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Luther's Cradle Hymn

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EVERY HYMNAL and song-attributes the Christmas day in the manger, no crib to Martin Luther, though the qualified expression, "At Martin Luther." Miss Margaret Rudin, in her book, *Hymns We Love*, even suggests the occasion for the hymn writes: "The little cradle in the manger," which has delighted children all over the world. It is thought to have been written for his small son Hans, for a Christmas Eve festival, perhaps in

have searched in vain the writings of Martin Luther. In fact, one must almost vainly try to find a German version of the Christmas hymn. The old Joint Synod, published by the old Joint Synod, has this German version:

Der Krippe, keine Wiege zum
Herr Jesus, da lag er so nett;
Im Himmel sah'n auf ihn so
Herr Jesus, er schlief nur auf
n, sie blöcken, das Kindlein
Herr Jesus, er weint nicht; er
Mich lieb' ich, verlasse mich
Bettlein, bis Morgen

r, Herr Jesu, ich bitte dich
ewig, und liebe mich, Herr;
e Kindlein wie Schäflein so
uns zum Himmel, da dein
t.

man scholars will readily admit that this does not sound like the hymn of Martin Luther. We know Luther did write the Christmas hymn "From heaven above to earth below," and the tradition comes from him that he wrote this hymn especially for his son Paul, who was used in connection with Christmas Eve celebrations in his household. It is altogether probable that this story of the origin of the hymn "The manger" has been confirmed by the fact that of "from heaven above to earth below" the thirteenth hymn of Luther's hymn is similar in spirit to "Away in the manger," which reads:

Ah dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, and let it be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

In a sense, the expression, "no crib for a bed," is not correct, for Webster's Dictionary gives as the first

meaning of "crib": "a manger or rack for feeding animals," and that is exactly what the little Lord Jesus did have for a bed. However, Webster gives as the fifth meaning of "crib": "a small bedstead with high sides, often of open work, for a child," and this is evidently what we have in mind when we sing the hymn.

William Lee Hunton, in his book, *Favorite Hymns*, concludes his discussion of this carol with the words: "Even if the critics cannot agree as to its authority, we certainly are unanimous as to its use."

In the Twilight

A New Year's Eve Meditation

THE CLOSING YEAR is a time of twilight, a time for meditation and prayer. God is speaking to us in this twilight hour as He did to Adam in the twilight in Eden's garden. He is asking, "What hast thou done?" A wreath of fig leaves did not hide Adam's nakedness from God. Our own moral acts are but fig leaves. Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.

When twilight falls, man's thoughts are on shelter and rest. Wanderers pitch their tents, happy in the thought of being nearer home. Sometimes, in storm or danger, the pilgrim takes refuge in some nearby cleft in the rocks. On the journey to eternity God has been a refuge for the way-faring man and a dwelling place for the soul. He continues to be the

dwelling place of the soul when it takes its flight from this mortal clay. That is the thought which comforts us in the evening of our lives.

Generations of men have found their refuge in God and in Christ, His Son. This is the only refuge men have. The symbol of that refuge is the cross. To man on the march to eternity a cross appears. The cross cast its shadow back over the ages. Men saw it in symbol when in the desert they looked upon the brazen serpent. In darkest hours the cross shone brightest. The cross still stands, towering over the wrecks of time, and as darkness deepens, we see it more clearly. As years roll by and earthly dwelling places are carried away by the flood of time, the cross remains our only refuge.

Twilight is the gradual fading of day into night—an interlude in nature. Beautifully and tenderly God ushers in the night and gives us time to reflect. Have I left anything undone? Am I ready for the sleep of the righteous and for the resurrection? These are natural evening thoughts.

Even God's children have a natural fear of the darkness of the grave. But as the world recedes into oblivion and our eyes grow dim, a cross appears and shines through the gloom. That is the twilight hour for the child of God. This is what Henry Francis Lyte had in mind when he penned the familiar words:

"Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing
eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me
to the skies."

This is our hope and refuge through the passing years.—JOHN E. HOYER, Gackle, North Dakota.

BEHOLD! A KING NOW COMETH!

Behold! A Light now shineth,
Awaken, sleeping men,
This night the Infant Jesus
Is born in Bethlehem;
There lying in a manger
Is Christ, the Infant King,
Haste then to pay Him homage,
Glad songs of praises sing.

Behold! A Star now guideth
All nations to the Light,
Christ comes to bring Redemption,
To make the darkness bright;
Behold now the fulfillment
Of prophecies of old,
A King in humble dwelling,
Jesus—so long foretold.

Behold! A King now cometh
To earth from Heaven Above,
A King who brings Salvation,
A King who reigns in love;
Bow down before this Savior,
God's Wondrous Gift to men,
Behold! The Savior Jesus
Is born in Bethlehem!

—OLIVE WEAVER RIDENOUR.

The Christian's Hope

A Devotional Treatment
of the Sunday School Lesson
for December 28

Devotional Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

Catechism: Last Part of Third Article

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- M. The Christian's Hope. John 14:1-6.
- T. Hope in God. Psalm 130:1-8.
- W. Hope in Christ. Colossians 1:24-29.
- T. A Living Hope. I Peter 1:3-9.
- F. Hope in Salvation. Romans 8:18-25.
- S. Hope of Eternal Life. Titus 1:1-4.
- S. A Blessed Hope. Titus 2:11-15.

THAT THE LESSON for the last Sunday in the civil year should center in Christian hope is quite proper. For the end of a year brings sober thoughts of the future, and to face the future as becomes a Christian we need a lively hope. Moreover, it is quite proper that this final lesson in our series of great Christian teachings should be one on the Christian's hope.

As our lesson text we have two beautiful passages (John 14:1-6 and Revelation 22:1-5) that inspire us to a lively, glorious hope. These passages teach us at least three important facts about Christian hope, namely: Trouble does not quench it; death does not dim it; eternity does not exhaust it.

Hope Is Unquenched by Trouble

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me," John 14:1. When Jesus spoke these familiar words, He was preparing His disciples for the trials and troubles that were before them. That very night He was to be taken from them and the next day He was to die upon the cross. And then, as wicked men had persecuted the Master, so would they persecute His followers. They would be maligned, arrested, beaten, tortured, martyred. Jesus knew all this. And yet He said (and He never speaks foolishly or flippantly): "Let not your heart be troubled." Christian faith and Christian hope and Christian love (faith and hope and love cannot be separated; no one of the three can exist without the other two) are well able to withstand the trials that await you, Jesus would tell the disciples. And, at the end of this year, as we face the unknown, ominous future, Jesus would impress that same hopeful message upon our hearts. Your hope is centered in Me, He would tell us, and I have overcome your enemies; I am stronger than your foes; in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

Must we not add another brief word on this point? Rather than trouble quenching hope, trouble *worketh* hope. What say the Scriptures? "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed," Romans 5:3-5. One of the home daily Bible readings is Psalm 130—a beautiful song of hope. But see in what a minor key that song is started: "Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord." In the depths the psalmist learned the real meaning of hope, learned to wait for the Lord and hope in His Word.

