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## Søren Damsgaard Rodholm 1877 - 1951

Rev. S. D. Rodholm, the Ordainer and past president of the Danish Lutheran Church, died at his home in Des Moines early in the morning of April 11. He had not suffered any acute illness, but a chronic asthma had flared up shortly before and the shock caused by the death of his oldest son three weeks earlier undoubtedly strained his heart. Death came by a heart attack.

Rev. Rodholm was a poet, a teacher, and a preacher. He served his church in more capacities than any other man in its history. Besides being president and ordainer of the synod, he had been professor of theology, president of Grand View College, and dean of Grand View Seminary. He was the first graduate of Grand



View Seminary and he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of this event last January. His pen made many profound and poetic contributions and he was especially known as a gifted and poetic translator of the hymns and songs of Denmark.

Søren Peter Damsgaard Petersen Rodholm was born February 25, 1877 in Bale, Mørke Parish, in Denmark. His parents were P. Jensen Rodholm and Ane (Jensen). He attended secondary school at Aarhus and took the examinations at the University of Copenhagen in 1892. Fifteen years old he emigrated to Lansingburg, N. Y. (now Troy) where he was guided and inspired by Pastor Peter Eriksen. He was also tutored by Pastor P. Götke at Troy, and after teaching a summer of parochial school in Chicago he entered Grand View in 1898, graduating in 1901. He was ordained June 16, 1901 as pastor of the Fredsville congregation which he served 1901-05.

A period of post-graduate study in Copenhagen was followed by a two-year pastorate at Boston and a return for three years to Fredsville. Then the call came from the Seminary and he served as theological professor 1910-18, leaving to become a chaplain in the army. In 1919 he returned to civilian life and accepted the call from Askov, Minn., where he served until he was called to be president of Grand View College in 1926. In the meantime he had been president of the Synod 1922-26. In 1932 Rev. Rodholm retired from the presidency of the College to concentrate upon the work in the Seminary and his pastoral duties in Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines, for which he was minister many years. He was Dean of the Seminary until 1942 but continued to teach until three years ago. In 1947 he was elected ordainer.

November 17, 1901 he married Marie Kjolhede, a daughter of Pastor P. Kjolhede. Besides Mrs. Rodholm he is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Enok Mortensen, Tyler; Mrs. Floyd Blankenfeld, Berkeley, Calif.; Mrs. Richard Grau, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. R. T. Telfer, Whittier, Calif.; Mrs. Karma Ernst, Des Moines, Iowa; Miss Miriam Rodholm, Chicago, Illinois, one son Bernard Rodholm, Indianapolis, Indiana, and fifteen grandchildren. Another son, Ansgar, died three weeks ago.

Numerous publications bear his name. His first translations, "Hymns of the North," were published in 1919. Many of these and subsequent translations are included in our Hymnal and in World of Song. "A sheaf of Song" brought others in 1945. A Danish translation of the letter to the Philippians, a Danish book about the Lord's Prayer ("The Winged Word"), and a Danish play ("Blandt Skovfolk") were also published, and contributions to periodicals are too numerous to mention. Among the literary activities was the editorship of "Kirkelig Samler" 1908-10.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 14, at Luther Memorial Church in Des Moines. Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen, pastor of the church, officiating at the church and Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn., son-in-law of the deceased, officiating at the grave.

Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, and Dr. Johannes Knudsen, president of Grand View College delivered the funeral sermons in the church.

A fellowship gathering was held after the services in the church parlors where the ladies of the church served a lunch and many greetings were brought in memory of S. D. Rodholm, a departed leader of our church and a friend.

Many pastors and other friends had come from far and near to be present.



# Funeral Sermon

By Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Pres. of Grand View College

S. D. RODHOLM

April 14, 1951.

Beauty around us,  
Glory above us,  
Lovely is earth and the smiling skies,  
Singing we pass along  
Pilgrims upon our way  
Through these fair lands to paradise!

Rodholm was a singing pilgrim. He walked with a song in his heart and a joyful appreciation for all that was beautiful, beautiful in nature, beautiful in human relations. He was a pilgrim poet and he gave expression to the joy that was his. It is significant that he should give us the excellent translation of Ingemann's song.

There is beauty around us, and the earth is lovely, but only because there is glory above us. Human joy and beauty take their source from the glory of God who has created man in his image, and who has spoken to us through a son who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature."

Christ-centered joy is expressed in Paul's letter to the Philippians, and this was undoubtedly the reason Rodholm translated that letter for his friends. Let us read a passage from this letter: "Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Our human joy takes its source from the fact that Christ Jesus was "born in the likeness of men." This is reflected in the third verse of Ingemann where the shepherds "sang it at midnight, a song of morn: Glory to God on high . . . !" But it is also characteristic that Rodholm deepened the nature of the hymn and gave it a fine poetic expression in English by creating the phrase "sang it at midnight, a song of morn." That is one of his best poetic creations and it reflects his God-centered and Christ-centered joy in living.

Another expression of this basic trait is found in his absorption with Grundtvig's hymn about the churchbell, a hymn which he translated but not as successfully as "Beauty Around Us." He probably worked too hard with it, because he wanted that expressed which was, in his interpretation, central in the hymn, and therefore central in a whole concept of Christian living. The thought is this that the churchbell is the symbol of the voice from above which resounds through

our earthly life. ("Gennem Jorderig gaar Himmelrøsten").

It might be said that his joy was Johannine, "Little children, love one another." At any rate he loved the trinity of faith, hope, and love and constantly brought them into his song and his preaching. Our Christian life rests in faith, is guided by hope, and expressed in love. He would agree with Paul that "faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

Ages are coming,  
Roll on and vanish,  
Children shall follow where fathers passed.

The second verse of Ingemann's song also seems very appropriate today. As Rodholm passes on, and as others of his age and time pass on, a section of the life of our church passes into history. His is the generation that ties us up with the real pioneer generation and which has brought us the stream of faith and life from them. Rodholm represented those pioneers who understood America. We thank God for the life and for the testimony of those who have gone before and whose heirs we are.

More specifically Rodholm has represented to us the glorious memories of our college. He was our Seminary's first graduate. He has taught a total of thirty years in college and seminary. He has been president of the college six years and dean of the seminary many more. Many are the young people, who are older and responsible today, who have a deep debt of gratitude in their heart to S. D. Many are the ministers in our church who have been given deep insight into Christian thought and experience by this nestor of our theologians. His influence can only be measured by that which will grow in future days.

The symbol of our gratitude to Rodholm for his work in college and seminary is the fact that our college anthem now inspires our young people in his translation even as Østergaard's original words inspired past generations. We all know them by heart and we apply them to our friend and teacher who is gone.

Bless those who sow the grain  
Here for eternal gain!  
Shed on young hearts the light of inspiration,  
That all good seed strike root,  
Grow up and bear much fruit,  
Worthy of Thee, our homes, our church, our nation.

We said above that Rodholm's joy was Johannine.

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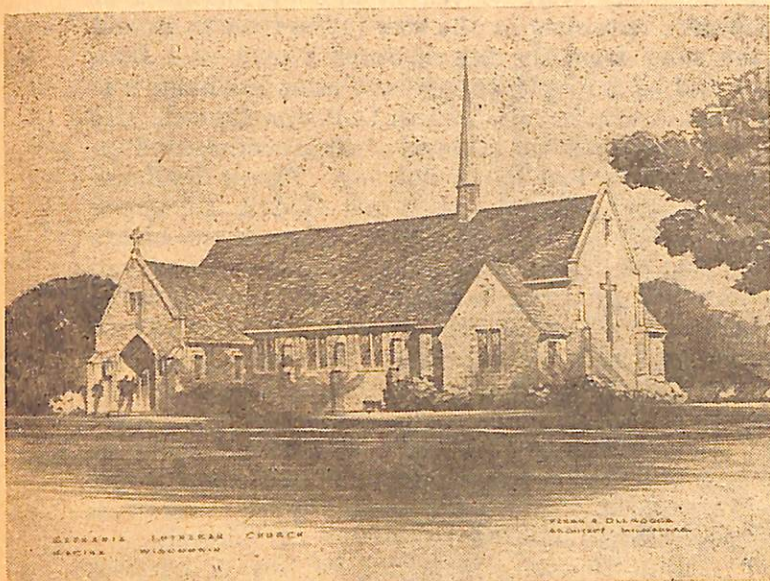
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# Bethania Lutheran Church

Racine, Wisconsin.



The Bethania Lutheran Church of Racine celebrated its 55th anniversary in the midst of plans to erect a modern church in a new area of the city. The old church on Silver Street was sold a year ago, and the new parsonage on Orchard Street, the new site for

church and parsonage, was completed August 1st, 1949.

Two years ago a campaign for funds was begun by the building finance committee. To date \$40,000 in cash and \$10,000 in pledges has been raised. A loan of \$45,000 has been secured, and work of excavation has been started after ground-breaking ceremony was held on Sunday, March 18th.

The Bethania Lutheran Church was founded March 1, 1896. Fire twice swept through the building on Silver Street. Since 1945 all services have been conducted in the English language.

Eight pastors served Bethania since its founding 55 years ago. The present pastor, Rev. Robert C. Schmidt, came to his new field of work in June, 1948.

Four sons of the Bethania Church have entered the ministry. They are Rev. Nels K. Feddersen, deceased; Rev. Howard Christensen, Nysted, Nebr.; Rev. Verner H. Hansen, Newark, N. J., and Rev. Richard H. Sorensen, Marlette, Mich.

It is estimated that the church can be built for an approximate cost of \$110,000, and the work of construction will proceed as fast as the material can be secured. The location is on the corner of Orchard Street and Wright Avenue in a new, fast growing area of the city of Racine.

