Again the picture of God changed. Men regarded him not as an engineer or a static creator of a static world but as one who lived in an unfolding world. God became a husbandman or a worker in a laboratory. He was no longer the remote and distant God. He was immanent, a part of life. Even he was subject to change as the world changed.

In our own century mankind discovered the mighty power inherent in the very nature of matter itself. Not only was the smallest discoverable particle of matter a little world built like the universe and behaving according to a set pattern, but an important feature of its organization was the speed with which the satellites traveled about the nucleus. The secret of the atom is power, but power means motion or speed. This fact affects all human living in a revolutionary way. The world is not stable as it used to be; it is characterized by speed and power.

How does this affect our picture of God? Can we

still look at him as an engineer, or a husbandman, or a cooperative? No, this seems difficult. We can only cling to these concepts as we cling desperately to our notions of the world that was ours through tradition. But God is not eliminated, and he refuses to slip out of the picture. To the contrary, he is more in the picture now than ever, for who can think of the power of the world without thinking of the God who started it all. God is the almighty God, the great God, the creator of heaven and earth. This is what the atom teaches us about God.

But do we only know God through science and experience? Do we only know him as the orderly God, the unfolding God, and the mighty God? Has God let us know something about himself independent of our hard-wrought experience? Do we have to wait until science brings us complete understanding of the world in order fully to know God, and can we even then hope to understand him? We are speaking now of God the Creator and not necessarily of God the Father who loves his children.

It will be seen from the above description that we have learned a lot about creation and thus about the creator during the most recent centuries. We should be happy and proud that we have gained this knowledge. But we must not forget that God told us something about himself centuries before we made any real progress in the understanding of nature. He did this, not by manifesting his power or his ways in nature, but he did it by choosing himself a people. And to this people he spoke, not through their powers of reason but through their hearts and their understanding.

This people told us in return the story of God's creation, and we revere the story, not for its insight into the things that we can learn through science but for its insight into the nature of God and his ways. The story begins like a confession, "In the beginning God . . ." Then it goes on to tell us how God created. "Then God said, Let there be light, and there was light."—God spoke, and light was. God's word is creative and God creates through his word. The orderliness of life, the unfolding of the possibilities of life, the power that is life, all these are ours because God has spoken.

God spoke many other things to the people of his choice, and after he had spoken to us through the prophets he spoke to us through his Son. But that is another story. Today we are concerned with the fact that the creation speaks to us about God and that God

has spoken to us through his creation. God does not change, but we learn more fully to understand the wonder of his handiwork. And behind all creation is the eternal, unchangeable God.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God
To endless years the same.

Where Are Our Youth?

Recently I read an article entitled, "Youth Challenges the Church." It was written by a youth in 1935 and is still timely and pertinent. The writer accuses the modern church of having lost its youth because it is losing contact with the problems of youth. In order that each individual may become successfully integrated, he needs a philosophy of life—a faith in something beyond himself.

Instead of giving youth this, the church organizations "spend their time arguing about the punctuations in the prayer-books." The ministers flaunt dry, dead, meaningless expositions of Biblical passages and church history from the pulpits rather than offering solution and guidance to our modern social problems. Whenever a minister does stoop-down to his audience's level, it becomes a political tirade and, like as not, that particular minister is branded a Communist, a prophet, or a worshipper of false gods.

In a spirit of evangelism, our particular church synod in cooperation with other Lutheran Churches has designated the year 1949-1950 a year for preaching the gospel, for visiting the sick and the aged, for winning souls for the kingdom of God. As if all this has been neglected and can now be done within a space or a period of time—one short year.

These same Lutheran Synods are now advocating a union of synods. Perhaps the supposition is that "In union there is strength." Let us ask, "Is there unity in union?"

Our Church Synod is advocating the change of its name. Perhaps the term "Danish" has become too cumbersome, too meaningless, too antiquated. One is prone to ask if the "punctuation marks in the prayer book are more important than the prayer itself?"

Granted—and who doubts it?—that our churches are losing the youth, what can be done about it? Will the few feeble efforts such as the new spirit of evangelism, the union of synods, and the change of name, bring youth back into the fold?

In a few churches the change of time of the English worship service from the customary ten o'clock to the later hour—eleven o'clock—has been tried. What are the results? Nil. As if modern youth can't "get around" on time. Years ago the change of language was tried. Did the elimination of the Danish bring youth to church? As if the language "saved souls"—and yet, perhaps it does.

To verify the accusations in the afore-mentioned article, "Youth Challenges the Church," I have recently attended service in this community's three prominent churches, namely, our local Lutheran Church—my own—the Presbyterian Church at Ballard, and the Episcopal Church within two blocks of our church

here in Solvang. In all three churches the story is the same. One asks "Where are our youth and why aren't they here?"

As I listened to the sermons, I studied the ministers. All three men are middle-aged, intelligent, and inspired Christians. The man, whose church that particular Sunday had the largest number of youth present, is a former missionary to China. His sermons are scholarly dissertations and I doubt that the average member of that congregation understands them and yet he "picks people out of the trees and into that church" to use the street expression one hears about this particular minister.

Other factors such as the choir, the physical plant—the church building itself with its lighting, heating, ventilation, and seating capacity enter into this picture. Sometimes the organization of a junior choir under the able direction of a younger person is tried, hoping that this will solve the problem. But does it? For a while perhaps until that gets "boring."

Will the street evangelism of the Salvation Army style be the solution, one vainly wonders? Will participation of the young people in the service itself bring youth to church? Will a revival of our Sunday school classes and confirmation classes help?

Where are our youth on Sunday morning and why aren't they in church? It is a timely and pertinent topic. In its solution lies the strength and the hope and the future, not only of one church, one community, one synod, or even of one nation—but of one world.

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death."

Marie M. Hald.

Christian Fundamentals

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We are studying Christian fundamentals as these were rediscovered and affirmed by Grundtvig. In this study we must always remember that Grundtvig found these fundamentals in the living congregation of believers as it was in his day and as it had been since the first day of Pentecost. It was in his search for a short, simple and definite word which could express for the babes in Christ what was the original, genuine and true Christianity, as against the assertions of the Rationalists, that he came to the congregation of believers. In the treatise, "Concerning the Truth of Christianity," he says:

"It is, of course, impossible for an individual Christian to set forth a testimony which unquestionably outweighs the contradictory testimony of a whole un-Christian generation. For even though such an individual might be able to perform the greatest miracle, the result would probably be merely to cause the authorities to move against him. Nor would even he himself be able to ascribe any weight to his testimony, since scripture proclaims that in the last days of the world astonishing miracles will be performed before anti-Christ—that is, for false Christianity.

"But the prospects would, on the whole, be quite poor for us human beings if we were not able to find much more than we can produce. And who can

be more certain of finding that for which he is seeking, than the Christian who is searching for a matchless testimony to prove that his Christian faith is the Christian faith? When could such a Christian with greater assurance believe the words of the Lord: 'Seek, and you shall find'?

"However, it often so happens that we search last where we, everything considered, should have searched first. Thus we do not find that for which we are searching until we go where it really is, and so it may for a time seem as if we were searching in vain. At least, that is the way it was with me. I cannot possibly deny that first of all I should have sought the testimony for the genuineness of my faith where I myself first had heard and believed it. I should have sought it where I was baptized, where I gave my confession of faith, where I found nourishment for my Christian life, where I transmitted to others what I myself had received as something well attested to, where I as an official of the church declared those persons to be Christians who confessed the faith. I should first of all have sought the testimony in the Christian church and congregation of believers.

"But although this would have been the natural procedure I searched in every nook and corner before it came to my mind to search where that which I was seeking lay clearly and evidently before my eyes. For as one of the scripture-learned of the Lutheran school I had decided in my own mind that the great testimony which could put all false Christians to shame must necessarily be found in scripture. Verily, I sought with diligence. And for every moment and every hour that I sought with diligence, blessed be the Spirit who so faithfully accompanies every reader of scripture. For although I did not find that matchless testimony which can put every false Christian to shame, nevertheless I did find a matchless testimony which divinely strengthens the faith of true Christians and produces heavenly joy in the heart.

"That is what I found. And that Spirit to whose voice I listened while the letters of the book were before my eyes gave me grace to share the blessed testimony with many who were of the common faith—many who did not need to be convinced as to what we must believe if we are to be Christians but needed only what we all need. They needed only to be reminded how joyous, how sweet and blessed it is to walk in faith with the Lord, to rest in the hope of seeing when He shall be revealed in the glory of His Father, to be glorified in all His hallowed ones and wonderful in all His believers.

"Now, because of the depravity and spiritual dullness and indolence of our natures I doubtless would not have become so intimately acquainted with Holy Scripture if I had not expected there to find everything necessary for the discharge of my office, that is, as well to refute those who gainsay as to admonish with the blessed doctrine. I must therefore truly bless the Companion by whose guiding hand our endeavor is never wasted. But my own mistake I must neither bless nor defend nor excuse. For when our mistake

serves us and others for good then must we indeed confess that to the Lord belongs the honor and to us the shame of our countenances.

"But whatever I found in this way, although in my eyes worth purest gold, I nevertheless did not find the **living testimony** which could be brought victoriously into the field against the living and thousand-tongued testimony declaring that we neither from scripture nor from church history can discern what is genuine Christianity, if we by that term mean anything more than what reason also teaches—that is, what we know is not Christianity.

