

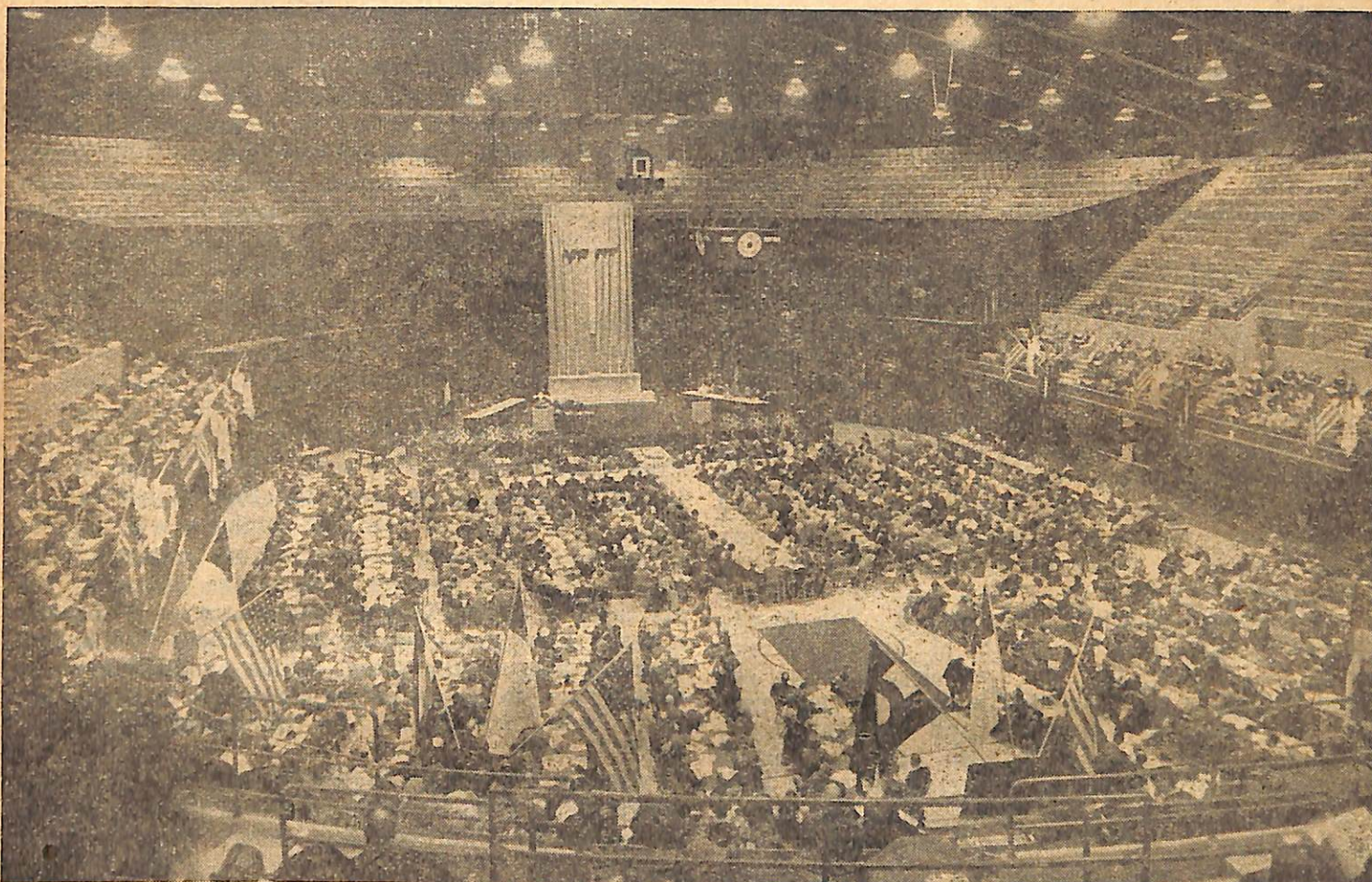
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## Second Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States of America

DENVER, COLO., DECEMBER 9-12, 1952

This article is the forerunner of a series of articles dealing with the above subject. I shall try to outline the main features of the Assembly, while other delegates from our synod will deal with the more specific phases. The following were present as delegates from our synod besides the undersigned: Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Mrs. Ida Egede, Rev. Harris Jespersen, Rev. Howard Christensen and Mr. Charles Lauritzen.

The National Council of Churches was organized two years ago at Cleveland, O., when 29 communions signed the constitution professing faith in "Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour" and making this confession the unalterable condition for participation in the life and work of the Council. At Denver one

more communion, that of the Greek Orthodox Church, whose head is the Most Rev. Archbishop Michael, with one million members, was received into membership, thus raising the membership of the Council close to 35 million. Besides these, other Protestant churches share one or more organized activity of the Council, such as the Division of Foreign Missions, or the Division of Education. Such sharing is done on the basis of adhering to the above described confessional statement. It gives non-members of the Council a vote only in the particular activity in which they share. State and City Councils of Churches have some voting representatives at the Assembly, but these Councils are also required to have as members only such as will subscribe to the quoted con-



fessional statement. Practically speaking this means that such groups as Unitarians and Universalists cannot become members directly or indirectly of the National Council. It furthermore means that some of the more strict and conservative Churches among the Lutherans and other Protestants are not satisfied with this confessional statement which they regard as far too broad as well as too brief and wherefore they remain outside, even though they may share in one or more of the Divisions. The fundamentalist churches and many of the so-called sects are in direct opposition to the National Council and show their hostility by organizing resistance. This was also in evidence in Denver, although wholly ineffective. The Augustana, ULCA and our synod are the only Lutheran members of the National Council family.

Each Division has its own organized assembly with representation from among the delegates of the main Assembly and within certain limits determines its own rules, scope and character of work. The reports from these divisions as well as a number of joint departments, central departments and commissions make up the main part of the work dealt with by the Assembly during the three days it met at Denver. In order to have these reports ready and approved by the divisional assemblies, December 8 and 9 were used by these in which to shape up their reports. Consequently the delegates were practically all asked to meet Monday morning, December 8. The Assembly finally adjourned about 5 P. M. Friday, December 12. I believe that all the delegates from our synod will agree that seldom if ever have they spent days so packed with spiritual and intellectual experiences. One could only wish again and again that the entire membership of the synod could have been present to witness the 500 delegates and just as many trained and experienced staff members and consultants grapple with the problems of how the gospel of Jesus Christ can be made an effective and vital force in the lives of the people of our nation today.

#### Opening Service and Fellowship Dinner

The opening service was held in St. John's Episcopal Cathedral at 5 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 9. The spacious cathedral was indeed a most beautiful setting for this impressive and solemn event. The singing of the choir as well as the sermon by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., will remain in my memory for a long, long time. That same evening a fellowship dinner for 1236 people was served at the Shirley-Savoy Hotel. The message delivered at that time by the president of the National Council, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill was received with deep appreciation. The usual courtesies by the city of Denver and State of Colorado were also accepted, while each person made valuable exchanges of information and experiences with his neighbors. Thus worship and fellowship marked the beginning of the Assembly.

#### Opening Meeting Wednesday

The meetings of the Assembly were held in the huge new Civic Auditorium. The various delegations were seated by large tables on the main floor and within easy hearing range of the leaders on the plat-

form. An exceptional fine public address system made hearing easy. Among the actions taken Wednesday morning the most important dealt with amendments to the constitution of the National Council. And only one was of special import. It resulted in making possible a more adequate representation at the General Board meetings of the Council. Each of the thirty member communions are represented on the General Board, which meets every other month and has a membership of about 130. Due to the cost and time involved in travel to attend these meetings a large number of its members are not able to attend. Furthermore 85% of its membership is made up of clergymen. In order to overcome these handicaps the Assembly accepted a recommendation from the 34 member Appraisal Committee headed by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam that 12 seats be added to the General Board, reserving 6 for laymen and 6 for lay women. Then it voted to authorize the 30 member churches to appoint up to twice as many delegates to the General Board, without changing the number of votes that each group may cast.

In presenting the reports from the divisions of the Council the general secretary, Dr. Samuel Mc Crea Cavert had this to say: "The Council is not trying to create unity (only the Holy Spirit can do that); it is trying to manifest to the world a unity which already exists because of our common relation to Christ as the one Head of the Church. We are together in this Council because, in spite of many historic differences, we belong together. We belong together because the things which we hold in common by reason of our common relation to Christ are more basic than any of the things we hold separately."