To this we must add that his deepest thought and expression was Pauline. That was what he preached, and Rodholm, at his best, was a great preacher. Many of us are greatly indebted to him for the many Sunday mornings we sat under his pulpit profoundly absorbed in his poetic and strong Christian message. He had something to say and he said it forcefully.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Paul? It means many things, and we can mention that it means anti-legalism. Like Paul Rodholm fought any and all kinds of merit by works of the law. It means freedom for the spirit and this freedom was also constantly emphasized. "Faith can never yield to pressure—Force cannot the heart subdue." In fact, like Paul, Rodholm was a good deal of a rebel, and he gloried in the fact. We are better off for some of his rebelliousness. He made no radical departure from the thinking of his age, however, although he constantly sought to adjust himself. He was no Barthian and I believe he was just a little bewildered at the demonic character of modern forces. And this is certainly not to his discredit.

The main Pauline emphasis, however, is the proclamation of the resurrected Christ. It is a genuine humility as he expresses it in Philippians: "Not that I have obtained this or am already perfect; but I press

on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." But it is a strong, positive preaching of that which carries all Christian life and is absolutely central to our faith. Let us again say it with words from Philippians: "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

Let us close with a message from Rodholm in a little song that he was eager should be translated right:

On your way! Be brave and true!  
Should the road seem endless,  
Walk where God is near and you  
Never can be friendless.

Stars above the clouds still shine  
Through your darkest hour!  
In the Lord's own prayer you find  
Courage, peace, and power.

Live and die for what you love!  
Cherish and defend it!  
Then you lift your life above  
Things that waste and end it.



# The Measure of Greatness (Mark 9:33-37)

At the funeral of Pastor S. D. Rodholm.

By Alfred Jensen

It is a sad and solemn occasion which has brought us together today. And no matter how grieved we all are because of the passing of a dear friend, we realize that the sorrow and loss you of the Rodholm family experience is so much more painful, more immediate and personally direct for he was your husband, father, grandfather, brother or uncle. Yet we will not sorrow as those who have no hope of everlasting life. We have room for a deepfelt gratitude to God at this moment alongside of the grief, for what we have received through the service of our departed friend and God's chosen servant.

It is true we feel that one of the great trees of the forest has been felled, one of the pillars have been removed from the Danish Lutheran Church, and we have been weakened and lost strong support. Yet, today the Danish Lutheran Church turns with gratitude to God and with sympathy to you of the Rodholm family. We want you to know that we share your grief and loss, but we believe with you in the final triumph of life over death, of resurrection and restoration of everlasting reunion by the power of God and His Christ.

We have certain proof from the countless testimonies in teaching, preaching, in word or in action by Pastor Rodholm that he shared this hope with us all. His nearly fifty years of witnessing to the Christian Faith assures us and gives us reason why we today should rejoice and give thanks to God, and praise Him for His servant. Through nearly fifty years Pastor Rodholm responded to the offices and opportunities entrusted to him by the membership of the Danish Church with faithfulness and greatness. Pastor Rodholm has served for a number of years as president of the Danish Lutheran Church in America, president of Grand View College, theological professor. He was first Lutheran Camp pastor later Chaplain in the U. S. army during the first world war. For the last four years he has served as ordainer of our church.

But Pastor Rodholm was at all times conscious of his duties and calling as a pastor in the Danish Lutheran Church in America. He never permitted himself to forget his first love: the Christian ministry in our Church and I am certain that proclaiming the salvation in Christ and witnessing to the living Word, Jesus Christ was his greatest joy.

To many of us who have been his students and who heard him preach while we were yet young and in the formative stage of life, it was an unforgettable experience, and he has helped to shape the course of the Danish Lutheran Church more than anyone else during the many years. I remember visiting him shortly after his election to the presidency of the Danish Church. I asked him what he especially had in mind as a program or aim. His answer was: to gather the Danish people into the Church everywhere. I am afraid that there were some of us who thought other matters were more important in those troubled times

of the twenties. His task was not easy, yet he used all God had given him and freely gave to others.

If we today were to reason like the disciples of Jesus were reasoning on the way to Capernaum as told in the story from the life of Jesus I read as a text, we would have ample proof that Pastor Rodholm was the greatest of all in the Danish Lutheran Church. He was entrusted with the greatest of all the offices and responsibilities it had in its keeping. Pastor Rodholm responded by giving the best that God in His grace had given him. Pastor Rodholm's place in the hearts and minds of his many disciples in the ministry and lay people of the Church is one of honor and love, because he was willing to serve in whatever capacity or position of trust, he was chosen for, with plain and unpretentious conduct and with habits always on the same level with the people he served. He approached his various duties in humility. No personal glory or riches counted. For these reasons he was trusted and loved by all the common people and by all those of us who are among the ordinary folks of our Church.

To Pastor Rodholm the childlike way of meeting people as well as God as presented by Jesus in the story mentioned was a natural thing. He was in many ways as happy and ready as a child. First of all I would say that he was a Child of God. He knew himself to be created by God in His image, and this was the seal of his humanity. The word of God which does what it proposes had created him a child of God. His love for humanity, ordinary sinful erring men stemmed from his knowledge that God so loved the world in Christ that he would have His son die for the salvation of His children. One of his many translations is really an adaption, perhaps more his own than Grundtvig's in the original. It gives perhaps the best of Rodholm:

With the Word all things began,  
Life in ocean, life on land;  
With the Word was man and woman  
Raised from dust, created human,  
Prince of earth and Child of God.

When the soul of man was stirred  
By a breath divine, the word  
Was in heart of man created:  
This on earth inaugurated  
Human life and history.

Not the clever heart and brain  
Can humanity explain.  
For its merit is the spirit;  
Only in the word we hear it,  
Self-revealing, heaven-born.

Only in the word ascends  
Men beyond the life that ends;  
In the word he breaks his prisons,  
Soars aloft to higher visions,  
Comprehends eternity.

In this we find a clear distinction between the divine Word and the human word, one the creator, the other the created, yet the mightiest force on earth.

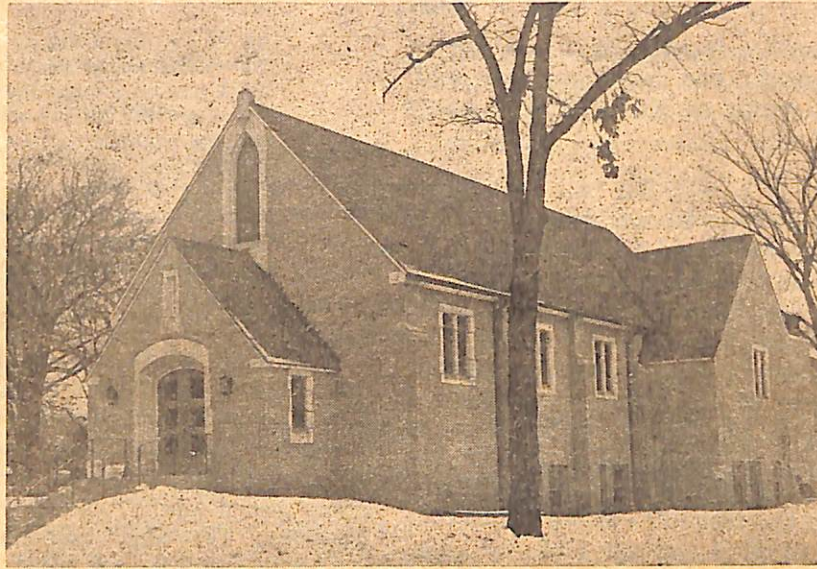
Pastor Rodholm was at all times a child of the Dan-

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# Central Lutheran Church

Muskegon, Michigan



Dedicated Feb. 25, 1951

Feb. 25th, 1951 was the day long looked forward to by the membership of Central Lutheran congregation in Muskegon, Michigan for on that day the new church was dedicated. For several years after the old church was destroyed by fire in 1942, the congregation worshipped in neighborhood churches until the lower unit was ready for use by Christmas time in 1944. Since then laborious effort has been exerted to realize the completion of the church edifice. In May 1950 the construction of the upper auditorium was begun and it was expected to be ready for use by fall. This did not materialize. It was then hoped we'd at least be able to celebrate Christmas in the new sanctuary. A date of dedication was set for Dec. 17th, six years to the day, since the dedication of the lower unit, but for various reasons these aspirations did not materialize either. When the Feb. 25th dedication date was determined, it seemed certain that everything would be in readiness, even to the arrival of the pews. In the latter another disappointment was experienced. However, all difficulties, delays and disappointments were forgotten in the joy of being privileged to worship in a new and beautiful sanctuary on Feb. 25th.

The dedication Sunday was truly a festive one. The president of the synod, Rev. Alfred Jensen and the only living former pastors, Rev. Ernest Nielsen of Chicago and Rev. Holger P. Jorgensen of Des Moines were with us for the occasion. Rev. Peter Thomsen and Rev. John Christensen from the neighboring congregations and many other visiting friends from Chicago, Grand Rapids, Manistee, Ludington, Big Rapids, Greenville, Marlette and Grant cheered us with their presence. The church, with a seating capacity of 300, was crowded with over 400 people so that the vestibule and an ante-room off the chancel had to be taken into use also. Others who came to take part in the service left again, when it was noted that the vestibule was crowded to the door.

Rev. Alfred Jensen officiated at the dedication,

assisted by the visiting pastors. The local pastor, Rev. Edwin Hansen, preached the sermon. Pastors Ernest Nielsen and Holger Jorgensen had charge of the communion service serving over 200 communicants. Following the festival service the ladies of the congregation served dinner to 250.

At the afternoon meeting, both the former pastors addressed the congregation. Special music was offered by Miss Irene Kolkema, teacher of organ in the city, as well as by the church choir and Mrs. Geneva Schmidt.