Hope Is Undimmed by Death

"In My Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:2, 3.

These verses plainly refer to death—to the death of Jesus, to the death of His followers. But just as plainly do these verses speak of life beyond death, of the glorious Christian hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting in the mansions above. So we Christians wait not for death but for Christ. For us death is not a leap into the awful unknown, but the "narrow, starlit strip between the companionships of yesterday and the reunion of tomorrow."

Here, again, it should be observed not only that Christian hope is undimmed by death but that death is the first step in the realization of the "life that shall richer, fuller be," the first step in the glorious consummation of our fellowship with God through Jesus Christ, our Savior. In the Bible reading for Thursday we read: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and

undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved (kept) in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time," I Peter 1:3-5. In heaven God is keeping a heavenly inheritance for us, and here on earth His grace is keeping us steadfast so that we may some day inherit our inheritance. And the day of our death is the day when, not fully, but at least in a measure, we possess our heavenly possession. Only on the last great day, the day of resurrection, when our body, raised and glorified, has been reunited with our soul, will we possess in fullest measure that incorruptible inheritance that is being kept in heaven for us. This leads us to the last part of our lesson and to a contemplation of the passage from the Revelation.

Hope Is Not Exhausted in Eternity

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb," Revelation 22:1. In this verse and the verses that follow we have pictured, in symbolic language, something of the indescribable glory that awaits us: the fulness of life, when, in very truth, we shall have life and have it "abundantly"; the rapture of seeing our Savior and serving our God before His throne; the holy joy of reigning as kings.

This—and the reality of it is exceeding abundant above all that we can ask or think—is our hope. But notice the language in which the realization of this hope is set forth. The life that awaits us is like a pure river, flowing, flowing, flowing, bankful, through the midst of the new Jerusalem. And on either side of that flowing river are trees that yield their various fruits every month. Is this not a symbolic way of saying that eternity is not finality—that part of the inexpressible joy of our life in eternity will be its unending *newness*, its unending *unfolding*, proceeding from glory to glory?

Hitchhiking Home

By Alma Hantel Arnold

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ONE DAY in early fall as I was leisurely proceeding along the highway, I noticed ahead of me a dark speck to the right, near the road. As I drew closer, I saw it was a man, presumably a hitchhiker. Then a smaller, dark object became clear: it was a beautiful collie of the darker shades. I was interested, as I had never seen a dog hitchhiker before. So I drew off to the side of the road. For a second I studied the man closely and saw that he was probably about forty years of age, but he looked so utterly discouraged and forsaken that my heart went out to him. He was carrying a small bundle, and his love-collie was standing close to him as though to protect him and his only friend in the world. He looked neat, though his clothes were wrinkled. He was clean shaven and his hair combed.

For some reason I felt drawn to this man, and I opened my car door and told him I would give him a lift. He came eagerly; and as he came close I noticed how weary his face looked. He thanked me curtly, opened the car door and the dog entered rather timidly and stood there while her master got in and closed the door. He made no attempt to start a conversation. So I asked, "Have you come a long way?"

"Yes," he said, "a very long way." "That is a beautiful collie you have," I said.

"Yes, and a very true one; but I realized it would be so hard to travel with her."

The dog sensed that she was being talked about and put her paw on the man's knee, but he said, "Down, girl," and she instantly removed it. "Where are you bound for, young man?" I asked.

"I'm hoping to get to San Diego." After a pause he continued, "My mother lives there, and I'm going back to live with her." His voice faltered. I did not have the courage to question him further. A later glance showed him to be asleep.

I slowed up so that he could rest a while, and when I reached M—I took the road that led south and drove a

mile or two and pulled off the highway and waited. I sat sideways and studied his face. I did not think he was a drinking man. I thought he must be a kind and patient person to be hitchhiking with a dog.

After ten or more minutes he woke with a start and looked around dazedly. All at once his face clouded and the weary look returned. I smiled at him and asked, "Have a good nap, son?"

"Oh, I'm so sorry, sir," he answered apologetically, "to have kept you wait-



BUT THEE

Not much I want of this earth's treasure,
Thou knowest, Lord.
Give me what Thou in Thy good pleasure
Dost deem, O Lord,
For my true joy the proper measure
Of wealth, dear Lord.

Cause me to know whence comes all
blessing,
Most gracious Lord;
That my unworthiness confessing,
My loving Lord,
In hope, to Thee my prayer addressing,
I find Thee, Lord.

In changing world there's naught so
precious
As Thou, O Lord.
Not even heaven's bliss refreshes
Without Thee, Lord.
Keep Thou me, then, held in love's
meshes,
Close to Thee, Lord.

As fly the hours few remaining,
Remind me, Lord:
That through the year Thy grace sus-
taining
Spared me, good Lord.
Else I, when chastened, in complaining,
Had lost Thee, Lord.

For sins by which I have offended
Leave me not, Lord.
Let full free pardon be extended
To me, my Lord.
And may my ways be so amended
To please Thee, Lord.

Throughout the year on which we enter
Mine be it, Lord,
On Thee in faith desire to center,
Satisfied, Lord;
Though all things else I must surrender
To have Thee, Lord.

—C. A. D. FRESEMAN.

ing, but I was so tired I fell asleep without knowing it."

He started to open the door, but I halted him. "Just a minute, son. I'm sorry I cannot take you farther, but you are now on the highway leading south. I'm sure someone will give you a lift."

"Thanks a thousand times, mister," he interrupted. "I'm very grateful and I know Janie is too. 'I'm afraid her feet will get sore before we get to mother's. You know not many people care to have a dog in their car.'"

He opened the door and got out and Janie followed. In a moment of impulse I also got out and went to the young man's side and, handing him a ten-dollar bill, said, "Here, please take this; it may keep you and Janie from getting too hungry."

"Oh, no, I cannot take it, I have never begged," he answered in a hard voice; "but thanks just the same."

"Son," I said with my hand on his shoulder, "if you were one of my own I would do the same. This is not begging, it is helping a brother in need. Here is my card, and remember this is also for Janie."

After a moment's hesitation he accepted it and said in a low tone, "I'll take it more for Janie than for myself. You are very kind, thanks."

"God bless you, son, and may your trip be not too hard, and may you find your mother well. Good-by." And giving him a hearty handshake and stroking Janie's silky head I jumped into my car and was off. At a bend in the road I looked back and both were still standing where I had left them.