Among the achievements during the biennium which could have been accomplished only by united action of the Churches, Dr. Cavert listed the following:

Translation and publication of Revised Standard Version of Bible.

Resettlement of 50,000 displaced persons.

Teaching of illiterates throughout the world.

Ministry to migrant workers in America.

Radio and television promotion.

Improved public relations through press and magazines.

Issuing important public statement on matters of public interest to the Churches, such as opposition to the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and of the position of the National Council on Segregation and the Churches.

#### Important Speakers

It had been hoped that President-elect Eisenhower would have addressed the Assembly Wednesday evening. When this hope faded, it was replaced by a hope that Secretary of State designate, John Foster Dulles, would do so. He also found it impossible to come. But did send his prepared address to be transmitted over the public address system to the Assembly on Thursday. This address called: Freedom and its Purposes, should be read in



its entirety, for it lays bare the high Christian statesmanship of its author. The task of the churches in today's political turmoil was impressed upon the Assembly in words like these:

The Churches, particularly in this country, performed a historic task in developing public sentiment for world organization and in influencing the character of that organization. The present task may be harder. The novelty has worn off. Confidence has been impaired. Difficulties have emerged which, at first, were overlooked. What has to be, can be. When it is suicidal not to have world order, then world order is possible.

Everywhere there is revulsion against the death, the misery, the starvation of body and soul which recurrent war and economic disorder wreak upon men. If freedom is to seem worthwhile, free men must lead the way to a just and durable peace.

And again as he concludes the address:

The basic solution of today's problems rests with free individuals and their private institutions.

We are promised that all things can work together for good. But that promise is not made to all, only to those who are called in accordance with God's purpose. There is no substitute for God's purpose in the hearts of men. It is the task of the Churches to implant that purpose, as man's chief end, and to give it meaning in the terms of man's relation to man. May you gloriously succeed.

The recently designated ambassador to the U. N. by the incoming president, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., addressed the Assembly Wednesday evening. He called upon the Council to continue to rally support for the U. N. among the Churches of U. S. A. And he spoke strongly in favor of rooting out intolerance, racial bars as well as segregated churches.

"We may as well make up our minds now, that we cannot defeat an idea with bullets or dollars," he said. "We must have a better idea of our own. The warlike forces against which we are contending subscribe to the idea of man as the servant of an all-powerful and violent state. The Christian idea is one of the dignity of man."

Perhaps the presentation especially on Thursday of the divisional reports in a vivid and dramatic fashion followed by an evening, where three magnificent addresses were presented to us, constituted the highlight of the Assembly. I shall not go into these reports neither try to restate the content of what Dr. James Robinson from Harlem, Mr. Elfan Rees, leader of service to refugees all over the world and Bishop Dibelius of Berlin told us. I shall leave that to be done in the articles from the pen of other delegates. I can only say that seldom if ever have I experienced so satisfying spiritual and intellectual fare.

The Message of the Assembly adopted just before the close of the Assembly Friday afternoon, will be

either reprinted in Lutheran Tidings or distributed to the congregations of the synod, so I shall not attempt to enlarge upon it here. The new president, Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, a Methodist, is known for his participation in ecumenical affairs and as he took over the presidency a unanimous appreciation for the work of the outgoing president, presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church was voiced. It is my own personal conviction that there are few men, if any, who can equal Bishop Sherrill among the leaders of the Churches in the National Council or anywhere. To have known him and followed his leadership during the last two years has been a precious experience.

#### Does the National Council Concern Us?

This question may be of some relevancy since so few of our members get into direct contact with the life and work of the Council and may conclude that since they are so far removed from it, no particular importance attaches to it. I think this is a mistake.

As I watched the reports unfold the vast scope of the work of the Council, I had two distinct reactions. First this that the Council worked with problems that no local church nor any single synod or communion could solve successfully. Not that the Council is over all victorious. Far from it. The work among the 2 million migrant workers or the hundreds of thousands of trailer camp workers around the A and H bomb sites has barely been started. Much remains to be done in order to bring the gospel to bear upon the blighted and slum districts of the larger metropolises. There are almost countless social, racial, economic, class, international and moral problems which can be brought under the influence of enlightened Christian leadership. The entire field of education needs to be undergirded and saturated with the light and the inspiration of Christian love and understanding of humanity. United action is supremely needed.

Secondly, I felt happy and grateful that the work carried on by the National Council was my work, the work of all the members of our synod. I realized that I had not come to hear about work that others were doing, but about the work that we are doing in company with these other churches. The work is just as much ours as theirs. And so again, I felt that as we have grown to enlarge the scope of our activities as Christians we have been given the blessings of God with which to do this work. We are no longer sitting back shutting ourselves out from sharing the burdens and blessings of Christian solidarity, but we have assumed our share of the problems and responsibilities for what is being done in the name of Christ and His Church in this and other countries. (Or for what is being left undone.) It gave me a feeling that the Christian churches have come to realize and are trying to fulfill the words of Christ to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing, teaching, etc. May God give us the faith and the vision to serve Him in all things.

Alfred Jensen.



# Grand View College and Christian College Day Observance

By Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, President

As never before in this twentieth century, we are facing the necessity of discovering new horizons of the demands of faith in practically every area of the work of the Church throughout the world. We cannot close our eyes to the new perspectives of the Church in the world today which meet us the minute we turn our eyes anywhere in the world—Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. Even in our own beloved land there arises new perspectives of the Church's task because of the present exigencies which unfortunately are likely to be with us for many, many years. We were reminded recently that the U. S. A. armed forces constitute today the greatest educational force, numerically speaking. This may not be a very pleasant thought, but, for good or bad, it is a fact which ought to prick our conscience and make us conscious of new horizons of faith active in loving, sacrificial service at a level from which we probably sometimes shrink away. Think of China. One person who is in position to know says, "The situation in China today ends a chapter in the life story of the Christian colleges in that country." Think of Germany, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, and U. S. A. Ask yourself whether we students, faculties, administrators, and the supporting constituencies—should not have been more Christian in our colleges and universities? Is it possible that we have forgotten or never fully learned what it means that "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17) and that the goal of truth is consecrated character (John 17:17)? The ultimate problem of the religious education of our growing and maturing sons and daughters is, in the final analysis, the religious education of the adult parent who has a larger responsibility and opportunity than any other person in the matter of deciding which his sons or daughters will attend.

A church related college is not simply a college which is related to a church body for financial and student support. On the contrary, it is related to the churches or congregations of the denomination or synod to which it belongs because the faith and the life of the Church are the very wellsprings without which a Christian college cannot exist. Surely, the experience of the Christian colleges in China teaches us a lesson. No one can question the motives which constrained the founders of the Christian colleges in China to build these schools. But the friends of these schools are facing this fact: "These colleges are no longer under Church control. Already several of the Christian colleges have lost their identity and others are in the process of dismemberment and absorption. Soon they will not only cease to be Christian but even colleges. They are compassed about."

I believe that it can be said that there are numerous signs which amply warrant the conclusion: that today the Church is taking the offensive in the battle

between the forces which clamor for the souls of men. The Church's call to mission and unity is a call to the whole Church, including the colleges founded and supported by the churches. Although this article is not a report on the General Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, Christian College Day, Sunday, April 19, 1953, is an outcome of the work of one of the Commissions of the National Council. At this particular time the observance of Christian College Day presents a unique opportunity for a challenging re-appraisal of the mission of the Christian college in today's world of uncertainty, anxiety and fear.

As the President of Grand View College I would like to ask all our pastors and our congregations to seriously consider highlighting their respective spring programs in the congregations in an observance of Christian College Day, Sunday, April 19. Place this observance on your docket or activities calendar, and begin to plan now for a successful Christian College Day observance in your congregation.

At this date it suffices to point out that we shall deal with this question in two or three short articles. In these articles, which will appear later, we shall (1) present the plan for a synod-wide observance of Christian College Day, (2) offer suggestions on the publicity of the observance, and (3) present a workable and meaningful plan for the recording and reporting of the number of churches and people participating in the observance. If possible we shall also endeavor to supply the pastors with helpful material. The suggestion has been made by Dr. Gould Wickey that Lutheran congregations may beneficially think in terms of the theme of the Hannover Conference, and re-phrase the theme to suit the observance of Christian College Day by re-writing it to read: "The Living Word in Higher Education."

