

Lutheran Tidings

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Milestone in Lutheran Giving

EVEN in these days \$100,000,000 is no small amount! Members of the eight participating bodies of the National Lutheran Council will discover a special thrill in this figure when they learn that gifts sent through Lutheran World Action and Lutheran World Relief reached and passed that amount during the summer months of 1956. Thanks be to God.

What a flood of personal efforts and sacrifices and prayers on the part of tens and even hundreds of thousands of individuals was poured into this tremendous worldwide program of relief and reconstruction! These gifts include the sacrificial dollars of thoughtful adults, the dimes of eagerly responsive Sunday School children, the generous sharing of farmers who trucked tons of wheat and corn to railroad sidings, the used but still usable clothing from family members of all ages, special offerings from auxiliary organizations and joint Reformation services, gifts from Lutheran services conducted by military chaplains at home and overseas, occasional bequests, medicines from medical organizations and textiles from manufacturers, government surplus foods in great quantity outweighed in love by dollar bills from retired people living on modest pensions. Far beyond the value of this total is the significance of the love and concern of the millions of American Lutherans expressed in this way over a decade and a half. (Canadian Lutherans, too, for the first decade.)

What next? Our greatest tasks and tests lie before us. World Lutheran cooperation is here to stay. Christian statesmanship of the highest order is desperately needed and resources must be placed at its disposal. The Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Minneapolis next summer will undoubtedly give us new vision and fresh insights. We dare not rest on our laurels but under God must press forward to the ever greater achievements which faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to our Christian vocation require.

Paul C. Empie.
in "National Lutheran."

Dates Set for Lutheran Unity Meeting in Chicago

Commissions representing four American Lutheran church bodies with a combined membership of more than 2,861,000 will meet in Chicago December 12 and 13, to begin conversations looking toward organic union.

Dates for the historic conference were announced jointly here today by Dr. Oscar Benson, Minneapolis, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, largest Lutheran body in North America.

Commissions representing the 2,270,000-member United Lutheran Church and the 536,000-member Augustana church will sit down with special commissions of two other church bodies which have accepted a joint ULCA-Augustana invitation "to consider such organic union as will give real evidence of our unity in the faith and to proceed to draft a constitution and devise organizational procedures to effect union."

The two churches accepting the invitation to the Chicago meeting are the 35,000-member Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and the 20,000-member American Evangelical Lutheran Church. Commissions of these two bodies will be led by their presidents, Dr. Raymond W. Wargelin, Hancock, Mich., of Suomi Synod, and Dr. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, of the AELC.

The joint ULCA-Augustana commissions last December had invited all 14 other Lutheran bodies in the United States to consider organic union.

A joint committee representing three other Lutheran bodies which are planning to merge with each other voted on October 26 to notify the ULCA and Augustana that they are "unable to participate in a meeting whose sole stated purpose is to consider organic union."

Dr. Fry and Dr. Benson, in a joint message to Dr. Tillman M. Sogge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, chairman, and Dr. William L. Young of the American Lutheran Church, secretary, of the Joint Union Committee of the three churches, expressed "regret" that they will not be able to accept the invitation.

But the ULCA and Augustana presidents informed Dr. Sogge and Dr. Young that they will recommend to the joint commissions in Chicago that an approach be made to the Joint Union Committee "to explore the possibility" of a conference some time in the future "to discuss the basis and possible plans for closer cooperation among all Lutheran Church bodies in America."

Also absent from the unity meeting will be representatives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Synod and the Norwegian Synod, members of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, who declined the invitation on the grounds that merger discussions would be pointless so long as doctrinal agreement among the groups is lacking.

The agenda for the Chicago meeting is being drafted by the ULCA and Augustana presidents. Conferences are scheduled to begin December 12 at 10 a. m., in the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The two presidents will recommend to the commissions of the four church bodies that editors of the four church papers and denominational press relations officers be permitted to sit in on the discussions as "observers."

Dr. Benson is expected to preside over the meeting

as temporary chairman with Dr. Carl Rasmussen of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., as temporary secretary. Permanent officers will be elected by the joint commissions.

The United Lutheran Church will be represented by its Special Commission on Relations to American Lutheran Church Bodies, with a membership of 13 clergymen and laymen. Augustana also will be represented by a commission of 13 members, the AELC by 11 and Suomi Synod by a commission of nine.

Members of the commissions are:

United Lutheran Church in America — The Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Bagger, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen, Gettysburg, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, Baltimore, Md.; Judge James F. Henninger, Allentown, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Paul H. Krauss, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Gilbert E. Olson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Howard Peterson, Grand Island, Nebr.; the Rev. Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, New York; the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Cooper, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. Dwight Putman, Harrisburg, Pa.; and the Rev. Dr. Frank P. Madsen, Detroit; and Dr. T. A. Kantonen, Springfield, Ohio.

Augustana Lutheran Church — Dr. Oscar A. Benson, Minneapolis, chairman; Wallace Anderson, Cranston, R. I.; Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, Rock Island, Ill.; Dr. Lloyd L. Burke, Chicago; Dr. Edgar M. Carlson, St. Peter, Minn.; Dr. Thorsten A. Gustafson, East Orange, N. J.; Dr. Robert Holmen, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, La Grange, Ill.; Dr. Karl E. Mattson, Rock Island, Ill.; Dr. D. Verner Swanson, Geneva, Ill.; Dr. P. O. Bersell, Minneapolis; Lyman Brink, Hallock, Minn.; and C. W. Sorenson, Normal, Ill.

American Evangelical Lutheran Church — Dr. Alfred Jensen, Des Moines, Iowa, chairman; the Rev. H. O. Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa, vice president; the Rev. Willard Garred, Vesper, Kan., secretary; M. C. Miller, Circle Pine, Minn., treasurer; Dr. Ernest D. Nielsen, Des Moines; the Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, Des Moines; the Rev. Erik K. Moller, Chicago; Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Maywood, Ill.; T. S. Hermansen, Marquette, Nebr.; Dixon Sorensen, Dwight, Ill.; and Martin Grobeck, Omaha, Nebr.

Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Suomi Synod) — Dr. Raymond W. Wargelin, Hancock, Mich., president of synod, chairman; Dr. Bernhard Hillila, Brooklyn, N. Y., vice president; the Rev. Carl J. Tamminen, Calumet, Mich., secretary; the Rev. Douglas Ollila, Ishpeming, Mich., notary; Dr. Armas Holmio, Hancock, Mich.; Dr. Walter J. Kukkonen, DeKalb, Ill.; the Rev. Karlo Keljo, Calumet, Mich.; the Rev. Chester Heikkinen, Minneapolis; the Rev. Henry Kangas, Warren, Ohio.

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Report to the AELC on the Third National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The conference was conducted by the Department of the Church and Economic Life, a department within the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

The Conference Theme was: The Christian Conscience and an Economy of Abundance.

"The 350 delegates and consultants were appointed by 28 denominations and 23 councils of churches, also 8 major units in the National Council of Churches. In addition, denominations in Canada and Australia and the Canadian World Councils of Churches were represented by consultants. The participants came from 32 states and the District of Columbia.

"Of the 350 conference members, 204 or 60 per cent, were lay men and women from a wide variety of occupations. The balance of 146 were clergymen — pastors, program and other church executives, and seminary faculty members. Of the lay delegates, 50 are engaged in business and industry, 25 in labor, 18 in agriculture, and 19 are professional economists. Other secular occupations of the lay delegates include: education, law, government, home-making, journalism and mass communications, medicine, science and engineering."

Delegates to the conference from the AELC were Reverend Harry Andersen, Hjalmar Petersen and Peter Jorgensen.

Widely representative religious and economic leaders of distinction gave addresses at the opening worship service, the conference luncheon, and the two general sessions. But the real work at the conference was done in the discussion groups and by the conference message committee of 26 members, included in which was our own delegate Hjalmar Petersen.

"Each delegate and consultant was a member of one of the six discussion groups in Series A (The Christian Conscience in Relation to the Maintenance, Use and Growth of our Economy of Abundance) and one of the five groups in Series B (Responsibilities of the Churches Issuing from the Cultural and Social Implications of Our Economy of Abundance). Each of the eleven groups had a chairman, secretary, and resource leader; in Series A, the resource leader was an economist, in Series B, a theologian. Each group drew up a report of its major conclusions. After being presented to the conference in a plenary session and briefly discussed, each report was received and referred to the churches for study and appropriate action."

The conference plenary session on the last day of the conference discussed and adopted a Message which had been prepared by a 26-member committee composed of at least one member from each discussion group. The Committee held an open hearing for the delegates prior to the adoption of the Message.

Reached as they were by the most democratic procedure possible, and having been thoroughly aired in

frank discussion, the conclusions to be found in the Conference Message may in all fairness be called the findings of the conference. It is intended that this Message and the reports of the eleven groups in Series A and B are to be used in follow-up work conducted in the various groups that sent delegates to the Pittsburgh meeting.