An informal meeting around the supper tables concluded the day's festivities. Rev. Alfred Jensen was the main speaker, but opportunity was given to as many others as desired to express themselves on the occasion. Mr. Wm. C. Nielsen, chairman of the dedication committee took charge of this meeting.

The church is built in the form of a cross. To provide more space for Sunday School purposes, an addition was built on the east end, providing a sizable and cheerful room for the nursery and beginners department, usable also for smaller meetings. Above this an ante-room, a choir room, a good sized council room and the pastor's study were provided. Through the special generosity of members and friends the church is now complete with colored glass windows, new altar furniture, altar appointments, and baptismal font, a new Wurlitzer Electric Organ, and floor carpeting. The pews arrived in time for the Palm Sunday and Easter services.

The building project, costing the congregation \$80,000, is worth about \$100,000, according to present day value. With the continued cooperation and hard work of the membership, as well as the excellent opportunities for added growth in numerical strength, the congregation, with the continued blessing of God, faces a bright future. The total indebtedness of \$20,000 will no doubt stimulate our activity for some years to come.

Correspondent.



# IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

By Alfred C. Nielsen,

## THE INFLUENCE OF WOMEN

Not so long ago, I met a drunk woman on one of our streets. She was a pitiful and ugly sight to behold. She shouted some vile words at me. I beat a hasty retreat!

It is not easy for me to accept the fact that many women were and are degraded. I have known so many fine women. I think that the finest and noblest people I have known in my life have been women. Man is more apt to be brutal and coarse. Usually, I think, his passions are stronger. Because of her physical make-up, she is at a disadvantage in many respects. Because she is the bearer of children and in need of protection and home, she requires a higher code of morals, especially in sex. It has been a part of her heavy load to tame man, to civilize man, yes, to Christianize him. It is one of the tragedies of our times that so many women have adopted the ways of evil men, and the consequences for many of them have been terrifying. One needs but look at their faces.

In ancient times women held an important place among the gods. Athena was the protector of the city of Athens, and Venus was the goddess of love in Rome. Mr. Arne Sorensen has suggested that the recent elevation by the Roman Church of the Virgin Mary to a place almost divine is an answer to a deep craving, yes a need, of our brutal masculine civilization.

Some of the greatest poems ever written have sung the praises of women. Think of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. It was his love for Beatrice that inspired his life. It was the fact that she did not return his love that made him a great poet, and that made it possible for him to give to mankind one of its greatest songs. It was the blessed Beatrice that led him into paradise.

Longfellow gave us the beautiful and tragic story of *Evangeline*. It will be recalled that they were parted in war, in the first of the modern transportations of a people away from their homes. The story of her patience and faith need not be told here. Perhaps, it is too beautiful to be true. But the heavy human heart needs such stories.

There is also the story of Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*. Peer was a man of the world. He had been around. The farther he went, the more empty his soul became. But he was called a success. During these long years, the woman who loved him waited. It is one of the never-to-be-forgotten scenes in literature, when Peer, dirty old sinner that he was, returns home and finds Solveig, beautiful in spirit, singing to him:

Blessed be thou that at last thou hast come,  
Blessed, thrice blessed our Whitsun-morn meeting.

Abraham Lincoln loved Ann Rutledge, but death took her away. In the following poem Edger Lee Masters tells us that all that was truly great in Lincoln, he received from her:

Out of me unworthy and unknown  
The vibrations of deathless music;  
"With malice toward none, with charity for all."  
Out of me the forgiveness of millions toward millions,  
And the beneficent face of a nation  
Shining with justice and truth.  
I am Ann Rutledge who sleeps beneath these weeds.  
Beloved in life of Abraham Lincoln,  
Wedded to him, not through union,  
But through separation.  
Bloom forever, O Republic,  
From the dust of my bosom!

However, when we come to much of the modern literature we find that woman is no longer idealized. I do not recall a single fine woman in what I have read of the late Sinclair Lewis. Theodore Dreiser is supposed to be one of the major writers of modern America. Many years ago, I waded through all the dirt of *An American Tragedy*. One hardly dares to leave alone the novels of his age. But I must say that the characters of this book are mostly swine, fit to be consumed in a Sodom or Gomorrah. Could it not be that this loss of self-respect, this total depravity of some in power, is the fundamental cause of that modern horror, the concentration camp?

It is well known that many children become delinquent because they have never really known the security of a mother's love. Our world too has become delinquent. The masculine qualities of brute force are tearing it asunder. It needs the healing of a gentle and tender mother.

## Santal Mission

Its Borowork and Muriel Nielsen as one of the Teachers.

By Dagmar Miller

Muriel Nielsen has been assigned to work in the Tajoubari (Mango grove) school for girls in the province of Assam.

In addition to being trained in the Gospel of salvation thru Christ Jesus, it is evident to even a casual observer, she must also be given ample time to learn the language which is to be her tool—Boroni. May she experience very real joy in bringing the "Glad Tidings of great joy" as she ministers to the need of these people of the Mongolian race in the Goalpara District, more specifically—among girls and women of the Boro village population.

Her station is TAJOUBARI, her P. O. is HOLTU-GAON, and her District as stated, is Goalpara, in Assam, India.

Because Assamese has, of late been recognized as the official language in preference to Bengalee which formerly held sway, she will acquire also Assamese.

Eventually she will get Santalie as well. There are Santal children in this Boro School as there are Boro girls in Haraputa (Santal Girls' School and Boro boys in Grahampur in the Santal Boys' Middle and High School).

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# Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa  
Editor

## Week-Day Church School

Tyler, Minnesota

Last September, the Danebod congregation hired a parish worker, Miss Dagny Jessen, of Cozad, Nebraska. I believe we are the first congregation within our synod to undertake this venture. Possibly more of our pastors would welcome this additional help, especially those of larger congregations. It is also a new and satisfying field of work for our young people who wish to serve in church work.

One of the main duties of the parish worker is to teach the weekly classes of Religious Education. Under the direction of Rev. Enok Mortensen, a Religious Education committee set up the program whereby approximately one-hundred thirty-two children are now receiving weekly religious instruction, besides the regular Sunday School and confirmation classes. This number includes all the children of our congregation from age four to twelve, and takes in about a dozen families who are not members of our congregation. Without the loyal cooperation of the public schools, and Superintendent Harald A. Petersen, and the parents, this program would not have been possible. A member of the committee with Miss Jessen, visited each home to explain the program and secured the written permission for the child to be released from public school to attend these classes. A state law in Minnesota permits a child to be excused for this purpose from a public school for a maximum of three hours a week with this written consent of his parents.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday forenoons a class for pre-schoolers is held from ten to eleven-thirty, a. m., this being a different group each day. Monday afternoons the second and third graders meet from 2:15 to 3:50 p. m. The fourth grade meets on Tuesday afternoons and the fifth and sixth graders on Wednesday afternoons. For practical reasons the first grade was omitted this year. However, they will be included next year.

Through the good graces of the Men's club—who pledged over \$300 in one evening—the problem of transportation was solved. One of the local bus drivers, Sophus Jensen, was hired to transport the children directly from the public school to the door of Danebod College where the classes are held, and to return them in like manner. The parents of the pre-schoolers were willing to provide their own transportation as were the parents of children who come in from the country schools.

The program has now been in operation for six months and will continue through the school year. Instead of the customary vacation Bible school of four weeks, we are contemplating a shorter session with the following tentative curriculum: Devotions; singing; crafts; supervised play; stories and drama-

tizations; folk games and gym. This will be only for two weeks from 9 to 12 in the mornings. The first two weeks in June will be for grades 4-5-6 and the following two weeks will be for grades 1-2-3; Miss Jensen will teach all the classes.

Our children are the dearest possession we have. Can we start too early to give them a good Christian background? Perhaps the church and all it stands for will become more valuable to them. I believe the parents and the children are very happy with the program.

Members of the Religious Education Committee in Tyler, are: Mrs. C. Arnold Buhl, Mrs. Folmer Hansen, Mrs. Aage Fredericksen, Mrs. Harold Miller, and Mr. Art Sorensen, chairman.

**Mrs. Folmer (Elsie) Hansen.**

## Gift Packages to South Slesvig

Mrs. Elsie Stub again asks for packages of clothing and food for the destitute of South Slesvig. The packages have consisted mostly of used clothing and shoes, also coffee, rice, cocoa, tea and candy.

The South Slesvig Committee of New York city, represented by Mrs. Elsie Stub, has been active since 1947, and they wish to thank all contributors who have enabled them to ship 50,000 lbs. of food and clothing to headquarters in Copenhagen for further distribution to children in the Danish schools in South Slesvig.

Cash contributions are also needed as there are expenses involved—such as rent, freight, etc.

The next shipment will be made during the early part of May. This shipment will reach there in time so that all clothes can be taken care of, "altered and fitted" for the Children's Summer Vacation. Let us remember that Denmark is host to 4000 to 5000 children from So. Slesvig during vacation time.

Send shipments parcel post or prepaid freight to  
STORE ROOM,

Mrs. Elsie Stub, % Scandinavian Shipping,  
105 East 125th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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# Paging Youth

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## Countenance

We are familiar with the slogan, "The Voice With a Smile." I know full well that this can become a cheap and superficial slogan without much meaning. It can become the symbol of an easy optimism and an unawareness of the seriousness of life. On the other hand it may also become a good slogan.

Voices can be irritating, impatient, grouchy, dispiriting, or they can be cheering, encouraging, pleasant, and, shall we say, happily expectant.

Voices count. So do expressions of countenance. It certainly is important for one with a significant message to be winsome of face as well as of voice. We speak with our entire being. In short, it hardly seems possible to be a good person without it showing on the outside.