That night as I lay in my warm, comfortable bed I heard it raining. I could not help wondering where Janie and her master were. Were they out in the rain or in someone's car or in some cheap boarding house? I felt I had done what I could and dropped off to sleep.

ABOUT four months later, I was walking down my lane to the mail box. Bruno, my dog, was running along. He also is part collie, and as I was idly watching him, the thought of the hitchhiking man and dog flashed into my mind and I could not help wondering if they had ever arrived at their destination, and if what he said were really true. I thought of the money I had kissed good-by, but then I felt even if the man had not been true I knew the dog was.

I gathered up the mail from the box and slowly started homeward. There

was the usual daily paper, some letters of advertisement and another thick one in an unfamiliar handwriting. The postmark was San Diego. I thought to myself: I do not know anyone there. I started to open it, but decided against it and hurried up my quarter mile lane as fast as I could. Arriving breathless at my bachelor quarters I sat on the porch, mopped my wet brow, and proceeded with what I felt would be an unusual letter. As I pulled it out of its envelope a ten-dollar bill fell out and a snapshot of an elderly woman and a collie dog. I looked at the signature on the letter and it was signed, "Carl, Mother and Janie."

Oh, me, oh, my, I thought to myself, the prodigal son is heard from. I settled myself more comfortably and then read this very unexpected but welcome letter.

"San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 10, 1941.

"Mr. Richard Doty,
D—, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Doty:

"No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me; but I feel this is my first obligation. Enclosed you will find the ten dollars you so kindly gave us. They were a life-saver to us; and if Janie could speak, she would add her thanks. Her feet got so sore and even bled, so I had little cushioned shoes of leather made for her. Your money made this possible. I would pull my belt up another notch, but I always saw that Janie got at least one meal a day. I was successful several times in that I could wash dishes in some

eating place for a meal or a bed. We did not get many rides, as most people, I discovered, are not as kind and generous as you are.

"To cut a long story short, we arrived here early on Thanksgiving Day. We had hitchhiked all night and were almost at the end of our endurance. We must have looked like hoboes as we were so unkempt, and poor Janie was so thin and limping from sore feet. She was so brave and such a staunch companion.

"I came to mother's door and knocked, and as she opened it I just had enough strength left to say, 'Mother, dear mother, Janie and I have come home,' and guess I fainted.

"When I finally came to, it was dusk and I was lying in such a clean, sweet-smelling bed I thought I was dreaming. I stirred and tried to sit up and there was Janie curled up on a rug by the bed. I noticed that all four of her feet had clean white bandages on them and I knew some kind hands had doctored them.

"Just then my precious mother came quietly into the room with a bowl of broth and I felt that this was really our first meeting. Through tears of repentance and remorse and heartache and bitterness I confessed all to her. She took me to her heart and comforted me as only a mother can. Those hours are the most precious in my life, and I feel God has been better to me than I deserve.

"I never forgot your parting words, 'God bless you, son.' You put new life into me, and as I trudged along I determined to make myself worthy of God's blessings. I feel it is no more than right to repay you for your kind-

ness toward Janie and me, so I tell you how it all happened and why we were hitchhikers.

"When I was about eighteen years old I ran away from home. I went West and enlisted in the Navy, and for four years traveled all over the world. After my time had expired I married and tried to settle down on a farm in the Middle West. I wrote home once or twice a year. My father had died and my conscience was beginning to bother me. My farming was not successful, and we moved into town and I found work for a while. After our baby was born my wife became ill and for years was a semi-invalid. When our little one was four years old, one day while playing, she ran into the street and was killed instantly. It was an awful shock to both of us and my dear wife gradually began slipping away. It was terrible to see her dying before my eyes and do nothing. I spent all my money doctoring for her but nothing availed.

"One day my wife called me to her side and said, 'Carl, I know I'll soon have to go. Then you must take Janie and go to your mother. She is all you have. Please promise me that you will do this.' I did promise her, although she never knew that we were almost penniless. For a while after Lottie passed away I had no desire to live. But gradually I rallied my strength, and Janie and I started out. You know the rest.

"Through mother's careful and loving care both Janie and I are nearly as good as new. The Lord surely has been good to us and I'm certainly going to try to live a thankful life. My uncle also lives in San Diego, and he has offered me a job in his business when I feel strong."

"By the way, when mother read your card she could hardly believe the name. She says you and she graduated in S—, Illinois. Her name was Mary Jane Mosse. Do you remember her? If you ever come to S. D., hunt us up.

"Here is a snap of mother and Janie. Again we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts and I in return ask the dear Lord to bless you. Affectionately your grateful friends, "CARL, MOTHER AND JANIE BARNETT."

I SAT THERE long after I finished the letter. "Mary Jane," I spoke her name softly, "do I remember you? I have never forgotten you, never. Mary Jane, that is why I am a bachelor today; because Jim Barnett carried off my prize. And to think I befriended Mary Jane's son!"

I rose rather stiffly and, putting my battered felt hat on my head, started off to do the evening chores.

The Afterglow

In Bethlehem the streets were strangely bright
Beneath a blazing star that none could name.
Across the bleak Judean hills there came
The sudden glory of angels in their flight—
A sudden glory, and then the fading light.
For as the sunset briefly kindles flame
Against a sky that shadows soon shall claim,
So from the earth the splendor died in night.

O Father, I would hold Your Christmas Day
A torch before the years, nor ever see
Its glow grow less and slowly burn away.
But if the greater radiance goes from me,
Then leave a little light from long ago—
The sunset leaves at least an afterglow.

—LOUISE LINCOLN.

OBSERVING THE TIMES

Darkness Deepens

IS being written, at least started, on Monday afternoon, December 8, the day after Japan wantonly and unprovokedly began hostilities against our possessions and waged war on us, and the day on which our own Congress recognized that a state of war exists between the United States and Japan. It is a dark day in our national history, in the history of the world. For now the darkness and the gloom that have engulfed so much of Europe and Asia have spread to our outposts. Not a little American blood has already been spilled, and we Americans are beginning to learn from bitter firsthand experience something of the horror and terror, the death and destruction, the anguish and anxiety that for over two years have lain heavily and deadly pall over so many millions of our fellowmen. The darkness deepens over all the world.