Concerning the follow-up, the official conference report has this to say: "During the conference, the administrative secretary gave as the main elements in the conference follow-up:

1. The Conference Report with the Message and discussion group reports to be available in printed form by June. (available now)
2. The major conference addresses to be available in pamphlet, or mimeographed form in June (now available).
3. A discussion and program guide, based upon the Conference Message and discussion group reports together with methods, resources, and techniques for denominational, community, and local church conferences and meetings related to the Pittsburgh topics, to be ready in the fall (forthcoming soon).
4. Church and Economic Life Week held annually and scheduled for January 20-26, 1957, will focus on the conference theme.
5. The Department of the Church and Economic Life will seek the opportunity to cooperate with councils of churches and denominational groups in planning and conducting post-Pittsburgh meetings."

Here, then, is an opportunity for the AELC and its constituent local congregations to enter into a study fellowship with the millions of fellow-Christians that will be following through.

All quotations are from the Conference Report sent me as a delegate. I shall not go into the questions discussed at the Pittsburgh conference, nor attempt to summarize the findings in the form of statements, programs for action, or resolutions. Nor shall I name any of the many men and women of outstanding ability who attended. It is indeed a comfort to find humility in high places. It is gratifying to know that America has this Heaven element and that it is intelligent, strong, and fearless.

To the AELC, permit me to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of being a delegate to the Pittsburgh Study Conference. It was indeed a most heartening experience.

Peter Jorgensen.

P. S. — Printed herewith (page 14) is an Order Blank for use in procuring the materials needed for study groups. P. J.

Report to Annual Meeting, Solvang Lutheran Home, Inc.

OCTOBER 5, 1956

by B. P. Christensen, Executive Manager

IT IS A coincidence that today our home is 3½ years old. Our first resident arrived on April 5, 1953, and three aged persons were living with us on the actual dedication date, April 19, 1953.

Ordinarily one should perhaps commence with a report about the aged folks in our care rather than first to talk about material things. I would purposely like to keep them until last for I fear that we will soon forget most of what is said, but I do not wish any of us to forget that our folks whom we serve come first, always, in our daily labor here at the Home.

So first let us look at our physical plant. You will recall that only our "Kronborg" unit was ready for occupancy on April 1, 1953, but during the next sixty days we also filled our "Fredensborg" unit for a total of 12 residents. Those of you present at our April, 1953 dedication will recall the bareness of our clay and hardpan soil surrounding our buildings. Today our Home, outside as well as inside, will do credit to every member of our Home organization. Nearly every shrub and blade of grass has come about by contributions from you folks as well as from visiting friends from nearly everywhere in United States. Helping hands in beautifying and landscaping our plot have been given us by many local friends.

In October 1954 we moved into our third unit, "Sønderborg," with eight more rooms. This building was thoughtfully planned with a "Dagligstue" in which we all have spent countless happy hours and where visitors and friends of our folks seem to blend right in with the happy atmosphere of friendly introductions, smiles and greetings.

In March of this year we moved into our new eight-room "Rosenborg" unit and added eight more residents to our ever-growing family. This building with its delightful and large glass-enclosed solarium has truly made us feel that we have come a long way in so short a time.

It would be fittingly proper to here meditate for a moment in praise to Almighty God who has so abundantly provided for our every need, and to remind ourselves that as a home we have now arrived at a milestone in our cooperative accomplishment having reached the capacity of our present dining room at Atterdag. The California State Social Welfare Department, which governs our operation in respect to safety and comfort for all, has prescribed that the maximum number of persons to take meals in the Atterdag dining room shall be 33. Consequently, if we wish to erect more resident units, we must be getting our own administration building under way soon. Our board has already been making plans for this next unit. When proper decisions have been made I am confident we shall go on to the fulfillment of what so short a time ago seemed only a dream.

Operation

Ever since our inception we have been able to operate our Home within our monthly income received from

residents living with us, plus many contributions of seasonable food items, cash gifts, and donations for guest meals served mainly to relatives of our folks.

We live exceedingly well without frills of unnecessary items. Daily wholesome and nutritious food is expertly prepared for proper digestion by our aged folks. Careful in our daily purchasing of food and supplies and watchful of unnecessary waste, we pay all our current bills promptly on the tenth of every month, and Solvang Lutheran Home today enjoys an enviable credit rating. Trades-people who deal with us have discovered that fair consideration of the Home has secured them a good customer worthy of their best.

As you will note from our annual statement, the operating account shows a net worth of nearly \$3,000, reinvested in essential equipment, furniture and fixtures. While we are a home for senior citizens, we owe it to them whose home we are, as well as to the hundreds of friends who have made the Home possible, to conduct our business affairs in a manner reflecting good management; and thus continue earning their trust and confidence in our ability to be their custodians of a valuable property. The board of directors, the management and staff labor with the above in mind, and we invite you, while you are here, to inspect the Home both inside and out, and invite any constructive criticisms or suggestions you may have which can enhance our service to those who depend upon us.

Our Staff

We are fortunate at this time in being fully staffed. The time has come when I cannot any longer do the many menial chores I was obliged to do the first couple of years. Administration duties and general assistance to the folks prohibits this. We are excellently staffed in respect to both full and part-time employees whose remuneration is comparable to that of like homes anywhere, even in California.

When our last unit was filled it was decided to have the services of a trained nurse. This was on our own volition as it is not mandatory in our type of home. She comes for three hours every morning, except Sundays and holidays. She checks on those who are indisposed and then proceeds to call upon and assist those who require help with their daily hygiene, such as baths, clipping toe and finger nails, washing hair and many other things which add to their comforts. Her services have been found extremely valuable lifting this portion of our program to the level of daily routine.

All our staff is doing a fine job and deserves your sincere commendation for their unselfish devotion to their respective work in and for the Home.

Welfare Agencies

This report would not be complete if I did not tell you that the California State Department of Social Welfare, by and under whom we are licensed, have on many

occasions commended us in having what they term "an outstanding and magnificent home." We have done our utmost to cooperate with them as well as with other state departments with whom we must deal and with several county divisions of old age relief. The good will we have on their part makes for ease in adjusting questions as they arise in the future.

Finances

Early this year the board added a clause to our resident entrance requirement; namely, that a person entering the Home after proper application and acceptance shall pay an entrance fee of either \$150 or \$300 — persons receiving Old Age Relief paying the lesser amount and others the greater. This does not apply to persons already in residence or whose application had been previously approved. The money thus received will be carried in a special "Depreciation Reserve Account"; thereby enabling us to keep our buildings in safe and good condition. The Admission Committee has the right to waive this entrance fee; therefore, it will not be a deterrent for admission of anyone.

Our present financial status will, after proper procedure and filing of application, entitle us to accept the so-called Life-care Residents. It is not the thought that we will solicit such, but it is rather our desire to be eligible for such arrangement should future occasion present itself. This could mean the receipt of varied lump sums from time to time and could play quite a role in future expansion of our home. We should bear it in mind.

Our Resident Folks

We have been favored with practically continued occupancy of our facilities. There are now 28 persons living with us — 17 ladies and 11 men. In this total we have two couples. We have lost two residents by death this year and one lady who became completely bedridden and upon doctors' recommendation was moved to an invalid home.

We are indeed fortunate in having a fine group of elderly folks. Those who are able enjoy assisting in the easier daily chores and we find it a great help. They take much pride in knowing that they are still useful and thus contribute to the general fine atmosphere prevailing in our everyday home-life. Of course, we are not without occasional problems. If that were the case we would not be a true home. Within our home both joys and sorrows are sincerely shared by all.

We have been told again and again that we surely have established a beautiful and ideal senior citizen's home. The board and management have labored with that result in mind and with your continued interest and support we shall be able to remain in the top category of fine homes in which our aged friends may spend the evening of their lives in happiness and contentment.

Mrs. Christensen and I have thus far been very happy in our labor and efforts in behalf of the Solvang Lutheran Home and are deeply grateful to many friends for helping hands in the time that has passed. We humbly but sincerely extend to one and all our gratitude and appreciation, in the faith that God will guide our future path as he has the past and in the conviction that we have not labored in vain.

The Living Word

"Allege" and "Advertise"

To "allege" now means merely to assert, but in the sixteenth century it meant to adduce evidence, hence to cite or quote authorities. That is what it means in Acts 17:3, where we are told by the King James Version that for three weeks Paul "reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead." Yet Webster's New International Dictionary cites this text as evidence that "allege" means "to assert without proof, but with the implication of readiness or ability to prove." Does the writer imagine that Paul spent three weeks brandishing the Scriptures, implying that he could prove what he was asserting, but failing actually to cite or quote any evidence? That our best dictionary could go so far astray is just an additional bit of evidence that the archaic language of the King James Bible easily misleads the reader. The Revised Standard Version translates the passage: "They came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and for three weeks he argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, 'This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ'."

The word "advertise" appears twice in the King James Version, Numbers 24:14 and Ruth 4:4. Its meaning is simply to tell or inform, without any of its twentieth-century connotations of wide public notice. When Balaam said, "I will advertise thee what this people will do to thy people," he meant "I will let you know . . ." The statement of Boaz to the kinsman of Ruth, "I thought to advertise thee," was not a threat; what he said was simply, "I thought I would tell you of it."

Luther A. Weigle.