If in our preparation for Christian College Day, whether in our congregations or here at the college, we will keep in mind the applicability of the words of Apostle Paul to our various vocations, I have no doubt, but that we shall envision new horizons of faith and work before us.

"Whatsoever you do, put your whole heart and soul into it as into work done for God, and not merely for men—knowing that your real reward, a heavenly one, will come from God, since you are actually employed by Christ" (Col. 5:23,24. Phillips' trs.).

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## The Danish Lutheran Children's Home

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

When thinking of a hospital, most people are prone to recall it as a place, where they have been confined under rather unpleasant circumstances, or merely as a place to which they can turn when ill. Too few realize the tremendous service, which a hospital renders the community with its specialized material and services. One small phase of that community-cooperative spirit will be noted here.

For the past fifteen years, Dr. Lars Andrew Dolan has been Medical Director of the Danish Lutheran



A Cozy Room For The Children

Children's Home, and for the entire period all the facilities of the Norwegian American hospital have been available to every child at the Home.

In these days we are realizing more and more, and rightly so, the value of seeing our growing children receive the benefits of love and care, and teaching them the necessity of considering others—with a religious background, strengthening their faith, to serve as a foundation upon which to build. No socialism, only humanism, enters into this program. The housing, the clothing, the feeding and the educational aspects of this charitable work is administered by the Home itself, and the health and illness is taken care of by those of us, who are interested and feel that it is a privilege to contribute.

In all these years, no child has ever been refused a bed in the hospital, nor restricted in any way in the use of all the fine facilities available, be they medical or surgical.

The Home is located at 3320 West Evergreen Avenue, and was founded by the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1884. It is a large homelike structure, surrounded by a playground and a run by a staff of capable people, who try to keep the atmosphere uninstitutionalized. Emily Ruetz is the Executive Secretary of the Home and for the past four years, also its Superintendent. Lilly Berntsen has been with the Home for eleven years, and is the Housemother for the girls; while Mrs. L. Olinger is Housemother for the boys. The Relief Worker is Miss Emilie Stockholm, who also assists with many things over and above the line of duty. Ottomine Bjarup is the cook,

and in a Danish Home, this task assumes utmost importance. Holger Bjarup is the inimitable handyman and Mrs. Henningsen the laundress as well as taking charge of all mending—a considerable task with so many young folks about.

No Home can be wisely run nor accomplish its purpose without the guidance of an active and efficient Board of Directors. Of this board, Mrs. F. V. Knudsen is the president, Mr. J. K. Jensen is the treasurer, Mrs. Elvin Holmen, secretary; Mr. Herman Madson, financial secretary. The other members of the board are Mrs. Finley Hisey, Mrs. Andrew Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Meyer, Mrs. Knud Overgaard and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mortensen.

It is with pride and a deep sense of duty that the Norwegian American hospital through the years has stood ready and eager to help these fine people fulfill the needs of children, who are not so fortunate.

From "The Lamp," quarterly publication of the Norwegian American hospital.

## Eben-Ezer, Brush, Colorado

On Sunday, December 14th, 1952 Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute at Brush, Colorado reached and passed another milestone. On that date, Rev. Victor E. Bagger was installed in office of superintendent and pastor at the Institution. The service was held at three o'clock in the afternoon. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Alfred Jensen, president of the Board, with Rev. H. C. Jersild, vice president, officiating at the installation. In addition to the three above-named pastors, Rev. Andersen and Rev. Petersen from Denver and Rev. Elling, Rev. Andersen and Rev. Christensen from Brush were present. The vesper service and ritual in the Common Service were used.

Pastor Jensen's sermon was clear and to the point and above all it was heartwarming. His text was the text for the day and he read it from the Gospel of Saint Luke. He spoke about John the Baptist and Jesus. "They," said the preacher, "both faced the future, but their expectations and attitudes differed. John expected a great uprising of God's people. The youth of the day rallied to him. His was a man's voice. Now he was arrested, languishing in prison and Jesus seemingly did nothing about it. Hence his message to Christ: Are you he that should come or are we to look for someone else?"

Jesus sent his answer back. "Tell him especially that God has come to His people and," he added, and that is important, "Blessed is he who does not take offense in me." Those who took offense were those who brought him to the cross.

When we look at Eben-Ezer we look at its human and material resources. If we had ten times as many resources they would not suffice. God is at work at Eben-Ezer. We look back upon the work done and we are thankful for the past and look to the future with hope and faith, said the President. The superintendent who today accepts the responsibility does so humbly and with faith. The most important task, said the preacher, is to minister to the needs of man—physical, mental and spiritual. It is my hope and



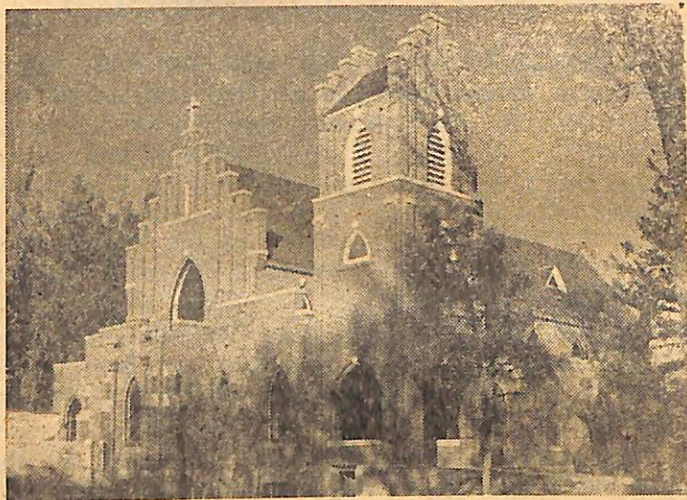
**Angels Sing On!**

When sunshine and shadows are blended no more,  
Where no eye shall grow dim,  
Nor loved ones depart,  
Where Christmas forever is kept in the heart.  
Angels sing on, till our journey shall end,  
At Home with our Saviour, our Master and Friend.

Mrs. C. C. Nielsen.

prayer that great things will be done at Eben-Ezer. We have a right to expect it for Jesus Christ is with us. May God use the superintendent and the Eben-Ezer family for great things—the saving of human souls.

After the singing of a hymn, Pastor Jersild and Pastor Bagger approached the altar where the formal installation took place, Rev. Bagger accepting the



All Saints Church, Eben-Ezer

office of superintendent of Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute and pastor of All Saint's congregation. The service closed with the vesper service. During the service Mrs. Robert Strauch sang beautifully "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Mrs. Charles Franklin.

Sister Anna presided at the organ for the service and the hymn singing. After the close of the service Rev. Bagger made a few remarks about the past and the future. Coffee and refreshments were served at the superintendent's apartment by Mrs. Bagger and the Sisters assisted, of course, by many willing hands. Snow had fallen and roads were not good but in spite of that people came from Denver and many from Brush and each one of us took something home from this impressive service that will inspire us and long live in our memories. And we all echoed the President's prayer, "May God Bless Eben-Ezer."

James P. Christensen.

**Kristen Kold**

The Little Schoolmaster Who Helped Revive a Nation

By Nanna Goodhope

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**His Last Days**

Though many requests came to Kold for copies of his lectures, he would never have them printed. Only one of these has been preserved. It was the long talk he gave in Copenhagen in 1866, at the annual meeting of Grundtvig's Friends, before an audience of nearly a thousand persons, among them many nationally distinguished men and women. Kold was on this occasion the guest of honor and the principal speaker. He had been asked to tell the story of his life. Grundtvig, on whom had recently been conferred the office of bishop, said in introducing Kold: "This man has been silent about himself so long that he must have a good deal to tell us. And we have, I believe, ample time to listen." And Kold was urged to take as much time as he needed.

To those who were present it was a great inspiration to listen to the shy little schoolmaster as he timidly but unreservedly revealed himself in his long search for light and wisdom that he might become as a tool in the Lord's hand, in helping his people rise out of bondage into a new life of light and freedom. The substance of his talk was in a briefer form much as it has been related here.

The dowager queen, Karoline Amalie, who was also present on this occasion, sent her private secretary, William Jacobsen, to Kold after the lecture with her greetings and a request for his presence that she might thank him in person for his talk and for his great service through the Folk School. But Kold refused to see her; for, as he said later, he could not be himself before a queen, especially with so many looking on, and he would not be otherwise.