What shall be the message of the church paper in the face of the darkness of war? It is the primary province of the church and of the church press in war time to deal with the spiritual issues and aspects rather than the political issues and aspects of the conflict. The state wields the sword; the church proclaims the Word. *Word* and *sword* are two words very similar in sound and spelling but very different in meaning. We Lutheran Christians recognize the Scriptural truth that by God's own arrangement the power of the sword is a prerogative of the civil government ("it beareth not the sword in vain," Romans 13:4) and that the power and proclamation of the Word is a prerogative and solemn obligation of the church ("go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15). We Christians know that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that the Word of God, incarnate in our own lives as well as in our church press, that makes us light and salt. Therefore, incumbent upon the church, upon the pulpit, upon the church press, upon the individual Christian, that our light shine out at such a time as this.

What is the light which the Word of God gives us in these dark days of war? Let me answer by referring you to the twenty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah, and tell you why I call attention to that particular chapter.

As intimated in previous editorials, I have been thinking of the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah. This morning I came to the office with the dread news of the attack on Japan weighing on my soul. The bookmark in my Bible showed that I had read as far as chapter 25 of Jeremiah. I read that chapter (please do so yourself) and found upon such verses as these:

"In the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even unto this day, these three and twenty years (it is twenty-three years since November, 1918, when the World War ended), the word of Jehovah hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and saying, 'but ye have not hearkened' (verse 3). 'For the voice shall come even to the end of the earth; for He hath a controversy with the nations; He will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, He will give them the sword, saith Jehovah' (verse 31)."

What do these verses tell us? They tell us that war, in the last analysis, is due to men's sins; that God has "a controversy with the nations" because the nations refuse to hearken to His Word and to obey His commandments. "Yet ye have not hearkened unto Me, saith Jehovah; that ye may provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt" (verse 7). War, therefore, calls a nation to repentance, to the acknowledgment of sin. For a long time, and increasingly so during the past year, voices have been heard in our land calling the nation to recollection and self-examination and repentance. Here is one such voice:

"Anyone who observed during the last 20 years what most has stirred our risibilities, anyone who marked the growing tolerance of ribald and indecent speech at theater and banquet, or scrutinized the pollution of the printing presses, and saw the level decline month by month—anyone observing these and other sinister signs, is competent to say to what depth we sank. It may be the level is rising now; it may only be that through surfeit and disgust the dark descent has been halted. But apart from that, a people on whom spoken truth makes little impress, a people that cannot understand until consequences explode in its face, a people that admires energy in men more than wisdom, and dopes itself with amusement to prevent disturbing thought, a people honey-combed with movements to rule or ruin your neighbor—that people is approaching head-on a mandatory choice between stern and voluntary self-examination, however distasteful to pride, and a sterner awakening by events."

These, my dear brethren, are not the words of a preacher, not the words of a church paper editor, but the measured words of a "hard-headed business man," a distinguished representative of a gigantic industry, Mr. W. J. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company. Let the deepening darkness call America back to God, back to unfeigned, whole-hearted repentance of our sins. Let the Christian Church, whose task it has always been to preach repentance, lead our nation in confessing our manifold sins and, by sincere repentance and amendment of life, seeking the forgiveness of our merciful God through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ.

This brings us to a consideration of the second great spiritual service which the church is privileged to render when the darkness of war falls upon the nation, namely, the ministry of intercession, the offering of effectual, fervent prayers. "I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgiving, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity," I Timothy 2:1, 2. Perhaps little need be said on this point. We are confident that every one of our readers has already offered many ardent prayers for our government, for our boys in the service, for the wounded and dying, for the parents and loved ones who are in anxiety or bereavement by virtue of the war, for all our citizenry, indeed, as the Good Book exhorts us to do, "for all men." Affliction drives us to our knees in prayer. The war has bent many a knee in Europe and in Asia; it is now bending many knees in America. And when a nation is on its knees, it is on the way to spiritual recovery.

Prayer, offered in the name of Jesus Christ, offered in the sincere desire that God's good and gracious will be done and that His purposes be accomplished, is a power. Such prayer changes things. Perhaps the unbeliever recognizes the power of prayer more keenly than does many a believer. During this past year fifteen missionaries of the Presbyterian Board's Mission in Korea were arrested for distributing literature about the World's Day of Prayer and for meeting on that day to pray for world peace. Commenting on the incident the *Christian Century* said:

"It would be premature to base too many conclusions on the meaning of this incident. It does raise the question, how-

ever, whether the governmental authorities in Korea may not give a higher rating to the power of prayer than do many of those who too easily and too thoughtlessly engage in it. Peace is a dreadful possibility to those whose systems of oppression will fall if the military organization of society is not indefinitely maintained. The threat to these national systems contained in the idea of the universal Kingdom of God is taken very seriously by these militarists. In these arrests they are paying tribute to the power of a conception which Christians themselves hold all too lightly."

Let the church lead the nation in repentance. Let the church lead the nation in prayer. Let the church also lead the nation in courageous, steadfast faith. War time is testing time. Just as the faith of the disciples in the goodness and the power of their Master was tested when a storm arose on the Sea of Galilee and the waves dashed violently against their little boat, so the faith of the Christian, the faith of a nation in the goodness and the power of God and in the ultimate triumph of righteousness and truth and love is severely tested when the clouds of war break in a tempestuous storm over the land. There is a subtle temptation to follow the fallacy that the end justifies the means and, as a consequence, to try to cast out Beelzebub by the help of Beelzebub. It is a hard saying and yet a true one: All of the impatience, the intolerance (including intolerance with one another's views on the war), the lies, the haughtiness (think of Senator Wheeler's boastful, "Let's lick the h— out of Japan"), the fears, the inhumanity, the hate, the vice that manifest themselves in time of war are so many evidences of lack of faith. And whatsoever is not of faith is sin. On the other hand, the key to that quietness and confidence which is our strength, the key to steadfast loyalty to all that is pure and noble and of good report, the key to love of all men, including our enemies (while, at the same time, we hate the evil in them and in us that is the underlying cause of war), the key to unswerving loyalty and devotion to our beloved nation and to the priceless freedoms and institutions and decencies and culture for which it stands—the key to all of this is a steadfast, Spirit-wrought faith in God.

When darkness deepens, let the church, to which is committed the Word of truth, make its important, its indispensable contribution to the welfare and stability of the nation by leading the nation in repentance, in prayer, in faith. Then, indeed, will God bless our native land and make her firm to stand through storm and night.

At Year's End

EDITING "Number 52" of a volume of the LUTHERAN STANDARD always does something to us. The last number of another year! What a train of thoughts that arouses! For one thing, it forces one to meditate upon the rapid flight of time. Perhaps it was the stirring, rapidly changing events in the world during this past year, perhaps it was the fact that we spent several weeks away from our desk this past summer, perhaps it is the fact that we are getting older, perhaps it is a combination of all these factors: at any rate, this past year seems literally to have flown. We have come to Number 52 of Volume 99; our next issue will be Number 1 of Volume 100. Whatever opportunities for serving our God and our fellow-men, for writing something to God's glory and to the good of our brethren that came to us this past year and that we allowed to pass unutilized are gone beyond recall. The volume is closed. God, forgive the shortcomings that mar the volume! Forgive too, dear God, the sins that mar the record for 1941 in the lives of all of us!