"Finally a good angel whispered to me: Why seek you the living among the dead? Are you a teacher in Israel and know not where you can find the Christians when you want to hear their testimony as to what they believe? How can you baptize children when you have not learned how to get them that bear them to the font to say 'I do' so that the sponsors can hear it?

"Thus did I find, and certainly not by my own astuteness but by such a fortunate stroke as happens only to those who have a faith which providence finds worthy to be protected—thus did I find the living, loud-voiced testimony as to what is true Christianity, that which has the peculiar characteristic that the opponents who would be called Christians cannot contradict it without plainly contradicting themselves. And this, as is well known, is the unfailing mark of undeniable truth."

From these passages it is evident that it was in the congregation of believers that Grundtvig found that truth of which Jesus speaks when He says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." For what does Jesus mean when He assures His disciples that He will be with them always, even to the end of the world? He who ascended into heaven and has given us to believe that He sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, how will He be with His believers here on earth if not in His Word, that Word in which the Spirit lives and moves and has His being? And as He was a definite person who could be found in a definite place while He walked here on the earth, must He not be found in a definite Word, if at all, here on earth today? And if the Word of renunciation and Faith is used in the church of Christ today to give every person who asks forgiveness of sins and life eternal, then what other Word do we have in which He is present with us, He who alone has power to

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forgive sins on earth and who has Life in Himself even as the Father has life in Himself?

And this Word is found in the congregation of believers and nowhere else upon earth. Secret societies and others may have altars, scripture reading, prayers, hymns and chaplains, but they have not the Word of Renunciation and Faith as the life-giving Word in baptism. They cannot have it and cannot use it in its place at the font without ceasing to be a society created by men and becoming a congregation of believers created by God. Thus is the Word of God able to defend itself even as He who now is His Word here on earth was able to call more than twelve legions of angels to defend Him but did not do it because He knew that spiritual power so far surpasses the power of angels or man that it would win and conquer even through death.

No longer do we need to weep and cry:

"Jesus, where, O where to find thee?"

Seek thee does the heart in vain
Even where apostle writings
Drew thy image clear and plain!"

To us it has been revealed that he is as near to us as His Word is in our mouths and in our hearts. These two loving persons, the Lord and His congregation, dwell together here and now as the bridegroom is always present with his bride in His Spirit and Word. If the individual would have that Word which the bridegroom says is not His but the Father's who sent Him, then must the individual receive it from the congregation of believers. If the individual would be one with the congregation of believers, then must he accept, embrace and believe that Word by and through which alone the congregation of believers can give him the washing of regeneration and renewing in the Holy Spirit, the Word of Faith which we preach (Rom. 10).

Valdemar S. Jensen.

Report From The Annual Convention Held At Greenville, Mich., June 22-26, 1949

(Continued)

Wednesday afternoon, June 22, 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Ellingsen of the American Bible Society addressed the convention. Rev. Ellingsen graphically and interestingly spoke of the work of the Society in distributing copies of the scriptures to remote areas of the world. He pointed out, as an example, that ten years ago the Japanese people were not Bible-readers but now the Bible is one of the ten "best sellers" in Japan. He quoted General MacArthur as saying that there has never been a greater opportunity in the long history of the Christian Church than there is in Japan at present.

The same story is repeated in many parts of the world. The Society has distributed 400,000,000 copies of the Bible throughout the world. 125,000 copies went to Russia last year, but the door to Russia is closed at this time. He further stated that the widespread movement for literacy, as an example he mentioned Mexico, is a great opportunity also for the Gospel. Let us give the people Bibles as soon as they can read them.

Dr. Carl E. Lundquist Speaks to the Convention—

At 2 p. m. an address was given by Dr. Carl E. Lundquist, Assistant Director of the National Lutheran Council. Dr. Lundquist told us first of the contribution of our synod to the National Lutheran Council. In the past eight years we gave almost \$110,000.00 to Lutheran World Action. We have also contributed materially and spiritually through our leadership.

On the International scene we find a critical situation, said Dr. Lundquist. The Lutheran Church in many foreign countries has been threatened by many forces. In regard to the D. P.s the Lutheran churches in America have made approximately 8,000 assurances for homes and jobs for D. P.s. But unless we get 7,000

more before the first of September the Jews and Catholics will fill the country's quota.

Proposal No. I, submitted by B. P. Christensen of Marlette, Mich., was at this time presented for discussion.

The Proposal read: "The appointment of two pastors and three laymen as a committee to formulate and propose a plan for the general improvement and advancement of Pastoral compensation and social security in order to create synod wide standards of minimum salaries worthy of the profession and attractive enough to bring young men into the ministry. Such a plan to be submitted for consideration at the 1950 Synod convention."

B. P. Christensen spoke to the proposal, stating that he thought that the ministry was highly underpaid. He referred to his article on that subject which was printed in "Lutheran Tidings" April 5, 1949.

After some discussion the above Proposal was adopted. The following committee was later appointed by the chair: B. P. Christensen, Marlette, Mich., chairman; C. Staugaard, Detroit, Mich.; Godfrey Guldager, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, Withee, Wis.; Rev. Clayton Nielsen, Denmark, Kans.

Proposal No. II, submitted by the Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis., was submitted. The proposal moved: "To change the date for the convention of the Synod so as not to conflict with the two weeks of Bible School."—After some discussion where several verified that the convention time did definitely interfere with the congregational vacation schools, the Proposal was adopted after deleting the two words "two weeks."

Wednesday evening two meetings were held. Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College, and Prof. Axel C. Kildegaard, Jr., were the speakers

at the special Grand View College program. We brought Dr. Knudsen's address in the last issue of Lutheran Tidings, and we may later be able to bring the one given by Prof. Kildegaard.

In summary Prof. Kildegaard gave the convention an insight into the goals and the philosophy involved in teaching in the seminary. He endeavored to show us the place of academics in relationship to the ministry.

Prof. Kildegaard said: Times have changed since the beginning of our seminary in this respect that more education is being required of those going into the ministry just as those who do agricultural work are looking toward the scientists to give them advice on better farming.

He pointed out further: We must understand what a Christian experience is. It is an integration of life, not spiritualistic powers. The seminary and the church are interested not in words about life but of life. He submitted this important quotation: "He who studies only God's commandments is not greatly moved but he who listens to God commanding, how can he fail to be touched by a majesty so great."—Therefore the seminary must articulate the Christian faith. Therefore they must use the best literature and facilities available in order that all may seek to understand the age in which we live and make our faith real to us.

Prof. Kildegaard made the following closing announcement: As voted at a recent convention, we will soon have the requirement that all seminary students must have four years of college before entering the seminary.—The faculty is at this time planning a Seminary News-Letter with which we hope to keep in touch with all prospective seminary-students.

A Danish Meeting was held the same evening where Rev. Paul Wikman of Manistee, Mich., spoke on the topic: "The Conditions in Scandinavia, and especially in Denmark, before, during and after World War II." We bring here a reporter's brief summary of his address: "In 1929 the Social Democrats came to power in Denmark helping to pass unemployment support so high that it led to moral degeneration. Singing, historical lectures, and other aspects of good Danish culture suffered greatly during this period. This continued until April 9, 1940. Then the German army marched into Denmark and other countries. What now would the Nazis do? What they did was almost beyond description, and we who suffered know that humans can be very inhuman.—I was personally taken to one of their prisons and sat there in a private cell for four and a half months. I was not allowed to read, to work or to write. I was kept confined within the bare walls of a cell 7 feet long. Now and then I was called into headquarters for questioning, once for a period of fourteen hours. I was beaten and when we would not give the information they wanted we were forced to watch others tortured, often until they were crippled for life or died.

"We younger men came back after the war and hoped to have a say in the affairs of state, but we were made to feel that we were not needed. The old politicians again took over the leadership of social

and political affairs; and again the youth of Denmark are saying, 'What's the use?' And there are many indications that Denmark is again threatened with a spiritual relapse.—In the Baltic countries the situation is so desperate that the only hope of the young men is another war. They feel that only through another war is there a possibility of getting out of the Russian grip. The war will come, of that there is no question. And we here in America must keep fully aware of the danger of another war."

Thursday, June 23:

The morning devotion and Bible Hour Thursday morning was led by Rev. John Enselman of Clinton, Iowa.—He used as his text, the passage from Luke 11:1, "Lord, teach us to Pray." Rev. Enselman made the following statements: 1) We sometimes make intellectual clarity our main means and our main ends. Modern life should not forget the means of prayer. 2) Prayers of petition, of asking for things we desire, is a low level of prayer. This level makes for impatience with God. 3) Prayers in behalf of others (intercessory) indicates a development and a humility. It is an inspiring factor, likewise, also to feel that others are praying for us. 4) The highest prayer is the acceptance, the prayer of the desire for fellowship with God, our Father, and the prayer for the spirit of the text, "Lord, Teach us to Pray."

The business session opened Thursday morning with a number of greetings being read. Rev. A. E. Frost extended a greeting from August Bang, editor of "Dannevirke." Greetings were read from Mrs. A. W. Andersen, Mrs. Esther Nissager Nissen of Denmark, Rev. and Mrs. P. Rasmussen of Canada. Rev. Alfred Jensen read greetings from Pastor M. F. Blichfeld and Bishop C. W. Noack, both of Denmark.

