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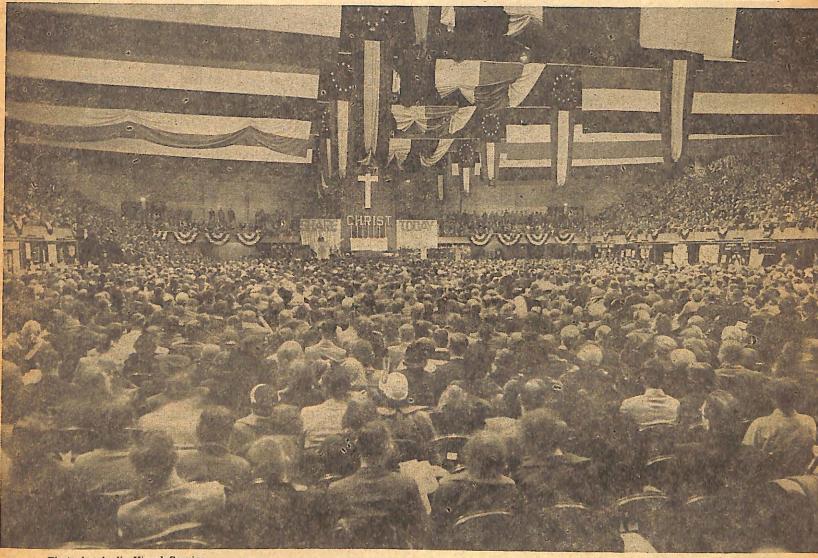


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The Evangelism Conference, Minneapolis, January 22-27, 1952

LOOKING TOWARD THE PLATFORM AT CLOSING SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

The attendance at all of the evangelistic services was extraordinary. Below the illuminated white cross the audience read the watchword of the Conference: "Share Christ Today."

God Shares Christ With Us

Inspirational Messages at Evangelism Conference By Amos Lundquist

Pastor, Bethesda Church, South St. Paul

One of the most uplifting hours at the recent Evangelism Conference in Minneapolis was the 10:15 session each forenoon. At these periods addresses were given by Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, Dr. Bernhard M. Christensen, and Pastor Evald J. Conrad.

"He Convicts of Sin"

On Wednesday forenoon, the president of the Lutheran Bible Institute, Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, speaking on the topic, "He Convicts of Sin," said, "Only a church broken by the Spirit of God can do God's work. In this message we want to point out three ways in which God works: Singled out by God, Spoken to by God, and Silenced by God.

"Consider how Abraham was singled out by God, spoken to by God, and silenced by God. So it was with David, Isaiah, the disciples, Nicodemus, the rich young ruler, Peter, and Paul. It is hard to be singled out. It is so easy to be lost in the crowd. It is hard to find oneself in the 'all's' and the 'whosoever's' of the Bible.

"A short time ago some of us went to the TB truck for a chest x-ray. As we stood around outside the truck waiting our turn, we belonged to the 'all'. But when our own turn came, we stood alone in front of the camera while the picture was being taken.

"In school, pupils are a group in the classroom in the daily lessons. The teacher cannot always tell who is paying attention or studying his lessons. But wait until examination time, and then the ability or the inability of each pupil becomes plainly apparent. So in Church we are all together; we belong to the group. One cannot always tell who is a real Christian. But when we come to stand before God alone in His Word for our personal examinations, then it will be revealed whether or not we have real faith and are living a Christian life.

"Scientists say that spiritual revival alone will save America. Are we willing to pay the price? The job of the Church is to afflict the comfortable and to comfort the afflicted. Things cannot run smoothly in the kingdom unless people are broken and conform to God's will. God has the power, but we must

keep the channels clean.

"There are three areas in which we need to be broken—in self-will, in self-reliance, and in self-glory. Ours is an unyielding self. I may win my argument, but I will lose a soul. The Lamb of God becomes selfless. Something will happen when we permit the Holy Spirit to break us, and to work in us. Only as you strike bottom in your absolute nothingness will you strike the Rock of Ages for salvation.

"A Christian learns to avoid self-reliance. I can never win a soul for Christ. The Spirit of God must do the work. The Holy Spirit is here. God has withdrawn no power since He sent the Holy Spirit.

"A real Christian seeks no personal honor. Said Paul, 'I planted, Apollos watered, God gave the increase.' We can get something done here if we don't care who gets the glory. Jesus alone should have the glory. Only as we are broken can we give God the glory. It means we must cease seeking self-glory. It costs confession to God and to man. We may have to say to someone, 'I haven't been as burdened for your soul as I ought to be.'

"Sometimes a Christian is held back by sin, like dirt in a carburetor, or when your hand-brake is on and dragging. God can use a broken Church. Where can you experience this? Only at the Cross of Jesus, where we see Him broken. Your job is to show men Calvary. On the Cross I myself must be broken, of self-will, self-reliance, and self-glory."

"He Offers Grace"

On Thursday, on the topic, "He Offers Grace," Dr. Oscar W. Carlson ULCA, of Baltimore, Maryland, said, "Greater than our sins is the grace of God. Did you ever hitch your wagon to a star which is not the Star of Bethlehem? The social gospel makes earth more interesting than heaven itself. It is humanistic and idealistic, but unrealistic.

"God offering grace to man is not God offering American culture to all the World. Grace is the Cross drawing the sinner to the victorious Victim, and not the sinner saved by his clinging to the Cross. The grace which God offers is nothing else but Christ who bore our sins in His body on the tree.

"God so loved me that He gave His only begotten Son that when I believe on Him, I shall not perish, but have eternal life. God was in Christ reconciling me. Is grace something we can have apart from Christ? No, He is our peace. He who has the Son has life.

"The nativity is the grace of God arriving. The crucifixion is the grace of God suffering. The resurrection is the grace of God justified. The ascension is the grace of God providing. The second coming is the grace of God consummating in eternity.

"The grace of God has man standing in the shadow of the Cross. No one minds confessing three times a day, 'I am hungry,' or once a day, 'I am tired.' No one should mind saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.' Grace keeps the heart contrite. Grace assumes the life of salvation.

"A mother lost her grown son in death. Asked at what age she would like to have him back, if possible, she replied, 'If I could have him back again, I would like to have him back as a boy when he came to me one time, asked my pardon, and we forgave each other.'

"Grace does not explain suffering, but it makes suffering into a blessing. The grace of God keeps the sufferer beautiful in spirit. The grace which God offers leaves the believer free in the service of his Lord. Work then is no longer irksome, but a privilege.

"Speaking at Lake Chautauqua, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, quoting Marian Miller, said, 'I broadcast my life on the same wave-length as the other artists.' As Christians we seek to broadcast our lives on the same wave-length as Jesus. We find our greatest privilege in using our redeemed lives in the service of others. Many of us feel ourselves not quite up to what we ought to be doing. By the grace of God we can do what we cannot do alone. It is not wisdom only to be wise, but it is wisdom to retain warmth of heart.

"The world is in such a desperate condition that we must hold ourselves away from the attitude that we can do nothing. A layman once said to me, 'My son was shot down in the war, now he is stricken with cancer. What's the use of trying? The best that he had apparently became his worst. But what we call our worst is interwoven with the best in God's grace. Jesus Christ still is full of grace and truth. The grace of God is the well-doing of man

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The Boy Who Could Not Smile

By Stanley I. Stuber

(Story back of the Korean lad whose picture is being used on the poster and pictorial folder of the united relief and reconstruction appeal, "One Great Hour of Sharing.")

On his face is written the entire story of the refugee situation in Korea. Fear, suffering, loss of parents, loss of home and security, are all registered in the bewildered look on his sad little face. This helpless orphan had simply gone through too much. He had lost the will to smile.

Marks of old age are seen on the lad's somber face. His eyes reveal the terrible sights which he has witnessed in all their stark reality.

His tattered clothing is a vivid symbol of the human need of the Korean refugees.

As he sits before the dish of food, supplied by the relief agencies of America, he just doesn't know what it is all about—why he has lost everything; why somebody wants to keep him alive; why there is a future.

Innocent victim of war! He represents millions of refugees in Korea, India, Palestine and central Europe who need Christian aid. And the dish of food before him is symbolic of what the Christians of America intend to do for these suffering people through their united relief and reconstruction appeal, "One Great Hour of Sharing."

This little lad, after many days of loving care, learned how to smile again. Will you help some other orphan smile again by making a generous contribution, through your own local church, to this united appeal?