Many of Kold's friends felt that this was a great and unjust discourtesy to the good queen, who had been very kind to Kold and befriended him on numerous occasions. But some time later, when the queen's secretary came to Dalum to attend a seminar, Kold had an opportunity to explain to him the reason for his seeming discourtesy. And he beseeched the man to bring his apology to the good queen whom he had hurt unwittingly. And the queen, being aware of Kold's oddities, readily forgave him.

Grundtvig never visited Kold's school, though he had fully intended to do so. When the time was finally convenient for him to spend a few days at Dalum, Kold was already on his death-bed. But the two men had met and conferred with each others on numerous occasions in the Capitol. And they were in full agreement as to the goals striven for through the Folk school; and in the main also on methods used toward their achievement. And Kold had throughout many years been inspired by Grundtvig's profuse writings in song and prose and his valiant fight for freedom from State control in church and in the school.

And Grundtvig had admitted that Kold had chosen the right course, when instead of taking up a work

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# Our Women's Work

Editor

Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, 907 Morton St., Des Moines 16, Iowa

## Women's Mission Society Receipts

July 1, 1952, to January 1, 1953

### For General Budget:

West Denmark and Bone Lake Ladies' Aids, Wisconsin, \$27.69; Study Group, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$50; Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Davey, Nebraska, \$20; District 7 Convention at Denmark, Kansas, \$60.20; District 9 Convention at Seattle, Washington, \$39.76; Mission Study Group, Brush, Colorado, \$30; Danish Ladies' Aid, Enumclaw, Washington, \$16.41; Trinity Ladies' Aid, Wilbur, Washington, \$31; English Guild and Danish Ladies' Aid, Withee, Wisconsin, \$32.50; Ladies' Aid, Bridgeport, Connecticut, \$12; Danish Ladies' Aid, Canwood, Sask., Canada, \$5; Ladies' Aid, Grant, Michigan, \$12; Ladies' Aid, Solvang, California, \$37; Danish Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minnesota, \$60; Our Saviour's Church, Brooklyn, New York, \$20; Bethania Guild, Solvang, California, \$29; District 1 Convention, \$50; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Waterloo, Iowa, \$10; English Ladies' Aid, Askov, Minnesota, \$25; St. John's Danish Ladies' Aid, Seattle, Washington, \$25; Fredsville Ladies' Aid, Dike, Iowa, \$15; Danish Ladies' Aid, Alden, Minnesota, \$15; St. Ansgar's Ladies' Aid, Salinas, California, \$10; Nain Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Newell, Iowa, \$20; Danish Ladies' Aid, Marinette, Wisconsin, \$5; Ladies' Aid, Cordova, Nebraska, \$24.60; Ladies' Aid, St. Peter's Church, Detroit, Michigan, \$20; Pasadena Ladies' Aid, California, \$5; Kronborg Ladies' Aid, Marquette, Nebraska, \$25; Danevang Ladies' Aid, Texas, \$5; Rural Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Flaxton, North Dakota, \$2; St. Peter's Community Ladies' Aid, Hay Springs, Nebraska, \$10; Central Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Muskegon, Michigan, \$18.80; A Friend, Minneapolis, Minnesota, \$3. Total, \$770.96.

### For Home Missions:

Brush Mission Group, in memory of Rev. L. C. Bundgaard, \$10; District 4 Convention for Cedarloo and North Cedar, \$88; District II Convention, \$16.35; In memory of M. C. Christensen, Waterloo, by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$1; District VI Convention, \$70.40; District V Convention, \$52.25; Betania Ladies' Aid, Ringsted, Iowa, for North Cedar and Cedarloo, \$24.50; Immanuel-Danish Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa, for one week's support of Cedarloo and North Cedar, \$60; Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, for Cedarloo and North Cedar, \$16.75; Sunshine Circle, Enumclaw, Washington, \$5; Greenville Mission Group, \$10; Oak Hill Ladies' Aid, Iowa, \$10. Total:—\$364.25.

### For Church Extension Fund:

WMS Collection at Convention in Omaha, \$305.09.

### For Iowa Lutheran Welfare Society:

District IV Convention in Des Moines, \$44.

### For Santal Mission:

Bone Lake Ladies' Aid and West Denmark Ladies' Aid, \$18.80; Greenville Mission Group, Michigan, \$25.

Total Receipts to January 1, 1953: \$1,528.10. Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952—\$1,573.83. Total Receipts: \$3,101.93.

With half of our fiscal year over, we are again on the way to having a good year in our WMS work. It is our sincere hope that each women's group in our Synod will remember WMS work this year with support both to the general budget, and to our special project, Home Missions. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously.

Mrs. Axel Kildegaard, WMS Treas.  
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Des Moines 16, Iowa

Dear Editor:

Some time ago you asked for a contribution from Los Angeles, but by a mistake it was listed under the Solvang news. I presume this was because I mentioned our share in the work for Solvang Old People's Home. Since then we

have had our bazaar and have made about \$1,000. Most of this money goes to our church, but some goes to different worthy missions and institutions. This year we have added a new goal to our work. We want to furnish the first room in the Solvang home. I think our pastor, Halvdan Knudsen, wrote quite a complete program in the last issue of "Lutheran Tidings", but I would like to appeal to other Ladies' Aids to think about this and to add something for the home to your list.

With best regards and good wishes for a happy New year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Olga Jespersen.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## Women's Mission Society Board

The W. M. S. Board Members are as follows:

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## WMS Meeting, District III Marinette, Wis.

Saturday evening, Sept. 27, 1952, the W. M. S. meeting of District III was called to order by the district representative, Mrs. Marie Engelbreth, in the cozy Marinette church.

The minutes from 1951 were not available. The acting secretary read a letter from the national president, Mrs. Ida Egede, in which she stressed that we again this year support the Home Mission Project and the possibilities this mission has to revitalize our church. There followed an informative discussion about the difference between "Home Missions" and "Church Extension Fund."

It was decided that the collection received at the following W. M. S. program be sent personally to our three young missionaries in India, in whom District III is especially interested, i. e. Pastor and Mrs. Harold Riber and Miss Muriel Nielsen.

There was a good representation present from the different congregations, Racine receiving the honor of having the largest group.

Mrs. Lois Olsen was elected district representative.

Mrs. Gertrude Sorensen, national vice-president, gave a report concerning the W. M. S. work and the officers' duties. A member from each congregation then reported on their local activities. Of special interest was the Indian supper sponsored by the St. Stephen's (Chicago) group, and the gros point carpet

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# Paging Youth

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

Editor: Thorvald Hansen, Rt. 1, Atlantic, Iowa

## The Västerås Method Of Bible Study

Young people and adults alike can gain much from Bible study. While there is, of course, the ever-present danger of Bibliolatry, it is none the less true that the Bible can easily be neglected. The reason for this may be, however, not so much a lack of interest, as a lack of a good method of procedure.

An interesting and profitable method of Bible study has recently come to ye editor's attention. The Västerås Method, as it is called gets its name from a diocese in Sweden. It was devised by a rural pastor to encourage his shy parishioners to share in Bible study. The method was devised primarily for group study but, as will be seen, it can also be adapted to individual study.

The Västerås Method is not presented in detail here partly due to the space it would require but also because it must necessarily be adapted to particular situations and thus any detailed plan would be of no great help. Indeed, that which has come to ye editor's attention is itself an adaptation of the original plan.

The essentials of the method, however, are somewhat as follows:

1. The background of the book or letter to be studied is considered first. This can be done by having the group leader present the introductory material or it can be done by self-study.
2. The first chapter to be studied is then read in its entirety, either by members of the group or by the individual.
3. Each person then reads slowly through the chapter in silence. As he does this he marks the verses that are significant to him with one of the following symbols:
  - a. A candle opposite the verse if he receives a new truth and insight from that verse.
  - b. A question mark if there is something he doesn't understand and which requires further clarification.
  - c. An arrow to indicate a verse that strikes his conscience.
4. After ten minutes each person records on a slip of paper the three verses that have made the greatest impression on him. This could be any combination of the three symbols. The slips are then handed to the group leader.

(From this point on the method is definitely for group study but the individual could quite easily adapt it to private study and carry on alone with the aid of

a good Bible commentary and other reference works if such are available.)