Rev. Alfred Jensen announced at this time that a telegram had just been received stating that P. L. Lund, superintendent of the Old People's Home in Des Moines and for many years a member of the synodical board, had passed away in his home in Des Moines Wednesday evening.—A greeting of condolence was sent to Mrs. Lund and family from the convention.

Proposal No. III was presented as submitted by Jacob Jacobsen of Pasadena, Calif.: "That the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt as part of their belief and creed that all human beings have been given by God, their Creator, the right to equal opportunities for the exercise of their respective faculties."

Dr. Johannes Knudsen pointed out that nothing has been added to our creed in centuries. It is a deep and serious step to change our creed and he doubted if any practical effect would be accomplished by debating it at length at this time. Because he did not want to vote against a statement of rights, he moved that the proposal be tabled. Some discussion followed the presentation of the motion.

The Proposal from District VII in regard to a better plan of allocation of the district's share of the synodical budget, was given consideration at this time. The district proposal recommended more leniency than the present by-laws could give, and to permit allocation

according to willingness and capacity to pay, in conformity with the method used in allocating the budget upon the district.

Rev. Alfred Jensen pointed out that the allocation of the budget is made by the Synod Board and District Presidents, and that ability to pay is taken into consideration. He also informed the convention that during the latter years the distant Districts on our two coast areas have assumed more of their proportional share than they have in the past.

Rev. Viggo Hansen pointed out that small churches have a complete church overhead expense as well as the larger churches have, but naturally much less means with which to pay. Therefore, he said, the larger churches thus **should** assume a larger proportion of the budget.

Dr. Erling Jensen, after relinquishing the chair to the assistant chairman, pointed out that the rule which was made some years ago, deducting 20 from the number of contributing members of each congregation in allocating the amount for each congregation to pay, so definitely helps the smaller congregation. He also said that certain local conditions (such as a comparatively large number of elderly people in a congregation) may be taken into consideration.

After some further discussion the motion from District VII was voted upon and lost.

Discussion on the President's Report:

The Committee on the President's and the District Presidents' Reports presented its findings.

The following recommendations made by the president in his report were adopted: (See President's Report, June 20 issue of Lutheran Tidings).

1) That we express our gratitude to God for His many favors bestowed upon our synod, congregations, homes and individuals during the last year undeservedly on our part and that we ask Him to continue us steadfast in the faithful service of His church.

2) That we confess our need for greater aid and nourishment by God's Word and Spirit through means of grace and fellowship of saints in order to commit ourselves wholly and unreservedly to the cause of His kingdom.

3) That the convention go on record approving the participation on the part of the synod president and board in the January 4, Minneapolis meeting and the synod secretary's appointment and service on the committee of fifteen as well as further participation of the committee to meet this fall.

4) That the convention express its gratitude to God for the creation of the World Council of Churches as a step toward deeper and truer Christian fellowship and cooperation. Further, that our membership be guided into knowledge and appreciation of the views and principles directing the various member churches of the World Council. It is also recommended that the Constitution and By-laws as well as the statement of policy adopted by the Amsterdam Assembly be affirmatively received.

5) (With regard to the support of the work in South Slesvig), the convention voted: "The continuation of this work so effectively carried on through Mrs. Elsie

Stub of New York and the various women's organizations under the Women's Mission Society."

6) That we continue as heretofore our support of Lutheran World Action expecting the directors of the distribution of Lutheran World Action and Relief supplies to exercise the utmost care that no partiality on account of nationality and Church affiliation be allowed to influence such distribution. Further that the leadership of Lutheran World Action and Lutheran World Relief in this country be asked to give assurance that this policy be not violated.

7) That the convention express its joy over the coming visit by Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard and extend a most cordial welcome to him and Mrs. Fuglsang Damgaard.

8) That all congregations wishing to have the bishop's visit send such invitation to the synod president, further that arrangement of the bishop's itinerary be made by the president of the synod together with the president of the UELC and with advice of the district presidents.

8a) We rejoice in the many improvements taking place in the congregations in the form of remodeling of churches and parsonages, building of new ones, installations of new organs, better equipment and facilities for Sunday schools and social functions.

8b) We are grateful to the people of our synod for generous support of our causes which in the course of the last six years increased from \$158,928.00 to \$397,148.00. We urge continued increase in such support.

9) The convention voted: That the congregations give consideration to the expenses involved on the part of the pastor in the execution of his work (the increased cost of living and of driving an automobile for the benefit of the congregation.—The president in his report recommended that congregations establish expense accounts for ministers using their own cars in the service of the congregation).

10) The convention voted: "That the president of the synod be authorized to appoint a committee on Liturgy for the purpose of submitting a book of Ministerial Acts and that its functions include provisions for training in worship procedure for pastors and laypeople. The membership of this committee shall include one representative of the seminary and at least one member of the original Committee on Liturgy elected in 1942 so that the unreported work of that group may be made available to the new committee."

11) That temporary service to a congregation by a minister as far as possible be avoided because the regular relationship between a minister and a congregation in our synod is best served by the issuing of a letter of Call to a minister and the acceptance of same by him.

12) That the quota assignment to the Church Extension Fund be discontinued, but that the Stewardship Committee be requested to find ways and means to encourage continued contributions to that Fund. (It is further suggested that in the future this fund be used primarily for loans to home mission congregations for their building programs).

13) The convention voted: The convention expresses, on behalf of the congregations, its apprecia-

Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa
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Mary, The Mother Of Jesus

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.

Thus Mary is mentioned for the first time in the Bible. Later we learn the rest of her story in the gospels. She entered the scene first as a young woman, pure and undefiled. In awed submission, she surrendered herself to the plan of God.

Mary's greatness is culminated in womanhood that expands into motherhood. For thirty years, we are told, she patiently cared for her heavenly gift, loving Him the most, I presume, when she understood Him the least.

Mary walked with Him up to Golgotha, accompanied by Mary Magdalene, the other women, and the disciples. In death agony, Jesus made provisions for His mother by entrusting her care to his beloved disciple John. In that moment all the pangs and heartaches of her motherhood were lifted.

Womanhood and motherhood have been sanctified by Mary's submission to the will of God. Her purity, loveliness, and obedience made her the greatest of all women.

"My soul magnifies the Lord," Luke 1:46, is indeed the Magnificat of the Virgin Mary, mother of the Christ.

Marie M. Hald.

Man's Highest Aspiration

In "Rendezvous With Eternity," Howard Lincoln Stimmel quotes as follows from a letter written by H. L. Mencken to Will Durant: "What the meaning of human life may be I do not know. I incline to suspect it has none. All I know about it is that to me, at least, it is very amusing as long as it lasts. When I die I shall be content to vanish into nothingness. No show however good can conceivably be good forever." Where Mr. Mencken is remembered, he will be recalled as a brilliant critic who threw more verbal acid in his time than any other American writer who still remained a gentleman.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt already has a place in Westminster Abbey, and to the world's little people his name is synonymous with hope. One of the last statements prepared by him, "Man's Greatest Victory," was written exclusively for Christian Herald and appeared in our Easter issue, April, 1945. We read it after his death. "Here in Washington," he wrote, "and across the Potomac in Virginia, we see many noble monuments to the glorious dead—to the Americans whose souls go marching on. But these monuments would be meaningless did they not symbolize something very profound within all of us and that is, faith in the eternally living spirit.

"That faith becomes all the more powerful in these tragic days of war. Out of suffering comes a renewal of the life of the spirit. The men who have gallantly given their lives have turned our thoughts to religion—to a realization of man's dependence upon the Providence of God.

"The story of the Resurrection is the expression of man's highest aspiration; it is the story of man's greatest victory—his triumph over death; it is a source of consolation for those whose loved ones have given their lives and a source of inspiration for all generations yet unborn."

The heart of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's confession of faith is in these words: "The story of the Resurrection is the expression of man's highest aspiration; it is the story of man's greatest victory—his triumph over death."

Affirmative, Franklin Delano Roosevelt; negative, H. L. Mencken, and you who read are the judges. But for each of us the final answer must be one's own faith and experience. For me these are the words that make faith an experience: "I know Him whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have commended unto Him against that day."

—Editorial by Dr. Poling in the "Christian Herald." Reprint by permission.

The Joy Of Giving

It happened at a church meeting. A deficit of \$1,000 had become the cause of anxiety. During the discussion a layman arose and said in a quiet voice, "I will be happy to pay the whole deficit." In an elated manner the chairman accepted the gift and paid tribute to the generosity of the donor. The generous giver spoke a quiet remonstrance. "I do not deserve the credit," he said. "It is always a pleasure to give to a good cause. The EASIEST thing I do as a Christian is to give money."

What a difference this man from many followers of Christ. All too many Christians find the giving of money to be the hardest thing they can do. It is to them a painful responsibility. Why is this? Why do so many of our Lutherans find little joy in stewardship? Perhaps it is because they have not given themselves to the Lord. When self has been given to Christ the generous giving of money is automatic. It becomes "the EASIEST thing" you do as a Christian. But to make it easy we need the Gospel of Jesus Christ . . . more and more of it! Nothing else can break down the selfishness of the human heart and effect the surrender of self to God. You need to stand beneath the Cross of Him who died, behold this Unspeakable Sacrifice, recount all the blessings which flow from that Fountain and say, "This Thou didst for me; what am I doing for Thee." When that change has taken place

down to the very bottom of a man's soul there will be joy in giving. Then you place God first, and gladly. Christ in me and I in Christ! How can there be joyless, niggardly, growling giving when the relationship exists in a man's heart?