Stewardship Gems

AVOIDING TROUBLE — "Missionary Lutheran"

A Christian woman told a story to a group of listeners which bears repeating. She said: "One frosty morning, long ago, I was looking out of the window into my father's farmyard, watching the cows. It was a cold morning. The cattle all stood very still and meek, till one of the cows attempted to turn around. In making the attempt she happened to jolt her next neighbor, whereupon the neighbor kicked and jolted another cow. In a few minutes the whole herd was milling about excitedly.

"My mother laughed when I told her of the incident, and said, 'See what comes of kicking when you are jostled a bit. Just so I have seen one cross word set a whole family by the ears on some frosty morning.'

"Afterward, if my brothers or I were a bit irritable, she would say, 'Take care, children. Never give back a kick, and you will save yourselves and others a great deal of trouble.'"

District II Convention

The Zion Lutheran Church in the Germania community of Marlette, Michigan, was host to the District convention September 28-30.

The convention theme this year was: "Consider Your Calling," treated under the following sub-headings, "As Sons," "As Brethren," "As Witnesses," and "As Heirs" by Pastors Harald Knudsen, John Christensen, Peter Thomsen and Beryl Knudsen in that order. All were edifying and challenging messages for Christian living and were well received.

After the customary greetings of welcome from the host pastor, Rev. Harry Andersen, the president of the congregation, Mr. Rolf Wischman and the District president, Rev. Edwin Hansen, the convention organized for the annual business session on Saturday morning, under the leadership of the District president with Mrs. Delford Henderson as secretary.

Fifty some delegates responded to roll call. All pastors of the District, except Pastor Jorgensen from Detroit, were present.

The usual reports were presented and discussed, all giving evidence that sincere efforts in carrying out the responsibilities of the church on local and district levels had been made and some worthy accomplishments attained. The Brown City Home Mission project, started this year, received special attention and interest. Convention guests utilized free time early Saturday evening to visit the Brown City area and to see the place of worship there. Pastor Andersen gave added information about many details, not previously mentioned. The convention voted to use funds originally set aside to assist some seminary student from the district, (for which there seemed to be no immediate use) to help this District Home Mission project get properly launched.

The convention also went on record to accept the District Apportionment of the Synod's 1957 goal and the allocations assigned to each congregation. And all congregations renewed their willingness to put forth their best efforts for the Faith and Life Advance program in October.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee, composed of a representative from each congregation, the District president and vice-president, be chosen to analyze the proposed budget for 1958 as soon as it is available. The vice-president of the District is to be the chairman of this committee. An additional motion was also passed that a committee be appointed to prepare a proposal from District II to the 1957 synod convention, regarding a better method of arriving at congregational goals for the synod budget. This proposal shall be submitted to the respective congregations within the District for majority approval before it is submitted to the synod convention.

Each congregation was urged to give serious thought to sending a member of its church council to the Council Members' Workshop to be held in Des Moines, November 9-11. District assistance toward traveling costs was voted if council members from various churches could get together and travel by car.

A revision of the District Constitution was the most time consuming task on the convention agenda. It was felt, however, that the old constitution from 1941 needed to be brought up to date, and the job was done in a fine and cooperative spirit.

The following officers were elected this year: Vice-president, Rev. Peter Thomsen, Greenville; Treasurer, Elmer Ness, Manistee; Trustee, Albert Golden, Muskegon.

Saturday evening was devoted to a meeting of the WMS and later Rev. Harry Wolf, Director of Lutheran Charities in Detroit, gave an informal address about Lutheran Welfare work in the state of Michigan.

Worship services were conducted in three churches on Sunday morning. Rev. Edwin Hansen preached at Brown City at 9 a. m. and at Juhl at 10:15. Rev. Harry Andersen took charge of the communion service. At the host church, Rev. James Lund preached the sermon and Rev. Harold Knudsen had charge of the communion. According to decision, the convention offering will be divided between the Synod Church Extension fund and the District Home Mission efforts.

The convention had a very sad ending in that Mrs. Ingeborg, (Inky) Ness of Manistee, wife of our District treasurer, suffered a stroke at the dinner table on Sunday noon and had to be rushed to the Marlette hospital where she died on Tuesday evening that week. Though afflicted with a heart condition for some time, she had been quite well and had her doctor's sanction to take the convention trip.

We express our sincere appreciation to the Germania people for their cordiality and hospitality while guests at the convention.

Mrs. Delford Henderson, Sec.

District III Convention

Friends, delegates and pastors of District III met in St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa, on Friday evening, September 28, to hear Pastor Paul Wikman speak at the opening service. Pastor Wikman's topic for the opening meeting was "The Christian Outreach In The Community."

Saturday morning devotion was conducted by Dr. J. Knudsen, Dean of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary Graduate School. He spoke on "The Christian Outreach In Education."

The business session of the convention was conducted by the former District President, Pastor Eilert Nielsen, due to the absence of District President Ivan Nielsen who was in Tyler for his father's funeral. Reports from the congregations indicated that from 21 per cent to 41 per cent of the baptized membership in the congregations of the district attend the Sunday morning worship services. A discussion on the value of communion tabulations in the congregations proved enlightening to the delegates. Dean Axel Kildegaard brought greetings from Grand View College and Seminary, and from the Director of Faith and Life Advance. The Finance Committee met and allocated the \$10,212.00 minimum goal for District III.

Dr. J. Knudsen, Mr. Elmer Riber and Mr. Harry Gjellesten were elected to the newly organized District Home Mission Committee. Pastor Erik Moller was elected Vice-President — Secretary to succeed Pastor Marvin Nygaard and Mr. Dixon Sorensen was elected Treasurer to succeed Mr. Knud Overgaard.

The Convention voted to divide the Sunday offering equally between the two Home Mission congregations of Enumclaw, Washington, and North Cedar, Iowa.

Saturday evening, following the Women's Missionary Society meeting, Miss Muriel Nielsen spoke to the Convention on her experiences as a missionary in the coun-

try of India. One of the highlights of her presentation was her account of how knotty problems among the Christians are not settled in the meetings with the missionaries, but are settled by the Indians alone while drinking tea following the meeting.

Sunday morning Pastor Eilert Nielsen had charge of the worship service and communion. His topic for the sermon was "The Christian Outreach In The Church."

During the week end of the Church Convention young people from District III met in Clinton for a Young People's Workshop under the able leadership of Dean Axel Kildegaard and Professor Howard Christensen. A relatively small number of young people attended, but it was decided to try the program for another year.

The members of District III express their sincere gratitude to the St. Stephen's congregation and her pastor for the fine hospitality displayed, and for the excellent facilities made available for use during the convention and workshop. Few congregations in the synod have better facilities than St. Stephen's in Clinton, Iowa.

Ivan E. Nielsen.

The Iowa District Convention

The annual convention of the Iowa District was held in Cedar Falls during the week end, September 21-23 with the Bethlehem Lutheran Church as host.

The meeting was well attended by pastors, delegates and other guests, and a strong spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed.

A total of sixty-eight voting members centered their deliberations and decisions on a number of issues throughout the business sessions of the meeting.

One of the most challenging projects before the Iowa District is still the mission churches, St. Paul's of Cedar Heights, frequently, but mistakenly, called Cedarloo, and the Lutheran Mission of North Cedar.

The convention guests were given the opportunity Saturday afternoon to visit the St. Paul's church, where Rev. Alfred Sorensen directed a tour of the church, its various facilities, the parsonage, and the spacious grounds with adequate parking space. He recalled for us that the St. Paul's congregation was organized November 29, 1953. During the first couple of years the congregation gathered for worship services in the Cedar Heights public school. The church was built in 1954 with considerable financial help from the congregations of the District, and loans from the synodical Church Extension Fund, and the Chicago Children's Home.

Since organizing in 1953 a total of 101 adults and 86 children have been accepted into the congregation, in all 63 families. Nine of these families have again moved away from the area. The average attendance is now 65-70 for the worship services and 50-60 children in Sunday School. A summer vacation school was held this summer where 71 children attended.

Part of Saturday afternoon convention session was held at the St. Paul's Church. Harry Jensen, Director of the FAITH and LIFE ADVANCE, spoke to the convention about the progress of this stewardship program throughout the Synod.

Rev. Alfred Sorensen also serves the North Cedar Mission church with an early Sunday morning worship service. The attendance is less at North Cedar, but they have had as high as 45 children in Sunday School. Mr. Ronald Hansen, G. V. Seminary student assisted

with the work in North Cedar throughout the summer months. He took a survey of the area which indicated good possibilities for the growth of a Lutheran church there. The District meeting expressed in various ways its gratitude for the fine work that has been done by the District Home Mission Committee, and especially the consecrated efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Sorensen in both of these Mission fields. A number of members from the Bethlehem Church in Cedar Falls have given substantial help, several go out to North Cedar every Sunday morning to conduct the Sunday School, etc.

At the Saturday business session Mr. Richard Sears gave a detailed treasurer's report for the District Home Mission project. And the meeting voted to support the St. Paul's Church with a sum of \$2,700, and \$300 to the North Cedar Mission. And later the convention voted: "That the District Board be authorized to make a special appeal to the congregations for further help for North Cedar if a situation should arise so further increased service could be given at North Cedar."

The Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa is given more and more recognition by our District and the respective congregations. Rev. Paul Boe, Director of this fine welfare agency, was present at our meeting on Friday and spoke to us about the work of the Society. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the support given from the various congregations to their work, but he added: "If the Lutheran Welfare Society could be certain of receiving \$1.00 per confirmed member of all the Lutheran churches in Iowa (not including Missouri), we believe that we could do the work that is really before us. And we feel that this is a reasonable amount to ask from our church people."

Closer cooperation with the Iowa Synod of the United Lutheran Church and our District was envisioned by the decision to plan a possible participation of our pastors in the ULC Iowa Synod Pre-Lenten Pastors Retreat in 1957; and further, the possibility of a joint sponsorship of the ULC Iowa Synod and our District in a proposed Vocations Conference for High School Juniors and Seniors on the campus of Grand View College during the Thanksgiving week end.

The Iowa Lutheran Campus Mission program was presented to our meeting. This work amongst the Lutheran students at the four College and University campuses merits the support of our people.

The Youth Camps of our District, one last winter, and one this summer had been well attended. The convention voted to support this program again next year with a sum of 25 cents from each contributing member in all our congregations.

Good messages were given by the various pastors of the District throughout the meeting. Services were held on Sunday morning with guest speakers in the Waterloo, Fredsville, St. Paul's and Bethlehem churches.

Saturday evening we were privileged to hear Rev. Reynold Lingwall, full-time president of the Iowa District of the Augustana Synod. He spoke to us on the theme, "The Augustana Spirit." As our annual Synod convention in Muskegon voted to seek closer relationship with the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church in matters pertaining to Lutheran unity, this message by Pastor Lingwall was very timely and much appreciated.

Pastor Lingwall gave us first a brief historical sketch of his synod. He told us that the Augustana Synod consisted of ca. 1200 congregations in the U. S. A. and

Canada, and that the Synod was getting ready to observe its Centennial in 1960. He pointed out in regard to the possible unity efforts of the Lutheran churches: "We are happy to walk down the corridor of time with other evangelical Christians," and further: "I believe that we in Augustana are willing to lose our identity in order to become a part of a larger fellowship. There are doctrinal differences, but these are mostly due to tradition and background. We in Augustana are desirous to walk closer and closer with other Lutheran groups until that day when there shall be one Lutheran Church in America."

Sunday afternoon we listened to Prof. Alfred C. Nielsen from Grand View College and Rev. Holger O. Nielsen, pastor of the host church. They gave challenging impressions of their visit in various European countries this summer. Musical selections were given on Sunday afternoon and at various times throughout the entire meeting. And the Cedar Falls people proved themselves to be superb in entertaining their guests with delicious food and excellent church facilities which made it a pleasure for everyone concerned.

Refreshed in mind and spirit guests departed for their respective homes and fields of work after three days of fine Christian fellowship.

Holger Strandskov, Sec.

Visiting Our Neighbors

The week end of October 12, 13, and 14, spent at Withee, Wisconsin, by men and women from their respective congregations of which District V is comprised, were good days of fellowship.

There were men and women present who have been in the work of our church for over half a century. That, to those of us who are considerably younger, seems a long time. And yet, they were there aglow with that spirit which has carried the work through the past years and with a look to the future for continuance of all that which has been near and dear to them these many years. It is indeed good for all of us that we are privileged to have them with us. By their presence they demonstrate to the younger generation some of the intangibles of the blessings which are experienced by working in the Lord's Vineyard which was so beautifully presented to us at the Sunday morning worship service by Pastor Ottar Jorgensen of Minneapolis.

There were also men and women, in the age group, who remember these older people when they were in their prime as far as years are concerned. A third group is of the third generation.

To see these younger people take their places must gladden the hearts of our old faithful workers.

There are no age limitations for those who work in the Lord's Vineyard — we are all called.

It was a visit among neighbors, with the people of Withee congregation being hosts.

There was significance in this visit or people would not have traveled from as far as Dalum, Alberta, Canada; and Dagmar, Montana; or even those from Alden, Minneapolis, Askov, Minnesota; West Denmark, and Bone Lake, Wisconsin. We met for the same purpose — we worshipped and worked and visited.

Each year old friendships are renewed and new ones established. The value of this can never be meas-

ured and put into print. It is of such a nature that it must be lived and experienced.

I would like to express words of appreciation to our pastors who were present and gave so much to make our District meeting meaningful and profitable so that we could all return home with encouragement and renewed strength for our daily work.

Inasmuch as Harry Jensen was also on the program in connection with "Faith and Life Advance" we also here wish to recognize his contribution to our meeting. His task to present, to our people, the program of "Faith and Life Advance", is one which takes great courage and faith and we want to express our appreciation to him for his fine work.

As is customary, a business meeting of WMS District V was also on the program and scheduled for 4 p. m. But again this year, the business session on general matters was not finished until nearly 5 p. m., so it was a very short business meeting.

A short portion of the evening meeting was devoted to WMS where our National president, Miss Emilie Stockholm of Chicago, presided.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer and a flannelgraph presenting the Lord's Prayer was given by Emilie Stockholm. Slides of the Children's Home in Chicago were also shown depicting daily life at the Home, showing staff and children at work and play.

Now a final word of "Thank You" to Withee congregation for being host to us. We were shown a most friendly and kind hospitality in their many homes. And not least, to all those who worked the many hours to prepare all the good food we enjoyed, "thank you."

This is to express in a few words, a glimpse from one more meeting of District V.

We returned to our homes with grateful hearts for once again of having had the privilege of meeting in fellowship and sharing in the work of the Kingdom of God.

Esther D. Sorensen.

District VII Convention

District VII convention began Friday afternoon, September 28, with a business meeting of the WMS, and an informal discussion of the role of the rural congregation, led by Rev. Willard Garred.

In the evening, Rev. Calvin Rossman conducted a worship and Communion service. His text was Psalm 51, a portion of which is used as the offertory in the new liturgy. He emphasized the terribleness of sin by pointing out that it breaks the relationship between man and God, and thus only God can forgive. When we realize we cut ourselves off from God and come to him in repentance, he is able to restore this broken fellowship, to give us the joy of his salvation.

The Saturday session was opened with devotions led by Rev. Carl Laursen. This was the first opportunity many of us had to hear the newest pastor of our district speak. He presented a timely and inspiring message.

At the business session last year's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Each congregation presented a summary of its year's work. The regular work of the Church was being accomplished — worship, religious education, fellowship, and maintenance

of facilities. The Faith and Life Advance is being conducted in most of the congregations.

The Nebraska congregations of the District voted to support the Lutheran Student work at Lincoln and the Nebraska Lutheran Social Service, and to join the Nebraska Council of Churches. Rev. Arnold Knudsen was elected director of the Junior Camp and Rev. Thorvald Hansen director of Fellowship Week End (both are held at Camp Nysted). There are three students in the Seminary from District VII, Lavern Larkowski, Folmer Farstrup, and Donald Holm, and each was given a \$100 scholarship. Rev. Thorvald Hansen was elected secretary and Mr. Anders Nielsen, Nysted, was elected treasurer. Tribute was paid to the retiring officers for their years of work. Mr. L. C. Laugesen served for 16 years as treasurer, and Rev. Mikkelsen as secretary for four years. An invitation from Nysted for next year's convention was accepted.

For a special entertainment feature Saturday afternoon, Princess Blue Waters, an Ogalala Sioux Indian from Pine Ridge, South Dakota, brought her troupe of Indian singers, drummers and dancers to the convention. They were dressed in colorful regalia, and performed a number of group dances and several solo dances. Those taking part in the exhibition were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Red Cloud (a grandson of Chief Red Cloud), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jumping Bull, Willy Horn Cloud, Nancy Horn Cloud, Frank Afraid of Horses, and Cora and Wendell Janus.

A film, Toru's People, was shown Saturday evening. It presented the problems of the Japanese people as they plan their new democracy. One of the biggest changes for the people is the new status of women, who can now vote and hold jobs. Rev. Garred led the devotional. An offering for WMS work (\$37.25) was received.

Rev. Marius Krog conducted the worship and delivered the sermon Sunday morning. He pictured the contrast between the person that holds back his emotions and the person that throws himself into the hands of Christ. We need to allow God to capture our souls; then he recreates the patterns of our heart little by little, and we have a new control of our life that results in peace and joy.

Highlight of the convention was Rev. H. O. Nielsen's lecture Sunday afternoon. He presented experiences and insights from his recent trip to Europe. He pictured the life of the people in the countries he visited, the church life in Denmark, and the meaning of the Kirchetag assembly at Frankfurt. His message was inspiring and enlightening.

Following the lecture a short dedication service for the newly remodeled community hall of the Hay Springs congregation was conducted. Congregational vice president Harmon Smith and Pastor Calvin Rossman made a few comments, a quartet composed of Dick Merrigan, Joe Shaugnessy, Gene Alcorn and Maurice Bayless sang the "23rd Psalm." Rev. Garred read the Scripture and Rev. Nielsen dedicated the building.

Sunday evening Rev. Thorvald Hansen spoke on the practices observed at today's funeral services. To challenge our thinking at a time when we can easily discuss such matters he mentioned the practices of opening the

casket, placing the family behind a screen, holding the service in the funeral parlor, having the congregation sing, etc. His thoughts made us aware of the fact that we may be removing the joyful promise of the Gospel from our funerals by our practices.