Thank God, with the passing of an old volume comes the opening of a new one. For the LUTHERAN STANDARD this new volume will be a memorable one—the one hun-

dredth. God willing, the LUTHERAN STANDARD will complete one hundred years of publication next September. May God give us wisdom and grace to use every page of this anniversary volume to "speak the truth in love"! May God give all of us grace to let the new volume in the story of our lives record a closer walk with Him!

We take pleasure in informing our readers that the feature which was introduced during the last quarter of this present year—a devotional treatment of the Sunday school lesson (International Uniform Series) will be continued during the new year. A number of you, both pastors and lay people, have graciously expressed your appreciation of this page and testified to its value. This has encouraged the Board of Publication and the editor to make arrangements for continuing the page. Thus far the editor has written it. Next year, at least the first half of next year, the page will be written by Pastor Karl Schmidt of Metz, Michigan, who has cheerfully agreed to render this important service.

At year's end we can report, with profoundest gratitude to God and to our brethren in the American Lutheran Church, that the LUTHERAN STANDARD now reaches more homes than ever before in its history. This particular issue will go to well over 38,000 homes. The peak circulation reached last year was 36,541. By the time the peak is reached as a result of this year's campaign there is a possibility that our English church paper will be reaching 40,000 homes.

The Set and the Setting

TEACH US the infinite significance of the set of life, and the insignificance of the setting." These words, which occur in a prayer contained in a new book,* published especially for the use of our men in the service, contain much wholesome food for thought at the end of a year and in the midst of the turmoil about us. The great importance of the set of life—of the direction in which we are heading and of the goal at which we are aiming—and the relative unimportance of the setting of life—whether we live in a large brick house or a small frame one; whether our taxes are high or low; whether we drive a Packard or a Ford, or a horse and buggy; whether we are a Ph.D., a D.D., or an R.F.D.—that is something worth meditating on, isn't it?

The set of life! We find that idea emphasized in the Bible, for example, in the passage: "Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth," Colossians 3:2, American Standard Version. Unless mind and heart and will and life are set according to the course God Himself has marked out, we are drifting dangerously. Worst of it is, our absorption with the "setting of life" tends to pull us from the true course. To be intent on "the things that are upon the earth," then, is, on the setting of life, is altogether natural. Only by the grace from above can we resist that current and hold steadfastly to the narrow channel that is radiant with heavenly glory. It is well, therefore, at year's end, indeed, at times, to check frequently on the direction in which the bark of our life is sailing. For the check, chart and compass are found in the Word. If one discovers that the real absorbing interests of his life are the things that are seen—these material things—then the set of his mind is earthward and downward. If, however, one discovers that the things by which he lives are the things that are unseen—the things that are above—then the set of his mind is upward and heavenward.

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LUTHER LEAGUE LIFE

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Yes, Peace On Earth

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

NO, DEAR ONES, that poem was not penned by some living poet within the last few weeks. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote it in the year 1863, when the Civil War was raging, when fellow-countrymen and blood brothers fought against one another, time infinitely more sad than today, when we all are united against a common enemy.

Once again war is upon us, and within a few hours of its arrival hate and revenge against the foe have sprung out of the human heart, yes, even out of those hearts who claim to be Christian. We dare not, we must not hate those for whom Christ died. The name of the all-loving and compassionate Christ, who loved us before we loved Him, let us not hate but love our enemies and pray for them, too.

"These are the times which test men's souls," someone once cried years and years ago. "These are the times which try our faith," we say. Many of our young men are spending their first Christmas away from home, some in camps, some on battleships on the distant seas. Others are facing the draft. To them all we say: "Quit yourselves like men. Do your part the better in this crisis by being every inch a man, Christ-man."

"Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then, where'er you go."

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith,
As ye like men, be strong," I Cor. 13. Where'er you are, whatever you will do, do all as a soldier, not

only of America, but of the king, the great King, the King of heaven and earth. Yes, you have an obligation to your country. But do not forget your obligation to Christ.

You are shocked and bewildered that we are at war? That you are caught in its tentacles? You, too, wonder if Christ really came to bring peace on earth, good will among men? Listen lad! Long ago Magellan called the mighty western ocean "Pacific," which means peaceful. Despite the churning of the waters by the torpedoes and the submarines and the prow of the battleships, it's still the Pacific Ocean. Deep below, down beyond the sound of men's folly as they kill one another, the water is still, and peace unbroken reigns.

Christ did bring peace to the hearts of many: to those who believe and trust in Him and who do not set their hopes and their dreams of security upon the fragile externals of this world. Isaiah did not speak idly or from theory when in chapter 26, verse 3, he penned: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Then he continued: "Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

Let each one of us read slowly and thoughtfully the story of Christ's birth and what was said of Him and how He would bring peace. Peace is here now in the hearts of many despite the ragings of war. Peace because of Him who came, and because of what is to be someday. Let us sing the carols, reminding ourselves that the madness and the hate of a sin-full world cannot darken the eternal truths of Christmas nor sap the everlasting strength of the Lord Jehovah.

Because of the Christmas message let us do our duty calmly with a will determined to quit ourselves like men, not only for the sake of our country, not only for the honor and the glory of Christ, the Christmas King, but also for the sake of those who despair this Christmastide, thinking that

peace is but delusion and the chimes of Christmas but a mockery.

And, incidentally, Longfellow continued his poem in these words:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

An Active Young Baby

Sixteen young people who attended the initial meeting of the founding of a Luther League at our church in New Baltimore, Mich., decided to start off with a bang. So they did. In a congregation of but 140 active communicant members these young folks garnered thirty-five subscriptions to the LUTHERAN STANDARD. This is all the more praiseworthy because previously there had not been even one subscriber. Pastor Theodore Schalinske writes: "The Luther leaguers have attained an acquaintance with the LUTHERAN STANDARD through selling it; our congregation members will attain a thorough acquaintance with it through their reading."

A Mission-Minded League

Our League of St. John Church, Palmer, Ia., well expressed the spirit of Christ. With the commissions earned by garnering over 100 subscriptions to the LUTHERAN STANDARD it again voted to pay for the subscriptions of needy families in the congregation. The pastor is C. P. Ringhand. Splendid and generous!

Said in a Sentence

When the choir starts fightin' it takes the sing out of the Church.

Distasteful folks always make us feel bitter.

The church that measures up can rule the community.

Livin' the golden rule brings in the silver lining.