A great preacher has said with challenging truth, "What life does to us depends upon what life finds in us."

If we have a great love in our hearts, if our religion is that which Christ taught and lived, if we are ready to express ourselves in service, if we have that faith which will enable us to live cheerfully, it will be apparent to the world. If anyone in the world ought to be alert to see the best in every situation, it should be the one with the message of Christ in his heart. A long-faced, lugubrious religion almost always denies its own teachings.

Helen Keller speaks of another way in which we may convey the very best that lives in our hearts. She speaks of "Friendly Hands" in the following manner. "The hands of those I meet are dumbly eloquent to me. The touch of some hands is an impertinence. I have met people so empty of joy that when I clasped their frosty finger tips it seemed as if I were shaking hands with a northeast storm. Others there are whose hands have sunbeams in them, so that their grasp warms my heart. It may be only the clinging touch of a child's hand, but there is as much potential sunshine in it for me as there is in a loving glance for others." We recall that Helen Keller was blind.

I am not interested in having our young people going about proclaiming that they are children of God. It isn't necessary. When I see young men and women full of the zest for life, wholesome in their relationship to one another, loyal to their home, church and community, happy in just being alive,—then I know they are God's children. Life is the strongest testimony of our relationship to and possession of values of eternal worth.

Harris A. Jespersen.

## Doings in DAYPLand

On this cold winter's eve in mid-April in the southern part of northern Iowa no farmer wants to be reminded, "When winter comes can spring be far behind." But if the field work opens up by the time this gets into print, no farmer is going to read it anyway. But for the rest of you in DAYPLand, some gleanings from assorted and sundry newsletters might be of interest. I also have a fine letter from Ruth Jacobsen of Chicago. All in all, there are many suggestions that your society might use in the lines that follow. In fact, I believe I'll have the central news item of Ruth's letter put into a little boxed article all of its own. We'll use that "suggestions-for-programs" feature from time to time in the future. Rev. A. E. Farstrup presented that bright idea at the last Program's Committee meeting.

Well, let's see—Out in the great Great Plains District a workshop was held January 12-13-14. Attendance: thirty-six. Enthusiasm: high. Discussions: interesting. Plans: one espe-

cially. They plan to go back to Nysted, where they met, for a Work Week-End sometime in May. (Incidentally, some peculiar U. S. Postal rule insists that Nysted-mail be addressed to Dannebrog, Nebraska.) They plan to clean up the grounds, build a ball diamond, volley ball court and badminton court. Then after breakfast they plan to do some interior painting in the school (dorms and meeting hall) and "various other things to help beautify" the camp grounds. No foolin', it is a great place to plan more camp facilities. If I may editorialize a bit here, I would just add that after this Work Week-End they may change their name to Great Plains District. You know, I'm just a little stiff from Nysted."

The Lake Michigan District has approved a camp fund; each member of each local society is to contribute fifty cents to the fund this year. Aebelskive suppers seem to have been popular in the district during the winter. Many congregations in the district have had good Youth Sundays. At Racine, Wisconsin twelve members took part in a Youth Sunday Service. At Marinette-Menominee five members from each of the two churches took part in the worship services.

In Iowa a District Workshop was canceled due to one of several ice-ages. Since no date is readily established for another workshop, several of the west-Iowa societies plan to meet a Sunday afternoon at Kimballton, probably the last Sunday in April. Speaking of winter and ice and stuff, Carlo and Ronnie were trudging around in the deep snow at a prospective camp site last January. Carlo stepped into a hidden deep hollow and sank in way up to here. Ronnie just laughed and laughed but finally pulled Carlo out. After all, he is president of the Iowa District. The incident did not have much to do with the decision to have camp with convention at Freds-ville, August 4-10.

The Northern Lighters plan to have a chartered bus bring thirty from South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin out to Dagmar, Montana. After spending the first three days of July in convention they plan to move on for three days of sight-seeing in the Black Hills before returning. The idea sounds fine—except for leaving Tyler at four o'clock in the morning!

To prevent a blank page next time, send more newsletters, letters, items, articles, ideas.

## Put This in Your Program Manual

The St. Stephen's Young People's Society has an idea that would be worth saving for next Easter. Perhaps not all societies can use the idea, but all will be interested. The following portion is from a letter from Ruth Jacobsen, 6956 So. Anthony Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The biggest YPS event here for some time was our annual Easter Breakfast, served to the congregation in the church basement, preceding the regular morning service. Rigmor Nussle, our vice-president, was head of the breakfast committee, with Ann Mortensen as manager of the kitchen and food supply. The tables were arranged in a cross formation and decorated with flowers.

Patrons pay for the meal as they enter the dining room and are then handed small mimeographed menus. The hostess seats them, and the order is taken by one of the waitresses. She writes down the order, with her name, and hands it to the kitchen supervisor at the serving window. The written order is filled as the food is finished by the cooks and the written order stub accompanies the plate which the waitress then picks up. Each order is filled in turn, without too much delay. The menu this year consisted of:

Orange or tomato juice  
Eggs and toast or pancakes  
Hot Cross Buns  
Coffee or Milk

We also play recordings of Easter hymns and instrumental works as background music, using the Messiah music, choral works, etc.

This year we served ninety or more. We began serving at nine o'clock and finished around 10:15, in good time to get ready for the Easter service. The dishes were washed after the service. The congregation seems to enjoy this work of ours and we like to do it. All in all, Easter breakfasts at St. Stephens bids fair to become a tradition.



## Danish-American Seamen's Mission Of New York City

It has been a pleasant experience to turn the pages in my diary and look back upon the year 1950. Therefore "Hilsen fra Havet" must begin with thanks to all who assisted in the work; to those who gave good advice, loving thoughts, encouraging letters and indulgence; to those who contributed to the work and assisted when Christmas greetings to the ships had to be folded and Christmas packages had to be delivered; to those who taught in the evening classes, visited the hospitals and rendered many other services. Thanks must be extended also to the Danish Embassy in Washington and the Consulate General in New York for much assistance in the past year; to the shipowners and seamen's organizations for their patience and consideration in connection with inquiries about seamen and ships in port; to the ladies in the Danish Seamen's Room because of their constant smile and support; to the Y.M.C.A. at 550 West 20th Street, Manhattan, where the doors to the Association were always open; to the Y.M.C.A. in Hoboken where, it can be said, the Danish Seamen's Mission for some time during the year had its "headquarters," to the Y.M.C.A. in Brooklyn, which has promised cooperation in the future. Thanks to the Seamen's Mission of other countries and to Lutheran organizations for their cooperation. And, not least among those we wish to thank are the Danish Churches in New York and the surrounding area that have followed, with love, the work of the Seamen's Mission, and at many occasions have invited us to be part of their friendly circle, which has aided much in accomplishing the work.

In the year which has gone, I've made an effort to note some of the inspiring experiences. The year had a radiant beginning. It was a privilege to help some hospitalized seaman, and to be called upon to visit others at Ellis Island,—the island which houses those whose papers are not in order or whose health on arrival in America is questioned by the Immigration Authorities. We received several substantial donations from friends at sea, and from friends in the Midwest, who they may never have seen a ship but who showed a love for the work and a willingness of spirit. An encouraging letter was received from our friend Carl Pedersen, in Los Angeles, who is doing an excellent work for the Danish Seamen on the West coast.

One of the most amusing experiences in the early part of 1950 was at a time when I had an assistant. We were on our way to visit a sick seaman at the Marine hospital at Staten Island. From the ferry we were surprised to see, what appeared to be, an invasion of the Danish Merchant Marine on the New York Harbor. First, we saw a ship with the "Dannebrog" waving from the stern. When that had sailed past us another came along. We waved and the Danish seamen waved back. The ships docked on opposite shores of the harbor. Then I realized that there is a need of two workers here. One cannot be at two places at the same time. After we returned from the hospital, one of us visited the ship on the eastside and the other went on board the ship on the westside. We could see both

ships, but the distance between them by subway and bus was so great that it would have been impossible for one person to have made both visits in one afternoon.

The following months also brought many delightful experiences. Almost a whole year we had attempted to obtain Danish Testaments. There were none left neither in United States, in England, or in Denmark. During the war, there wasn't paper in Denmark, and when paper was available the printing had to wait for a new translation to be authorized. We are sincerely grateful to Bishop Noach and the Danish Bible Society for the 4000 copies received from Denmark in 1950. Many of them were immediately sent to other ports in America where Danish ships stop and where Norwegian seamen's pastors always cordially try to help Danish seamen on board ships and in hospitals. The big Spring event was the conference of the Council of Seamen's Agencies in Mobile, Alabama, and a visit to New Orleans, Louisiana, following the conference. It gave me considerable personal pleasure and impressions received became important for the future of the Danish Seamen's Mission in New York. I had not dreamed of seeing the Southern states, the Mexican waters, nor of visiting Danish ships on the Mississippi River. The meeting with other seamen's pastors has united me personally with the seamen's work of many ports in the United States and Canada. It was a great pleasure to be acquainted with the Norwegian seamen's pastor and his work at New Orleans and to meet with the Danish colony there. Shortly after my return from the conference the Swedish seamen's pastor and his wife, who had arrived in New York a few months before we came, returned to Sweden. They had been our closest co-workers and personal friends. I cannot refrain from saying that when they had left and after I had seen the well established seamen's work in other ports in America, I felt rather lonesome in New York. The Danish Seamen's Mission, in the years I have been here, has not had a permanent place from where to work. Other seamen's pastors have a seamen's church, a reading room, a local congregation which practically is part of the seamen's mission, at least one assistant to help in the work, and an automobile to facilitate the traveling. However, when I think of the friendliness which I have encountered here—on board the ships and from friends in the city—I feel very rich and thankful to both God and men. Something entirely different, however, is the thought of the future of the seamen's mission, which ought to have a permanent place from which to work.