One Great Hour of Sharing
Dept. of Church World Service
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA
120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

"Orphans Of The Storm"

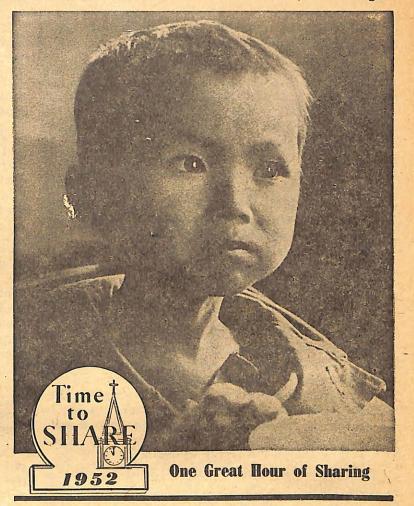
In Korea, more than 10,000,000 men, women and children are homeless and destitute a whole countryside has been devastated . . . fields have been laid waste . . . homes are in ashes . . . shops and factories are piles of rubble . . . roads are choked with endless processions of refugees with all of their worldly possessions in bundles on their backs . . . weary in mind and body, cold, hungry, footsore, these "Orphans of the Storm" follow as closely as they are permitted behind the allied forces in the ebb and flow of battle, drawn irresistibly back to the ancestral plot of land they formerly called home . . . innocent victims of world forces beyond their control.

It is conservatively estimated that 3,000,000 Korean civilians have been killed, or have died from illnesses due to exposure, since the Republic of Korea was invaded. The prediction is that thousands more will die unless more is done than is now being done to alleviate their suffering.

-"Orphans of the Storm," folder, America Relief for Korea, Inc., 133 E. 39 St., New York 16, N. Y.

Refugees From The Holy Land

We are shocked by the plight of the refugees from Palestine. As we visited different areas and saw the appalling conditions under which they are living in camps, and towns and villages, we have had our minds brought sharply back to the tragic chain of events which has caused this situation. Scattered over five countries, more than three-quarters of a million Palestinian refugees have been subjected to terrible privations. They have suffered grievous physicial and material losses, but their mental, moral and spiritual hurt has perhaps been



even greater. Their morale is steadily deteriorating and many show signs of desperation. The responsibility for the present situation must be shared by many nations and political groups.

We would urge all Christians to give personally on a far more liberal scale to all the activities of the Christian voluntary organizations engaged in the work of relief, rehabilitation and resettlement in the Near East. We would call upon the Christian Churches throughout the world to cooperate more actively with churches of the Near East which have been so hard hit by the present tragedy in order that they may maintain their Christian witness and face in a constructive way the opportunities of the new situation.

—Statement from the Beirut Conference sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council.

Tragedy In Korea

Very few nations in history have experienced such complete destruction and desolation as Korea. Because of this, I have been all the more impressed by the fortitude and the indomitable spirit of the Korean people. They have suffered indescribably, but they are amazingly strong and hopeful for the future. If we of the United Nations follow through and give them the confidence, the support and the encouragement they deserve, I am confident that they will show themselves to be more worthy of it. Indeed, I am convinced that only in this way can we consolidate the success of United Nations arms against aggression and eventually turn back the world-wide tide of fear.

—J. Donald Kingsley, Agent General for UN Korean Reconstruction Agency. World Communique, December Issue.

Flaxton Congregation Fifty Years In February

A sea of pale grass still billowed in the autumn sun when Mads Strandskov, Lars Jacobsen, Anton and Ole Winther walked briskly to select their homesteads in the fall of '99. They had traveled all the way to western North Dakota, much to the chagrin of Pastor P. Kjølhede, who had insisted that they must settle at Larimore when they did not wish to remain at Alden, Minnesota. They had determined to locate on the vast virgin prairie which lay a few miles south of the international boundary and about eighty miles east of the Montana border. Land at Larimore, in eastern North Dakota, already cost ten dollars per acre.

They returned to their families in Alden for the winter months and in very early spring arrived at the station known as Bowbells to unload their horses, cattle and machinery. This was the last unloading station before the beckoning area.

They moved toward the northwest and their homesteads. They reached the locality on March 21, 1900. The only building in a thirty mile radius was a 14x14 shack and it was a bitter cold night. There was firewood in the shack. Mads Strandskov and Lars Jacobsen stayed up all through the night to keep a good blaze, waking the other two men every few hours so that they should not freeze to death.

Their families arrived in June. So did a number of other people. Some were Danish, but there were also Norwegians, Germans and people from still other national groups. The United Evangelical Lutheran church synod had a congregation at Kenmare, some thirty miles southeast, and early sent a pastor from there to minister to its people. Mads Strandskov and Lars Jacobsen wrote repeatedly to Pastor Kjølhede, urging him to encourage people to move on west to the new community rather than direct them to settle at Larimore, but Kjølhede flatly refused to grant their request.

By now hammer strokes could be heard all day, and Flaxton was being quickly born. People of the U. E. L. C. worshipped in a schoolhouse, and were served by old Pastor Rohde, who resided at Bowbells. He baptized a child of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Winther. There was talk of gathering all the Danish Lutherans of the Flaxton area into a "Frimenighed" and on a designated evening a meeting was called to order in the schoolhouse for that purpose. The U. E. L. C. people had brought Pastor Rohde along to the meeting and one of their men presided. But when the people assembled prepared to write a constitution. friction developed. Whenever the "Grundtvigianere" would make suggestions, the chairman of the meeting turned to Pastor Rohde, and he would shake his head in a negative gesture. The meeting was without progress when one of the U. E. L. C. men announced, "If all the evil spirits will leave, we shall soon write a constitution." All of these left but Anton Winther, who later reported that the meeting progressed smoothly when the "evil spirits" had departed, and a constitution was written quickly.

Those who clustered about the first four from Alden met on February 3, 1902, and organized their own congregation. Mads Strandskov was elected president.

At the first annual meeting, on December 30th of that year, "The Flaxton Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation" voted to request the district president, Pastor Jens Jorgensen, Carlston, (in Minnesota) to make provisions for worship services. Various pastors from the district responded and alternated in coming.

In 1903, on the 17th of June, Mads Strandskov was in town. There he saw Pastor Henrik Plambeck on the street, who informed him that the synod president, Pastor P. Kjølhede, had sent him to Flaxton. Mads Strandskov was flabbergasted. They had not requested a resident pastor at all. He took him along home and on the 16th day of July the congregation decided to issue a Letter of Call to Pastor Plambeck. This was done jointly with the congregation at Larimore. Plambeck received the Letter in August from Pastor K. C. Bodholdt, who had by then become president of the synod. Pastor Plambeck served the congregation until November, 1905.

On Easter morning in 1907, while the Mads Strandskov family was at breakfast, a livery stopped before the house, and down stepped a stranger who introduced himself as Pastor Bjerre. He had his family with him. Pastor Bjerre explained that the Synod had given him fifty dollars and had told him to go to Flaxton. By now Mads Strandskov was no longer surprised by synodical surprises. He and his wife moved up in the only upstairs room with the children and Pastor Bjerre's moved into their downstairs room. The Bjerre family was a guest of the Strandskov family for six weeks, when they went to Minneapolis, Pastor Bjerre joined the Episcopal church and became a prison chaplain.

At the annual meeting of the congregation on December 18, 1905, the members had determined to subscribe money for a building of its own. This subscription brought in \$524.92. The Ladies' Aid gave \$238.47, the Young People's Society, \$25, and Lauritz Strandskov gave \$5. This made a total of \$793.39. At a meeting of the congregation on June 24, 1907, the group decided to build a parish hall which could be converted into a parsonage. The building was 24x28 feet and is still used for worship services.

Pastor C. P. Højbjerg had heard of the synod's irregular approach to the congregation at Flaxton and made arrangements with them in 1910 to have student J. J. Lerager serve them for four months during the summer. Højbjerg had written that they were to pay him \$5.00 each time he spoke publicly. Lerager conducted summer school and worship services. Following the worship service some would jokingly ask whether it had been a \$5 sermon. J. J. Lerager did very constructive work and his efforts were deeply appreciated by the congregation in Flaxton. On September 19th

Immigration To Canada

I have just read two port-workers reports for the eleven months of 1951 and would like to bring forth a few things concerning immigration.

The first one, Miss E. Belewsky is stationed in Halifax—the other Miss K. Peterson has her work in Montreal and Quebec. While the Halifax Harbor is open all year around the Montreal port is closed during the winter months.

From January to December, 1951, 263 ships arrived in Halifax bringing 84,448 passengers, and of these 14,227 were Lutherans

As I read through the reports I find the following: "It has been observed that arrivals, particularly youth

of that year, the Mads Strandskov family moved to Dagmar, Mont.

Student Christian Andersen conducted services and summer school for three months during 1915. Pastor P. Jensen served the congregation for a short period during 1915-1916. Pastor N.-C. Nielsen served them, and a little group at Kenmare from 1917-1919, living a part of the time in Kenmare. Pastor Christian Petersen served Flaxton from 1920-1922.

The next decade was to be the brightest era in the history of the Flaxton congregation. In 1923 Pastor J. P. Andreasen accepted a call and it was the first time they were served by a pastor who had a family. The congregation purchased a parsonage in town, where the Andreasen family lived until 1933. Though no Sunday school was conducted, the congregation had its first real experience of "Menighedsliv." His lectures and worship services, his visits to the families of the congregation, and his constant presence during the very trying years that moved into the heart of the depression of the early thirties, established a genuine relationship between pastor and congregation. Though a score of years will soon have elapsed since he left the congregation, he is still remembered there with a sense of deep gratitude.