The convention closed with a few informal remarks and prayer at the coffee table. Six pastors and 47 delegates were registered at the business session. In addition 10 guests were registered. St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Community congregation was the host, the first time it has performed this function.

C. H. R.

District VI Convention

A new modern church is a thing of beauty. So is a small white country church with its well-kept grounds and adjoining cemetery. The latter was the setting for our District VI Convention when we met at Pioneer Lutheran Church near White, South Dakota, on September 21, 22 and 23. We all marveled at the work done by this small congregation of 22 contributing members. New paint, new floors, new fixtures were in evidence throughout the church and parish hall, which the men had added to the church a few years ago. The excellent spirit of fellowship that seemed to prevail there was an inspiration to those of us attending the meeting.

The meeting opened Friday evening with Rev. John Enseleman in charge of services and Rev. Enok Mortensen preaching the sermon. Rev. Paul Nussle had charge of the Bible Hour Saturday morning. After this the business session convened with Rev. Harald Ibsen, district president, presiding. Routine business and reports occupied the time of much of the session. However, interspersing these matters there were discussions and expression of opinions concerning several problems. Three, especially, were brought out — our youth, the ministry, and stewardship. As a result of these discussions it was decided to try to arrange a winter camp for the young people of the district. One hundred dollars is to be sent to a seminary student, preferably but not necessarily, from District VI. As Rev. Mortensen stated, "We not only want to help financially, but we as a group want to show young men we believe in the ministry as a life's work." The district president was to investigate the possibility of obtaining a guest speaker to discuss stewardship with each congregation. It might be mentioned here, that while Viborg and Gayville, South Dakota, have little or no crop this year, they decided to meet their equal share of the synodical budget.

Saturday evening following the women's business session, Muriel Nielsen, missionary to India, spoke to us. She tried to bring the India she loves so much, nearer to us in her "easy to listen to" way. Her articles brought back from India were on display for us to see.

The sermon Sunday morning was preached by Rev. Harald Ibsen. Rev. Alfred Jensen addressed the closing meeting of the convention Sunday afternoon.

We wish to express our thanks to the Pioneer Lutheran Church for the hospitality shown to us. We enjoyed being your guests.

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Our Women's Work

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The Task of the American Church Women

By Mrs. Gladys Hofstad

Today American Church women have a better chance to be informed about the problems of our own country, than at any other period in the history of the Christian Church. Modern means of communication and transportation bring us in close contact with other people. This should enable us to know our neighbors better and to have a deeper understanding of their hopes and fears. Is this true?

It might be well to take a new look in three directions; a look within, a look around, and a look afar.

To look within we should take a self-inventory of the spiritual resources upon which we can draw.

Years ago, the prophet, Micah said, "He had showed thee, O Man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justice, to love kindness and walk humbly with thy God."

This may be used as a yardstick to measure ourselves today. To do justice — what are our convictions about honest sincere relationships with our fellowmen?

To love kindness — what shall we give in compassion to those who are suffering physical and mental pain?

And walk humbly with our God — is it too much to require that a few minutes of each day, be spent in quiet contemplation, a seeking for an inner companionship, to give us strength in time of need? In the days when all goes well, when our hearts sing with gladness and the goodness of life — then do we with humility remember, "that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift."

Let us go out from the homes into the community and look around. It would be hard for us to conceive a community without Church spires soaring above the trees. There is hardly a church that has not carried out some kind of a building program to take care of a growing Sunday school. With this there must come an increased interest in Bible classes and Sunday School conferences so that teachers may be prepared and trained to teach and lead these children who will be the church members of tomorrow.

If we take a broader look around we find many activities calling for contributions of time, money and leadership. There are so many demands that again choices must be made or we find ourselves so involved in drives, clubs and meetings that we become exhausted rather than productive.

Now let us lift our eyes to the horizon and look afar. Lutheran churches extend their influence into the far corners of the world by means of mission fields in Asia and Africa. Lutheran World Action has carried hope and rehabilitation to many of the European countries ravaged by war. Because these people are so far away we need to be continually reminded **not** "to become weary in well doing." Every copy of the Santal Missionary brings some new information about the work in India. We should all subscribe to it. Many of us belong to the United Council of Church Women. When we gather for the observance of the World Community Day or the World Day of Prayer we feel a closer kinship with our sister women in other lands. "Family life has broken down completely or suffered badly, not because of the fact of women's due and intelligent participation in public life, but because family life has not been kept spiritually strong and unselfish and progressive enough In bringing about world peace, women have a big and important part to play in and out of the home, because of the humanitarian outlook they can bring to bear upon it."

Does that sound like a challenge to our American Church

women? It was written about Pakistan Women in public life by the Pakistan Ambassador to the Netherlands, but it can certainly be applied to us too. We are often awed and overwhelmed by the vastness of the need and the sorrow and suffering that is almost unbearable. Individually, we feel unequal to the task that calls for a great outpouring of love and compassion for all mankind. Together, if we **look within** ourselves, then **look around** us at our friends and neighbors — we may get a better understanding as we **look afar** at the wide world.

(Condensation of a talk given by Mrs. Anton Hofstad at the District meeting of the Women's Missionary Organization in Cedar Falls.)

WMS Meet in District V

The WMS meeting of District V was held Saturday afternoon, October 13, 1956, from 4:30 to 6 o'clock at Nazareth Church in Withee, Wisconsin, with Mrs. Virginia Nielsen presiding. The meeting was opened by singing "The Church's One Foundation." Mrs. Arnold Sorensen from Askov led our devotion by reading Psalm 100 after which we all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes from last year's meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. A letter of appreciation from Miss Amy Johansen of Luck, Wisconsin, this year's recipient of the District WMS Scholarship, was read. This one unified project of our district women stands out as unique and very commendable and worthwhile. It will be continued again the next school year — the 4th year of its existence.

It is customary to receive an offering at our district conventions for the women's work. The offering amounted to \$63.75. It was decided to send three-fourths of the offering to go to the National treasurer for a special project fund. The women had in mind new beds for the girls' dormitory at Grand View College. In the event that the beds will be forthcoming without assistance from WMS, then the money can be applied to any other project of WMS. The remaining quarter will be retained in the district treasury.

With no further district business on hand the meeting was turned over to Miss Emilie Stockholm, our National President, who gave us her report in person. She reviewed and clarified her six point program as she had outlined and presented it at the workshop in Des Moines last year. I couldn't help but think what a unifying effect it could have if Emilie could visit all the women's groups, or even the district women's groups throughout the synod through the year, and present this plan in person. That way we would know what was in the making.

A motion was made and seconded that District V send our district representative to the Board meeting in Chicago this fall. If our representative cannot go, she is to send another in her place.

The meeting adjourned, and again we all felt that we did not have enough time to discuss our problems nor to make adequate plans for their solution. What is the solution to this lack of time for our women's work?

Gerda Duus, Secretary-Treasurer.

WMS of District III

The 1956 WMS meeting of District III opened at seven o'clock Saturday evening, September 29, in St. Stephen's church, Clinton, Iowa, with Mrs. Minna Holgaard presiding.

The opening song was, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains", followed by prayer.

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Seminar Announced

A Seminar on Alcoholism will be held in Dwight, Illinois, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Monday, January 7, 1957, and ending January 8th at 2:30 p. m. The Seminar is sponsored by The Keeley Institute and the pastors of the Dwight churches.

Dr. Russell Dicks, Editor of "Religion and Health," Professor of Pastoral Care at Duke Divinity School, and Chaplain of Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, will be the major resource leader. Mr. James Oughton, Administrator of The Keeley Institute, Dr. H. E. Karolus, and Dr. G. H. Turner-Hood of the medical and psychiatric staff of The Keeley Institute will also be on the program. Members of Alcoholics Anonymous will present an "open meeting."

The purpose of the seminar will be to assist pastors in understanding what they can do through pastoral work to help alcoholics and their families.

Registration is limited to 80 pastors. Clergymen from all Communions are invited.

The cost of the seminar, including four meals, lodging and registration, will be \$7.50, and will be payable in advance to the Rev. Chester E. Sheldon, registrar, Dwight, Illinois.

Dr. Fry Again Head of ULCA, Term Raised to Six Years

Harrisburg, Pa. — (NLC) — Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, 56, was re-elected president of the United Lutheran Church in America at the opening of its 20th biennial convention here.

After serving six two-year terms as head of the 2,270,000-member denomination, Dr. Fry was named to a newly-authorized term of six years, with added and more clearly defined responsibilities as president of the largest body in American Lutheranism.

Dr. Fry was returned to office on the first ballot after the nominating ballot when he received 582 out of 610 votes cast, with 458 votes needed for election.

In a brief statement after results of the balloting were announced, Dr. Fry expressed the hope that "this will be the last time that anyone will be elected president of the United Lutheran Church."

"There is a distinct possibility," he said, "that before my term expires we will be going forward into a broader combination of Lutherans that might or might not bear the name of the ULCA."

Dr. Fry's reference was to the fact that the ULCA and the Augustana Lutheran Church have issued a joint invitation to all 16 Lutheran church bodies in America to participate in conversations to explore the possibilities of organic union. It is expected that the meeting will be held before the end of 1956.