Spring inspired ship visitation and sightseeing trips and I became engrossed in the work. Think of it, in one week there were eleven Danish ships in the New York Harbor! Lexa, Sally, Chastine Mærsk, Marna Dan, Jutlandia, Gerd, Danvig, Uruguay, Paraguay, Aggersborg, and Paris—that is to say that all the Danish Merchant Lines in New York were represented in the harbor at one time. It was an occasion when many delightful experiences took place.



The steward department on one of the ships "ordered" a sightseeing trip to The Waldorf-Astoria—the world's most famous hotel. There are over 2,000 rooms which are equipped with everything that modern comfort can demand. In the various restaurants within the hotel a total of five thousand can be served at one time. Is it a wonder the ship's personnel was interested in seeing it? After talking to one of the hotel managers, it was arranged that we were taken around from the ballroom to the kitchen and dishwashing rooms. The climax of the "expedition" was the showing of a hundred-dollar a day room and thereafter a Danish lady we met asked if "we all lived at the Waldorf-Astoria?" The young men from the ship earning about a dollar a day in American currency, of course, were flattered!

On another occasion the steward and several others wanted to visit the Chinatown. His friends on board smiled and asked if he wanted to get new ideas for the ship's meals! Even though Chinatown is Americanized to a certain extent, it is a pleasure to take a group of seamen to see it and to teach them to eat with chopsticks. In the Chinese Temple it is natural to talk about the difference between the Chinese religions and Christianity. I like to do it because it is easy there to emphasize the value of Christianity, and because some of the seamen sooner or later will get to the Far East and may be puzzled about what they see there.

The most outstanding experiences during the year were a trip to the Danish congregation in Newark, and a visit to the Isbrandtsen farm on Long Island. On the first outing we expected fifteen to join and thirty-eight came! They took it in good humor at Newark. Rev. Verner Hansen called various members of the church who drove the entire group around the Newark area. How Mrs. Lydicksen and her assistants managed to take care of more than twice as many as expected I don't know. But I know, that nobody left the table hungry. After the delightful visit with these hospitable people, we went to the Danish Church for evening service and following the service the members of the Newark Young People's Society had prepared coffee, cakes, and musical entertainment for us. In appreciation of this the seamen washed the dishes! Every time I've been in Newark since, I've been asked: "Where are your seamen? We have never seen such hasty and good work in the kitchen as that day. They ought to be here every time we have a party!" The other trip took place while "Erria" was docked in Hoboken. The Y.M.C.A. at Washington Street opened its doors to the seamen and they were able to enjoy table tennis, swimming, the classrooms, etc. But one day they expressed the desire to see "green grass" for a change. Some members of the Danish Church in Brooklyn were so considerate as to solicit enough funds for a bus which took the entire crew from the ship into the country to visit a farm. There they saw cows and green grass and in addition each one received from Mrs. Isbrandtsen a can of coffee to take home.

The story about the Welfare Council and the International Seamen's Recreation Field which was obtained that year is a chapter for itself. The same is the case about Christmas of which I have written elsewhere. New Year's Eve was spent as usual with Pastor Videbeck and his congregation at Salem Church in Brooklyn.

## The Pastors' Institute

We really had a good seminar this year. There was no possibility of going to sleep during Professor Pauck's presentation. His mobile body, his virile accent, his thought-provoking words would have insured wakefulness in anyone. And his subject was thought-provoking to everyone who in any way was alive to theological and ecclesiastical trends of the times. As I understood the Professor, his attempt was nothing less than a search for what might afford a theological foundation for the ecumenical movement in Protestant Christianity today.

This search was conducted through three lectures: 1) "The Internal and External situation of Protestantism After World War II;" 2) "The Problem of Authority in Contemporary Protestantism;" 3) "The Prospect for an Ecumenical Theology."

I hope that others will write in our paper about this year's Pastor's Institute, so that they who were not able to attend may, at least to some degree be made partakers in what was received by us who were fortunate enough to be present. I will, therefore, not touch upon what any of the other speakers said; nor will I presume to give anything but my own view of what Professor Pauck said. Even at that I will limit myself to one specific point in his presentation.

In his search for a theological foundation for today's ecumenical movement in Protestant Christendom the Professor first of all had to clear the ground for this foundation. And it seemed that what first must be cleared away were the traditional forms in which Christianity in bygone generations has found expression and in which it is finding expression today. However, the Professor **did** make the statement that you cannot have the gospel without some kind of form. His attacks upon the forms that have been perpetuated here by language groups and his attacks upon

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We will never forget the quiet hour in the church when the bell struck 12 midnight!

Every month in one way or another, we have visited one of the Danish congregations and we owe them an expression of gratitude because of the hearty and festive occasions we have had in their churches and around their typically Danish coffee tables. It has been an experience for both the seamen and the congregations. Thanks to the pastor, the organist, the Ladies' Aid Society, the members of the church, and others who have helped to make these evenings so good to remember.

By the end of the year, when the Seamen's Church Institute was in urgent need of the room I had been using some years as my office, the congregation at Our Saviour's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 193 Ninth Street, Brooklyn 15, kindly offered me the use of a room at its premises. Board members of the Seamen's Mission both in New York and in Denmark as well as I myself are very grateful to the Church, and my office has accordingly been moved to the church building.

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denominational Christianity in general, were well directed and well executed.

In his very first lecture the Professor surely came around to where we Lutherans of the Grundtvigian persuasion live, when he attacked also those who have found the foundation for their Christian life in a creed. He did admit that they had a very strong position, perhaps the strongest of all; but as I understood the Professor, creeds—all creeds—must go by the board if ecumenicity is to have the right of way. In fact, there could be no doubt about this when in the discussion after the last lecture he reiterated what so many learned men have told us, that the apostle's creed was formed after two centuries of Christian life as a statement against those who denied the true Christianity, (which statement by the learned would seem to presuppose that denial is a day older than that which it denies).—A voice from the audience asked: "What are you going to put in place of creeds?" (namely as foundation for theological and ecclesiastical ecumenicity.)

The Professor promised to answer that question in the following lecture; no wonder we listened intently when he spoke again. But it seemed that the ground had not even been cleared for the foundation which the Professor wanted to bring to light, and again he promised to answer the question the following morning. It was, therefore, somewhat of a let-down when the Professor in his last lecture reiterated some of his criticism of the traditional forms of Christianity, but as a possible foundation for theological Protestant Christian ecumenicity merely gave us a glimpse of how students from many different denominations are being taught in the divinity school at Chicago University.

Here I must immediately remark that I was so taken with the Professor's presentation that I could not and did not take any notes. I tried once or twice, but found that by doing so I was missing too much of the Professor's constantly flowing stream of thought. There were only just enough words for the thoughts that were set forth. It may, therefore, be entirely possible that other listeners found that the Professor **did** present a foundation for **theological** Protestant Christian ecumenicity. I am quite certain that he did not present any foundation for **ecclesiastical** Protestant Christian ecumenicity. And, after all, not that the service which Christian theologians should render today? What is gained by agreement among theologians if this agreement does not lead to common ground for the laity? The wise and understanding may agree or disagree, but an ecumenical Protestant Christendom requires common ground for the babes in Christ.

In the final discussion the Professor stressed Luther's words: "As you believe so you have." As I remember, it was in this connection that Professor Farstrup asked: How may we know that what we believe is the truth and not a creature of our own imagining? President Knudsen went still farther in prompting for the Faith when he asked: Was there not ecumenicity in the church from the very beginning? But as far as I can remember the Professor merely reiterated previous statements.

I, for my part, am wondering how Professor Pauck reads the opening statement in the gospel of John:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Is the Word still God? If not, then how is God present with us here on earth today? If the Word still is God, then in what Word may we know God to be present with us here on earth if not in the Word by which he bears us anew and gives us life out of his own eternal life at the font? And why do we go to the Lord's Table if Jesus is not there present in the Word that makes the bread and the wine a food from heaven, nourishing the life from heaven which by new birth has been begun in us?

God's covenant Word at the font is our creed, how can we relinquish it without relinquishing Christ in us?

Valdemar S. Jensen.

## Layman's Topics

By B. P. Christensen.

### "Who is Who," and "What is What"

This is in reference to Contributory Members as defined in nearly as many varied ways as we have congregations.

It is my humble opinion that this category of membership could well be eliminated, at least as far as statistics are concerned. Contributing members are not recorded in our congregational books and records as a functional Church record, for the simple reason that no congregation can establish who is a standing contributor. I may contribute this year but not next year.

However, I am a standing confirmed member upon the church records until such time as I may resign, move away from a given community or die.

I therefore contend that we should base our congregational obligations to the annual synod budget on the basis of confirmed membership. Doing so, will eliminate the allotment procedure at District conventions, with its cumbersome adjustments.

Of course we have many more members who are confirmed, than we now have contributing ones. Therefore, our per capita contribution to the Synod budget will be less, but the total District obligation remains the same as assigned us.

I have made sufficient number of trial calculations on the basis of last year's statistics to say truthfully that there is so little difference in dollars and cents to any congregation and District that it is hardly noticeable. No one would be seriously hurt financially.

**MOST IMPORTANT** is the fact, that by using confirmed membership as our guide in supporting synod activities, we gain a great advantage by learning the true and Christian obligation that **EVERY** confirmed member takes upon him or herself, for it is actually at confirmation time that we assume and confirm our church membership. Church membership is not based upon the amount of money we give. If we, as confirmed members would recognize our individual responsibility toward our membership, we would not need to ever worry about any contributing members. We would **ALL** be exactly that, if we take our own membership seriously.