In addition to his work at Flaxton, Pastor Andreasen served the group of families at Kenmare, had services once each month at Powers Lake, North Dakota, and occasionally served the families located at Bredette, south of Scobey, Montana, and nearly two hundred Model T miles from Flaxton.

Student Gordon Miller served Flaxton in the summer of 1947 and Carlo Pedersen did the same thing in 1948.

The Flaxton congregation has provided no young men for the ministry, but it has provided a pastor's wife. She is Mrs. Gordon Miller, a granddaughter of Lars Jacobsen. Through the years there have been 104 baptisms, 39 have been confirmed and 22 funerals have been conducted. There have been about 750 communicants.

Ove R. Nielsen in "The Gleaner."

from Scandinavian countries do not seem to be trained in the elements of Christianity. The offer of gospels, e. g., is frequently ridiculed. If these immigrants are not followed up by their native tongue speaking clergymen, they may soon be lost to our church. This would be a pity." In the reports she speaks of her assistance in so many different forms and is very much taken up with her work. "Let me at the outset say how pleasurable it has been for me, who not so many years ago was myself a new arrival at this ancient Canadian rampart, this warden of the Honor of the North, to welcome and help the new Canadians who have been arriving here in such great numbers since I assumed the duties of the Halifax Port Worker. It is with deep humility that I look back over the past nine months-humility because the people have been so eager and so happy to set foot on the green shores of a free land, and because the privilege to assist in so many ways has been mine

"One can look forward to greatly increased activity during the next few months. In December due to the closing of the St. Lawrence ports more than 16,000 immigrants are scheduled to arrive at the port of Halifax from more than 23 ships . . . This represents the largest number to immigrate to Canada in a single month for many years and will necessitate 40 special boat trains besides regular passenger trains."

We now turn west to Quebec and Montreal and read from Miss K. Peterson's reports. During the past season 99 immigrant ships landed at Ports of Montreal and Quebec, P. Q., bringing over to Canada altogether 80,355 arrivals, 11,470 of them were Lutheran immigrants.

Fifty-four of these ships landed at Port of Quebec and arrivals were met, assisted and welcomed on behalf of the U. C. C. L. W. F., and the Lutheran Church in Canada at both ports.

Port workers made around 32 trips to Quebec to meet arrivals there. Thanks are due the C. N. and C. P. Railways for the free transportation granted, which has saved us a good many dollars during this exceptional busy season . . .

The majority of Lutherans arriving here this year were of German nationality; a good number of Estonians and Latvians, as well as Finnish, Danish, Norwegian, Swiss Lutherans entered the country. Figuring roughly, 50% of the Lutheran newcomers settled in Ontario, about 35% in-Quebec and the rest is scattered all over the Dominion. As far as I know about 4,000 Danes arrived in Canada last year and are scattered all over Canada. There is no quota set yet for the coming year but it is understood that there will be arriving as many immigrants as possible; shipping companies announce that reservations are already booked and filled up until May 1952. In closing her reports Miss Peterson writes: "Praise and thanks to our Lord for being with us all and for leading and guiding us through the past season."

P. Rasmussen.

Report From District I

Our district convention was held long ago on October 5th to 7th at Our Saviour's Danish Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Conn. Twenty-nine delegates were present representing all of the churches in the district except Troy. Seven ministers were present including Chaplain Verner Hansen and Rev. Paul Baagøe of the Danish Seamen's Mission who were given voting rights.

Mr. Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport, was elected chairman of the convention, Rev. Einar Anderson, district secretary, was elected as secretary of the convention.

After the president's and treasurer's reports, one or more delegates from each congregation represented reported on the work during the past year. Hartford, Bridgeport and Perth Amboy all had very encouraging and optimistic reports about increasing membership and improvements on the property. Portland, Brooklyn and Newark, all of which are seeking a new pastor, reported that they were holding their own. The delegates from Byram and the Bronx both attributed the failure of their congregations to grow to an overemphasis on the Danish language. Newark lost its pastor, Rev. Verner Hansen, because he was called back into the armed services as chaplain. The pastor of the Brooklyn church resigned because of the difficulty of obtaining regular Danish services so that a pastor able to conduct services in both English and Danish could be secured. Portland has been served for several years by Pastor Stockholm but is calling a permanent pastor at the present time.

The district president, Rev. Viggo Hansen, concluded the reports saying that while it doesn't always seem to the individual congregations that their work is making a great deal of progress, the total picture shown by the individual reports shows that as a district, working together, we certainly are making

progress and doing an important work.

Pastor Baagøe reported for the Seamen's Mission as Captain Frank Bagger was unable to be present. He thanked the Ladies' Aids of the Portland, Newark and Brooklyn churches for their cooperation and said that the Seamen's Mission was still hoping that some arrangement might be worked out with the Brooklyn church. Otherwise it must find quarters somewhere else. He expressed thanks to the Brooklyn church for what it already had done on behalf of the Seamen's Mission.

Pastor A. Th. Dorf's greetings to the convention were conveyed by Miss Anna Christensen, Bridgeport, who visited Pastor and Mrs. Dorf in Denmark this summer.

Mr. Axel Olsen reported on the Children's Home Fund. At present three boys are being helped by the fund, two of them now living at the Bethlehem's Children's Home in Staten Island.

The proposals for consideration presented by the synod president were discussed at length, especially the problem of how to get more seminary students from the churches of our district which up to now has not sent anywhere near the number of students to Grand View seminary which it should in relation to its total membership.

Other preblems discussed: the poor showing for Lutheran World Action in some of our congregations and the poor attendance in most when the district president makes his annual visit.

Rev. Viggo Hansen, Rev. Einar Anderson and Mr. Andrew Nielsen were re-elected respectively as president, secretary and treasurer of the district. Mrs. Grete Riewerts was elected representative to the Women's Mission Society.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Viggo Hansen for his capable leadership of the district during the past year and to Mr. Viggo Nielsen for his able leadership as convention president.

The Newark congregation then extended an invitation for an all day District Workshop Meeting and the Brooklyn congregation extended an invitation for the district convention to meet there next year. Both invitations were accepted with thanks.

The convention, in order to strengthen the Sunday school work in the district, asked the district president to invite Pastor A. E. Farstrup, director of religious education in our synod, to visit the district and meet with the Sunday school teachers and speak in each of our congregations concerning Sunday school work. Since a Friendship Meeting was scheduled by the Perth Amboy, Newark and Brooklyn congregations for January, Pastor Farstrup was invited also to be the guest speaker at this meeting.

Friendship Meeting In Perth Amboy

The Friendship Meeting held at St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Sunday, January 20, was one of the most successful we have ever had. There were more than 20 present from Brooklyn and about the same number from Newark. Altogether there were almost 200 persons present.

Rev. A. E. Farstrup from our college and seminary in Des Moines was the guest speaker. Pastor Farstrup preached at the English service at 11 a. m., and in the afternoon delivered a lecture on the contribution of Grundtvig's hymns to American church life. He pointed out that Grundtvig's hymns had been an important element in the life of our synod and that, with the change of language, his hymns and those of other Danish hymn writers had continued to be an important element in our church life due to the many translations we have in our hymnals. But, regretfully, these translations can not be expected to contribute much to the life of other Lutheran synods since most of them do not measure up to the literary standard demanded by the editors of the new inter-synodical Lutheran Hymnal now being prepared.

After coffee, the young people of the Perth Amboy church presented a lively rendition of Hans Christian Andersen's story: "The Emperor's New Clothes" followed by a group of selections on the vibraphone by another member of the young people's group.

It was an interesting meeting, enjoyed by all who came.

On the Monday following, Pastor Farstrup spoke to the Sunday school staff of the Perth Amboy church, on Tuesday in Brooklyn, and during the remainder of the week in Bridgeport, Hartford and Portland.

Einar Anderson, District Secretary.

Our Women's Work

Mrs. Johanne Lillehøj, Kimballton, Iowa Editor

In Memoriam

Mrs. Anna Andersen, 8040 Harper Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Sunday morning, November 18, 1951, word was received that Mrs. Nels Andersen aged 88, had passed away just as their old cuckoo clock struck seven. Mr. Andersen had preceeded her in death about a year. Here ended the lives of two, who have given liberally of time and energy for the Kingdom of God, well over a half century. They joined St. Stephen's Lutheran church, Chicago (South Side) the day they were united in marriage, February 5, 1892, and had been faithful to their pledge fulfilling the words of the ancient psalmist, "that I might dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Nels Andersen had been the president of the congregation a long time and also served a number of years as treasurer. Mrs. Andersen had at all times been a good helpmate. She too, served the church

well.