David Livingstone was chosen by high school students of the world as one of the "Ten Greatest Men in History." After having left his comfortable home in London he spent years in the mud and filth of Africa winning souls for Christ. One day he came back to London, one arm, that had been mangled by a lion, hanging limp at his side and addressing a group of students, he said, "People pity me for the sacrifices I have made. I count it a privilege to lay my life at the feet of Him who wears the Redeemer's crown." Here was an example of the high experience of joyful giving.

Rev. L. Acker.

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Convention

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tion for the strenuous effort which has been exerted to invigorate our Home Mission program by the Home Mission Council, home mission pastors, and encourages continued expansion of the work.

14) The convention voted: It is recommended that the Stewardship Committee prepare suitable publicity materials concerning home mission activities and opportunities, and that each congregation be encouraged to devise suitable means by which it can raise funds for an annual contribution to the cause.

15) That the plan for retiring the debt accumulated from the building program at Grand View College and presented in the president's report page 17-18 be approved, while we strive to collect as much money as possible to hasten the day when the debt will be paid.

16) That the agreement reached between the Luther Memorial Congregation and the Synod Board concerning the future upkeep of the Luther Memorial Church be approved. (See page 18 of Synod President's Report).

17) The convention voted: An appreciation and gratitude of the synod for the devoted and unselfish services rendered by the Synod Board, the Financial Advisory Committee, those who administer, manage and serve the institutions, activities and missions of the synod. Most of all that we give thanks to God for His guidance of our work and His blessing.

18) That the appointment for an indefinite period of Rev. F. O. Lund, Rev. Ove R. Nielsen and B. P. Christensen as Stewardship Committee be approved as well as the plans for the work of the Committee.

19) That a special thanks be extended to Mrs. Marie Jensen at the Old People's Home for the setting up of the \$3,500 trust fund in favor of various funds belonging to the synod.

Furthermore that Einer Kramme be commended and thanked for the initial beginning of a G. V. C.

Building Fund with a \$3,000.00 contribution.

The Church and Homes for the Aged and Feeble:

Upon a suggestion from District VIII, the following was voted by the convention: "Within the State of the Synod there is the question of the church and the older people, a question which is not new, but which presents, in a sense, a frontier of work due to the steady increase of longevity. More than ten per cent of the total population of the U. S. A. is over sixty, and no doubt the figure is even higher within the churches. Therefore we urge the continued exploration of the establishment of new facilities for the aged in various districts as reported by District VIII."

Lutheran Commission on Evangelism:

The convention went on record urging: "That the local congregations use the opportunity provided by the publicity and other efforts carried on by the Lutheran Commission on Evangelism to awaken the indifferent, and to regain the lapsed members of our churches, and to win the unchurched in our local communities."

Report Of The Board Of Education For Grand View College

Introduction

The school year 1948-1949 has been a very successful one for Grand View College. Due to the increase in attendance from the City of Des Moines, the smaller number of G. I. students attending has not seriously reduced the total enrollment. The agreement with the Iowa Lutheran Hospital has increased the work which is done at the College by the student nurses and has made possible a broader offering in the natural sciences. Our financial position has improved so that we expect to absorb the deficit which has been carried since 1946-1947. Although the number of students attending from the synod has fallen off, the resident student body has been successful in establishing a fine Christian spirit in the many activities of the College. Our experience during the last three years indicates that we can operate an expanded program for a student body of over 250 students without losing the home-like atmosphere and the warm student fellowship which has always characterized the life at Grand View College.

North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Accreditation

If Grand View College is to continue to maintain its high standards of academic instruction it is necessary that we be accredited by a nationally known accrediting agency. When this has been accomplished, our students will be able to transfer their credits without question to other colleges throughout the country.

One of the most important problems faced by the Board during the past year has been the preparation of plans to meet the standards for accreditation by the North Central Association. On the basis of preliminary examinations by such authorities in the field as President Harmon of Drake University, and Dr. Bergendorff of Augustana College, it has become clear that extensive changes will have to be made in the following areas:

1. **Student Counselling.** It is planned to hire a part time director of student personnel who will have charge of all student records. Together with other duties at the college, he will have charge of the counselling program.

2. **Library Facilities.** North Central standards require that the library have space for at least one-third of the student body. Since our library falls far short of this requirement it is imperative that additional room be provided. A fully

trained librarian will also be needed to meet the standards.

3. Classroom space. Some of our classrooms are inadequate both as to size and lighting. It is hoped that additional temporary space may be obtained in the Luther Memorial Church basement. It is also possible to change some of the dormitory space in each wing of the administration building into classrooms.

4. An Enlarged Board. The number of members on the board should be increased to seven or nine and their term of office should be lengthened. Such a change will lend stability to the program of the school. This matter will be considered when the committee on rules for Grand View College reports.

5. More Complete Financial Control. It is important that appropriations to the college be made at least a year earlier than has been the case in order that long range plans may be made by the governing body of the college.

The President's Report

The following paragraphs covering many phases of the work at Grand View College are taken from the President's Annual Report to the Board of Education:

"The 1948-1949 school year has been a good one. The enrollment has been satisfactory, the financial situation has been good, the faculty has worked hard and well, and the student spirit has been excellent. The new academic arrangement with the Iowa Lutheran Hospital has given satisfaction, and the students from the city of Des Moines have shown greater participation in the college affairs than ever before. It is very fortunate that most of the problems of the year have been minor.

"Besides the new arrangement with the hospital, the major innovation of the year has been the program of required attendance at a weekly assembly program. There has been some dissatisfaction with the requirement feature, but as a whole the program has been very satisfactory, and it is my conviction that the required attendance will be accepted as a regular feature of the college. Many fine speakers have graced the program, and the administration has learned valuable lessons in planning.

"The most disappointing single feature has been the small attendance at the morning devotion periods. This fact is somewhat offset by the much larger attendance at the evening devotions, but it is still a matter of grave concern that the morning program wins so little support. A change of hour from 9:45 to 7:50 had little favorable effect. It is my conviction that the cause was not to be found in the character of the program and that it should rather be sought in the prevailing indifference toward religion among young people. There does not seem to be very much influence from the homes of the students toward chapel attendance. I believe that much more could be done from the homes, but I do not believe in the introduction of compulsion in this program. Devotion can never be forced.

"Greater familiarity with the Student Service work of the National Lutheran Council has re-emphasized the importance of bringing a ministry of the church to the students. For this a college needs the church. Religious work on the campus can be done in the field of counseling, discussions, and devotions, but preaching and the sacraments belong in the worship service of the congregations. It is therefore significant that the synod has a congregation in Des Moines which invites the students to its fellowship, but it is also important that the college's work among the students is extended into the church through the preaching service of the faculty.

"The director of the Training School for Christian Education and Service, Rev. A. E. Farstrup, is doing a fine work. According to instructions from the convention in Solvang, several of the courses were made credit courses, but the attendance still is below the desired number. It is my conviction again that the only real effective influence toward greater attendance lies with the homes and the ministers of the Synod.

"The Seminary has served six students during the past year, but no one has been graduated. The new faculty has

done well, (and I wish to commend Professor Kildegaard for his valuable teaching. The faculty has revised the course of study and I believe that we will be offering a more balanced curriculum in the future. More emphasis will be placed on Biblical studies and on practical training. Whether we will be able to attract the best of our young men in the future will remain to be seen. We are undeniably handicapped by smallness, and the Junior College age has proven to be a rather poor time for recruiting Seminary students. There is a greater likelihood of attracting Senior College students, and during those years our young men are in other colleges. We keep in touch with them and encourage them to return, but we are handicapped in this respect.

"It has been gratifying to hear favorable reports of our college from the schools to which our students transfer. I also am convinced that our standing is still improving in Des Moines. Our main academic justification for existence is, of course, and always will be, quality, but we must also give serious concern to the problem of holding our enrollment from the point of view of equipment and facilities. We still need classroom space, we need a new chemistry laboratory, and we need a gym-auditorium very badly.

"One of the most refreshing experiences of the past year was the Winter Folk School in which ten young people from our congregations enrolled. It is my strong conviction that we should place greater emphasis on this phase of our program, and I hope that the enrollment in this school may be more than doubled next year. As long as we have no other folk schools, Grand View College must fill this place and supply a great need.

"Besides members of the faculty, the following speakers have appeared at the college:

"Supt. Paul McComb, Des Moines Public Schools; Rev. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Otto Høiberg, Lincoln, Nebr.; Hiram Hunn, Polk Co. Board of Education; Bob Burlingame, Station KIOA; Rev. E. Lack, Des Moines, Iowa; Rabbi Goodman, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. C. P. Højbjerg, Denmark; Dr. Marcus Bach, State University of Iowa; Rev. Fred Hoskins, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Erling Jensen, Iowa State College; Roy Miller, Iowa Taxpayers League; Rev. F. O. Lund, Luck, Wis.; Mr. Flensted-Jensen, Denmark; M. L. Nelson, Station WHO; Jay Newlin, Pioneer Hybrid Seed Corn Co.; Dr. Joseph Simon, Vienna, Austria; Prof. H. Flaum, Drake University; Ray Porter, Am. Inst. of Business; Dr. Benoy Sarkar, India; Arne Sorensen, Denmark.