It is my contention, as well as conviction, that even though I may be the head of my family, I have no right



to assume the Christian sacrifice of Mrs. Christensen in respect to her church membership. That is an obligation of her own as it is an obligation individually of any confirmed son or daughter I may have.

In this modern day and age, every housewife, any confirmed child also, has access to their own petty cash, supporting shows, clubs and many other social activities. Might it not be reasonable that an amount worthy of giving should go to one's church activities? I firmly believe so. By using confirmed membership as here suggested, there would need to be no dodging as to who shall be considered a contributing member and who shall not.

ALL confirmed members should be and could be just that as a matter of individual responsibility. No confirmed member should be anything but a full confirmed and accepted member, and if he or she does not know what goes with church membership, something was missed somewhere in confirmation instructions.

It is the responsibility of the Pastor to teach Christian stewardship, not alone to his confirmation class, but to adult confirmed church members also.

Yes, we can drop the separate classification of contributing members, and concentrate on having every confirmed member a contributory member.

What do you think?

## The Measure of Greatness

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ish Luthern Church. It is true that he was not born into it, for he was baptized and confirmed in Denmark. He adopted the Danish Church and he never wavered in his loyalty to the Danish Church, regardless of whatever changing fortunes it offered him, whether or not he was paid well for his work, he loved it. He fell in love with it and he was still in love with it on the day he left this life. It was a marriage for life and eternity. The plain and unassuming ways of its ordinary members and homes, the humble, simple folks were those he loved. Pastor Rodholm gave to his Church the best God gave him and never questioned that he belonged to it with ties that could never be broken.

Pastor Rodholm was a Child of our Country. It is true he grew up in Denmark, but it came with him to this country and although it sounds contradictory, he lived in both Denmark and America not as two separate countries but as one country, one people.

No better proof of his love for both his mother country and the country he had adopted was this that his childlike imagination and poetic gifts made him one of the greatest translators of Danish songs and hymns. He was perhaps more happy to do this than any other work he had performed for the benefit of the youth of our Church. He loved these and wanted them to share in the spiritual riches and experiences as expressed in the poetry of folks and church life in Denmark. I have tried to count all the translations of his found in the World of Song, but gave up. There are a great many. And in "A Sheaf of Songs" there are a great many more. The breadth of his vision, the expanse of his horizons may be understood from mentioning three translations: "The Sun now shines in all its splendor," our magnificent Pentecostal hymn, "Eve-

ning Star up Yonder" an unbelievably beautiful evening song and "The little Ole with the Umbrella," Ole Luko/je, really a lullaby.

A great deal more can be said, and will undoubtedly later on be said about his truly childlike greatness. Thanks be to God who gave him to us and who has now taken him home. May I close with two stanzas of Tennyson's: Crossing the Bar.

Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me.  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

Peace be with the memory of Pastor Rodholm in the Danish Lutheran Church.

## Santal Mission

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When Muriel has somewhat control of the Boro language, she will take over the work among the 150 or more girls in Tajoubari. The present Superintendent of this work is Miss Solveig Somming, teacher from Norway who is really, Santal missionary. She was for quite some years in charge of Haraputa Middle English Girls' School.

While we wait to hear of Muriel Nielsen's India experiences in the now independent India, I shall briefly remind us of the privilege and responsibility to remember her in our prayer. We will not omit the Ribers. We recall they are in the extensive as well as intensive work of helping our young Santal boys in the Santal Parganas in School at Kaerabani.

Are you aware of this fact: Ribers are in charge of Grade School, High School, as well as Teacher Training School for about 300 boys?

To remind us of the 7 (seven) Lutheran synods here in U. S. A. please take time for this bit of statistics. Listed as per Synod:

Danish Evang. Lutheran .....	\$11,607.83
Eilsen Synod .....	5,362.43
Evang. Lutheran .....	14,505.34
Lutheran Brethren .....	474.00
Lutheran Free Church .....	8,688.23
United Evang. Lutheran .....	6,689.01
Gifts from individuals not members of any of the synods here mentioned .....	2,798.61
Total for 1950 .....	\$50,651.75

Trusting this be an encouragement to continue, yes, indeed do better in the future, I would once more thank you for every faithful service done in the past to help "lift our brother in India." To every member is extended the good news that many are at present seeking instruction for Baptism—that they may enter into the Christian Church and share in the true fellowship.

To us was given the blessed privilege:

"We publish the greatest of Tidings abroad  
That men thru the ages have heard:  
It came from our heavenly Father and God  
Through Jesus, our Savior and Lord."



## Grand View College And Our Youth

### Pastors' Institute at Grand View College

The twelfth annual pastors' institute conducted by Grand View Seminary was well attended. About twenty five ministers from the synod attended, including Verner Hansen from New Jersey and Aage Moller from California. To this number must be added seven of our pastors from Des Moines, six seminary students, and half a dozen pastors' wives. Several ministers from Des Moines also attended individual meetings and quite a number of students from Drake came out to hear Dr. Pauck.

Dr. Wilhelm Pauck was undoubtedly the big gun of the institute. He lectured three times in his forceful and challenging manner. In the first lecture he surveyed the external and internal situation of Protestantism at the present time, and he illustrated his analysis by describing the attitude of the various factions in the German church to Hitler's regime. In the second lecture he described the two great groups of protestants, those who base their life on the historical creeds of the church and those who find expression in practical attitudes. He showed how these groups were learning to understand one another better, and in the third lecture he talked about the ecumenical theology that is growing out of cooperation and better understanding.

A second guest lecturer was Chaplain Ellis Youngdahl from Moline Lutheran Hospital. He spoke first about the pastoral task of counseling, and in the second talk he considered the very important task of visiting the sick, especially in hospitals. Much good and sound advice was given. Professor Stacey from the extension sociology department at Iowa State College spoke one afternoon about the relation of the church to the community.

The contribution from the Seminary and the Synod completed the program. Professor Axel Kildegaard spoke on preaching and the liturgy. President J. Knudsen discussed the connection between the Christian relation to God and the relation to his neighbor. Professor Farstrup, assisted by Rev. Howard Christensen, introduced the practical problems of camping in our church work for the young people. One afternoon session was furthermore devoted to a discussion of the little pamphlet recently published by the Synod concerning our discussions with U. L. C. A. Rev. Alfred Jensen was in charge of this meeting, and he also conducted the communion

service the first evening. Devotional talks were given by Rev. Holger Jorgensen and Rev. Aage Moller, and one morning matins were conducted. The Grand View College a capella choir sang at the evening meeting when Dr. Pauck spoke.

### Studenterfest

Grand View Alumni and Friends:

Don't forget Studenterfest this year and we urge you to register early. We are introducing ten and twenty five year reunion this year in the hope that many alumni from 1940 and '41 and '25 and '26 will return to their alma mater to renew old acquaintances. Registration fees will be as nominal as conditions will permit. They will vary according to length of time for which you register. The traditional Studenterfest play will be presented twice on the new stage in the college chapel. The complete week-end program will be published in the next Lutheran Tidings. We urge you to register early.

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Des Moines, Iowa.

### OUR CHURCH

**Dagmar, Montana**—The 38th annual "Midsommer Fest", sponsored by the Dagmar and Volmer communities, will be held on July 6-7-8 of this year. The guest speakers will be Pastor Svend Jorgensen, Detroit, Mich. (former pastor in Dagmar and Volmer) and Dean Alfred C. Nielsen of Grand View College.

**Rev. Alfred Jensen**, synodical president, will be guest speaker at the District VIII convention to be held in Los Angeles, during the week-end of April 27-29. He will also visit and speak in the various congregations of the California District.

**Withee, Wis.**—A Spring Festival was observed on April 15th in the Assembly Hall of the Nazareth Church. The regular morning worship service was observed on April 15th in the Assembly Hall of the Nazareth Church. The regular morning worship service was held in the forenoon, exhibits opened at the Assembly Hall at 3:30 in the afternoon. Here were exhibits of hand-made craft articles, also exhibits of items made in Denmark. Folkdancing exhibits were given in 15 minute periods at intervals of every hour beginning 4 o'clock. A Smørgasbord dinner was served from 4:30 until 7:30. At 8 o'clock a program was offered with emphasis on "Our Scandinavian Heritage."

**Waterloo, Iowa**—A total of thirty-nine

baptized members were added to the St. Ansgars Church during the first quarter of 1951. After the dedication of the new church in November the membership committee of the church has been busy contacting prospects in this new, fast growing area of the city of Waterloo.

**Solvang Lutheran Home**—A fine little descriptive pamphlet has recently been sent to all congregations for distribution, giving a presentation of the Committee's plan for the proposed Home for elderly people at Solvang, Calif. A board of trustees representing all of the churches in District VIII, working in close cooperation with the Board of Welfare of our synod, has begun incorporation proceedings. Preliminary plans have been made for a home to cost \$100,000 with accommodations for thirty people. It will be possible to expand and eventually double these facilities if desirable.

**Marinette, Wis.**—An Adult Bible Class was scheduled to begin on Wednesday evening, April 18th in the parsonage with the pastor, Rev. Harold Olsen in charge.

**Dwight, Ill.**—The St. Peder's Lutheran Church observed its 75th anniversary on March 31 and April 1st. Guest speakers were the former pastors, J. C. Aaberg, F. O. Lund and Holger Strand-skov; Rev. Alfred Jensen, synodical president, and Rev. Alfred E. Sorensen, district president. We hope to bring a more complete report of the anniversary in a coming issue of L. T.

**Byram, Conn.**—The 50th anniversary of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church was observed on Sunday, March 18th with Rev. Verner Hansen of Newark, N. J. as the guest speaker. Rev. Viggo Hansen of Bridgeport, Conn., serves the church regularly every month.