Under a new amendment to the ULCA's constitution, approved by its 32 constituent synods, Dr. Fry will be the first president of the Church to serve as its "spiritual" and "temporal" leader.

The amendment declares that "the president of the church, as its executive officer, shall be its leader in matters spiritual and temporal."

In addition, the president will serve as the chief

representative of the Church, and "shall have oversight of the activities of the office of secretary and the office of treasurer." Previously the duties of the president had not been spelled out so clearly.

Dr. Fry is the second man to head the ULCA. He was elected in 1944 to succeed the late Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, who had served as president for 26 years following organization of the Church in 1918.

A leader of Protestantism both in the U. S. and internationally, Dr. Fry is chairman of the policy-making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, vice president of the Lutheran World Federation, and prominent in the National Council of Churches and the National Lutheran Council.

Re-elected as secretary of the ULCA was Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, 55, who has served five two-year terms in the office. Dr. Reinartz, who is president of the National Lutheran Council, was named to a four-year term. In 1960 the secretary's term will be extended to six years.

Dr. Edmund F. Wagner, a New York realtor and financier, was re-elected treasurer for a two-year term. He was first named in 1952.

Lutheran Leader Stresses Role of Christian Citizen

Blue Island, Ill.—(NLC)—Lutherans were urged here to change their habitual attitude toward politics.

Instead of shunning public office, they should assume an active role in government affairs, it was said by Dr. Henry F. Schuh, president of the American Lutheran Church.

Speaking at the opening service of the ALC's 14th biennial convention, Dr. Schuh told the delegates that as a citizen of the world, the Christian has a responsibility to his fellowman, particularly in the area of the government.

Dr. Schuh spoke on "Christians Are Responsible Citizens," which was chosen as the theme of the convention because this is an election year.

Using as his text the passage from the Sermon on the Mount which refers to Christians as the salt of the earth and the light of the world, he asserted that "it's about time Lutherans start being the salt of the earth and stop hiding their light under a bushel."

"Unfortunately, there are those Christians who fail to think of themselves as salt," he added. "They prefer to be saints and so withdraw from the problems of the world and the operation of government. They complain about the world, the state, their civic obligations, but do nothing about them. Salt only serves its purpose when its characteristics are used."

Christians who are responsible citizens, the Lutheran leader said, "show their responsibility by recognizing their duties, obligations, and accountability to both Church and State."

"The members of the Lutheran Church are to be engaged in government and concerned with governmental problems," he stressed. "There is no excuse for a Christian to withdraw from these duties of responsible citizenship . . ."

We Take It for Granted

Thora E. Hansen

Neither flood, earthquake, or tornado need we be afraid of, or so we thought in Manistee, Michigan. But this year tornado warnings, alerts and baby tornadoes have jolted us out of our complacency and we no longer can take our weather for granted.

We take our friends, our family, our neighbors for granted until some of them are snatched from our midst either by sickness or death.

And we also take our church for granted. How many of our members know who our Sunday School teachers are, what courses of study are used, what other means of religious education are employed, and how many hours are devoted by our Sunday school staff to the teaching of the children in our Sunday school.

How many of our church members realize the hours the choir members spend preparing music for the church, not only anthems but hymns, responses and chants? Don't we take our choir for granted? How many ever take the time to voice appreciation to members of the choir.

Who takes care of the altar linen and places flowers in the sanctuary Sunday after Sunday? Why the Altar Guild, of course! Another group of faithful ones taken for granted. And thus we could go on down in our church organization.

I do not wish to seem cynical for our members do show their appreciation many times. For instance, last September after the quarterly meeting, the congregation honored the organist for her 20 years of service to the church. The organist was deeply moved by this gesture.

On July 29th, the congregation took the opportunity to show their appreciation to Elmer Ness for his 25 years or more faithful service on the Church Council, on the occasion of the Ness' fortieth wedding anniversary. But during these many years, I am afraid we have taken for granted too many times Elmer's and other Council members untiring and faithful work to the church.

Pastor Lund has been taken for granted. When, on a Sunday in June, his resignation as our pastor was read, it was as though a bombshell had fallen in our midst. He has been our "tower of spiritual strength" for five fruitful years. It has only been through his guidance, prayers, Christian messages, and faith that we have been revitalized and gained renewed efforts to carry on the work of our church now 88 years old or should I say young. For the first time in those 88 years we had a balance of one thousand dollars at the beginning of our new year in January, 1956. Our

church has grown, not by leaps and bounds, but grown slowly in membership. The young people Pastor Lund confirmed did not forget the church after confirmation, which has happened in the past, but stayed to help in the Sunday School, choir and youth work, taking over the services when our pastor has been absent. This was due to his influence with the young folk. His sermons were not mere orations but heart to heart talks with each one present.

The community, too, has felt his influence in his radio devotional talks and through ministerial association. It is not uncommon to have people of the community tell us what a wonderful man Pastor Lund is. We know we have a fine pastor but we took him and Mrs. Lund for granted. They were never too tired or busy to call on the sick, the shut-ins or those bereaved. Pastor Lund has been called to the home of others in the community to give a comforting word to a bereaved person, not a member of our church. The Lunds were always ready and willing to transport those without transportation to meetings, outings, or the hospital.

He was always willing to lend an ear to anyone in trouble, to our sorrows and our burdened souls, counseling, supplying a sympathetic word or giving a verbal spiritual slap when it was needed, but always with kindness and understanding.

He was never too tired to go with a zealous young fisherman out to the pier for a few hours of fishing. At gatherings Pastor and Mrs. Lund could bring a bright note with jokes and story-telling but when the time and place called for solemnity and spirituality, Pastor Lund was ready for the occasion.

How many parishioners really know what their pastor is receiving in salary? Perhaps at the meeting when a call letter is discussed they are aware at that time but I believe most of us are prone to forget, taking it for granted our pastor is doing all right. True, we try to show our appreciation now and then with bonuses. This past year we augmented our pastor's salary for social security purposes and at another meeting we were bighearted and gave him a bonus of \$300. But how much better it would have been if we had raised his salary to what we are now offering the pastors we are calling. We bought a power lawn mower to make the task easier in keeping the church property looking nice and we installed an automatic hot water heater in the parsonage. We proudly survey our church property with all its modern improve-

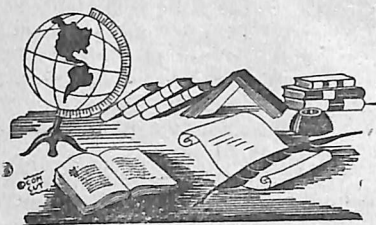
ments, the beautiful but simple altar appointments, our organ and chimes and know the property is in the best condition it has ever been in. But are we surveying our own spiritual life in relationship to our pastor? Are we attending church every Sunday or are we prone to feel lazy this Sunday, thinking our pastor won't miss us? But our pastor has a conscience and becomes conscience-stricken when his parishioners stay away, for he feels he has failed in his mission.

This is not the type of article I had planned to write for our church but when lying awake nights my thoughts have been going over the spiritual life of our church. I wonder if what I've said doesn't fit into the church life of most congregations whether it be Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Manistee or any of our churches north, south, east or west or middle west, whether it be Lutheran, Congregationalist, or Baptist.

I do not feel a hopelessness or despair for my church, for I know in my congregation we may take things for granted and we may, after a spurt of spiritual energy, settle back into our own little ruts, but when a need or crisis arises in our church, we all turn out and work together, shoulder to shoulder. That is not only my observation, but has been the observation of the people in our community. Many a time we have heard this remark, "We have never seen a church where all the members work so in unity."

In closing, I wish to say that we as members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, humbly thank Pastor and Mrs. Lund for their spiritual guidance and fellowship and that we all know deep in our hearts that our church is on the upward trend due to their efforts. Pastor Lund has earned a release from pastoral duties after 38 years in God's service and while he and Mrs. Lund are in good health should do some of the things they have wanted to do. It will be a hard day for all of us when the ties must be broken and we say farewell to the Lunds. Just a very simple "thank you" to Pastor and Mrs. Lund for all their goodness to me and all that you have done for me and my church. May God bless you both upon your retirement from His service.

Note: As there was no place in the article for this, I want to add it as a foot-note. I am extremely proud that two of Grand View College alumni are on the faculty of our Manistee school system. I had the pleasure of working with Alan Anderson on the Jefferson school (our newest school) faculty last year and this year Jefferson school will also have James Pierson. Norman Mathison, another alumnus, teaches in our county in the Norman-Dickson high school. Alan Anderson spoke very highly of Grand View, in fact he said Western State couldn't compare with it and "there was no one like the Danes," and he is Swedish.



OPINION AND COMMENT

FOR OUR COLUMN this week let's pick up a few odds and ends that are hanging loose and dispose of them. We have, for example, a justifiably indignant protest from a nice lady in Grant, Michigan, who says: "The one thing Ashland Højskole (High school) at no time has been, or is, or will be, is an onion storage! All of the Ashland community greatly resented the untrue statement that the Højskole has been such, and now is—nothing." (A recent article in these pages so stated.) Where there is indignation there is life, and where there is life there is hope. We are glad for this resurgence, and only wish we would hear more often from such communities. The letter goes on with further information: "The white shining building still lies among the peaceful pines with well kept green lawns reaching to the ever restless highway. It is a convalescent Hospital, beautifully and cleanly kept, serene in its mission to care for those who need its 'everlasting arms'." Sorry for the mistake, Ashland — more power to you!