Hush money can cause a lot of whisperin'.

Nothing comes from doing nothing.

You can always bank on men of principle.

CHURCH NEWS

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Changed Your Address?

The publishers of the LUTHERAN STANDARD are eager that this paper reach all its subscribers every week. That this may be done, it is of the utmost importance that changes in the address of subscribers be reported promptly to the Lutheran Book Concern. We call this matter to the especial attention of our men in the armed services. If your address has been changed, please send the Lutheran Book Concern a postal notifying them of the change. Second class mail is not forwarded. Your home congregation or your parents may be sending the LUTHERAN STANDARD to you. If so, please do not fail to keep the publishers informed as to your correct address. Of course, this applies to all other subscribers as well. Write: Lutheran Book Concern, 55 East Main St., Columbus, Ohio.

Almost 26,000 Subscriptions In Campaign to Date

As of Thursday, December 11, a total of 25,934 new and renewal subscriptions to the *Kirchenblatt* and the LUTHERAN STANDARD had been tabulated in the current church paper campaign. With more subscriptions still coming in, we are confident that the grand total will be quite a bit higher than even this splendid figure.

A few weeks ago we reported that Good Hope Lutheran Church, Glenford, Ohio, Rev. G. F. Stengel, pastor, had sent in its list to continue it on the Honor Roll. Now the other church in this parish, St. Paul's, has sent in its list, so that both congregations will continue on the Honor Roll during the coming year.

Other "old-timers" on the Honor Roll that are continuing on that Roll for another year are: St. Mark's, Hudson, N. Y., Rev. C. G. H. Mengering, pastor; St. Martin's North Tonawanda, N. Y., Rev. Theo. Berner, pastor; St. Sebald's, Strawberry Point, Iowa, Rev. Paul Eilers, pastor; and Christ, Jackson, Wis., Rev. H. C. Milius, pastor.

Two new names have been added to the Honor Roll—St. Peter's, Logan, Kansas, and Zion, Phillipsburg, Kansas, both served by Rev. R. W. Schlachter.

Michigan District News

By a rather unusual coincidence the 16th anniversary of the dedication of Bethel Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, Lewis G. Nicol, pastor, was celebrated on the 16th of November. Dr. J. A. Dell, of the Seminary at Columbus, preached an inspiring sermon to a large audience.

On this day the congregation rejoiced and gave thanks also for the completion of the following improvements undertaken during the past years: painting of church and parsonage, replacing sidewalks, improving of church heating system, and installing a new carpet in the

church auditorium and the chancel. New Christian and American flags were presented to the congregation by the Sunday school.—H. C. SIPE.

Brief Items of Interest

Zion Lutheran Church, Mission Valley, Texas, Louis Kramer, pastor, has made extensive improvements to its parsonage. The project was promoted by the Ladies' Aid, the Luther League and the Sunday school, and the men of the congregation did much of the work. As in former years, so also this year the Sunday school donated turkeys for Thanksgiving to the Orphans' Home at Round Rock.

On November 30 St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Wishek, North Dakota, L. R. Schulz, pastor, dedicated a new organ. Rev. G. Landgrebe, president of the Dakota District, delivered the sermon.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Male Chorus of the Southern Wisconsin Federation of Brotherhoods of the American Lutheran Church gave its ninth concert in Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., on Sunday, November 30. About 1,100 people were pleased by the renditions of these 48 well-trained singers.

In view of the involvement of our country in the war, President R. F. Kibler of the California District proclaimed Sunday, December 14, "A Day of Humiliation and Prayer" in all the churches of his district and directed that repentance be preached and practiced by all members of the congregations, and that humble intercession be made "for ourselves individually, for our church, and for our nation."

Chicago Congregation Opens Redecorated Church

November 30 was a happy day at Grace Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. W. Wietzke, pastor, for the congregation again worshipped in its church. Extensive renovations had been made, the entire church with all its furnishings had been redecorated, and a set of Deagan chimes had been installed, at a total cost of \$1,500. The speaker at the service of rededication was Rev. Hartwig Harms, of Chicago. In the afternoon six of the neighboring pastors expressed the felicitations of their congregations and the Grace *a cappella* choir rendered a group of anthems.

Luther College, Regina Has Air Corps

The spirit and regimen of a country at war are evident in student life at Luther College, Regina, Sask., Canada. The younger students are organized in a flight of Air Cadets, under the scheme provided by the Department of National Defense. The classwork and drill are carried in addition to the regular aca-

demic work. Officers and instructors for the Air Cadets are from the regular college staff, who took special courses in ground work during the summer.

The older students are entered in the Platoon Reserve of the C. O. T. C. (Canadian Officers Training Corps). This group is affiliated with the C. O. T. C. of Canadian universities and is under the supervision of the local military district.

Academic enrollment is 130, which is the same as for a year ago. The boys' dormitory is completely filled, and in the girls' dormitory there are the same number of girls as last year. The percentage of Lutherans is higher, and there is a larger number preparing for the ministry.

Because of the many enlistments in regular war services the graduating class numbers only 20. The lower classes have a proportionately higher enrollment. At present more than 150 former students are serving in the various branches of the active armed forces of the empire.

Reunion of Parochial School Graduates Held at Appleton

A unique celebration was recently held at Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wis., Theo. Marth, pastor, when the twenty-fifth anniversary of the parish school was observed. About 100 graduates and seventy pupils of the school entered the church in an impressive procession. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. Hoessel, of Oshkosh. The mixed choir of the congregation rendered special music.

After the service a program of an informal nature was held in the auditorium of the school. The program was featured by an address by the superintendent of the city schools. Many letters of congratulation, sent by former teachers and graduates who could not be present, were read.

Wartburg College News

A special program was broadcast by the college on Christmas Day, consisting of numbers by the junior choir of St. Paul's Church of Waverly, and a Christmas message by Rev. O. Fangmeyer, assistant pastor of St. Paul's. Beginning January 8, regular broadcasts will be given from the college campus on alternate Thursdays, at 4:00 P. M., C. S. T.

Regional Conferences Held by Lutheran Student Association

Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, was host to the eighteenth annual conference of the Southeast Region of the Lutheran Student Association of America. Students, faculty, and pastors represented groups from the states—Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina—which included 22 institutions, of which 5 were Lutheran, 10 State, and 7 others. The program, built on the Ashram theme, "Christmen, Crossmen, Freemen," was developed in three masterly addresses by Prof. John Schmidt, of Southern Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina.