5. The verses turned in to the leader are then discussed by taking up, first, the questions, then the candles and finally, the arrows.

The heart of this technique is, of course, the ten minutes of study and the marking of the verses. Using that as a basis the Västerås Method can easily be adapted to various conditions and can prove not only interesting but profitable as a way of studying the Bible.

## Workshop At Greenville

The Lake Michigan District of DAYPL held its annual workshop at Greenville, Michigan on the week-end of November 28th to December 1st.

The activities began on Friday afternoon with the arrival and registration of the guests. The program got under way at 7 o'clock in the evening with a party, led by Rev. and Mrs. Peter Thomsen, the object of which was to teach us something about planning parties. A discussion period and devotions followed. Both of these were led by the Greenville group. Refreshments marked the end of the evening activities.

The meeting on Saturday morning was opened with devotions. Rev. Harry Andersen of Marlette, Michigan, then presented to us a new type of Bible study which we tried and found very interesting. (Editor's note: Further comments in this report, which we have deleted for obvious reasons, explain something about this Bible study and indicate that it is the Västerås method which is explained in further detail in an article on this page. We are interested in knowing that some of our groups are already trying this method and enjoying it.)

Singing, led by Rev. Thomsen and an officer's training period preceded the noonday luncheon.

In the afternoon, a discussion on program planning, a break for a rest period and hike, a movie and a discussion of the movie, kept us occupied until six o'clock, which was banquet time. At the banquet one of the local members (Greenville) spoke on, "A Well Balanced Young People's Program."

Folk-dancing followed and the evening came to a fitting close with a devotional period.

At the worship service on Sunday morning Rev. Harry Andersen preached the sermon. A potluck dinner at noon brought the workshop, and a fine week-end, to a close.

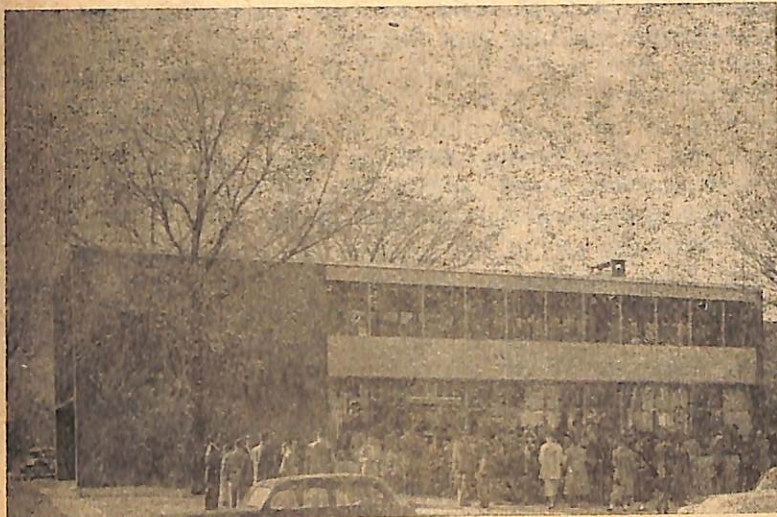
Dale Mortensen.

*A Happy New Year  
To  
All Our Readers*



## Lutheran Student Foundation Dedicates New Building

The dedication of the first and main unit of the Lutheran Student House at the campus of the University of Nebraska, November 2, 1952, marks a milestone in the Lutheran ministry to students in Lincoln. The need for such a building was recognized many years ago, but it was not until the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council in the fall of 1947 promised \$40,000.00 to-



Lutheran Student Center  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.

ward such a project that the Lutheran Student Foundation could take steps to purchase lots and make definite plans for a student house. Lots were purchased in 1948, and in January, 1951, the Board of Directors decided to build. The ground breaking ceremony took place May 10, 1951, and the cornerstone was placed November 4, 1951.

Work among students at the campus of the University of Nebraska was first begun in the fall of 1919. A Lutheran Club was organized then and was active until it was supplanted by the Lutheran Student Association.

In 1923 a Committee for Lutheran Student Work was set up by the local Lutheran churches and served until June, 1947, when the Lutheran Student Foundation was incorporated. One member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Student Foundation, Mr. Gus Prestegaard, served continuously since 1923 until his death this fall.

From 1923 until 1933, nine student secretaries were successively employed to serve on a part time basis in student work. In 1933 the ministry among students was placed under the supervision of a local pastor: The Rev. R. Rangeler (1933-40), The Rev. Alvin M. Petersen (1940-43; 1945-46), and The Rev. C. H. Hinkhouse (1943-45). In 1946 the Rev. Alvin M. Petersen was called by the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council and the Committee for Lutheran Student Work to serve as Lutheran pastor to students in Lincoln.

The position of graduate assistant was established in the fall of 1948. The following have served: Alice Otterness (1948-49); LaVonne Johnson (1949-50); Solveig Norstog (1950-51); and Audrey Mortvedt (1951- ).

The Rev. Donald R. Heiges, Executive Secretary of the Division of Student Service, National Lutheran Council, officiated in the dedication service, assisted by the Rev. Alvin M. Petersen. Pastor Heiges also gave the dedicatory address. Other speakers were: Mr. E. G. Ekblad, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Student Foundation; Mr. Phil Hain, student at the University of Nebraska; Dr. A. L. Lugn, Lutheran faculty member; and Mr. Victor Anderson, mayor

of the city of Lincoln. Greetings were received from Nebraska's Governor Val Peterson; University of Nebraska Chancellor R. G. Gustavson; The Rev. Paul E. Bierstedt, Central Region Secretary, Division of Student Service; The Rev. Ervin Bondo, Dr. Gould Wickel, and Dr. J. C. K. Preus, three members of the Division of Student Service Committee; the foundations at Fargo, North Dakota; Berkeley, California; Twin Cities, Minnesota; Columbus, Ohio; and Ann Arbor, Michigan; and from Central Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, and Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania. Many alumni also wrote in for the occasion.

The church groups in Nebraska were represented at the service by: The Rev. E. Fritschel, Central District, ALC; The Rev. Arnold Knudsen, Dist. No. 7, DELC; The Rev. K. Nygaard, Nebraska District, UELC; The Rev. H. Goede, Nebr. Synod, ULCA; The Rev. W. Welchert, Midwest Synod, ULCA; The Rev. J. Johanson, Lutheran Free Church; the Rev. Sabin Swenson, Nebraska Conference, Augustana Lutheran Church; and Mr. Fred Boien, ELC churches in Nebraska.

The Lutheran Student Choir of 40 voices, under the direction of Dennis Rohrs, sang "Built on a Rock" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the service.

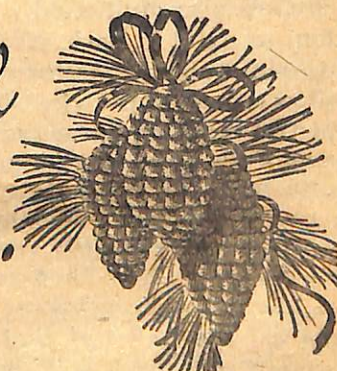
Five hundred people were present at the service and open house.

This project, including the first unit and lots, is costing approximately \$125,000.00, and is being financed by a grant of \$65,000.00 from the National Lutheran Council, by a \$1.00 per confirmed member goal from churches in Nebraska, and by gifts from alumni and friends of student service. The Foundation hopes soon to erect a second unit, and assembly-auditorium, 51 feet by 30 feet adjoining the present structure.

The new building serves the 800 Lutheran students who attend the University of Nebraska each year and other Lutheran students in other schools in Lincoln. The ministry to students includes these areas: preaching, teaching, counseling, contacting, and recruiting. The program for students includes worship, study (Bible and Christianity courses), fellowship in LSA, service, and recreation.

The realization of the goal of having a new Lutheran Student House is an answer to prayer. This edifice will be used as a house of God, where students may come to worship, to participate in Christian fellowship, and to prepare themselves for service in the church and community.

*A Peaceful  
New Year...*





## Kristen Kold

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among the gentry at Sorø, as Grundtvig had wanted him to, he had chosen instead to begin his Folk School among the peasants. For Kold knew in his heart that if a cultural and national revival was to succeed in Denmark, it must begin with the little people. And Kold, who had all his life identified himself with the peasantry, was the right person to begin the work there. A Folk High School at Sorø, as Grundtvig had proposed, would simply have been another school for the favored few, controlled and subsidized by the State. And the majority of the people would have remained untouched.