"The Drake University Chorus and the Augustana Seminary Chorus have also given programs. The students have had numerous invitations to take part in convocations at Drake and many good speakers have appeared in the city.

"The three clubs, Religious Discussion Club, Science Club, and International Relations Club have again been very active. The choir has given several concerts, including a tour to seven congregations. The basketball team enjoyed an exceptionally fine season, and student players put on an excellent play.

"Grand View College has been represented at the Lutheran Seminary Faculties Conference, the Lutheran Faculties Association, International Council of Religious Education, National Lutheran Education Conference, American Association of Colleges, and its faculty members have taken an active part in many local and civic projects, especially, through Dean A. C. Nielsen, in the campaign for a city manager in Des Moines. Pres. J. Knudsen has been appointed a trustee of the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council.

"The college has been host to National and State workshops of the DAYPL and it has held a highly successful Pastor's Institute with Professors Jos. Sittler, Jr., and George Forell and Rev. Ernest D. Nielsen as speakers. 'Studentfest' was again a very fine event."

The Normal Training Department

At the February meeting of the Board, President Johannes Knudsen was instructed to proceed with the establishment of a normal training department which would qualify students for the Standard Elementary Certificate. Such a depart-

ment would attract many students who now must attend state schools for their training.

S. M. Nielsen Scholarships

In the recent death of S. M. Nielsen of Chicago, Grand View College lost one of its staunchest supporters. He contributed to many of the projects carried on at the college, and his deep personal interest in its affairs has been a source of strength through many years. Before his death, Mr. Nielsen established a fund which will make eight or nine one hundred dollar scholarships available annually to students attending Grand View College. The awards are made through a committee on the basis of need and scholastic ability. The awards will be of lasting benefit to those who receive them as well as to the college.

Finance and Administration

Due to the fact that the secretary's report must be acted upon before the business manager's books have been closed it is impossible to include a detailed financial statement in this report. However, a complete financial statement will be issued separately at the convention.

The present members of the Board of Education are Rev. Ottar S. Jorgensen, chairman; Supt. Harald A. Petersen, secretary; Rev. Alfred Jensen, Jens G. Thuesen and Rev. C. A. Stub. The term of Jens G. Thuesen expires this year.

The Board of Education has met three times at Grand View College in regular session on the following dates: Oct. 28-29, 1948; Feb. 10-11, 1949, and May 2-3, 1949. An executive committee meeting was held on Jan. 3, 1949, at the College.

Attendance Record

1948-1949

Seminary	6
Junior College	285
Sophomores	91
Freshmen	194
Students completing college work with 60 Sem. hrs. credit	54
Students from Des Moines	141
(4 from our church)	
Total student months (Jr. College)	2,307
Total student months 1947-48	2,142
Total student months 1946-47	1,445
Congregations represented	40
States represented	20
Denmark	3
Winter students	10
Students attending Jr. College from Iowa Luth. Hospital	45

The following charges have been established by the Board of Education for the coming year:

Tuition, \$125.00 per semester.
Board, \$150.00 per semester (subject to change).
Room rental, \$100.00 per year in Girls' dorm.
Room rental, \$75.00 per year in Boys' dorm.
General fee, \$15.00 per semester.

Building and Grounds

Due to the extensive remodeling and painting program which has been carried on, the physical plant at Grand View College is in better condition than has been the case for many years. However, much needs still to be done to provide adequate space for the many activities which must be properly housed. Additional library, classroom and laboratory spaces are needed. A new physical education building must also be provided if a well rounded program is to be offered on the campus.

If laminated arch construction were used, it has been estimated that a suitable physical education building could be built for \$65,000 to \$75,000. Einar Kramme has donated \$3,000 toward the project. If such a building were constructed the present gymnasium could be used to alleviate the present serious space shortage.

Incorporation of Grand View College

The Board of Education recommends that the Synod convention authorize the Board of Education to study the desirability and the practicability of incorporating Grand View College, and if the result of the study be favorable to such

incorporation to prepare articles of incorporation to be presented together with its report to the next convention.

Conclusion

The Board of Education wishes to extend thanks to the president, administration, faculty, and personnel for their devotion to the many tasks which they have assumed to the many people who have made contributions to the college, and to members of the Grand View College Alumni Association for the new station wagon which was recently donated to the college.

For the Board of Education for Grand View College.

Harald A. Petersen, Sec.

Discussion on the Findings on the Report of the Board of Education of Grand View College:

1) The convention voted in favor of Grand View College making application for accreditation in the North Central Association of Colleges, and that the necessary changes to meet the requirements of said Association be made as soon as possible.

2) Further the convention commended the general enrollment of about 250 students, but urged a "more intensive effort be made by pastors and laymen to interest the young people of our synod in the college and the seminary."

3) The convention commended the work of Rev. A. E. Farstrup in training for Christian education and service. It was further recommended that parents and pastors even more strongly emphasize the value of courses in the Training School for Christian Education and Service to our young people.

4) The convention commends the addition of Professor A. C. Kildegaard to the faculty of the seminary.

5) The convention noted with appreciation the effort of the seminary to keep in touch with prospective seminary students attending other colleges, and urges pastors and congregations to cooperate in this effort.

6) The convention endorsed the opening of the "Winter Folk School" and the proposed Normal Training Department.

7) The convention by a rising vote of thanks expressed its appreciation of the S. N. Nielsen Scholarship Fund, "but deeply regrets the loss of the founder of these scholarships."

8) The convention expressed its appreciation of the improved financial standing of the College, and commended "the work of the business manager, Harry Jensen, and associates to whom this improvement is due." Likewise

9) The convention notes with pleasure the improvement made upon the buildings and the grounds at Grand View College, and recognizes the need for further expansion, such as a new gym-auditorium, and is happy for donations such as the one given by Einar Kramme.

10) The convention authorized the Board of Education and the Committee on the Revision of Rules for G. V. C. to proceed in the incorporation of Grand View College as recommended in the report of the Board of Education.

The entire Board of Education Report for Grand View College was accepted with a vote of thanks to the Board of Education, the president, the faculty and personnel of the College for their devotion and work.

(To be continued)

The First Lutheran Church of Montcalm County

Greenville, Mich.

1873 — 1948

About 1856 began the immigration of Danish people to Montcalm and Kent counties. Almost from the beginning it was very rapid, so that even before 1860 there were a considerable number of Danes northwest of Greenville. They bought land as soon as they had acquired the necessary means by working in the woods, on farms or in the sawmills.

Their religious affiliation from their mother country of Denmark was Lutheran, which is the established church of Denmark. Of course, these immigrants spoke only Danish, and all their education and culture they had received in this language.

They were not very strong church people, however. Consequently a number of years passed before any churches were established among them.

This heterogeneity and instability of their religious life troubled some of the more thoughtful of the people. So the field was getting ripe for the formation of an organized church.

At a preaching service held at the Monroe School by Rev. T. H. Wald, a Norwegian pastor from Whitehall, the desire to organize a church became evident. The next day, April 21, 1873, a number of men met again in the Monroe School, and with the assistance of Rev. Wald they established the Little Denmark Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Montcalm County, Mich.

After a little less than a year, the members realized that they must have a resident pastor of their own if their church was to prosper and grow. They called Rev. Wald, but he was not able to accept the call. He recommended, however, that they call a young man, Rev. Ole Amble, who was serving two small Norwegian churches in Iowa.

Rev. Ole Amble accepted the call and moved here May 20, 1874; and so began one of the longest and most active careers of this part of the state.

When Rev. Amble arrived, he found a congregation, but few members, no organization, no order in the church, and no church building, except a very small parsonage in the process of construction at Gowen. He had to enroll new members, arrange for orderly church services—and there were churches to build.

In 1875 it was decided to build the first church, one mile west and a little south of the Monroe School. They called it the St. Peter's Church. It was completed the following year.

As the Danes continued to settle around Gowen, Little Denmark Church was built two miles north of Gowen. This church was dedicated in the spring of 1879 at the District Convention of the Norwegian-Danish Conference.

About this time the congregation was divided into three districts, or parishes: St. Peter's, Little Denmark and Dannebrog. Later Dannebrog parish divided, and the northern part of the parish became St. John's parish. A new constitution was adopted in 1880 to fit the

new developments. This constitution was to remain in force until 1940.

In 1884 St. John's Parish built and dedicated a new church of their own, about two miles northwest of Sidney in a cemetery which had previously been laid out and dedicated.

Five years later the church of the Dannebrog Parish was built and dedicated, together with an acre of land, on which the church was built, to be used as a cemetery.

So by 1889 the congregation consisted of four parishes, with four churches. Yet the congregation continued to grow by the addition of its own children and by some immigration from Denmark.

In 1903 St. John's Church was destroyed by a storm. Immediately the members went to work to build it up again. The following year the new church was dedicated.

Rev. Amble carried on his work faithfully from Sunday to Sunday year after year. The number of services he was able to conduct gradually decreased. But baptisms, weddings, confirmations and funerals continued. An astounding number of these ministerial acts were performed by this old beloved pastor.