The Hub Region of the Lutheran Student Association held its conference at Iowa, City, Iowa. Speakers at the convention included Dr. C. A. Wendell, pas-

Grace Lutheran Church, Minneapolis; Julius Bodensieck, president of the Board of Christian Service, Dubuque, Iowa; Dr. Markley, secretary of the Board of Christian Service of the United Lutheran Church in America; Rev. Frederick Schiotz, student minister of the American Lutheran Conference; Rev. Lloyd Jacobson, Lutheran pastor at Madison, Wis.; and Frank Johnson, president of the Lutheran Student Association.

Service Pleasantly Accepted for Celebration

His St. Paul congregation of Indianapolis, Ind., was singing the second hymn at the regular evening service on December 30, Rev. A. Heidmann, pastor, surprised to see six flower girls appear at the rear of the church, followed by the groomsmen, L. Fackler and B. Heidmann, of Indianapolis. The latter two were the bridesmaids. The pastor, after the service at this point and after the thoroughly astonished pastor had his congregation, which had gathered in large numbers, was celebrating the fifth anniversary of his installation and also the fifth wedding anniversary of the parsonage couple. An appropriate gift was presented, to which the pastor responded with thanks.

Organ Dedicated by Sota Church

On Sunday, November 30, Zachaeus Canby, Minn., William Hennig, dedicated a new pipe organ to the church. The pipes and other measures are housed in a newly built addition to the church. The project was aided by the Ladies' Aid and the Lutheran Guild of the congregation.

A dedicatory sermon was preached by E. J. Kaiser, of Hector, Minn. The evening Prof. A. O. Moench presided over the organ concert. The church was overflowed at each service, and the choir sang themselves of an amplification installed in the basement of the church.

District Notes

Remont Local Conference met in the church, Bellevue, Ohio, on December 1. A number of pastors of the Synod attended this meeting. A service was held to commemorate the anniversary of the ordination of J. W. Kuntz. Pastor Carl Schaefer was liturgist; and the sermon was preached by Pastor Brandt. Pastor L. S. Price led the discussion of the subject: "The Church and the World Today." At noon the service was served by the local ladies' purpose of honoring Pastor and Kuntz. The conference president, F. Milheim, presented a purse from the conference and a 50th birthday cake from the ladies of St. church. Pastor Kuntz responded with words of gratitude. Other resolutions were made by Pastor Lose of the Synod, Pastor A. W. Lynn of L. C., and by District President Millinger. The afternoon essay was presented by Pastor Armin Schroeber of the Missouri Synod, an exegetical study of Hebrews 11.

Elby County Local Conference met at Mark Church, Wapakoneta, Ohio, December 1. There was an

exegetical study of II Timothy 4. The biography of Tallmadge was studied. The work of the Ohio District Committee on Evangelism was given earnest consideration, and the conference resolved during the year 1942 to have a monthly study on the subject of Evangelism, following the *The Studies on Personal Evangelism*, by Odd Gornitzka.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, near Westerville, Ohio, voted the pastor, the Rev. Philip Rohrbacher, a bonus of \$150 as an expression of their gratitude for his faithful and efficient services.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Sugar Grove, Ohio, Pastor R. E. Glaser, has a modern heating and air-conditioning plant in the house of worship. This parish has erected a fine new garage on the parsonage lot, a building so well equipped that it is suitable even for social meetings.

From the records of Christ Church, Dayton, Ohio, Pastor F. H. Roepcke, it is gleaned that this congregation has had 124 accessions during the present pastorate of three years and a net growth of 108 members.

The Ohio District Home Missions Committee will meet on December 30, and the home missions of the Ohio District will be voted their subsidies for the year 1942.

The Executive Committee of the Ohio District will meet on January 2. At this meeting the final touches will be given to the program for the next District Convention. Applications for grants from the Ohio District Congregational Subsidy Fund will be given consideration.

Capital University News

A Christmas check in the amount of five per cent of the annual salary for a period of six months was voted to members of the administration and the faculty by the Board of Regents of Capital University when the latter met in its semi-annual session on December 9. All members of the college staff above the rank of instructor are still five per cent below complete restoration of the salary cuts given during the depression.

The Board of Regents also called Dr. Bernard J. Holm, age 37, now associated with the University of Maryland, to the chair of New Testament theology in the Seminary, which was vacated last June by Dr. G. C. Gast, who resigned to accept a position with the Lutheran Book Concern. Dr. Holm was graduated from Wartburg College, Waverly, Ia., in 1926, and from the Wartburg Seminary in 1929. He took his master's degree in languages in 1930 at the University of Iowa, and his doctorate in history at the University of California, in 1939, where he also served as research assistant for four years.

An optimistic report on the state of affairs at Capital University by Dr. William L. Young, acting president, informed the Board that the University opened the new school year in September with an enrollment only three per cent under that of the previous year. This represents one of the smallest enrollment drops in Ohio college circles.

The establishment of a curriculum in social service was approved. It will now be possible for students to prepare themselves for social service at Capital University by completing a four-year program, which may be followed by specialization at other universities which have

a strong department in social welfare work. This curriculum has been established in response to the request made by the Board of Charities of the American Lutheran Church, which has need for social workers trained in Lutheran colleges. Last year the Board of Charities had calls for over thirty social workers but could find few who had been trained in Lutheran schools. This new course will begin next September.

The Board approved the enlargement of the university's medical facilities. Plans call for the establishment of a properly equipped isolation ward for men students (there already is one for women students), the employment of a full-time college nurse, and the increase of \$2.00 per semester in the student medical fee. Up to the present the school nurse has been on a part-time basis.

The Board also created the office of vice-president in charge of public relations to handle the fiscal affairs of the university and asked Mr. Elmer W. Kastner, director of admissions, to assume that post.

The Board of Regents received an encouraging report on the progress being made by President Mees in the recovery of his health. Dr. Mees is making slow but gradual improvement. He has been on the campus for several weeks since the middle of November and will soon leave for the South, probably San Antonio, Texas, for the remainder of the winter. He is on a year's leave of absence.

The officers of the Board of Regents were re-elected. Dr. F. B. Hax, Massillon, O., is chairman; Mr. George Smallsreed, Managing Editor of the Columbus, O., *Dispatch* is secretary; and Mr. Daniel Shonting, Manager of the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O., is treasurer.

Congregation Bids Pastor Kurtz Touching Farewell

After serving the Florist Avenue Lutheran Church, of Milwaukee, Wis., for the past nine years, Rev. J. Kurtz accepted a call to Emanuel Church at Brandon, Wis. On the evening of November 23 members and friends of the congregation gathered to bid him and his family a touching farewell. Representatives of the congregation and of the societies made addresses and presented appropriate gifts.

Rev. Kurtz took charge of the Florist Avenue Church in 1932, a few months after its organization. It now has a membership of 115 communicant members and a Sunday school with an enrollment of 135.