Kold succeeded through his school in contacting the people of all sections of the country, not only through his regular students, but also through the many teachers, pastors and laymen who throughout the years came to attend the spring and fall seminars held at Dalum. They came, often as many as the school could accommodate, from all parts of the land, and in Kold's later years also from foreign lands. For Kold's influence on his pupils for better and more useful living had become a recognized fact. And the people were curious to know what there was about the little grey (vadmæl clad) schoolmaster that set people aflame, so that they were never again quite the same. Even some who came only out of curiosity, were caught by a spark of the holy fire (the consciousness of God's Love, and their obligation to fellowmen), and went home different persons than they had come. They had felt the power of the Living word, which, according to Kold, must "first awaken then enlighten." Or, the awakening and the enlightening must at least take place at the same time; for, said Kold, the latter without the first could have disastrous results. Kold held that it was his mission principally to awaken and that of his fellow teachers to enlighten.

People who came to Kold's school usually went back to their home communities and kindled there other hearts and minds. The result was that the Folk School became as a beacon light to many. And new schools after the pattern of Kold's were established throughout the country, usually by men who had at least had some training with Kold. Elementary Free Schools also multiplied. And it soon became the custom to build in each village a community hall, where people could gather for seminars, lectures and discussions of problems vital to their common good. And in the wake of these grew cooperative enterprises in manufacturing, marketing and buying, with the result that the peasants prospered and became independent farmers. People were learning to live and work together for the common good. But there were here as elsewhere hindrances to contend with. Some newly founded religious groups, both in and out of the church, believed that a Christian should concern himself only with spiritual things. They accused the Grundtvigians—a name by which the Folk School supporters became known—as being "worldly" because they were deeply concerned also about the people's social and economic betterment. And they believed that recreational activities, such as gymnastics, sing-

ing games and folk dancing, were good for the young people both in a social way and as a release for excess energy. But such "worldly" enjoyment was condemned as being sinful by the aforementioned groups, who built their own community halls to be used only for preaching services or "Gospel Meetings."

But the Folk School movement grew and developed in spite of opposition. And Dalum was the focal point from which other schools drew their inspiration. But the stress and strain of it all on the mind and body of Kold, as ever greater demands were placed on him, was beginning to tell. Perhaps the too meager diet on which he had lived during the first struggling years in the Folk School also played a part in the weakening of his physical condition. Hitherto it had seemed as if his mental and spiritual resources were inexhaustible. The student body had by now outgrown the capacity of the school. Kold had with the aid of his students developed a model farm from wasteland. And the school was now as a result economically self-sustaining. And there were, besides the seminars, a constant flow of guests, who came the year round, often from far-away places, to see and talk with the now famous little schoolmaster, leaving little time for him to rest or relax. It was therefore to be expected that his frail body should wear out long before its time.

The school year of 1869 and part of 70 was Kold's last. There were 110 young men in attendance during the winter session, and 115 young women the following summer, besides a number of students who lived outside of the school for lack of dormitory space. Kold had for some time planned to enlarge the school to take care of the many students who were now being turned away; but he did not live to accomplish this. The frailness of his body was noticed before the beginning of the winter term. And it was not long until he was compelled to relinquish some of his classes to other teachers. But up until March 1, he continued to deliver his daily lectures. From then until his death, on April 6, he was confined to his bed.

Kold did not suffer pain; he simply wasted away. Like a candle that had spent itself to the very last particle lighting the way in darkness, he became extinguished. Many who came to cheer him on his death-bed were themselves cheered. He said to one friend: "God has made it well for me in all things. In his grace alone is salvation." When he was asked if he was afraid to die, he said: "Yes, I am. But it has happened so many times in my life, when I have been faced with great difficulties out of which I saw no way, that God has given me strength to come through. And He will do that also now when I have to pass through death." Later he said that he was glad to die.

Until his very last day, Kold was deeply concerned about his school. He said that he would like to have lived longer if it were God's will; for there was so much the young people still needed to know. "But," he added, "when I arrive at our new home in Heaven, then I shall continue to hold school; for my school belongs to God's Kingdom." In one of his last talks to the young men in his school, he said: "Cultivate your hearts. If we would be men in spirit and in truth,



## A Most Joyous New Year!

Your editor sends greetings to all readers extending heartiest wishes for a most joyous New Year.

We wish to thank everyone who in one way or another has helped to make our publication a greeting of information on our field of work as we have it in our synod, in our many local congregations, and the relationship we have with the larger field in foreign missions, Lutheran World Action, National Council of Churches, etc.

We wish to express a special "Thank You" to the writers who have given us the inspirational messages throughout the year. Without these, the informative articles would become quite monotonous.

Again we wish to stress that as we go into the New Year, your editor needs the help of everyone in making "Lutheran Tidings" all that it should be for the membership of our Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We urge all pastors to keep us on the mailing list for the local congregational bulletins.

A number of congregations have appointed a local correspondent. We urge all our congregations to do this—and further we invite all correspondents to write regularly. If you do not have enough for a longer article, then send a brief item on a post card (usually local bulletins will only announce the forthcoming events. It is difficult for the editor to gain much information from such an announcement). Tell us about the various events and it may give good suggestions to others.

Editor.

then we must submit ourselves and everything we possess to the Spirit of God. Only then shall we behold life in its fullness and splendor; and then we shall be strong and courageous enough to conquer the world. The good book says: 'what profiteth it a man that he gains the whole world if loseth his soul'. Man," said Kold, "is created to conquer the world, but not in such a way that he loses his soul."

Letters and telegrams came to Kold daily from friends of near and far, wishing him well and thanking him for his unselfish service to the nation and to his fellowmen. One day he said to his wife, who was reading the messages that had come to him: "Love is lavish these days, mother." He loved to have his little girls about his room. They were now three and one and a half years of age.

When the dowager queen, Karoline Amalie, heard of Kold's serious illness, she sent his physician, Dr. Helweg, a bottle of 1690 vintage Rheinwine for him. And she wrote a letter in which she expressed her deep concern about the "beloved teacher's" health. She said that she hoped the wine would help him regain strength, so that he might continue to live and serve his people a while longer. And if the doctor desired for her to do so, she would be glad to send the patient the only other bottle of its kind she possessed. She also wrote that it comforted her to know that Kold was receiving loving and tender care; and that he had with complete confidence resigned his fate into the hands of the Lord.

On the morning of April 6, 1870, Kold said to his wife: "death is easier now that I have you and the children." And death was easy for him when at two o'clock that same afternoon he suddenly passed away. His wife and Dr. Helweg were at his bedside. No one had expected death to come so soon.

## New Year's Greeting From The Dan-America Archives

Dear Mr. Editor:

Thanking you for the year gone by I wish you and your readers a happy Christmas and a bright, prosperous New Year. As always I take the opportunity to remind my countrymen over there of the existence of the Archives and to beg them to help us in any way possible.

Kindly remember that the Archives is a monument erected in your honor, a monument—which will, when all of us have gone, tell generations to come about the Danish emigrants and their deeds. Old and young, poor and rich, you are all part of the Archives.

I feel sure that many Danes of the older generation have in their drawers and cupboards materials, which maybe will be thrown away or burned when they die. Such material ought to be sent to the Archives NOW. Remember—that an old pamphlet, a year-book, etc., often is of more value than a bound and expensive book. To the younger generation I say: Take an interest in the country of your parents, help to save material which in any way will throw some light on the lives of Danish pioneers. Write me—and be sure you will always get a prompt answer. We need all the help and co-operation we can get.

Hoping to hear from many of you during the coming year and thanking you in advance for, whatever you can and will do for the Archives, I am with kind, personal regards

Very sincerely yours,

**Svend Waendelin**, Archivist.  
The Dan-America Archives,  
8. Kristianiagade.  
Copenhagen, Denmark.

We are grateful for this greeting, and hope that our readers will have in mind the Dan-America Archives in regard to possible aid as mentioned in the above letter.

"Lutheran Tidings" is now being sent to the Archives. However, the archivist is anxious to get a complete set of copies of the years gone by. If some of our readers in Denmark should have L. T. on file and would consider donating same to the Archives, it would be greatly appreciated.

—Editor.



"PIONEER'S PROGRESS," by Alvin Johnson. Viking Press.  
413 pp. \$5.00.