Finally in 1927, when Rev. Amble was 80, he insisted that they must call another pastor. He recommended Rev. A. C. Kildegard of Los Angeles, Calif., whom the congregation then called. Rev. Kildegard came here in the fall of 1927.

During Rev. Kildegard's pastorate some of the outstanding events were: The addition of the Trufant Parish, which had previously been an independent congregation—St. Peter's Parish had ceased to exist as a parish; in 1931 the congregation was host to the National Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America; at this convention the congregation became a member of this church body; the establishment of Sunday Schools at Little Denmark, St. John's and Dannebrog churches; and in 1934 the death of Rev. Ole Amble.

This became a period of transition in respect to language and the customs of the old country. At first these demands were rather grudgingly met, but by the time Rev. Kildegard moved away, half the services in the churches had become English. Sunday schools had been started using the English language, and work among the young people was taken up. Rev. Kildegard left here in the summer of 1937 to accept a call from Clinton, Iowa.

For about a year and a half the congregation was without a pastor, until in the fall of 1938 when Rev. C. A. Stub took over.

Some of the highlights of the present pastorate are: Revision of the old constitution of 1880; reorganization of the church government; the complete change from Danish to English in all branches of the church; the establishment of a new parish in Greenville, the Trinity Parish; the organization of a Sunday school and of the Trinity Church Circle; the organization of three



Across the Editor's Desk

At Least One Displaced Person Family Assurance in all our congregations by September 1 was voted at the recent church convention in Greenville, Mich.—This is our goal, and we should not fail in this respect in any of our congregations. **Delegates and Church Boards should take immediate action on this matter.**

Miss Cordelia Cox, acting director of the Lutheran Resettlement Service urges all the churches of the National Lutheran Council to redouble their efforts during the summer months.

Miss Cox submits the following strong appeal:

"Indications are that enough assurances will be received from all agencies (Lutheran and non-Lutheran) by the end of August to care for the 205,000 persons to be admitted during the current year. If the total is to include the proportionate share of Lutherans, the Lutheran assurances must be in by that date, too. Since the Lutheran program was launched last October, 6,970 assurances have been received and processed in the national office here. Each assurance cares for two to two and a half persons.

"We look forward to a busy four months of recruiting assurances," Miss Cox writes. "If all goes well, by September or October our main emphasis can be transferred to the actual resettlement of people, rather than on recruiting offers. Just now, however, it is essential that our main energies be directed towards getting a sufficient number of assurances to enable our Lutheran people to have equal opportunity with all other displaced people to come to the United States.

"We wish to express again our appreciation of the fine work each resettlement committee has done in publicizing the program, recruiting assurances and resettling displaced families. The qualities of the families who have been resettled form an excellent base on which to build an accelerated program."

As an aid to meeting the Lutheran goal of 7,000 assurances, agencies will be permitted to make some use of blanket assurances—that is, the agency may evaluate prospective opportunities in an area and send to the national office blanket requests for a number

women's mission societies; and the establishment of three summer vacation schools at the Settlement, Sidney and Fairplains Schools.

One man must be mentioned, Anders Petersen, who passed away in the early part of 1947. Anders Petersen served on the Church Council of this congregation for 48 years, more than 40 of which he was its president. This is a record difficult to match.

And then, what of the future? It is full of possibilities for a great church, if we use them.

C. A. Stub.

(Written for the 75th Anniversary of the congregation observed in 1948).

of persons to fill estimated housing and job opportunities.

Agencies sending in blanket assurances will have to provide a convenient temporary home for the DP's arriving on their assurances, so that prospective employers may interview the workers. Blanket assurances are expected to be particularly helpful in resettling skilled persons and professional people, since employer and employee can meet before agreement is reached, thus avoiding many problems which arise when an employer gives an assurance for some unknown DP in a camp in Europe.

To get an estimate of how many persons they may be able to handle under blanket assurances, agencies are being asked to consult employment services, labor unions and chambers of commerce in their areas. Since it takes about six months from the time an assurance is received until the DP's actually arrive, agencies must estimate their communities need six months in advance.

Assurance forms used for blanket offers will be similar to those now used to provide job and housing promises for individuals. The difference will be that the state committee will be named instead of the employer and landlord.

Miss Cox has also requested of state committees that more unnominated assurances be received (a nominated assurance names a certain DP to receive the job and housing offered).

There are 35 state or area committees which are supervising the gathering of job and housing assurances throughout the United States. Each assurance which is sent to the national office must be signed by a Lutheran pastor or member of the state resettlement committee to be certain it is properly filled out.

Evangelism Works Both Ways—Reports are being received to the effect that the Lutheran Cooperative Evangelism Program is a blessing in more ways than one. The Rev. V. H. Quello, Fairmont, Minn., has expressed his enthusiasm in words which simply cannot be misunderstood: "Our witnesses went out last night and every single one of them returned rejoicing. They were thrilled, and some wonderful contacts resulted. If it does one half as much good for the unchurched who were called upon as it did for my witnesses, it will be wonderfully worthwhile."

We purposely make mention of this because we have met clergymen and laymen who entertain the mistaken idea that the program being sponsored by the Lutheran Commission on Evangelism will mean nothing more than the addition of hundreds and thousands of names of men and women to church records, men and women who will soon again be lost to the church because they had not been really won.

One of the major aims of this cooperative evangelism effort has been from the very beginning "the deepening of the spiritual life" of the people who already hold membership in the church of the living God. Pastor Quello and others have testified that this glorious goal also is being attained. Obviously, in this respect too, the immortal words of Jesus of Galilee apply: "Give and it shall be given unto you."

True, we are hoping and we are working and we

are praying that the first great Pentecost scene may be re-enacted in countless Lutheran Churches. We are disturbed to the point of being alarmed as we realize that there are millions of men and women who have not embraced Christ Jesus with the arm of faith. We are commissioned to seek the lost. That is what Christ has commanded. Fortunately, in rendering an obedient service, we make the discovery that we ourselves are blessed through such Christian labors of love. Indeed, the Lutheran Cooperative Evangelism Program works both ways!

Vacation Time—The question will often arise in the mind of a pastor and his family: Will there be time, and will the family budget permit a real vacation for the pastor's family.—Throughout the summer so many various trips must be made to convention, to youth and Junior Camps, and all too often the members of the congregation will figure, that through all this traveling the pastor is getting more than his share of vacations. However, generally such trips are in many respects as much work and tension as the regular daily duties. And a real vacation can well be needed at least once every year.

We believe that the following editorial taken from "The Expositor" has something to say to every pastor and congregation and for that reason we re-print it here:

"This is the time of year when the average pastor dreams of a vacation. For many it goes no farther than the dream. No one knows his financial limitations better than he, himself. Vacations are often 'out' for such, for the pressure upon a pastor's purse can confuse his mind upon the subject of relative values.

If a cruise of the Seven Seas were the only available vacation, few of us would take it. If a vacation points to a modest cabin in a virgin wood, or on the shore of a lake whose rippled surface reaches for the hills, it is a vacation anyone can have and should have. For the minister who has been giving himself, physically, mentally and spiritually, with every nerve taut, if not frayed, it is less expensive, in every way, to take a vacation than not to.

With the drain upon the stamina and vitality of a minister by the ceaseless demands of his parish, a drain he often fails to realize, a drain comprehended little even by his most thoughtful parishioner, the most certain way to minimize and nullify the worthy results of his effort is to keep him forever "in the harness." General Exhaustion has killed more than all other Generals combined. Even the dray horse, if he is to continue to pull, must be turned out to pasture once in a while.

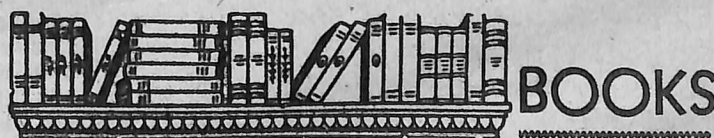
The common ministerial practice of staying on the job, year round, is understandable. Of itself, it is commendable. Yet, there is a senseless, unprofitable devotion—a totally blind devotion. Worthy labor seeks worthy results, which in these high tensioned, materialistic, brittle days can be realized only as that labor maintains its highest efficiency. Effectiveness can only taper off, clear to the vanishing point, with the unrelieved, uncreated, wearied abilities of the laborer.

The wound spring, the strung bow, the stretched elastic, the unrelaxed and unrelaxing pastor, these can know only partial service in that their life expectancy is short. To lengthen that expectancy the spring must be loosed, the bow must be unsprung, the elastic freed, the minister re-created.

Once you have sat at Mother Nature's sumptuous outdoor table, filled your city-sooted lungs with her pure, pine-scented air, walked for days on her loveliest carpets, lain down to honest sleep with your head in her lap, and wakened to the sun-up reveille of her feathered folk, you will know what the simplest type and therefore the best type of vacation can do for one. Nature makes you a man again.

It is odd, but though countless parishes provide a car so that their pastor may spend himself moving among his parishioners; a library fund, that he may spend himself assimilating the latest books so his sermons may keep in step with the times; and transportation that he may be spent attending national, state and district conventions with his brother pastors, few if any, provide for even the most modest of pastoral vacations, when, as a matter of fact, the latter is far more vital than any of the former. Without time in which his soul, his body, his spirit may be refreshed, of what value are all the rest?