BY THE TIME this reaches our homes November 6 will have come and gone, and it is perhaps safe to say something now which would have been risky business a couple of weeks ago. We refer to the H-bomb tests which became a political issue against the wishes of all concerned. The situation reveals some of the freakishness of American politics, which despite all such lapses still manages to be about the best system of government in the world. Now that the election is over, we venture this prediction: No matter who wins the election, within eighteen months our government, together with the other governments of the world, will have taken steps to ban such nuclear tests. The alternative race — between three nations now, but between who knows how many within a few months? — will result in an unthinkable inundation of radioactive particles which no sane people can condone. Every four years as we face a national election, the wheels of foreign affairs and internal functions grind almost to a halt. Incumbents are almost afraid to act, at home or abroad, for fear of fostering criticism for acts which only later events can justify. No wonder other governments become exasperated with us. This one instance of the H-bomb, (and of course the far worse cobalt bomb), is an example of a danger of free elections and open politics. While we personally favored discontinuing the tests, we can easily in our imagination visualize a situation where an

incumbent might take steps in that direction only to bring down upon his head the scorn and brickbats of partisan criticism which might endanger his re-election. At any rate, now that the tumult and the shouting has died, the question should become more meaningful than it was. As a Christian nation we should despair, with Kipling,

"For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard . . ."
And for those who resent our incursion in this controversial area we assure them that we have now said our last word on the subject.

THE LAUGHTER provoking story told at annual convention by Rev. Harald Petersen (out of Luck) had an amusing aftermath. Some of our Cedar Falls delegates returned home to their farm community only to find that some rather extensive road repairs had been begun in their neighborhood, and, trying to find their way home, the resulting detours proved baffling. Seeking assistance from an equally puzzled, scalp-scratching acquaintance, they finally got this answer from him, (you guessed it): "Nope. I don't think you can get thar from here."

RECENTLY Dean Kildegard pointed out that none of our communities had sent a man into the seminary this year. This is an alarming significant fact. Those who took prideful notice of the Danish ring to the names of this year's candidates, (Thuesen, Hermansen, Knudsen, Laursen and Nussle), will be sobered by the realization that more and more in the years ahead, our destiny will be under the leadership of men who have not been born into our particular sphere but who have been attracted into it. This may be a great help to us, as we hope and pray it will. But something is regrettably wrong when our sphere cannot produce as well as attract. Each congregation must examine its fellowship and sense of responsibility in this field and strengthen its life as best it can. Being aware of and receptive to the Holy Spirit is the life-source of every congregation of believers, and the future life of our Synod depends on the nourishment afforded at the local level.

WE RETURNED recently from a long trip to Danevang, Texas, where we had been invited to speak at the annual Fall Festival. Here is a community where the spark of life seems sputtering with energy. We were somewhat apprehensive over the formidable task of lecturing three times and preaching once, (plus offering a

running recital of a dozen or so violin numbers), in the brief span of a few days, but our self-pity was overshadowed by concern for those who faced spending those sessions in listening! It was a pleasure, however, to find so receptive and compassionate an audience. Danevang is filled with people who have, somehow, a certain surplus of vitality and pride and awareness that makes a visit among them a stimulating experience. We were also surprised by the evident prosperity of the community, and gladdened by the sight of such progressively cared for church buildings, and the current expansion program in educational buildings.

THIS ISSUE of our paper seems to be mostly a series of reports of various kinds. The reports may not be eye-arresting at first pause, but they are valuable nevertheless. And they are, certainly, one of the main justifications for the existence of our paper. We recommend that our district reports be read widely, for they are a pretty fair indication of what our Synod life is all about.

ONE FINAL loose end, and that is to call attention to the annual clothing drive held each year at Thanksgiving time. Much of the world is ill-clothed. Many of us have bulging closets, with no hope of wearing out much of our surplus. Why not let some shivering victims of circumstances help to wear them out?

YULE

When you read this our Christmas magazine YULE will be in the process of being printed, — and should be in the mail in a few days.

I think you will find YULE 1956 to be very attractive outwardly and its contents of high quality. Some very fine people both within and without our synod have sent articles, stories and poetry appropriate to the season.

Last year the number of copies of YULE sold was down a little. I am sure we are pretty well agreed that we need YULE to bring us an added greeting at Christmas. We do need and we do solicit the interest and efforts of the pastors of our churches and their young people in getting YULE into the homes. If we could increase the number of copies sold by fifteen per cent we could venture into a measure of color printing. I am sure we would like that. So let us be up and doing, it is a venture which is the responsibility of us all. Mrs. Paul Nussle at Tyler, Minnesota, is the business manager. Mrs. William Petersen, Pastor Harris A. Jespersen, editors.

OUR CHURCH

Nysted, Nebraska. A new-born daughter in the parsonage here was recently baptized, Valerie Sue Knudsen, child of the Rev. Arnold Knudsen. The Rev. Robert Hermansens of **Dagmar, Montana**, also have recently welcomed a new daughter.

Hartford, Connecticut. Pastor George Melby was guest speaker at the 50th Anniversary of a church in Westby, Montana, his first parish.

Chicago, Illinois. Open house, an annual event, was observed at the Children's Home on October 28, with Smorgasbord served at Dania.

Withee, Wisconsin. A recent congregational meeting decided "to build a new church as finances can be arranged." The salary of Pastor Clayton Nielsen also was raised \$200. Fifty-six registered guests attended the district convention here.

Salinas, California. Union Thanksgiving services are planned among Lutheran churches here this year, with Rev. Arthur Frost as preacher; services are set for early in the morning to enable families to have their private gatherings during the day.

Denmark, Kansas. Miss Muriel Nielsen spoke recently at our churches in this community and for the Sunday School and an informal evening gathering. Harry Jensen of Grand View was guest speaker early last month.

Des Moines, Iowa. Pastor V. S. Jensen, according to "Kirke og Folk," was 80 years old on October 17. The Home Mission Council of the Synod meets here November 14-16.

Menominee, Michigan. A Sunday School Institute was held here recently, inter-synodical in nature, directed by our synod's Parish Education Director, Howard Christensen. One hundred and thirty teachers and pastors participated, with Bethany Church as host.

Dansk Nytaar 1957

The new edition of this popular annual in the Danish language is now off the press, and contains contributions by many writers well known in the AELC: August L. Bang, Dr. J. Christian Bay, Carlo Christensen, Bishop Fuglsang-Damgaard, Dr. A. Th. Dorf, Dr. Johannes Knudsen, Anton Kvist, Ebba Trampe Launsby, Pastors Frantz-Oluf Lund and Enok Mortensen, Mrs. Frede Miller, Christine Nielsen, Olga Opfell, nee Strandvold, former instructor at Grand View College, Pastor Peter Rasmussen, Agnes Ringsborg, Georg Strandvold and Christian Warthoe. The editor, Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, has a long interview with August L. Bang.

Something new this year is an English section with the following contents: President Wm. Larsen (UELK); "True Unity"; Pastor Harold Petersen of Askov, "To All the People"; Mis-

sionary Harold Riber, "Pioneering in India"; Richard Jacobsen, "God's Hand", (a drawing); Norman Jensen, "Studying in Japan"; Arnfelt Morck, "I Know the Conductor"; Professor Paul Neve, "Psalm 46, (musical composition); Editor Verner Hansen, "Second Thoughts on the Danish Heritage"; and Janet Buehring, "Why I Appreciate Danish Culture."

The book contains 168 richly illustrated pages and sells for only one dollar, postpaid. An agent is wanted in each of our congregations. If interested, please write to Dansk Nytaar, Blair, Nebraska. P. C.

To Friends of the Porto Novo Mission

Some donations have already come to me for the Porto Novo annual Christmas fund. Some of these are earmarked as "joy gifts," for the little children; others are to go toward the church building fund.

This last project was begun about a year ago with funds sent out from here, and has since been taken up by friends and supporters of the mission in Denmark.

Mary Chakko, the present leader at Seva Mandir, writes that they have long felt the need for a little Christian

church at the school, and have prayed fervently for it. She herself leads the daily devotions; but whenever it is possible, on Sundays and at other festive occasions, they have a Lutheran pastor come from a distance to conduct services.

Work is progressing well at Seva Mandir, both in the Teachers' Seminary and in the Children's Basic School. There is a great opportunity for the expansion of this Christian mission at Porto Novo, if the necessary means were available. Most of the teachers in the Basic Schools, as well as those in the Teachers Seminary, are young people who were raised in the home by Anne Marie Petersen, the founder of the mission.

It is my plan to send the Christmas donations to India, by airmail in early December; so there is still time to send me your gifts for this purpose. Johannes Jepsen, 426 — 43rd St., Brooklyn 32, New York, would also like to remind you to send him your used postage stamps of any kind. The proceeds for these also goes to the mission.

And now, in behalf of the Porto Novo Mission, I wish to thank all contributors most sincerely.

Nanna Goodhope,
Viborg, S. D.

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Grand View College

We Eat, We Dance, We Sing!