He was born in the state of Nebraska, which should not be held against him. His parents were Danish immigrants of which he was very proud. He grew up on a farm, milked cows, plowed corn and pitched hay. His mother, however, resolved early that he should become a professional man. He left the farm, but in his mind there was always the outlook of a midwest farmer.

He maintains throughout the book that he is just an ordinary person. That is hardly true. The way he went through the University of Nebraska, without the advantage or disadvantage of high school training, indicates that he was superior in mind and character. He took to foreign languages, especially to the classics, as the proverbial duck takes to water.

His father fought fiercely in the American Civil War. When



the Spanish American War came, Alvin Johnson enlisted. That war experience was an education. It was not glory, but endless boredom and miserable bungling. He did learn one valuable lesson and that was that in the present condition of American society, this was no time to be a classical scholar. He received his discharge from the army, went to Columbia University to study economics and did remarkably well.

He taught in a number of colleges and universities, but was overwhelmed by the feeling that the education which the young people received did not carry over. When they entered the business or professional community, they too often left their lately acquired ideas behind them.

There was the adult education as carried on in Denmark. He decided that was the thing needed. He became a writer for the New Republic for some time. He founded the New School for Social Research in New York and thousands of adults came to listen and to learn.

When Germany went mad under the Nazis, he worked day and night to bring outstanding scholars to this country. In fact in Mr. Johnson we see a splendid example of the scholar and the man of action.

This is a warm, human and interesting book. We see much of the America we love so deeply. And how this immigrant son understands and loves the things which have helped to make America great! He, like so many other good Americans, sees that we are now in great danger of losing.

Alfred C. Nielsen.

#### "ALL HEART" by Helen Gebuhr Ludvigsen.

Ability, aspiration, disappointment, adventure, Christian experience, spiritual fellowship, love and happiness, sorrow and bereavement, obedience to the heavenly call, journey to the mission field, despondency, God's miraculous provision, confidence, courage, excitement, expectation, enthusiasm, trouble and criticism, antagonism by the delegate of the devil and darkness, victory through faith and prayer, scepticism, conflicting opinions, intolerance, success at last through endurance and God's blessing . . . .

All of this and much more we read in the above mentioned book. It's the life story of Hans Peter Borreson, one of God's elect, the founder of the Santal Mission together with his faithful wife, a helpful mate for him with her enthusiasm, and his companion the gifted Norwegian, Lars O. Skrefsrud.

It's a very thrilling story I have just read.

P. Rasmussen.

### WMS Meeting, District III Marinette, Wis.

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which one of the Racine groups is sewing for the chancel of their new church.

It was suggested that the Niensens might like to share some of Muriel's letters with the different societies.

It was moved that the business meeting be adjourned after thanking Mrs. Engelbreth for her services during her term of office.

At eight o'clock Mrs. Engelbreth opened the program and asked Pastor Alfred Sorensen to take charge. "Lord, I Wish to be Thy Servant", was sung, followed by prayer and responsive reading led by Pastor Harold Olsen.

Pastor Eilert Nielsen chose to speak on "The Scriptures and Missions", taking as his text the 28th chapter of St. Matthew, reading from the new translation of the Bible. He brought out that the words, scripture and mission are derived from the Latin "scribo", meaning "write", and "mitto" or "send". Pastor Nielsen stressed that the scriptures are not just a gathering of men's opinions but the inspired word of God, wherein he has unfolded his own personality and will for us. We are all called to be missionaries, no matter

## A Call to Christian Stewardship

### Honesty

FOR IDLE READING I very much like Pepys' Diary. The rascal had his own peculiar kind of honesty. Here is his entry for November 5, 1660: "I did give ten shillings and no more, though I believe most of the rest did give more, and did believe that I did so too."

Ronald Bridges.

It is good to have money, and the things money can buy, and it is vital that we check up and make sure we have not lost the things that money can not buy.

Warren H. Denison.

Christian stewardship offers the only sound, permanent foundation for the financial affairs of the church and the kingdom.

Warren H. Denison.

Wealth production is part of God's plan. The world needs men of faith, business men, professional men, farmers, who, in the spirit of Christ, make money with him and for Him.

Christian stewardship has to do with all my relations to things and possessions; acquiring, using, spending, saving, making my will, giving.

Warren H. Denison.

Some good-intentioned people never undertook a big and challenging project in religion.

Warren H. Denison.

A man's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesses, but things and possessions are the scaffolding to build life.

Warren H. Denison.

There will be a new era in any person's life when he accepts the spiritual nature of money.

Warren H. Denison.

where our field. Our souls find no peace until the peace of God is found, and then we want to tell others of this wonderful discovery. An artist once painted his conception of peace by drawing the picture of a cataract, which was certainly far from the normal meaning of peace. But on the branch of a tree overhanging this cataract, a mother bird was sitting on her nest and had found peace. So also may we in this life, midst confusion and change, find the peace of God and proclaim it to our fellowmen; and so fulfill the challenge of this gospel. Thank you Pastor Nielsen.

After Pastor Sorensen's beautiful, yet so simple prayer of thanks for the offering, we closed the meeting by uniting in singing the convention theme song, "God's Word is our Great Heritage."

Thanks are also due to the Marinette ladies who served us coffee in the church parlors, where a social hour was enjoyed.

Esther S. Petersen.  
Acting Secretary.



## OUR CHURCH

**Dr. Alfred Jensen**, synodical president, served the Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 28, he conducted Christmas services in the Granly, Miss., congregation.

**Ruthon, Minn.** The interior of the Hope Lutheran Church has been re-decorated, the Ladies' Aid being responsible for the task.

**Waterloo, Iowa**—A total of 40 individuals, 22 adults and 18 children, were accepted into membership of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church during the month of December. Richard H. Sorensen is the new pastor in the Waterloo congregation, a new church was built in a new area of the city two years ago under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Frost who later moved to Salinas, California.

**Rev. Erik Moller** has accepted a Call from Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, and will according to present plans move there with his family in June. Rev. Moller has served the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Community Church, Mirage Flats, near Hay Springs, Nebraska, since July 1, 1946. This is one of our Home Mission congregations and Rev. Moller has done a fine work during these years there. In 1947 a new church was dedicated and this past year a new parsonage has been built.

Rev. and Mrs. Moller observed their Silver Wedding on November 6th. Members of the congregation gathered for the occasion and presented their pastor and his wife with various gifts. Rev. and Mrs. Harris Jespersen and other friends from Marquette, Nebr., were present. Rev. Harris Jespersen preached the sermon at the devotional service held in the church the first part of the evening. The church choir sang: "Green Cathedral." Later a Fellowship Hour was spent in the parish hall where a varied program was given.

**Racine, Wis.** Members of the Bethania Church are now worshipping regularly in the new church building. Reports are that church attendance has increased materially since the new edifice was dedicated. The pastor, Robert C. Schmidt, has worked out a plan by which he invites all the members of his church to join him in reading "Through the Bible in 1953," each monthly bulletin will name the chapters to be read each day of the month. As nearly as possible a record will be kept of the number taking part in this new venture.

**The Danish Christmas Service** given Christmas Day on the WCAL, Northfield, Minn., Radio station originated from St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich. Pastor Svend Jorgensen, assisted by the St. Peter's Church choir, Aage Sorensen, director, conducted the service. The service was based on J. P. E. Hartmann's "Liturgical Music for the Festival of Christmas," used for

the first time in "Frue Kirke" in Copenhagen in 1854.

We have now been informed that phonographic records have been made of the service. A set of 3 records (recordings on both sides) of the service is available for the price of \$10, including cost of mailing. If interested, write to Aage Sorensen, 3631 Linden, Dearborn, Mich.

## Newark, New Jersey

Much good has happened in the Bethesda Church in Newark these past six months. Ever since we sent our letter of call to Carlo Petersen, things have looked up for us. We admit that the letter of call went out with mixed emotions, we had been turned down so often, that we dared not hope too much.

In March Pastor Petersen came to visit us; he met with the church council and conducted our Sunday service. After the service a dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid, and it gave us all an opportunity to meet and get better acquainted with Pastor Petersen. When he left, there was a prayer in our hearts that he would accept the call.