The pastor, or congregation of genuine foresight, will not stop to figure costs of a vacation for him as though that were of greatest import. The greater question for those who would 'be about the Father's business,' is the exorbitant cost of not taking a vacation."



IN WHOM WE LIVE, TEACH ME THY PATHS, FOR THIS CAUSE. Published by The Augsburg Publishing House, 425 So. 4th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minn. Price \$2.75 per volume.

As the Augsburg Publishing House previously has published three large volumes of sermons, **WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, UNTO A LIVING HOPE** and **WHAT SEEK YE**, so we now find three new volumes on the market bearing the titles **IN WHOM WE LIVE, TEACH ME THY PATHS** and **FOR THIS CAUSE**.

As the three previous volumes contained sermons for the entire festival-half of the church year, so these three new sermon volumes now turn to the second half of the church year, the Trinity season. There are three sermons, one on each of the three series of Gospel texts commonly used in The Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the entire Trinity season.

These sermons give a cross-section of the preaching in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of today. As there are excellent sermons in the collection, so it can undoubtedly also be said, that there are mediocre sermons, much like the sermons being preached in the various churches throughout our land Sunday after Sunday.

H. S.

Grand View College And Our Youth

NEWS FROM GRAND VIEW COLLEGE

Two new teachers have been engaged for the coming school year at Grand View College. The one is from Denmark and he will teach Danish and German. He has an M.A. from the University of Copenhagen and two years of study at the University of Vienna. His wife is Viennese. For the past six years he has taught in Holbaek, Denmark.

The other appointment is Wilbur Williams of Marquette, Nebr., who has an M.A. from the University of Nebraska and has taught several years at Central City. He will teach social science and will help supervise the boys' dormitory.

Starting this fall, Grand View College will offer work toward the Standard Elementary Certificate. This is a two-year course qualifying for teaching in the elementary grades in Iowa. We will offer the first year's work in 1949-1950.

The campus has been quiet and with the exception of a cleanup crew and a three-day study course for Methodist Women there has been no activity. We expect the quiet to be broken however, on July 31 when the Jr. Campers arrive. This year Rev. A. E. Farstrup is in charge of the camp and a capable group of councilors stand ready to receive the youngsters.

Dean A. C. Nielsen is traveling the West Coast for the college during July. In August Harry Jensen will visit the Eastern District and Rev. A. C. Kildegaard is speaking in several congregations in the Middle West.

School starts September 12. We call your attention to the fact that application for the S. N. Nielsen scholarship must be mailed before August 1. If you know of anyone who is, or should be interested in college, kindly send us the name and we will get in touch with them.

With best greetings to all friends of the college.

Johannes Knudsen.

Grand View College, July 15, 1949.

What L. S. A. Means To Me

Can you imagine what your life as a Christian would be like if you associated with your church for only an hour or hour and a half on Sunday mornings? It would be very barren and so also would be college life on this state college campus to me if it were not for the Lutheran Student Association. It has been the one single factor that has influenced me more than any other thing while I have been here.

L. S. A. has provided me with much spiritual growth through our various activities. On Sunday morning we meet for Bible class which is conducted by our counselor, before we leave for one of the three Lutheran churches for the morning service. Sunday evening our main meeting is held where there is always an inspiring program planned. Many times we have had guest speakers who have given us much food for thought. Every Monday afternoon a student led Bible study is held. Here several small groups gather to search the scriptures for guidance in their daily lives. Thursday evenings we have vesper services. At this time one of the ministers of the Lutheran churches in Cedar Falls gives us a talk on such subjects as the ten commandments, the creed, faith, etc., followed by a discussion of points not understood by the students.

Through these and our other activities we find wonderful fellowship at the L. S. A. house. It is there we meet many of our friends. Our beliefs are much the same and we enjoy the same kinds of meetings and entertainment. Every Friday evening we meet at the house for a recreational evening. We play games, have picnics, sing or sometimes just relax while listening to the radio or records. The house has proven to be a good home away from home where we can stop in any time of the day and always find our friends and also a hot cup of coffee!

I am thankful that our synod supports the Student Service division of the National Lutheran Council which gives us the opportunity of having a counselor and student pastor at the L. S. A. house. Under their excellent guidance our organization can continue to grow and become successful. It is certainly

a worthwhile organization which makes a Christ centered fellowship an important part of many Lutheran students of this campus.

Ruth Sorensen,

Iowa State Teachers College,
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

OUR CHURCH

Danevang, Texas—The new parsonage has been completed, and Rev. and Mrs. Johannes Pedersen are now moving into a modern ranch-style parsonage.

The Danevang congregation is looking forward to the District VII meeting which will be held there during the last week-end of the month of October.

St. Stephen's, Chicago—Vacation Camp and School is being conducted in the church parlors of the St. Stephen's church and parsonage during the three weeks, July 5 to July 22. Children in the ages 7-15 are enrolled, and facilities have again been provided for the children to stay throughout the week, Monday to Friday, for board and room, camp style, at the parsonage. Several women of the congregation are helping Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen with the project. We hope to bring a more complete account of the school later.

Prof. Sigurd Juul-Andersen from the Askov Folk School in Denmark was the guest speaker in the St. Stephen's Church on Sunday evening, July 17.

Salinas, Calif. Dean Alfred C. Nielsen of Grand View College was the guest speaker in the St. Ansgar's church on Tuesday evening, July 12. He is on a lecture tour of the California District in the interest of securing students for Grand View College.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Knudsen of Copenhagen, Denmark, where Mr. Knudsen, a civil engineer, is instructor at the Geotechnical Institute (Soil Mechanics), have arrived in this country on a study tour with a scholarship from the American Scandinavian Foundation. Mr. Knudsen is a son of the late Pastor Thorvald Knudsen, former president of Grand View College, and a brother of the present president of G. V. C. They will visit Mr. Knudsen's brothers in Chicago, Des Moines, Pasadena and Los Angeles, and also his childhood home at Tyler, Minn. During the fall semester studies will carry them to a number of laboratories from California to Massachusetts.

Mr. Hermod Knudsen, also a son of the late Pastor Thorvald Knudsen, who is stage manager of a Copenhagen theatre, was married May 14 at Askov, Denmark, to Miss Jean Campbell-Major of England.

Oluf C. P. Lund, baritone soloist, Professor of Music at Grand View College, gave a recital at the Howard Auditorium in Des Moines on Tuesday evening, July 19. He was accompanied by Miss Mary Lou Henry.

GRAND VIEW JUNIOR CAMP

Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa

July 31 — August 7

Come to Our Camp — Come to Your Camp

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Askov, Minn.—Prof. Axel C. Kildegaard from Grand View College was the guest speaker in the Bethlehem Church on Thursday evening, July 14.

Kimballton, Iowa—Rev. Holger Strandskov of Dwight, Ill., has accepted a Call from the Immanuel Lutheran Church, and will according to present plans move here with his family about October 15.

Mr. P. L. Lund, Des Moines, Iowa, who through a number of years has served as superintendent of the Old People's Home in Des Moines, died Tuesday evening, June 21. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 26, first in Des Moines and later in the day in the St. John's Lutheran Church near Hampton, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Lund had been active members through many years. Interment was on the St. John's cemetery.—Mr. Lund had been an active church member both in the Hampton church and later in the Des Moines congregation. He served through many years as a member of the synodical board, and he was in regular attendance at our annual conventions until these latter years, when failing health prevented him from traveling any great distance. Mr. and Mrs. Lund also served for a period as superintendent and matron of the Chicago Children's Home. Interested in the South Slesvig problem, Mr. and Mrs. Lund spent a year or two in Denmark, where Mr. Lund hoped to give a personal contribution in solving the many problems connected with the return of "Sønderjylland" to Denmark in 1920. Their two daughters, Ingeborg and Dagmar, are both married. They have both attended Grand View College, and have been active in Youth work in our synod and in the teaching of Vacation schools in various congregations. Mrs. Lund is a sister of Miss Dagmar Miller, our returned missionary from the Santal Mission field.

Rev. J. C. Kjaer has resigned from the pastorate of the Seattle, Wash., church. His service at the church will terminate on October 31. Pastor Kjaer has served the St. John's church since February 1, 1947. After his return as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army Pastor Kjaer pursued Post-Graduate work at the University of Oklahoma, and during his pastorate in Seattle, he has been engaged by the University of Washington in part-time teaching. Mrs. Kjaer, who is an accomplished organist and instructor, has had several opportunities of entering into this field of work. We do not know at this time what the future plans are for Rev. and Mrs. Kjaer. They will be missed, as they leave the work in the St. John's Church in Seattle after having served there a little over two years.

The Nebraska DAYPL Camp and Convention will be held at Chadron State Park, Chadron, Nebr., August 20-26. The Mirage Flats, Hay Springs, Nebr., church will be hosts to the group on Sunday, August 21.

Miss Muriel Nielsen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eilert C. Nielsen, has applied for a position in the Santal Mission field in India. We hope soon to be able to bring the news, that her application has been accepted. She is looking forward to a service in the Santal Mission work.

Juhl and Germania, Mich.—A record group of 110 children attended the Vacation Bible schools in the Juhl and Germania churches. Rev. Richard H. Sorensen was in charge, assisted by a number of "teachers" of the congregation.