During the years Mrs. Andersen served as president of the Ladies' Aid Society, they assumed the responsibility of clearing the debt on the church porperty located at 64th and Eberhardt, Chicago. I have frequently heard her comment on the struggle to raise funds to complete their objective. She would say, "We were so poor that we could nothing," (Vi var saa fattige, vi kunde ingenting) but with love for the cause and perseverance, the debt was paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Andersen were regular in their church attendance unless physically indisposed. They were very hospitable and frequently invited strangers to their cozy home, especially the young people found

their invitation very acceptable.

When Mrs. Andersen passed away the daughters expressed a desire that no flowers be given but instead a "Memorial" be established for the benefit of the Women's Mission Society as this was one of her interests.**

Now they are gone to their reward, the pew is empty; we hope to continue the good work they have so well begun. We cherish their memory.

G. S.

*One hundred eight dollars were contributed by her friends.

Contributions To The Women's Mission Society

From October 1, 1951 to March 1, 1952

General Budget:

Danish Ladies' Aid, Canwood, Sask., Canada, \$5.00; English Guild and Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wis., \$32.40; Mission Study Group, Brush, Colo., \$35.00; Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Wilbur, Wash., \$34.15; Joint meeting of Ladies' Aid and Study Group, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$25.21; Joint meeting of Gardner Ladies' Aid, Willing Workers and Danish Ladies' Aid of Dwight, Ill., \$48.60; District V Convention, \$27.75; From the women of Askov, Minn., collected by the Danish Ladies' Aid, \$52.20; Joint WMS meeting, Bone Lake and West Denmark, Wis., \$19.00; Ladies' Aid, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$20.00;

Ladies' Aid, Bridgeport, Conn., \$10.00; Ladies' Aid, Omaha, Nebr., \$10.00; Ladies' Aid, Solvang, Calif., \$28.00; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa, \$10.00; St. John's Ladies' Aid, Seattle, Wash., \$25.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Enumclaw, Wash., \$25.00; Fredsville Ladies' Aid, Fredsville, Iowa, \$15.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minn., \$15.00; St. John's Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Cordova, Nebr., \$20.35; Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Grant, Mich., \$12.00; Bethania Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis., \$10.00; District I Convention, \$29.00; Trinity Danish Lutheran Church, Bronx, N. Y., \$10.00; Ladies' Aid of St. Peter's Danish Church, Detroit, Mich., \$20.00; Ladies' Aid, Salinas, Calif., \$10.00; Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebr., \$25.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Memorial Lutheran Church, Marinette, Wis., \$5.00.

Ansgar Danish Church, Ladies' Aid, Pasadena, Calif., \$5.00; Nain Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Newell, Iowa, \$20.00; Virkelyst, Minneapolis, Minn., \$10.00; Central Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Muskegon, Mich., \$22.87; Ruthton Ladies' Aid, Ruthton, Minn., \$10.00; Tacoma Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash., \$20.00; Bethania Guild, Racine, Wis., \$25.00; Mrs. Mary W. Andersen, \$5.00; Women's Mission Society, Kimballton, Iowa, \$25.00; From the following at Tyler, Minn.: Mrs. P. Nielsen, \$.25; Mrs. Harold Nielsen, \$.50; Mrs. Gudrun Nielsen, \$1.00; Mrs. Elsie Nielsen, \$1.00; Mrs. Jens Jensen, \$1.00; Mrs. Jens Petersen, \$.25; Mrs. Michael Jorgensen, \$1.00. Women's League, Menominee, Mich., \$25.00; Rural Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Flaxton, N. D., \$5.15; South Lutheran Society, Viborg, S. D., \$25.00. Total for General

Budget: \$781.68.

Earmarked For Home Missions:

District III Convention, \$50.00; District VII Convention, \$73.00; District II Convention, \$39.47; District VI Convention, \$41.25; Mission Society, Manistee, Mich., \$35.00; United Mission Group, Ringsted, Iowa, earmarked for Cedarloo Mission Project, \$15:00; American Ladies' Aid, Junction City, Ore., \$10.00; Annex Club, Seattle, Wash., \$25.00; Bethania Ladies' Aid, Racine, Wis., \$10.00; Juhl-Germania Mission Society, Mich., \$25.00; Settlement-Trufant Mission Society, Mich., \$10.00; Greenville Mission Society, Mich., \$15.00; Nysted Ladies' Aid, Dannebrog, Nebr., \$15.00; Sunshine Circle, Enumclaw, Wash., \$10.00; Mrs. Agnes Nelson, Exter, Nebr., \$5.00; Danebod Danish Ladies' Aid, Tyler, Minn., \$25.00; Danish Ladies' Aid, Marinette, Wis., \$10.00; Trufant-Settlement Mission Group, \$20.00; Sidney Mission Group, \$25.00; Greenville Mission Group, \$10.00; Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa, \$25.00; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa, \$10.00; St. John's Ladies' Aid, Cozad, Nebr., \$25.00; Ludington Mission Group, Ludington, Mich., \$25.00; Victory Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Mich., \$15.00; Total for Home Missions: \$568.72.

Valborgsminde Elevator Fund:

Bethania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa, \$30.00; Mission Circle, Kimballton, Iowa, \$25.00.

- In memory of Leonard Ebseck, Denver, Colo.: By Mr. and Mrs. Niels Bennedsen and Mr. and Mrs. Jens G. West, Kimballton, Iowa, \$2.00.
- In memory of Jesse Refshauge, by Mrs. Holger Strandskov, earmarked for Home Missions, \$2.00.
- In memory of Mrs. Oluf Madsen, Cedar Falls, by a friend, earmarked for Home Missions, \$2.00.
- In memory of Mrs. Anna Hostrup, Seattle, Wash.: Miss Mertice Gronlund, Seattle, \$3.00; Annex Club, Seattle, \$25.00; Mrs. Eva Nielsen, Corvallis, Ore., \$3.00; Women's Mission Society, Kimballton, Iowa, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Esbeck, Kimballton, Iowa, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Muller, Kimballton, Iowa, \$1.00; Mrs. Minehart, Mrs. Marie Larsen, Mrs. Niels Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Einer Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Eskesen, Mrs. Harry Falck, Mrs. Horluck, all of Seattle, \$12.50; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matsen, Seattle, \$10.00;

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ESPECIALLY OF OUR D. A. Y. P. L.

Editor: Ronald Jespersen, Newell, Iowa

The Ideal Young People's Meeting

I want to remember some of the things that meant most to me at the last meeting of the society. Perhaps, it will be clearer if I put it in writing. Let's see now, I entered the meeting hall a few minutes early. Already a few were in their places. As the hands of the clock drew nearer eight, more young people came and sat down in the arranged places, chatting quietly. At the appointed time, the song leader stood up and led us in the singing of several songs. This was when I started feeling the value of fellowship with other Christian young people my own age. I soon felt at home because I found out that I knew most of the songs that were being sung. The president then asked us to rise while we would pray; the young man gave a very sincere and thoughtful opening prayer.

The meeting was then declared open by the president. When the secretary's minutes were read, I found out about things the group had done previous to this meeting. The last meeting, which was held two weeks before, had been a social meeting, an evening of folk dancing with the young people bringing their parents. Also from the minutes I heard that the following Sunday the "Young Peoples' Society" was sponsoring a movie "Reaching From Heaven." We were informed that this was a movie which the Sunday school children, young people, and even their and we heard the treasurer's report; money had been taken in for "Operations India," an amount had been sent to "Lutheran World Action," and some new memfor awhile. bers had paid their dues. This was also approved.

As we proceeded with the meeting, old business young person mentioned that folk-dancing was a good in things like that. Several more expressed their ideas about the matter, but finally we all agreed that there was nothing wrong in having social meetings like that.

Of the new business, I was mostly interested in the idea of backing up the interdenominational group, U. C. Y. M., United Christian Youth Movement. Many times when we meet, we think that we are so different from other religious denominations; but when we really compare the churches, we find that we have a lot in common. Many of the other young people were also very interested in this work and we were all in favor not directly so since it was written before his appeared. Probof supporting this movement and finding out more ably Rigmor or someone else could elucidate on HOW to get about it. Also, the all-church picnic to which we such ideal meetings,)



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Youth Night Attracted 11,000 To Minneapolis Armory

Courtesy of "Augustana Lutheran"

The Band of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, led the singing. The Augsburg College Choir of Minneapolis sang.

"On Saturday night, January 26, eleven thousand people filled the auditorium of the Minneapolis Armory to the farthest corners of the balconies. Some had to stand. Busses, filled with young people, came from a hundred or more miles around to attend the Youth Rally and the Consecration Service led by Dr. Wilton E. Bergstrand. A tremendously impressive impersonation of "Black Harry," a Negro slave preacher, was given by Pastor N. Eugene Larson. The address on Saturday evening, "He Makes Life Count," was given by Dr. Marcus Rieke of Columbus, Ohio. The choir from Augsburg College sang. Before the meeting, the Luther College Concert Band of Decorah, Iowa played a half-hour concert.