**Fredsville, Iowa**—The Ladies' Aid of the Fredsville church observed its 50th anniversary on Friday, April 6th, with a dinner at the Women's Club House in Cedar Falls. A program followed with the singing of the "Fredsville Song", written by Rev. S. D. Rodholm for the 40th anniversary of the congregation; a history of the Ladies' Aid was read, this included a skit enacted by a group of ladies; talks were given by Rev. S. D. Rodholm, former pastor of the Fredsville congregation, by Rev. Holger O. Nielsen of the Bethlehem Church in Cedar Falls and by the pastor, C. A. Stub.

**Seattle, Wash.**—The Ladies' Aid of the St. John's Lutheran Church has appropriated \$150 for landscaping and beautifying the church premises this spring.

**Omaha, Nebr.**—Rev. A. E. Farstrup from Grand View College served Our Savior's Church during the Easter holidays.



## Notes From Kronborg

A number of years ago, the Young People's Society asked the approval of the congregation for starting a fund towards buying a new organ for the church. Through financial projects by the various organizations and through gifts in memoriam, the fund has steadily increased. At the first quarterly congregational meeting, it was decided to buy a new electric organ. A committee, selected from the congregation, the Ladies' Aid and the Young People's Society was appointed to make the purchase. In February, a medium sized Baldwin organ was selected and duly installed. On Palm Sunday, part of the Worship Hour was set aside for a short service to dedicate the organ and 100 new hymnals. Using Psalm 150, as the theme of the dedication, the Reverend Jespersen made clear the importance of music and singing as part of the church services. Many a person has left the service inspired, not by the words of the sermon but by his own personal participation in hymns of praise and thanksgiving. A special number by the choir and a solo by LaVern Larsen added to the impressiveness of the dedication. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Jespersen as organist and choir director. In the evening an Easter Drama entitled "The Terrible Meek", was presented in the church.

The Nebraska State Square Dancers' Club met at Lincoln, Nebraska April 7. Each year a certain nationality is honored. This year the Danes were selected. There was a display of Danish art and craft at the University Coliseum. The Kronborg Folk Dancing team had been invited to put on an exhibition of Danish folk dances. There were fifteen hundred square dancers on the floor Saturday evening. The Kronborg group was scheduled for the period of intermission and was the only group on the floor at that time. Fourteen couples, under the leadership of Mrs. Jespersen gave a splendid exhibition of a dozen Danish Folk Dances before a crowd of 8,000 people. According to the applause and the comments heard the exhibition was a success. The team had been promised twenty-five dollars for expenses but when they received the check it was for the amount of fifty dollars. The team voted to pay their own expenses and turn the check over to the organ fund. Several other clubs invited the team to put on an exhibition in their town, Omaha being one of the clubs who invited them.

Mrs. Jespersen was present and appeared on the program at the Nebraska Community Recreation Conference held in Lincoln, April 6. This conference was sponsored by the University of Nebraska, Extension Division, for the purpose of discussing problems of recreation in all communities in Nebraska in the cities as well as in the rural areas. Otto Hoiberg was chairman for one of the discussion groups.

The Ladies' Aid is sponsoring an-

other Danish Day and dinner at Kronborg, June 5. The menu will include popular Danish food. There will be an exhibition of Danish Folk Dancing, and a display of Danish needlework. The craft class is busy making articles for sale.

Correspondent.

## Friendship Meeting

The first week-end of March, our congregation was host to Brooklyn, Bronx and Perth Amboy people in the fifth of our series of "Vennemøder." The meeting was well attended for the most part, in view of the unfavorable weather conditions that developed. The principal speaker for the day was Pastor Svend Jorgensen, who preached in the forenoon and spoke during the afternoon on the subject "The Light From the North." He stressed the difference in approach to youth work in our day and in the day when he was one of the young people. He said he felt that Gruntvig's views had something very special to offer people of this generation as well as of past generations, if we could accustom ourselves once more to worthwhile ways of absorbing and adapting these views. Later in the day Pastor Andersen and Pastor Hansen and the Bethesda Church Choir presented a "musical tour", playing and singing music from many different lands in Europe and the Orient, illustrating the difference in style and appeal. The Ladies' Aid served a delicious dinner at noon and a fine cup of coffee in the afternoon, distinguishing themselves as always as excellent providers. Mrs. Blidsoe's vocal solo, at the Communion Service, and the sermons and talks, both by our guest speaker and by Pastor Kirkegaard-Jensen, were all much appreciated.

From "Budbringeren"

Newark, N. J.

## Detroit, Michigan

A five piece brass altar set and two seven holder floor candelabra to match were dedicated at the Palm Sunday service. The set was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hansen by their four children, Mrs. Anna Yergensen, William Hansen, Raymond Hansen and the late James Mabley Hansen.

Central feature of the set is the brass cross, twenty-seven inches high with an arm spread of eleven inches, handsomely decorated with a large square IHS monogram. It is mounted on a base which bears the inscription "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hansen."

Two brass single candlesticks and two brass altar vases complete the altar set. The two floor candelabra stand one to either side of the altar.

Martin Hansen and his wife, Mrs. Hansen, displayed a life long continuing interest in the concerns of St. Peter's

church from the year of its founding. No crisis ever caused their devotion to waver even briefly. Martin Hansen served for many years on the board and also as church president. Mrs. Hansen worked throughout her life for the Ladies' Aid and other church causes. Mr. Hansen died in 1928 and Mrs. Hansen passed away in 1949 at the age of 89.

## Clinton, Iowa

Under the very able leadership of Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, the St. Stephen's Lutheran church at Clinton, Iowa is going forward. The spiritual quickening in evidence throughout the nation is also felt in our church. Attendance at all worship services and meetings this year has greatly increased in spite of much snow and zero temperatures on many occasions. Rev. Nielsen's enthusiasm is contagious; all around there is a willingness to work and cooperate to make St. Stephen's a bigger and better congregation. The average attendance at our Sunday services since Dec. 1st is 118. Our Lenten services were also well attended with an average of 103. Easter morning Rev. Nielsen held two services in order to accomodate the many worshippers. There were 301 in attendance that day.

Our very excellent chancel choir under the leadership of Mrs. Henrietta Pearson adds much to our services. Our chapel choir of junior voices is also doing fine.

On January 18th this year our congregation held a preliminary celebration of the 75th anniversary of our church with a worship service in the evening. This was followed by a social gathering in the church parlors where refreshments were served and several members gave short talks. The real 75th jubilee celebration will be held later in the year when our ultimate goal of seventy-five new members this year, has been attained. Since January 1st thirty new members have been accepted into our fellowship and fifteen more will soon be added. A membership committee, in cooperation with the whole congregation, is working to make this an outstanding year in our church.

The women's organizations are following the general trend of the congregation. The Gertrude Guild has in addition to adding several new active members, added a group of associate members. This membership is especially intended for those who are unable to attend afternoon meetings. Two evening "get-togethers" have been held, which have been very well attended.

A Luther League has recently been organized with about twenty-two members. Our young people are also working with other young people's groups in the city and took part in the Easter sunrise service.

It is with gratitude we report that the work at St. Stephen's church in Clinton is progressing so favorably. The



awakening interest assures us that we have a future, and there should be results in our lives and our church. May God bless our church and prosper its work for His Kingdom.

Correspondent.

## District VIII Convention

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 27-29, 1951

The annual convention of District VIII will be held at Emanuel Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4260 3rd Ave. (43rd St. & 3rd Ave.) Los Angeles, April 27-28, 1951. The meeting will begin with a service held in Emanuel Church on Friday, April 27th, at 8 p. m.

The congregations of District VIII may send one delegate for each 25 voting members or fraction thereof. All reports must be submitted in writing. All members and friends are invited to participate in this meeting.

Halvdan Knudsen,  
District President.

In accordance with above announcement of the coming annual convention of District VIII, Emanuel Church in Los Angeles invites members and friends to participate in the convention. To assure lodging for all we ask you to send your registration at least one week in advance to Mr. Axel H. Lindvang, 3515 West 78th Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

Anton Nielsen, President.  
Halvdan Knudsen, Pastor.

## Acknowledgment Of Receipts From the Synod Treasurer

For the month of March, 1951

### Toward the Budget:

Congregations:	
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.---	\$ 69.67
Minneapolis, Minnesota ----	135.74
Menominee, Mich. -----	30.00
Dwight, Ill. -----	980.43
Waterloo, Iowa -----	206.75
Bridgeport, Conn. -----	75.00
Nysted, Nebr. -----	100.00
Hampton, Iowa -----	175.00
Wilbur, Wash. -----	74.14
Perth Amboy, New Jersey --	300.00
Clinton, Iowa -----	50.00
Omaha, Nebr. -----	79.50
Bridgeport, Conn. -----	40.00
Des Moines, Iowa -----	195.00
Tacoma, Wash. -----	79.90
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.---	70.95

### Pension Fund:

Congregations:	
Minneapolis, Minn. -----	1.00
Omaha, Nebr. -----	2.00
West Denmark, Wis. -----	86.20
Des Moines, Iowa -----	119.36
Danebod Danish Ladies' Aid,	
Tyler, Minn. -----	25.00
Axel Sorensen, St. Stephen's,	
Chicago, Ill. -----	2.00

Ethel Hansen, St. Stephen's,	
Chicago, Ill. -----	1.00
<b>Pastor's Dues:</b>	
Rev. Gordon Miller—for 1950--	24.00
Rev. Marvin E. Nygaard -----	42.30
Rev. Vagn Duus -----	22.00
Rev. Ove R. Nielsen -----	52.00
Rev. W. Clayton Nielsen -----	25.00
Rev. Harold E. Olsen -----	4.00
Rev. Arthur E. Frost -----	44.77
Rev. John Enselmann -----	7.00
Rev. Svend Kjaer -----	51.92
Halvdan Knudsen -----	52.00