The Juhl-Germania Mission Society at a recent meeting packed and sent 29 boxes of used clothing, a total weight of 745 pounds, to the South Slesvig Relief.

The Eastern DAYPL District has arranged a two-day week-end camping at Squantz Pond, Conn., July 23 and 24. Members from the District will meet and enjoy two days of fellowship in the beautiful surroundings.

Svend Godfredsen In Europe

Paris, France—Svend Godfredsen, former editor of "Illinois Labor," CIO publication, has made himself at home in Denmark . . . as easily as if he were still in Dagmar, Mont., the Danish-American community where he spent his childhood.

Godfredsen is a quiet lanky fellow, with a hank of sandy hair that persists in falling over one eye. He's as non-melancholy a Dane as you could find in a long walk through Copenhagen. Born in Minnesota of Danish immigrants, brought up in Montana, and labor trained in the meat plants of the Middle West, he kept his contacts with Scandinavians and with the Danish language in the hope that some day he could see the land of his fathers.

Svend is now Labor Information officer for the Marshall Plan, specializing in Denmark and Norway. The Danes were glad to see him as he was to arrive in Denmark, and he had been there only a short time before he had met virtually every top ranking Labor leader in Copenhagen, and had been interviewed at length by newspapers, had delivered an address in Danish over a nation-wide radio network, and had accumulated a list of friends the way his plate accumulates sandwiches as he moves along a smorgasbord counter.

In his radio address, Godfredsen pointed out that the American government recognizes the necessity of full understanding of the Marshall Plan and its objectives, not only in Europe, but in the United States.

"It is not only the European worker who must understand the issues," he said. "It is of equal significance that the American worker understands. We hope to contribute to a greater understanding, not merely of immediate problems, but of the long-term program of European recovery."

"It is my hope that my stay here

might contribute to support of the Democratic trade unions in Europe. The democratic objectives which lie ahead and which we hope and believe will be realized will mean a greater economic cooperation as the basis for lasting peace and world cooperation."

Social-Demokraten, a leading Danish daily mentioned that Godfredsen and Eiler Jensen, president of the Danish Federation of Labor, had known each other in the past, and added, "there was mutual rejoicing when Godfredsen was appointed to Norway and Denmark."

Another Danish newspaper dug up and printed an old picture of Svend's father and mother, apparently given the picture by one of Svend's relatives.

—Release from the U. S. Government Labor Office in Paris.

From Davey, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Christensen celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary here in Davey on June 28. Their children, Herluf, Howard, Oliver and Arthur Christensen, and Agnes Mapes and Bergitta Petersen and their families were present to join in the celebration.

There was "Open House" in the afternoon where friends and relatives could visit and extend their congratulations. In the evening a program had been planned by the children of the honored couple. About two hundred friends were present in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have lived in Davey throughout their fifty years of married life where Mr. Christensen has been in business. This couple has also been very active in the work of the Bethlehem Lutheran church where all of their children were baptized and confirmed.

Reporter.

Santal Mission

General Budget

Mrs. Jorgen Hoiem, Ringsted, Iowa	2.00
Mrs. Anna White, Ludington, Mich.	10.00
Rev. John Christensen, Ludington, Mich.	10.00
Santal Mission Conv., Trinity Church, Chicago	128.53
Badger-Lake Norden Sunday School	17.50
Oak Hill Danish Mission Society, Brayton, Iowa	10.00
St. John's Sunday School, Ringsted, Iowa	2.70
St. Stephan's Luth. Sunday School, Perth Amboy, N. J.	25.00
Mrs. P. H. Lind, Hampton, Iowa	1.00
A Greenville Convention collection	20.00
Dalum Sunday School, Alberta, Canada	10.00
Danish Ladies' Aid, Flaxton, N. D.	3.00

Luther Memorial Church, Des Moines, Iowa	17.11
St. Ansgar's Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Portland, Me.	10.00
Minn. Circuit of W. M. S., Hutchinson, Minn.	10.00
Trin. Ladies' Aid, Chicago (profit from serving meals at Santal Mission convention)	30.00
In memory of Mrs. Jens Hansen, Tyler, Ernest Madsen	1.00
In memory of Soren Madsen, Cedar Falls, Arnold Buhls, Tyler	1.00
In memory of Vernon Sorensen, John Petersens, Rosenborg, Nebr.	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Niels Nielsen, Withee, Wis., Fred Millers	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Kirstine Petersen, Des Moines, Iowa, her daughters	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henrik Ries, Tyler, Minn.	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Maren Andersen and Mrs. Lars Christiansen of Kimballton, by Marie and Dagmar Petersen, Des Moines	2.00
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Austed, Solvang, Calif., H. Johnsen, Harald Johnsen and Axel Berggrens, Solvang	4.10
In memory of Sigurd Mosbek, Askov, Rev. Frosts, Waterloo, Iowa	2.00
In memory of Mads Strandskov, Dagmar, by Mrs. H. C. Strandskov, Minneapolis	2.10
In memory of Mrs. John Utoft, Tyler, Dr. F. N. Thomsens	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Tom Rubies, Bemidji, Minn., Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid	2.00
In memory of Mrs. Maren Andersen, Kimballton, Dagmar	

Miller, Tyler	2.00
In memory of Peter Lund, Des Moines, the "Valborgsminde" family	11.50
Chr. Bidstrups, Carl Erik-sens, Andrew Christensens, Chr. Sorensens, Soren Hansens, Alfred Nielsens, Mrs. Mailand and Thora Strandskov, all of Des Moines, and Ole I. Haalands, McCallsburg, Iowa	9.00
N. C. Rasmussens, H. T. Rasmussens, Hampton, Iowa, and Mrs. Gould M. Jones, Kenosha	4.00
From Greenville Convention the following: Rev. Marvin Nygaards, Rev. Harold Petersens, Rev. Marius Krogs, Karen Pedersen Johnson, Rev. Richard Sorensens, Rev. James Lunds, Rev. A. E. Sorensens, Rev. John Christensen, Erling V. Jensens, Theo. J. Ellgaards, Peter C. Appels, Rev. Johannes Knud-sens, Johannes P. Johansen, Harald Madsen, C. B. Andersens, Hans Schmidts, Dixen Sorensens, Rev. Stubs, Axel Thomsens, Soren H. Christensen, Rev. Peter Thomsens, Jens Thuesens, Rev. Alfred Jensens, Rev. Ottar Jorgensens, Rev. Holger Strandskovs, Lars Bolle-sens and Alma and Arvid, Jens Borresens, Jens Haue	58.50
From Andrew Blochs and Oscar Boughtons, Coulter, Iowa	2.00
In memory of Mrs. N. Keller, Tyler, Mnn., Dagmar Miller	1.00
For Relocation of Benagaria Mission Hospital:	
Miss Anna Miller, Chicago, Ill.	20.00
In memory of Mrs. J. C. Aa-berg, by Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill.	25.00

For Leper Work:	
Laura Jensen, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
For the Ribers' Work:	
D. A. Y. P. L. at Ringsted, Iowa	51.16

Total for June ----- \$ 588.70
 Total since Jan. 1 ----- \$5,029.90
 Acknowledged with sincere thanks.

Dagmar Miller,
 Tyler, Minn.

N. B.: Are we taking up the matter of relocating the Benagaria Mission Hospital? As was suggested, shall we shoulder this project—over and above our regular annual contributions—and be deeply thankful for progress in also the medical phase of our work in the Santal Mission?

The buildings now used as hospital, are needed as facilities to carry on school work, the purpose for which they were originally put up.

Hopefully, I too, solicit your former cooperation in the great cause of India's millions.

Dagmar Miller.

"Answer For Anne" Wins Film Award

New York—"Answer for Anne," a motion picture on displaced persons, produced by the National Lutheran Council for its 1949 Lutheran World Action program, was awarded a gold "Oscar" as the best religious film shown at the second annual Cleveland (Ohio) Film Festival in June.

The 40-minute sound movie was voted the best of 13 entries by the 200 film users attending the festival. The Religion classification was second largest of the 11 included in the festival, being exceeded by Teaching and Classroom films which numbered 21.

A preview committee screened all entries prior to the event, selecting 99 for showing. Throughout the day the audience attended showings of their choice, selecting from six simultaneous screenings, and cast their ballots for the pictures they considered most successful in each category. W. Ward Marsh, film editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, awarded the Oscars at a banquet.

"Answer for Anne" was produced for the Council by Caravel Films of New York City and stars Lenka Peterson. It includes a number of scenes taken in a displaced persons camp in Germany, with DP's taking the various roles. Lutheran congregations receive the film through LWA film distribution centers and non-Lutheran distribution is handled by Religious Film Association.

MATRON WANTED

The position of matron at the Danish Old People's Home in Chicago is open.

For details please contact the chairman of the House Committee,

Fred H. Hansen

2115 N. 78th Ave.,
 Elmwood Park, Ill.

REGISTERED NURSE WANTED

The position of nurse at the Danish Old People's Home in Chicago is open.

For details please contact the chairman of the House Committee,

Fred H. Hansen

2115 N. 78th Ave.,
 Elmwood Park, Ill.

NEW ADDRESS—If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Be sure to state what congregation you belong to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minn.

I am a member of the congregation at _____

Name _____

New Address _____

City _____ State _____

July 20, 1949

JENSEN, JENS M.
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