'Most impressive at the night meetings was the gradual dimming of the auditorium lights during the closing prayer so that everyone's attention was focused on the lighted cross above the altar that had been set up in the huge auditorium," -The Lutheran Companion.

parents would enjoy. The minutes were approved, would bring refreshments was very interesting. Generally, one or more outings a month were planned for the summer months replacing the business meetings

It was getting late, and the president closed the business meeting. An evening song was sung, and was next in line. A good discussion was carried on a girl got up and lead devotion by speaking on the concerning the last social meeting of the society. One topic, "God Has A Place For Me." Even if it was only as a choir member or a Sunday school teacher, clean recreation. Another one said that maybe it we were all sure that God could use us if nobody else wasn't right for Christian young people to participate could. We then sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and our evening closed with refreshments.

> I went home feeling that I had attended a good meeting. I think it was because I felt from the minute the meeting started that everybody there was so interested in the work, and wanted to cooperate with what was going on. This, to me, was an ideal YPS meeting.

> > Rigmor Nussle.

Chicago, Illinois.

(This article is not an answer to Einar Anderson, at least

Thank You And Welcome

It was for the issue of March 20, 1951 that Ronald Jespersen prepared the first page of "Paging Youth." He had agreed to serve as temporary editor. Now, after a very successful year, he has asked that the reins be put into other hands. We are very grateful for the high standards, the varied content, and stamp of sincerity which he has given to the page; and I know he is grateful for the fine response he has had from readers and contributors. Therefore, we say, Thank You Very Much, Ronnie, for your fine contri-

In the next breath, I wish to welcome as our new editor, Pastor Thorvald Hansen of Route 1. Atlantic, Iowa, who is pastor of the Oak Hill and Exira churches. He is not new in the editorial field, having edited "Grand View Echo" in one of its best years at GVC. He is interested in young people, having two of the Iowa District DAYPL officers in his congregaion. Youth on the Atlantic seaboard will remember that he hails from Troy, New York. I hope you will give him the same support in contributions, reactions, and ideas that you gave his predecessor. Welcome, Thorvald Hansen, as the new editor of Paging Youth.

W. Clayton Nielsen.

Yule Sales 1951

At Christmas time we sing "Julen varer ved til Paaske" (Christmas lasts till Easter). The business manager of YULE has just about concluded that this is right. It is not over two weeks since he sold a copy of YULE and he still has not received payment for a few orders.

However, the work is so nearly complete that a fair picture of the results can be estimated. We had 3200 copies printed. About 100 copies were sent out as complimentary or review copies. About December 10 all copies had been ordered and not until some copies placed on consignment were recalled were we able to fill late orders.

However, the final results were not quite that good. There were some copies returned—some from book stores and from seven societies (at least that is all to date). This was a record low as far as the number of societies returning copies. But these seven societies that did return copies returned an aggregate of 150 copies. However, with the 5% discount rule. our loss on return copies was not as great as in the past.

The net profit will probably be a little less than last year, possibly about \$250.00. This amount will likely be placed in the YULE fund with the hope of adding new attractions to the 1952 issue. The cost of printing and engraving was much greater this year than in former years so we feel happy that we could realize so good a profit. We are grateful to all good salesmen and salesladies from coast to coast.

Some of you wonder how your society compared with others. Here are the results listed by districts.

The Northern Lights District was far ahead in the campaign. 846 copies were sold as follows: Alden 30, Dagmar 75, Lake Benton 30, Viborg 50, Ruthton 15, Lake Norden 12, Askov 178, Withee 130, Minneapolis 75, Tyler 161, Luck 50, and Canada 40.

The Iowa District was second with 590 copies. Cedar Falls sold 40, Fredsville 50, Des Moines 100, Hampton 45, Kimballton 100, Newell 100, Oak Hill 50, Ringsted 75, and Waterloo 30.

Third place honors go to the Lake Michigan District with 471. However, no final report has been received from three in that district, Racine which ordered 51 copies, Marlette 40, and Manistee 10. Others are as follows: Chicago (St. Stephen's) 100, Chicago (Trinity) 35, Detroit 15, Dwight 75, Greenville 50 Ludington 25, Marinette 30, Muskegon 15, and Clinton 25.

The Great Plains District sold 404 copies. Brush, Colorado 50, Cordova 31, Cozad 50, Danevang 25, Denmark, Kansas 35, Hay Springs 30, Marquette 70, Nysted 50, Davey 23, Rosenborg 10, and Omaha 30.

For the third straight year, Karen Strandskov set the pace on the west coast, selling 70 copies in Solvang out of that district's 160. Los Angeles 25, Easton-Parlier 15, and Rev. Frost must have put in a real word for YULE in Salinas where 50 copies were sold.

The Atlantic District sold 155 copies. Bridgeport sold 20, Brooklyn 15, Hartford 30, Perth Amboy 50, Portland 28, Troy 12. This used to be one of our best territories.

The Pacific North West is small and the congregations are scattered. However, Rev. Bundgaard, who deserves some kind of a medal for his good boosting for YULE through the years, sold 60 in Tacoma. Enumclaw sold 16, Junction City 30, and Seattle 30, for a total of 136 copies in the district.

A new business manager will take over next season. I hope you will give him your good support. YULE depends primarily on the young people throughout DAYPL for its continuation.

Harold Petersen. Askov, Minnesota.

(Thank you, Harold Petersen, for your work as Business Manager of YULE. You have, we know, put in a considerable amount of time and effort on the job, and made a good accounting.)

The Impact of Grundtvig

It is one of the less favorable traits of the Dane, that he tends to minimize that which is his own.

But now that other church groups are beginning to manifest an interest in him, Grundtvig might at least merit our attention.

To some of us it is rather startling to discover that Grundtvig had a definite answer to issues now confronting us. We have our convictions and our philosophy of life, but have likely not been aware of whence they came.

Parents did not teach Grundtvig. They sang into us his deep understanding and grand visions.

Schools did not drill us in facts about Grundtvig. They took his educational philosophy for granted and attempted to live up to it.

The church assumed Grundtvig's kind of Christianity to be right without questioning it. It became ours without our knowing it. We test the hymns of others by comparing them to Grundtvig. When stifled by stilted theology and ill affected by sickly sentimentality, it is the soundness of Grundtvig stirring

Odds And Ends And Getting Ready For A Birthday

We have just received a new supply of official DAYPL stationery which can also be used by district officers and even by local societies. Only \$1.25 for a pad of 50 sheets and 50 envelopes. Order from W. Clayton Nielsen, Withee, Wisconsin. If you are in doubt and wish to have a sample, the same can be had by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

"Invest Your Summer, 1952," a catalog of service opportunities for young people is now available from the United Christian Youth Movement, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois at 15c per copy. Those who have summer months with no particular plans made might find here an opportunity to make these months unforgettable, says Ruth Jacobsen, Lake Michigan District president. The booklet lists opportunities in work camps, both for college-age youth and high school youth, community service, international service projects, etc.

The measles at GVC gave complications so that the Iowa Workshop is at present indefinite, but still planned for some later date.

This issue is something of a special with the large picture which appears through the help and courtesy of Editor Strandskov and the "Lutheran Companion." Now that I, R. J., am retiring from the position of "Paging Youth" editor I wish to especially thank Holger Strandskov for his cooperation, help and extra space given, such as in this issue. Also, I wish to thank all of you that have contriuted to the page, and for the pleasant posies from Wisconsin. The next issue, when Editor T. H. Hansen takes over, is the first birthday issue, as you may have noted above. —Why not celebrate it by sending a birthday greeting, by air mail, to reach Miss Muriel Nielsen, Gaorang Mission, Holtugaon P. O., Goalpara District, Assam, India, by March 28th?

within us. When prosaic and painful presentations would enslave us and we resent it, then it is Grundtvig's vision of joy and of freedom, that makes it.

Many of us have been influenced more deeply than we realize by the great prophet of the North. Without minimizing, it does not seem to suffice to call him Bishop Grundtvig.

Grundtvig was a great historian. He has written

more history than most historians have read.

It was through history that he made his "Marvellous Discovery." This in turn shaped his Christian

standpoint.

This, his "Discovery Beyond Compare," was that from the very first, the essence of Christianity has always been the same—belief in Triune God as con-

tained in the Apostles Creed.

This faith prompted the apostles. Into it they baptized their converts. This faith prompted them to write their account of Jesus and to write their letters. This faith produced the New Testament, not visa versa. This faith cuts through all theological differences, Catholic and Protestant. It is the basis for the Church Universal.

Seeing this, Grundtvig, 15 years after signing the Augsburg Confession, declares that now he would not sign it, since doing so would place him in contrast to people with whom he shares The Common Faith.

When we of today are reluctant to sign the Augsburg Confession, our reasons are the same as his. Few are aware of Grundtvig's standpoint. And yet, it is the impact of his influence that has shaped ours.

How did history reveal to Grundtvig his Great

Discovery?

Begtrup in his "Grundtvig's Danske Kristendom" tells us that Grundtvig found it through reading the writings of one of the church fathers, Irenæus.