### Home Mission:

In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jen-	
sen, Des Moines, Iowa: Mr.	
and Mrs. Don Osterby, Mr.	
and Mrs. Albert Madsen, Mr.	
and Mrs. Walter Blunck, Mr.	
and Mrs. Evald Ammentorp,	
Mr. Tony Jensen, Mr. and	
Mrs. Harold Christensen,	
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Vogler,	
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee, Mr.	
and Mrs. Viggo Rasmussen,	
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andreassen,	
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hansen, Jr.	
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Mogen-	
sen, Rev. and Mrs. Clayton	
Nielsen, Withee, Wis. -----	13.00
Bethlehem Ladies' Aid,	
Davey, Nebr. -----	5.00
Congregations:	
Wolter's Corner, Wis.-----	5.00
Viborg, S. D. -----	10.00
Viborg, S. D. (for Canada	
Mission) -----	10.00
Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa--	5.00
Herluf Bollesen, Marquette,	
Neb. -----	1.00
In memory of Mrs. J. C. Jensen	
of Volga, Mr. and Mrs. Niels	
Christensen, Mr. and Mrs.	
John Statema, White, South	
Dak. -----	2.00
Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport,	
Conn. -----	3.25
In memory of Karnus Bertel-	
sen, Viborg, S. D. Mr. and	
Mrs. Raymond Jespersen, Mr.	
and Mrs. Donald Karrup, Mr.	
and Mrs. Niels C. Jespersen,	
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Danielsen,	
Mr. and Mrs. Harl Holm, Mr.	
and Mrs. Arthur Alendal, Mr.	
and Mrs. Reuben Olsen, Roger	
and Richard, Mr. and Mrs.	
Chris O. Hansen, Viborg,	
South Dakota -----	8.00

### Annual Reports:

Eugene C. Poole, Seattle, Wash.	.27
Glenn A. Shackelford, Elkins,	
West Virginia -----	.50
Congregation: Salinas, Calif.---	3.00
Byram, Conn. -----	5.00

### Children's Home, Chicago, Ill.

In memory of Theodore Chris-	
tensen, Howard, S. D., Mr.	
and Mrs. S. Dixen Sorensen,	
Dwight, Ill. -----	2.00

### President's Travel:

Congregation: Granly, Miss.---	38.50
Previously acknowledged -----	2,699.54
Total to date -----	\$6,034.69

### Received for Items Outside of Budget:

### Lutheran World Action and World Relief:

Previously acknowledged -----	218.50
In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jen-	
sen, Des Moines, Iowa, Con-	
gregation: Viborg, S. D. -----	10.00
Gayville, S. D. -----	10.00
Mrs. Sophie * Dahl, Hay	
Springs, Neb. -----	1.00
In memory of John Daugaard,	
Castana, Iowa, J. J. Rowen	
family, Ringsted, Iowa-----	10.00
A Friend in South Dakota-----	1,600.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday	
School, Davey, Nebr. -----	2.00
Congregations: Manistee, Mich.	65.57
Wilbur, Wash. -----	61.00
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.---	75.25

Total to date ----- \$2,053.32

### Eben Ezer Mercy Institute:

#### For Bell Tower:

In memory of Karnus Bertelsen,	
Viborg, S. D., Mr. and	
Mrs. Earl Dickersen, Mr. and	
and Mrs. Arthur Overgard,	
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dickers-	
sen, Mrs. Laura Dickersen,	
Mrs. Beulah Hansen, Viborg,	
S. D. -----	8.00

### Church Extension:

In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jen-	
sen, Des Moines, Iowa: Rev.	
and Mrs. O. S. Jorgensen,	
Minneapolis, Minn. -----	10.00
Jens Andersen, Laura Boose,	
Johanne Davidsen, Valdemar	
Dehn, Paul Frimand, Viola	
Frimand, Agnes Henriksen,	
Eline Henriksen, Olaf Hen-	
riksen, J. P. Jensen, J. M.	
Jensen, Eline and Laura Jen-	
sen, Chris Korsgaard, Jens	
Mikkelsen, Aksel Ostrup, L.	
C. Pedersen, Joseph Peder-	
sen, Rev. Alfred Sorensen,	
St. Stephen's, Chicago, Ill.---	25.00

If necessary, sacrifice. It finds a very honorable place and costs nothing. The more we give, if we give gladly, the greater the blessings to us.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran church of America.

Charles Lauritzen, Treas.

## Santal Mission

(March, 1951)

### General Budget:

Danish Luth. S. S., Badger-Lake	
Norden, S. D. -----	15.00
Soren Jensen, Portland, Me. --	1.00
Esther Bredall, Santa Barbara,	
Calif. -----	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. Sorensen,	
Seattle, Wash. -----	50.00
Mrs. R. Jensen, Brookings, S. D.	5.00
Mrs. Christine Christensen,	
Hartford, Conn. -----	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thure Ortengren,	
Marquette, Nebr. -----	2.00
Hope Lutheran Church, Enum-	



claw, Wash. ....	10.00
Annex Club, Seattle, Wash. ....	10.00
A Friend in S. D. ....	800.00
In memory of Mrs. Stockholm, by Rev. Stockholm, Emilie, Elva and Benedict Stock- holm, Portland, Me. ....	3.00
In memory of Mrs. Mette John- sen, Detroit, and Mrs. N. C. Syndergaard, Cedar Falls, Iowa by Rev. Stockholm and Emilie, ....	5.00
In memory of Aage Andreasen, Dagmar, Mont., by the fol- lowing all of Dagmar, Mont. Mrs. Laura Strandskov, Leo, and Herluf, ....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christen- sen and family, ....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brente- sen, and Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Strand ....	4.00
Dagmar Ladies Aid ....	5.00
In memory of Mrs. Karen Petersen Johnsen, Lake Norden, S. D., by Agnete and Mrs. Fenger, Askov, Minn. ....	3.00
In memory of Mrs. N. C. Son- dergaard, Cedar Falls, Iowa, C. N. Sondergaard, James Boysens, Hans Petersens, Clarence Syndergaard, Hans K. Petersens, Harold N. Pe- tersens, Hans J. Schmidts, Hilmer Schmidts, Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	7.50
Anna M. Olesen, Niels P. Ole- sens and Carl C. Christen- sens ....	5.00
Mrs. Anna Thuesen, Harold Campbells, George Thuesen, Agnes Thuesen, Theo. Thue- sen and family, Harold An- dersen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonnicksen. ....	5.00
In memory of Louis E. Eklund,	

Muskegon, Mich., by Cen- tral Lutheran Sunday school, Muskegon, Mich. ....	5.00
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen, Cordova, Nebr., and Mrs. Asmus and little Mary Jean of Cedar Falls, Iowa, class of 10th Graders in Training School, Cedar Falls, Iowa ....	15.00
In memory of Aage Andreasen, Dagmar, Mont., Mrs. Marie Jensen, Mrs. Harriet Olsen, Mrs. Fred Olsen, Will Chris- tiansens and Alfred Olsens, all of Inglewood, Calif. ....	4.50
In memory of John Daugaard, Moorhead, Iowa, Ingemann Ladies' Aid, Moorhead ....	5.00
In memory of Harry Lind, Coulter, Iowa by N. C. Ras- mussens, H. C. Hansens, Arlo Jensens, Mrs. Soren Bertelsen, Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen, Mrs. Peter Ostergaard, all of Hampton, Iowa ....	3.00
In memory of Louis Larsen, Coulter, Iowa, by N. C. Ras- mussens and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen ....	1.00
In memory of "Mother" Mrs. Helena Eriksen, Marquette, Nebr., by Mrs. Hans N. Lar- sen, Marquette, Nebr. ....	1.00
In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jen- sen, Dr. Erling Jensen, Ames, Iowa ....	10.00
Richard Jessens and Svend U. Hansens, Des Moines, Iowa Andrew Petersens, Alden, Minn. ....	2.00
Maren, Norma and Simon Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif. ....	5.00

#### For The Ribers' Work

In memory of Mrs. Alfred Jen- sen, by Elna and Alice Olsen, William and Marian Peiper, and Willard and Arlene Gar- red, Hartford, Conn., ....	20.00
St. Stephan's Ladies Aid, Perth Amboy, N. J. ....	10.00
In memory of Alexander Poul- sen, Balsam Lake, Wis., and Ansgar Rodholm, Corpus Christi Texas, by Karl Erik- sens, Des Moines, Iowa ....	2.00
In memory of Mrs. (Dagmar) H. P. Rasmussen, Chicago, by the following: Peter Beiers, Martin Poulsens, Paul Poul- sens, Peter Burg- walds, Chris Ribers, Mrs. Marie Sondergaard and Chris J. and Marie Andersen, all of Dwight, Ill. ....	7.00
Esther Ingemansen and Le- Roy D. Godfrey, Chicago ....	10.00
Fred A. Rasmussens, Chicago Adolf Jensens, Askov, Minn. ....	2.00

#### For Children's Keep

Trinity Sunday school, Victory, Mich. ....	40.00
Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid, Lake Benton, Minn. ....	25.00

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<b>TRUSTEE:</b> Viggo Nielsen, 190 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport 6, Conn.

Danish Ladies' Aid, Dwight, Ill. ....	25.00
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Total for March .....	\$1,148.00
Total since January 1st .....	\$3,453.11

Acknowledged with sincere thanks.

**Dagmar Miller**  
1517 Guthrie Ave.,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

## American Bible Society

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Often someone asks, "What is the American Bible Society?"—An educational film, entitled "At Work With The Word", has just been released which gives the answer to this question. It gives a picture of the entire work of the American Bible Society. The film has been taken on the home and foreign mission fields by various people over a period of several years.

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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.

April 20, 1951

I am a member of the congregation at \_\_\_\_\_

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