(in that order)

For purposes of clarification, we take it for granted that you know we study. We are trying to report extra-curriculum activities. We eat. Yes, our eating is never a problem, and we are well fed, but

On Sunday, October 21st, twenty-eight of the families of Luther Memorial Church took us into their homes in groups of from two to four and treated us to out-of-this-world dinners. Some of us had turkey with all the trimmings, some chicken, or pork or ham, but which ever the category, we all enjoyed ourselves immensely, and what is more important, we became acquainted with the people with whom we worship every Sunday. (We did eat, but after all, we were urged to help ourselves. O. K. Mom?).

Folk dancing is as popular as it was, and there are times when we are called upon to give an exhibition of our prowess in that field. On Tuesday, October 23, we appeared before the Hospital Society at the Hoyt Sherman Place. That served as a warming up for the big event coming along this week end. We have been honored by the planning committee of the Iowa State Teachers Convention by being asked to perform for them at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium this Friday. It has been estimated that there will be about 3,000 people in attendance. Nice, isn't it?

And we sing! Most fitting, of course, that we should be asked to sing at the Reformation Festival of Faith held in the KRNT Theatre on Reformation Sunday, and, directed by Mr. Robert Speed, we sang two anthems. They were "Heavenly Light," and "To Thee We Sing." There was a large audience and we are told, we sang well. I suppose it is because we love to sing, and in no small measure because Bob Speed will have nothing short of perfection. Well, why not? It does take a lot of practice, but then good things aren't always free. If you live within the KRNT-TV area, you will want to mark your calendar for November 29. That's a Friday, and the time is 2 p. m. The GVC choir will present a twenty-one minute concert, and the college will be given the rest of the half-hour period. This will, we are told, include an interview of our president, Dr. Nielsen. We hope you will all be listening and viewing, and if you should like us, perhaps you will take your pen in hand and let KRNT know about your reaction.

On United Nations Day, we were fortunate to have as our convocation

speaker, Rev. John Clinton of Des Moines. Rev. Clinton gave an illustrated lecture on the United Nations that defies description. Mr. Clinton is an excellent photographer, uses color almost exclusively, and weaves together the pictures and a running commentary in the most interesting manner you could imagine. When I say that we lost all conception of the passing of time, you will know what I mean. We mention in passing that on October 10, fifteen choir members directed by Mr. Speed participated in the Fountain of Life Program for the Des Moines Area Council of Churches. This program was telecast by WHO-TV and was arranged by Rev. Clinton.

Well, this is it. Doubtless we have forgotten some news events that should be included, but we will wrap this up and say, "See you soon!"

Hi-Fi.

Harald P. Nielsen

A long time resident of Tyler, Minnesota, Harald Nielsen passed away at the Tyler hospital, September 25, 1956. His son, Ove, and sister-in-law, Sigrid Ostergaard, were with him to the last, but he was unconscious all day and did not recognize his brothers, Marinus and Holger, when they came to see him.

Harald Nielsen was born to Peder O. Nielsen and his wife, Maren Kristine, November 3, 1885, near Badger, S. D. He was their second son. Theirs was one of the early pioneer homes in that community, a home where a strong faith in God and His love were always a help in any need — and indeed there were many hard struggles during those early years.

Harald could tell of many incidents from his childhood on the prairie, but what meant so much was the close tie between parents and children — the feeling of security it gave to know that mother was there to spin, knit, sew and care for them and that father, even though he sometimes had to walk the 25 miles to Watertown to earn a few dollars, was sure to come home week ends, also on foot.

There was still schooling to be had. Harald, his brothers and sisters, gained most from the summer vacation schools taught either by the pastor or a teacher. Always there was in Harald an urge to learn more, and that finally led him to Danebod Folk School where he studied common school subjects but most important of all, listened to Thorvald Knudsen's lectures. Many of the other teachers also influenced him much.

June 4, 1911, Harald Nielsen and Thyra Ostergaard were united in marriage and moved to their small farm home west of Tyler. A few years later the Niensens moved to South Dakota but came back to Tyler and built a large farm home where the ten children grew up and from there they have the best memories of childhood days.

The Nielsen children, as many others, had their first years of schooling in the little parochial school "Børneskolen" at Danebod. From there and also from their home stems their love for the Danish hymns and songs.

Harald Nielsen's great interest through many years was the Danebod Folk School. Many a trip did he make around in the community to raise money for the school when funds were low or when the new building had to be erected after fire destroyed the old one.

As Harald and Thyra grew older and the children were leaving, the thought of a home appealed to them and they had one built on Oak Street. They also spent a few years in California. Later they built "The Tyler Launderette" and moved in to live in one of the apartments. It was only such a short time before Thyra's asthma became too much for her. She died February 29, 1952.

After Thyra's death Harald became a very lonely and restless man. He traveled much visiting his children in various parts of the country, and attended several church conventions. He and Naomi had an interesting trip to Denmark together.

Harald was ill in the hospital already in April of this year and he never became well again. The several recent strokes ended his days.

Many, many friends and relatives came to say a last farewell to Harald. There was a short service in the funeral home where Rev. Nussle read some scripture passages and the group sang "Herrens Venner ingen Sinder mødes skal for sidste Gang" and "Jeg er træt og gaar til Ro."

The funeral service in the church was also conducted by Rev. Nussle. The hymns: "Hallowed Church Bell", "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less", "Our Father Has Light in His Window" as solo, and the closing hymn, "Herre, Jeg Vil Gerne Tjene." Harald's six sons were pallbearers. Harald will be missed much by his children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Psalms 46—"God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble."

Helga.

Order YULE Now

To AELFY members and pastors: The letters requesting orders for YULE have been sent some time ago. To those of you who forgot to send in your orders, please do so immediately. We strongly urge all of you to help increase the sale of YULE, rather than decreasing as has been the case in the last few years.

Agnes Nussle,
Business Manager.

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October, 1956

General Budget:

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In memory of Axel Tobiasen, Coulter, Iowa, by H. C. Hansens, N. C. Rasmussens, Holger Rasmussens, Edward Hansens, and Mrs. Andrew Jorgensen	3.00
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Total for October	\$ 469.04
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Eben-Ezer Board Meets October 12-14

The annual meeting of the Eben-Ezer Luther Home and Hospital Board of Trustees met at Brush, Colorado, October 12-14. Officers elected for terms of three years were Rev. William Larsen, Blair, Nebraska, President; Rev. Holger Strandskov, Kimballton, Iowa, Vice President; and Rev. Andrew P. Staby, Brush, Colorado, Secretary. New members elected to the board were Mr. Robert Ahlskog, Denver, Colorado, and Mr. Raymond Fries, Brush, Colorado, for five-year terms. The new elevator and extension to the Home, Bethesda, will be built as soon as the executive Committee can finish preparations and the contractor that has been engaged can begin. The Eben-Ezer in the Pines property has been sold at a good price as it was no longer practical to use it. The hospital will soon have its own kitchen. A grant from the Ford Foundation to the Brush Hospital Association in the amount of \$15,000 will make this possible.

Sister Marie Jensen has been retired from active service after many years of faithful and loving work.

The Board wishes to thank the many contributors, many of whom are readers of LUTHERAN TIDINGS, for their support and prayers for the work at Eben-Ezer during the past year.

Andrew P. Staby, Sec.

WMS of District III

(Continued from Page 10)

Mrs. Esther S. Petersen was elected secretary of the meeting. Last year's minutes were read and approved. Mrs. L. Seaborg had been appointed acting treasurer of District III and had collected \$2.00 from eight groups in the district to defray the expenses of our representative, Mrs. Holgaard, to the Women's Institute, which she had attended in Des Moines, Iowa, last fall. It was motioned, seconded and carried that a treasurer be elected and to ask each women's organization in the district to pay annual dues of \$2.00. Mrs. Seaborg was elected treasurer for a one-year term.

There was a short discussion about the new WMS constitution and the women were urged to express their ideas about it to the members of the constitution committee.

Mrs. Hilda Schou was elected district representative for a three-year term.

It was decided to send the offering to be received at the following meeting to the Santal Mission.

The secretary read a letter from the WMS president, Miss Emilie Stockholm, outlining a six point program, i. e., 1—Reorganization, 2—Membership, 3—Finance, 4—Publicity, 5—Missionary Education, 6—Program Planning.

It was decided to send our representative to the national board meeting should one be called this year. The possibilities of having a district work shop was discussed and all were asked to discuss it at their local meetings and report on the possible attendance and most desirable time and place to have it.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Holgaard for the three years she had served as our representative. The meeting adjourned after singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The program that followed was a very impressive and truly inspirational mission service. This was made possible by the four beautifully rendered selections sung by the robed choir, of which "My God and I," by Sergie, was especially outstanding. Miss Muriel Nielsen gave us a vivid word picture of some of her experiences in "Our Santal Mission" (her topic), where from the modest beginning of three baptized individuals, the Christian population now numbers over thirty-three thousand. The offering of \$81.15 will be used to further this work among the Santals, Borros and Bengals. Let us remember them in our prayers as well as with our monetary gifts and may God further bless the Ebenezer Evangelical Church in India.

Mrs. Esther S. Petersen, Sec.

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