This early Christian tells how his teacher, Polykarp, won him to the faith. He tells further that Polykarp told him how John, the disciple whom Jesus

loved won him, Polykarp to that same faith.

That was enough for Grundtvig. That chain of three links opened his eyes. Faith is transplanted from mind to mind. What Faith then? Faith in the New Testament? No, for there was no such. That came later when men inspired by the Faith wrote it. Faith perhaps in the Nicene Creed or in the Athanasian? Certainly not. No, it was belief in the Triune God as contained in the Apostles Creed.

This Faith then must have been, and still is, the one essential thing. For through it, and it only, the

Church gained converts.

To Grundtvig along with Faith belonged a renunciation of the devil and all his works and all his ways. This to place us squarely with God as over against all that is evil.

Grundtvig was not a literalist. To him Faith was more than a creed. Form is not content. The Faith to him was not the words but the meaning embraced within these words. They do him great injustice who make him out a literalist.

Gruntdvig's was a belief IN, not a belief THAT. And this BELIEF IN ever was and always will be, all that is essential.

In the light of this conviction Grundtvig weighs

the Nicene and the Athanasian Creeds as follows: "What Athanasius and the Nicene fathers believed, they of course themselves knew best. It is therefore ridiculous to condemn their confession of belief. But surely it is clear as day, that either must the confession of a Christian person's faith completely fuse with that of the common and original Church, or else it is a private affair solely. For a single Christian or a set of theologs possess neither the authority nor the right to demand a different Faith by the congregation than the one which the Church in the name of Christ and the apostles proclaims."

Do then these creeds and the Augsburg Confession completely fuse with the faith of the common and original Church? To this question some say "Yes,"

others "No."

It is absurd to doubt the sincerity of either conviction. Since there is no certainty here, it would seem prudent to let it remain a private affair solely.

Some things can be decided by majority vote. But we have a twofold heritage: Our American Bill of Rights and Grundtvig's Freedom in things spiritual.

In conclusion to this rather lengthy article permit me to observe that to be bound by Grundtvig is out of keeping with the spirit of this great man. But when we become enmashed in things that he condemned, many of us have a feeling of being far away from home.

P. Jorgensen.

Des Moines, Iowa.

God Shares Christ With Us

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in the power of the Holy Spirit. We cannot keep Christ for ourselves unless we share Him with others."

"He Makes Life New"

On Friday, Dr. Bernhard M. Christensen, president of Augsburg College, spoke on the topic, "He Makes Life New." He said, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Christ made life new for Paul, Philemon and Onesimus. This newness of life comes to us through Christ. Christ makes life new for any one who believes in Him. Jesus gives us a new freedom from the guilt and the power of sin, and gives power over temptation. Christ gives us a new view of the world as potentially redeemed.

"We look for the fullness of the regeneration of all creation, so that grass becomes Christian grass, the mountains become Christian mountains, and the rivers Christian rivers. In Christ there is a new pattern for our individual lives. In His service I have found a new freedom. Sang Matheson, 'Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.' We find real glory by being submissive to Christ. The Christian is given a new purpose and a new destiny.

"A Christian is given a new dynamic to live for Him, who for his sake died and rose again. The Holy Spirit could not come until Jesus had been glorified. 'It is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me.' The transforming power of Christ is doing its work.

"Ole Olson, a drunkard, was a sailor away from his home in Norway, and away from God. He was fleeing away from the prayers of his mother. But one day the Spirit of God got hold of him and from then on, things were changed. In his later life he showed what God can do with a life yielded to Him. Now he pleaded with others to let God turn them. God had stooped down into his drunkenness. Ole could give the same sermon night after night and still make it interesting.

"A successful business man in Minneapolis did not go to church. But one day a pastor reached out, got him into an adult class, and he was led to Christ. The power of Christ took his life and made it a witness for Him. Now that man likes nothing better than in his business life to tell what Christ means to him.

"A DP girl, one of the Delayed Pilgrims, came to Augsburg College. She did not like the Christian atmosphere, so she went over to the University of Minnesota where she thought she could get away from God. But there somebody in the Lutheran Student's Association got hold of her, and got her under the influence of Christ. Now she is a happy witness for her Lord.

"When Judge Luther Youngdahl was running for the State Supreme Court in Minnesota, his mother said to him, 'You want to get votes but remember that your chief business is to witness for Christ.' Years later, Youngdahl said, 'Whatever my office has been, my chief business has been to point people to Jesus Christ.'

"Let me recommend to you a little book, What Jesus Means to Me, by Gockel. It is a gem. We must have a renewed faith in the transforming power of God. Nowadays geologists are scanning every part of the country and of the world to find atom-bearing minerals. How much more important is it not that we go looking for the things wherein we may find the transforming power of God, not to destroy, but to build up?

"May we let God bring about within us through Jesus Christ a change in our lives. Jesus Christ sets men free. This work must go on through preaching and teaching the Word. Any layman can say, 'This is what happened to me.' Who is there of us who does not need to give himself to be a channel for the Word! Where there is a great love, there miracles

"We must carry away a renewal of prayer for one another. Prayer is the secret, saving spring of power. If we pray, it shall be done. This power of Christ shall be manifested to the whole program of the Church. In Ezekiel, we read of the streams of life flowing from the altar of God. May these waters, deep enough to swim in, touch our lives, our lips, our hearts, so that our lives may be changed through Christ."

"He Empowers Believers"

Pastor Evald J. Conrad spoke on Saturday on the topic, "He Empowers Believers." He said, "It is God who gives power to fulfill the work of evangelism. Let us look to the promises in the Word of God. In John 7, we read, 'He who believes in me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living waters,' Not creeks, not rivulets, but rivers, like the Mississippi, the Mis-

souri, the Amazon. God will send waters that satisfy thirst, waters that change deserts into gardens, waters that cleanse.

"In John 14, facing trembling, fearful disciples, Jesus said, 'He who believes in me... greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.' In Mark 16, it is said, "They preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them' In Acts 1:8, we read, 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you.' Power to fulfill, power to be witnesses, power to wait, power to pray.

"When the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost, not only was the room shaken, but the city was shaken, the whole Roman Empire was shaken.

"In Acts 9 we have the story of Paul. After his conversion he did his work in the power of God. Paul wrote of 'the working of His power in me.' Here are some of the secrets of power:

"First, a spirit of being always helpless in ourselves, but strong in the Lord. When we are weak, then we are strong.

"Second, no self-confidence, but much God-confidence. 'I can do all things through Him. 'Not by power or might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.' As we prepare for forty days before Easter, we ought to prepare for fifty days before Pentecost. If we want the power of God we need to be clean channels, there must be no beaver dams in our lives clogging the channels of God's power. Pride is one of those dams that hinder the working of God's power.

"Samson was strong as long as he witnessed openly that he was a Nazarite, that he was set aside for the Lord. But when his hair was cut, when he no longer was a man separated unto God he lost his power. To be well powered we must be well armoured, with the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. God does not promise to work according to our plans, but we ought to learn to work according to God's plans."

Courtesy of "The Lutheran Companion."

Women's Mission Society

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Soren Kyhl, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$2.00; From Cedar Falls, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Madsen, \$1.00; Mrs. Jim Marcussen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Iversen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Louie Oleson, \$1.00; Julia Lange & Mrs. Peter Simonsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hansen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Nels Christensen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. James Boysen, \$1.00; Mr. Jes. Jepsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jepsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Guldager, \$1.00; Mrs. Elise Falkenberg, \$1.00; Anna Rasmussen and Karen Sorensen, \$1.00; Mrs. Knud Olsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Holst, \$1.00; Ida Christensen, \$1.00; Mrs. Hannah Nielsen Larsen, \$.50; Mr. and Mrs. Thor. B. Holst, \$2.00; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stub, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Holst, \$1.00; Julia Madsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hart Madsen, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jensen, \$1.00; St. Stephen's WMS, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; Mrs. Marie Oster and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Crose, \$5.00; Mrs. Dick Jessen, Des Moines, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christiansen, \$2.00; Mrs. Fran Redmond, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. James Romme, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ericksen, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frederiksen, Mrs. Johanne S. Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kyhl, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Haurum, Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Kyhl, Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hansen, Mr. Hans Hansen-\$17.00; given to Mrs. Marietta

A Call to Christian Stewardship

The Christian Will

Practically everyone leaves possessions when he dies. Rich or poor, man or woman, an adult human being can hardly live without accumulating some of the things of the material world.

Serious problems can-and often do-arise when a person dies without having made proper arrangements for the settlement of his estate and for the care of his wife, children, parents or others who live after him. Yet many people don't write wills. It reminds them too much of death. Or they don't like to get involved with legal documents. Or they think it will cost too much. Or they think they don't have enough to make it important.

The Christian Will

The person who puts Christ first in regulating his life and work also puts Him first in arranging the settlement of his affairs when life is ended. The will of such a person shows his Christian love and intelligent concern for those left behind. He gives bequests to those most needy and deserving. He leaves legacies so conditioned as to encourage thrift. He may create trusts in a manner both to avoid dissipation and to teach gratitude to God for His many blessings.