After we had received his letter accepting the call, we began to prepare for the arrival of our new minister, his wife and baby daughter. The parsonage had to be re-decorated, and many other things had to be done. Finally, the week in June was here, when our new pastor and his family was expected and several ladies were still busy at the parsonage when Pastor Petersen walked in. Although the ladies would have liked to be dressed in something else than their working outfits, yet with the coffee soon ready and the lunch planned for the "scrubbing party," and sharing same with our new pastor, we all felt that no planned and formal welcome could have made our minister feel so at home.

The following Sunday, June 22, Pastor Petersen preached his first sermon as our minister. As the service progressed our hearts lifted in grateful thanks to God. Our prayers had been answered. Bethesda Church would go on!

We had hoped that Mrs. Petersen might have been there that day. However, two weeks later she and little Kristy arrived, and thus the family in the parsonage was complete.

Shortly after in July our annual church picnic at the Lydicksen's was held, giving us all a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with our pastor and his family. But before they were truly settled, it was time for them to go west again for the synodical convention. At this time Pastor Petersen was ordained and those of our members who were able to be present came home impressed and inspired.

The installation service took place on Sunday, September 28th, 4 p. m. The church was filled to overflowing. Pastor Viggo M. Hansen, our District president, officiated, and in his sincere manner he made us feel how important, not

only the minister, but each member of the congregation is to the spiritual growth of the church.

After the service, supper was served in the church dining-room. There were flowers everywhere, and in true tradition the tables were beautifully decorated and loaded with good food. The decorated "Kransekage," made by one of our members, added a particularly festive note. As people relaxed with a second cup of coffee, the speeches began—first our visiting ministers, Viggo M. Hansen, Willard Garred, Kirkegaard Jensen and J. H. Jorgensen; then members of our church board, other visitors, etc. Finally we had the privilege of hearing a greeting from both Pastor and Mrs. Petersen.

When the last dishes had been washed, there was still another cup of coffee to be shared with the visiting ministers and their families. And as we reviewed the day, we felt thankful that we again had a minister and his family at home in our church.

Karen N. Chadwick.

## Manistee, Mich.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has been a scene of much activity since early in the summer when our church property took on a new look with painting of the exteriors of all the buildings. The interior of the church looks as though the sun is always shining with the warm yellow walls and the white ceiling. Not one cent of all this renovation was taken out of the church treasury. All was earned or given in gifts. We were justly proud of our beautiful church property when we were hosts to the district meeting the latter part of September.

On October 20, following our church quarterly meeting we celebrated our 84th anniversary as a day of Thanksgiving for all the labor and work put into this renovation and improvement. The festivities began with a delicious ham supper served from tables decorated with fall leaves, fruits and vegetables. The dinner was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Magnus Petersen, Mrs. Elmer Ness and Rita Norden. After the dinner, we adjourned upstairs in the Parish Hall where a program of talks, special songs by the choir and Sunday school, piano-accordion and marimba music was enjoyed. At the end of this joyful evening of Christian fellowship we adjourned to the dining room for a birthday cup of coffee and Danish pastry.

The Sunday school choir will sing once a month at the regular church services starting December 7. It is hoped that through this medium particularly those of confirmation age will become interested in church work and that the parents of Sunday school children who are not members will become interested. Two of the young men who are to be confirmed are acting as ushers



in church and we are justly proud of them.

The Visitation Committee has again resumed its meetings and work of visiting inactive and non members of the church.

The Church Council has resumed it's study of Henry Bagger's book "Forty Thousand Strong."

We try to have a reception committee each month to be on hand before church services in the narthex to greet the people, particularly new-comers and visitors. It has proved most satisfactory.

With the approaching of Christmas I would like to extend to all our congregations a most blessed Christmas season from Our Saviour's Lutheran Congregation, Manistee, Michigan.

Thora E. Hansen, Correspondent.

### Gifts Received For Tyler Old People's Home, Tyler, Minn.

In memory of Anton Larsen, Tyler, Minn., from friends	\$ 5.00
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Donations by Luther Memorial Ladies' Aid, Des Moines, Iowa	10.00
Donations by Bethlehem Ladies' Aid, Brush, Colo.	5.00
Donations by Friendship Circle Ladies' Aid, Kimballton, Iowa	5.00

Box of apples from Annex Club, St. John's Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash.

Wool Afghan from Mrs. Henrik Ries and Anne Ketner, Chicago, Ill.

Two pairs of pillow cases from Mrs. Bill Jensen, Viborg, S. D.

Turkey, from Hope Afternoon Club, Tyler, Minn.

Box of candy from Mrs. Fred Bisballe, Detroit, Mich.

\$10.00 box of groceries from Diamond Lake Ladies' Aid, Lake Benton, Minn.

\$15.00 box of groceries from Dagmar Ladies' Aid, Dagmar, Mont.

Box of fruit from Danish Sisterhood Lodge, Viborg, S. D.

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Box of fruit from Tyler Federated Study Club, Tyler, Minn.

A sincere "Thank you" for all gifts!

Johannes P. Johansen, Treas.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**NLC, MISSOURI TO SPONSOR RETREATS FOR CHAPLAINS**

Washington, D. C.—(NLC)—A series of three spiritual retreats for Lutheran chaplains on duty in the United States will be sponsored jointly by the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel of the National Lutheran Council and the Armed Service Commission of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Col. Gynther Storaasli, secretary of the NLC agency, announced here that the retreats will be held at San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 6-7; Dallas, Texas, Jan. 13-14; and Washington, D. C., Feb. 10-11.

He said that the retreat leaders will be Dr. Alvin N. Rogeness, pastor of First Lutheran church at Sioux Falls, S. D., representing the NLC, and Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso (Ind.) University, representing the Missouri Synod.

Col. Storaasli is scheduled to act as leader for a "Day of Meditation" for Protestant student chaplains at the U. S. Navy Chaplain School at Newport, R. I., on Feb. 4, 1953. He will speak on "Our Call to the Holy Ministry."

**THREE LUTHERANS TO ATTEND WSCF MEETING IN INDIA**

New York—(NLC)—Three Lutheran student leaders are expected to attend a meeting of the general committee of the World Student Christian Federation at Poona, near Bombay, India, January 9-21.

Herluf M. Jensen of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the Lutheran Student Association of America, will participate in the sessions as a Lutheran delegate of the United Student Christian Council. He also attended the third World Conference of Christian Youth, held at Travancore, India, Dec. 11-25.

Another Lutheran representative scheduled to take part in the WSCF meeting is Kent Knutson, now engaged in post-graduate work at Heidelberg University in Germany. He is a former president of both the LSAA and the USCC.

Dr. Ruth Wick, executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council, left here by plane on Jan. 3 for the WSCF meeting. She is vice chairman of its general committee. Dr. Wick is a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

**AMERICAN - EUROPEAN THEOLOGIANS TO MEET AT 11 CONFERENCES IN 1953**

Geneva, Switzerland—(NLC)—American-European Lutheran theological conferences will discuss "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church," in eleven European cities and possibly also in the United States during the summer and fall of 1953, it was announced by Lu-

theran World Federation headquarters here.

The conferences will be sponsored jointly by the National Lutheran Council and various LWF national committees in Europe, the LWF news release said.

The tradition of holding such conferences in various Lutheran centers of Europe was established in 1949. Since then Lutheran theologians have assembled for such meetings each summer, except in 1952, when the conferences were cancelled on account of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Hannover.

Next summer, the LWF headquarters said, conferences are scheduled in Germany, England, France, and Austria, where such meetings have been held previously, as well as in Denmark, Finland, Norway, Italy, and Holland, where they will take place for the first time.

The LWF news release added that Dr. Julius Bodensiack, USA National Committee representative in Berlin and one of the chief promoters of the theological conferences, suggested that "If possible, a team of European theologians might also visit North America for similar conferences there."

(In New York, Dr. John Scherzer, secretary of the National Lutheran Council's European desk, explained that arranging such conferences in the United States has long been an aim of the Council, but added that no definite plans for 1953 have been made yet.)

**CHURCH OF FINLAND COLLECTS \$317,000 FOR NEEDY AND AGED**

Helsinki, Finland — (NLC) — The fourth annual nation-wide Finnish Church collection for charitable purposes, the "Common Responsibility" appeal, has raised 72 million Finnish Marks or \$317,000 this year, according to the Information Service of the Church of Finland.

Including this year's contributions, the four-year-old appeal has totaled some 200 million Finnish Marks or \$880,000 the Information Service stated.

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