Above all he arranges his bequests with the sound principle of Christian Stewardship which he applies

Strandskov in memory of her mother, \$5.00; Mrs. Axel Andersen, Seattle, \$1.00. Total: \$128.00. In memory of Mrs. Nels K. Andersen, St. Stephen's oldest

church member; Chicago, Ill.: Mr. and Mrs. Nonnegaard, Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Henriksen, Miss Anna Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Valdemar Dehn, Mrs. Agnes Henriksen, Mr. and Mrs. Aage Jensen, St. Stephen's Ladies' Aid, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Christensen, Miss Laura Boose, St. Stephen's Sunday school, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Iversen, Misses Eline and Laura Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hanson, Kristine K. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Nussle, Ragnhild, Nanna, and Thora Strandskov, Kathrine and Peter Christensen, Clarence and Esther Petersen (Maywood), Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jensen and Marie, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Ostrup, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olesen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Iversen, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nielsen, St. Stephen's Bowling League, Mr. and Mrs. Alvor Anderson, St. Stephen's congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Korsgaard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nussle, Mrs. Thomas Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Wade, Ruth and Anne Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sondergaard-Total of \$110.00.

For Bavarian Rest Home:

Trufant-Settlement Mission Group, Mich., \$10.00.

For Santal Jeep Fund:

Sidney Mission Group, Mich., \$10.00. Balance on hand May 1, 1951, \$869.99. Already reported, \$838.56. Total receipts reported above, \$1669.40. Total as of March 1, 1952, \$2507.96.

Sincere thanks,

Mrs. Axel Kildegaard, WMS Treasurer. 1443 Boyd, Des Moines 16, Iowa.

in his daily life. He gives to God the first fruits from his income—often the Christian tithe or more. He uses the same approach in his will. If he is a person of modest means, he still gives something to the church, however little. Perhaps the most valuable thing he can leave his survivors is the example of the practice of his faith in the final disposition of hid goods. A mailman recently left a legacy \$500 to the church and a wealthy lady left \$1,200,000 for work of the church. Both of them in this way helped to advance the great cause of the church even after death.

The First Steps

Preparing a Christian will is an act of faith. It is a response to God's blessings in life. It is a time when the counsel and advice of the pastor can be helpful to direct intelligent thought toward how to accomplish the greatest good for the church and its great work in the world. The pastor, however, is a spiritual guide, not a substitute for a lawyer

See A Good Lawyer

A good lawyer, experienced in drafting wills, is essential. His fee will be reasonable, most frequently in the range of \$15 and seldom more than \$50 in larger estates. His help will be well worth what it costs. A correctly drawn will can eliminate the family feuds and unpleasant court proceedings which frequently grow out of "scratch paper" wills or the absence of an will at all.

A good lawyer will know the laws governing wills in his state (they differ from state to state) and will be in a position to advise how best to minimize taxes an destate settlement costs; how much and under what conditions one may give to the church and charities in each state involved; what are the legal titles of the prospectice legatees; who may be witnesses and how many are needed; how to select executors; whether a trust should be created. He will also be able to reduce intentions to a clear and understandable document which will effectively express the Christian faith of his client.

The Needs Of The Church

The Christian will is a powerful aid to all the ministries of the church. Bequests to the local parish, to the synod and its institutions, have a great influence for good. The money involved advances the cause of missions, of Christian education, of evangelism, of social action, of stewardship, of mercy in many forms. But more than that, the spirit and example of the donor stimulate the interest and increase the zeal of others.

There are right and wrong ways of making bequests to the local congregation. At this point the pastor can be the best counsellor. Gifts for special projects and capital improvements are good. But gifts to endow the current expense or regular benevolence budgets are definitely undesirable. Congregations that live on inherited wealth can become as spoiled as people who stop working and live on an inherited family fortune Too often they become complacent and selfsatisfied. Their members lose the zeal for giving because the need is not there, and thus they lose one of the great lessons and vital experiences of the Christian life.

The person who is preparing his will is urged to consider the capital needs of the local congregation and the boards and agencies that serve in the synod-wide ministries of the church. Accompanying this article is a list of the agencies and institutions of our synod. We suggest that you save it for future reference.

- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America," Des Moines, Iowa.
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Old People's Home Endowment Fund," Des Moines, Iowa.
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Tyler Old People's Home Endowment Fund," Tyler, Minn.
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Pastor's Pension Endowment Fund."
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Operating Fund,"
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Church Extension Fund."
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Danish Children's Home Fund," Perth Amboy, New Jersey.
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Children's Home of Chicago, Illinois."
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Home Mission Fund."
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Santal Mission Fund."
- "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Student Loan Fund."
- "Grand View College and Grand View Seminary Endowment Fund," Des Moines, Iowa.
- "Grand View College and Grand View Seminary Building Fund," Des Moines, Iowa.
- "Solvang Lutheran Home, Solvang, California."
- "Ebenezer Mercy Institute, Brush, Colorado."

"Raphael paints wisdom, Handel sings it, Phidias carves it, Shakespeare writes it, Wren builds it, Columbus sails it, Luther preaches it, Washington arms it, Watt mechanizes it."—Emerson.

"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."—Micah 4,3.

"Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God; And only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

-Browning.

A Miracle

By Dr. Erling Ostergaard, Evansville, Minn. Former Missionary to Santalistan, India

Today, yes this very minute, a miracle has been performed on earth—a baby child has been born into the world.

There is nothing quite so wonderful as this minute bundle of humanity. It is a veritable miracle of God, a perfect work, a creation so flawless that it defies comparison in any way or manner.

How the mother's face lights up at the first glimpse of her treasure. Forgotten is the pain and the travail of the previous hours; gone is the memory of many months of discomfort, fatigue and waiting. Only the joy of motherhood remains.

And the father, how his chest swells with pride; how his importance grows with the full realization that he is a father, that this delicate little being is his child.

There is nothing in the world that can so knit a home together as this little one. It cements the affections of the father and the mother. It gives the incentive that makes a home precious and desirable. No other created thing contains such powers as are inherent in this little babe. This beautiful body harbors an undying soul. It contains the potentialities of good or evil, of bringing joy or sorrow into the world, of praising God or defying Him, of glorifying His name or disgracing it. In it are possibilities of leadership, of guiding other men and women into a better life, richer living and a closer relationship to God. Probably as a businessman, a doctor or a teacher, or perhaps a farmer or a mechanic. No matter the position; in each lie the possibilities of service, through a life dedicated to God.

Even the highest and most important office in the country will be open to this little one, that of the president of the United States. Or is it the highest office? It is said that one mother, present at her son's inauguration as president, was asked if she were not proud of her son. She answered: "Yes, I am, but I had hoped he would become a preacher."

Who are we, to be entrusted with this little bundle of the eternal? How dare God give into our inexperience hands this little life, this pliant soul without a blemish, to guide it through childhood, youth, and into manhood. Ah, we are not capable of that, nor are we worthy of the task. We tremble at the responsibility that has been placed in our hands. We feel our inadequacy in carrying it out aright.

And yet, the task is ours. A trust given to us by God Himself. It forces us to our knees, with a prayer on our lips, "Dear God, make us worthy, give us grace to guide aright this tender plant, so that it may always reach up towards Thee and fulfill the purpose for which Thou hast placed it here on earth. Amen."

"The crest and crowning of all good, Life's final star, is Brotherhood."

-Edwin Markham.

Grand View College And Our Youth

A Busy Fortnight

In contrast to the first half of February the past two weeks have been busy and exciting. Not all of the "business" that has been going on has been pleasant, however, for the light epidemic of measles and a concurrent one of flu (fortunately also a mild one) have sent many of the students to bed for a couple of days at one time or another. Of further unpleasant nature was the fact that the heating plant of the college suffered a breakdown which put it out of order for repairs for over a week. The old furnace, which had been kept as a stand-by, was put into service and classes could go on, but the week was decidedly not a pleasant one.

The basketball team was busy because the long awaited state tournament took place February 20-23. Its participation was concluded the first day, however, as it lost to Northwestern Junior College in the first round 65-63. The Vikings made good account of themselves though and a two point loss to the pretournament favorite was no disgrace. The championship was eventually won by Marshalltown, and this gives Grand View a measure of satisfaction as the Vikings trounced Marshalltown 96-77 in their last game.

The choir is busy with preparations. The choir tour has been set for March 28-April 4 and it will have the following schedule:

March 28—Kimballton, Iowa.
March 29—Davey, Nebr.
March 30—Marquette, Nebr.
March 31—Cordova, Nebr.
April 1—Denmark, Kansas.
April 2—Cozad, Nebr.
April 3—Nysted, Nebr.
April 4—Omaha, Nebr.

The choir will also visit Cedar Falls and Waterloo, Iowa, on Sunday, March 23. It will sing for the services at Cedar Falls in the morning and give a concert for Family Night in Waterloo in the evening.

The Board of Directors for the college and the seminary was extremely busy during the two days of its meeting, February 19-20. There was a lot of orientation and reorganization to be done with three new appointed board members present for the first time, and plans for next year were gone over very carefully. We shall, naturally, let the board report for itself, but we can assure the readers of Lutheran Tidings that their representatives did their usual, competent job.

Fastelavn proved to be a huge success. The afternoon games were en-

joyed to the hilt and all had a barrel of fun. The real barrel proved to be too well fortified, however, and the boys had to compromise with a knockout of the barrel rather than the cat. When the pummelling and the shouting were over, Ronald Hansen of Roseville, N. Y., and Harriet Holm of Wakonda, S. D., had gained the royal honors. They were crowned in the evening at a costume ball which was one of the most delightful events of the year. There were many splendid costumes, and everyone enjoyed the well-conducted dance.

For the past two years this reporter has attempted to give you a regular picture of what goes on at the college. We are now signing off. If the president of the college can take a trip to Europe, so can we. On the trip we shall steal his old nom de plume "Vagabundus" and send you a few impressions now and then.

Reporter.

Plans For Pastors Institute

Plans for the annual Pastors Institute, which will be held this year April 22-24, are beginning to take more definite shape. The roster will contain new names as well as more familiar personalities and offers promise of stimulation and insight. We will open Tuesday afternoon at which time Dr. Karl Mattson, president of Augustana Theological Seminary, and Rev. Enok Mortensen will address the institute. In the evening we will share our traditional Holy Communion Service.

Wednesday morning Dr. Mattson will give his second lecture and Professor Kildegaard will speak. The two afternoon sessions will be under the direction of Professor Farstrup and the Stewardship committee respectively. In the evening Dr. Joseph Haroutunian, professor of theology at McCormick Theological Seminary will give the first of his three lectures. These will be continued on Thursday. One period re-mains to be filled on Thursday but we are momentarily awaiting confirmation from an old favorite of ministerial groups. The meeting will close at coffee time on Thursday afternoon. Additional information will appear in LUTHERAN TIDINGS and will soon be mailed to congregations and pastors.

OUR CHURCH

Ringsted, Iowa—Rev. L. G. Hinderaker of the Lutheran Church of Estherville, Iowa, was the guest speaker in St. John's Lutheran Church on Ash Wednesday, February 27, 8 o'clock evening.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Our Savior's Lutheran Church voted at a recent annual congregational meeting to increase the pastor's annual salary by \$240. A similar raise was voted a year ago.

Dr. Erling Ostergaard, our former missionary to the Santal Mission in India, has been confined to the sickbed for some time. He spent several weeks in the Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. He is now in his home in Evansville, Minn., but is still confined to bed, getting up only for very brief intervals. He has been better several times, but has again suffered setbacks. We are happy to bring in this issue a very fine essay written by Dr. Ostergaard. Thanks, and greetings!

Hartford, Conn.—Youth Sunday was observed in the Hartford church on Sunday, January 27th. Mr. Viggo Andersen, Sunday editor of the Hartford Courant, preached the sermon on the subject: "Do Not Hide Your Light."

Eight adults were received into membership of the church on Sunday, February 10th. These had met with the church board on Wednesday evening, February 6th for coffee and refreshments to get better acquainted.

Miss Muriel Nielsen, our youngest missionary at the Santal Mission, will according to the Santal Missionary, observe her birthday on March 28th. Undoubtedly many friends will want to send her a greeting. An Air Mail greeting will reach her in 10-12 days. Her address is: Gaorang Mission, Haltugaon P. O., Goalpara District, Assam, India.

American Scandinavian Foundation Fellowships—For the 40th year ASF will award fellowships to outstanding American graduate students for study in each of the four Scandinavian countries. Fellowships from \$500 to \$1500 are available in the following fields: Art, chemistry, economics, government, history, language, literature, social science and sociology. Address the American Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd St., New York 21, N. Y.

Chaplain Verner Hansen, as we reported in an earlier issue, has been confined to the hospital due to an injury to the spine. While undergoing treatment, he contracted a serious liver ailment. A few days ago we heard from him, and he hoped to be out of the hospital soon to enjoy a 3 week convalescent leave, and then to be back on duty after that. Incidentally, while the Chaplain was in the hospital, a baby daughter was born February 22nd to the Hansens. Father and baby doing well now! Address: First Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

The St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church monthly bulletin comes out now in a new dress with a picture of the beautiful new church on the front cover. Rev. Richard H. Sorensen has served the congregation since November, 1951. He announces a "Share the Work; Share the Joy" program for the coming year, in which all confirmed members have

some place and responsibility in one of the several large committees on Memership, Worship, Property, Activity, or Finance.

The Annual Synodical Convention will be held in Omaha, Nebr., Our Savior's Lutheran Church as the host congregation, during the week, August 12-17.

KIRKE og FOLK, the new proposed Danish pulication, will according to present plans, appear in its first issue on March 10th. It will be published the 10th and 25th of each month, Rev. Holger Strandskov, Kimballton, Iowa, will be the editor until another editor can be elected at the convention in Omaha.

District IV Church Council's Workshop

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hampton, Iowa

Tentative Program Theme: Evangelism

Tuesday, March 11:

1:00 - 1:15—Opening Devotions Rev Gudmund Petersen.

1:15 - 3:00—Introduction to the meeting by Rev. C. A. Stub, District president followed by reports from congregations.

3:00 - 3:30-Coffee.

3:30 - 5:00—"Our Evangelism Program," Rev. Holger O. Nielsen. Discussion to follow the lecture.

5:30 - Supper.

7:30 - "Stewardships," Mrs.
Marietta Strandskov.
Discussion to follow the lecture.

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Wednesday, March 12:

9:00 - 9:15—Devotions, Rev. Thorvald Hansen.

9:15 - 10:00—"The Juhl-Germania Plan," Rev. Richard Sorensen. Lecture to be an introduction to a discussion.

10:00 - 12:00—Open discussion period. 12:00 - Dinner.

1:30 - 3:00—Discussions resumed.

3:00 - Closing devotions by C. A. Stub.

Gudmund Petersen, Dist. Sec. Hampton, Iowa. Rt. 2.

Program

D E L C A DISTRICT 5
Church Councils and Pastor's
Conference, March 12 and 13, 1952,
St. Peder's Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH. 9:30 to 9:50 A. M.—Morning Devotion:

Pastor Vagn Duus.
9:50 to 12:00 A. M. —District President
Reports: Synod,
District, Congregations, and general
discussion.

1:30 to 3:00 P. M.—Work in our congregations (continued). Church Council work and leadership.

3:15 to 5:30 P. M.—Evangelism (Introduced by President Ottar S. Jorgensen). Discussion. Suggested plans of procedure in the congregations.

8:00 P. M.—Meeting in St. Peder's church open to all. Speakers: Pastors W. Clayton Nielsen and Ove R. Nielsen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH.

9:00 to 9:20 A. M.—Morning Devotions:

Pastor Harold Petersen.

9:20 to 12:00 Noon:—Stewardship: Pastor Ove. R. Nielsen (discussion).

1:00 to 2 P. M.—Summary and Conclusion. Closing Devotions.

Ove R. Nielsen, Dist. Secretary.

Wanted

Matron, Housemother wanted at the Danish Young People's Home, 1100 E. Boyd, Des Moines. This position will be open sometime in May. If you are interested or know of one who might be, please contact either Mrs. Anton Berg, Jr., 2808 John Patterson Rd., Des Moines, (Phone 6-8294), or the undersigned.

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A list of summer jobs with salary in Lutheran institutions and camps available for college students may be obtained by writing Miss Eleanor M. Magnusson, Secretary for Placement Services, Division of Welfare, National Lutheran Council, 50 Madison Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Wanted

A woman for general house work. Also a practical nurse at Danish Old People's Home, Racine, Wis For further information write to

Mrs. A. Andersen 2040 Quincy Ave., Racine, Wis.

NEWS BRIEFS

OSLO'S FREE FACULTY TRAINS 1,000 PASTORS IN 45 YEARS

Oslo, Norway—(NLC)—More than 1,000 candidates for the Lutheran ministry have been trained by the Free Theological Faculty of Oslo, celebrating its 45th anniversary in 1952.

Among the graduates of this faculty, also known as the "Congregation's Faculty", are nine who became professors of theology and two who became bishops. According to a recently published analysis, 215 graduates of the faculty work for various voluntary church organizations in Norway and 425 are presently active in the parochial ministry.

The Free Theological Faculty in Oslo, founded in 1907, is known as the "Congregation's Faculty" as distinguished from the Theological Faculty of the University of Oslo, founded in 1811. While the older one is an integral part of the state university, the Free Faculty is set up and supported by voluntary contributions from the congregations. Two years after its foundation the Free Theological Faculty was authorized to examine candidates for the ministry. At present it has some 250 theological students.