Lutheran Welfare Society Installs Executive Secretary

The installation service for the Rev. Henry J. Whiting as Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin took place on Sunday evening, November 30, in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Rev. A. A. Zink, D.D., pastor. Some 300 persons, representing various sections of the state, attended the inspiring service. The local pastor delivered a challenging sermon. The service for the installation proper was conducted by the Rev. S. C. Eastvold, S.T.D., of Eau Claire.

In accepting the charge placed upon him Pastor Whiting asked the repre-

sentatives present to continue to "look at those about through the eyes of a compassionate Christ."

Mr. A. S. Bragstad, president of the Board, read several greetings, among them those from Dr. Em. Poppen, president of the American Lutheran Church. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Welfare Conference, and Julius Heil, governor of the state.

The installation service marked the passing of another milestone in the progress of the society. In less than five years the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin has enjoyed a marked growth in membership and in service. With the coming of Pastor Whiting, who will direct the full program of the society's work, there are eleven full-time and two half-time workers as well as a score of volunteers.

Since August 1, 1937 (when the main office was opened) to September 1, 1941, six hundred fifty-five (655) children have been cared for, while ninety-eight (98) were placed for adoption. The present active case load is 270, of which over half are thirteen years of age and over. These children need close supervision which provides general guidance, medical and psychiatric services, and the nurturing of their Christian faith.

The three Children's Homes with which the department is working, continue their fine cooperation. Other children's agencies in the state and the local Mental Hygiene Clinic are beginning to know our Children's Homes and ask for institutional care for certain children that seem to need such care.

Rome Never Changes

After the marriage of Actress Ruby Keeler, divorced third wife of Al Jolson, to a Pasadena broker in St. Charles' Catholic Church, North Hollywood, by the Rev. H. C. Meade, the following formal statement was issued by the officiating clergyman: "In order to avoid possible misunderstanding, it is well to state that, notwithstanding her former marriage, Miss Keeler was accorded the privilege of a Catholic wedding because the Catholic Church cannot recognize the validity of the former union. This is due to the canon law which for the valid marriage of a Catholic, demands the presence of a duly authorized priest and two witnesses. Miss Keeler did not comply with this essential. Hence, presupposing genuine sorrow and penance, her former marriage has been declared nonexistent by ecclesiastical authorities."—*Lutheran Witness.*

Eastern District Notes

St. John's, Pfeiffer's Corners, Md. (Pastor P. E. Lautenschlager), is robbing its choir. The robes are a gift of an interested church member.

The following pastors have been appointed to serve on the newly ordered Committee on Inner Missions: G. F. Hein, Baltimore; G. P. Schmidt, Perrysville, Pa.; E. L. Stainbrook, Chairman, Carrollton, Ohio.

The Church of Our Savior, Ambridge Heights, Pa. (Pastor L. L. Haseley), chose December 14 as the day for laying the cornerstone of its new house of worship.

The district president's itinerary in the recent weeks was as follow: November 30, Bethany Church, Dormont, Pittsburgh (Pastor J. B. Sause); November 29, Zion Church, North Canton, O., a meeting with the Pulpit Committee; December 1, Ashtabula, O., a meeting with an independent church which has applied to us for service; December 2, Chicago, a meeting of presidents of all the "synodical units" of the bodies included in the National Lutheran Council, the first meeting of its kind ever called; December 3, New York City, the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, an extraordinarily impressive meeting, by reason of present world conditions; December 5, Ontario, on Home Mission errands; December 7, Trinity Church, Holidays Cove, W. Va., to view the progress of the new church building.

Kingsbridge Church Dedicates Its New House of Worship

In the heart of New York's busiest section, Broadway, the Kingsbridge Lutheran Congregation, four years old, recently dedicated its new house of worship. Although it was raining hard, the dedication service was attended by over 600 worshippers. The members of the New York Local Conference, nine in number, led the procession into the church. The local pastor, Rev. T. Rene Meyer, conducted the liturgical service, and the senior and the junior choirs, in red robes, sang dedication anthems. Rev. W. E. Schuette, D.D., president of the Eastern District, preached the sermon. The permanent public address system, with which the church is equipped, carried the service to the auditorium, large enough to seat 300 people, located on the second floor.

The style of the building is simplified English Gothic with no unnecessary ornamentation or frills, and the outstanding symbol in the design of the building is the cross surmounting the roof at the front. The construction and materials

used are of a permanent nature, the exterior being faced with Connecticut River brick and limestone trim. The solid masonry walls of the building, particularly, proclaim to the world that the church's message will abide when all else has passed away. The church is fully equipped with ecclesiastical furniture, most of which was presented by individuals or by organizations of the congregation.

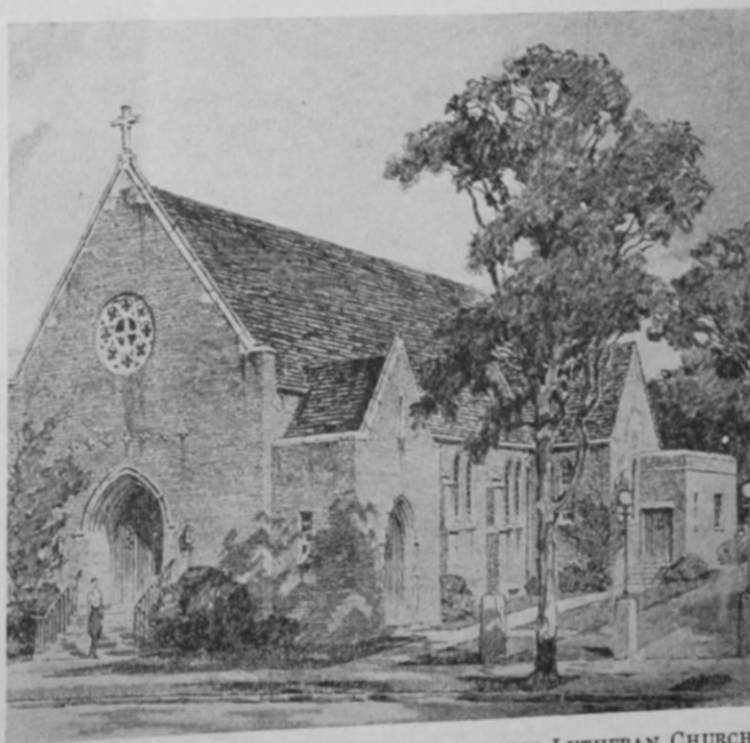
Kingsbridge Church has a communicant membership of 260 and a Sunday school of 210. Having worshipped for four years, first in a vacant store, then in a Masonic Temple (it became known as the "Masonic Lutheran Church"), the congregation is now thrilled to be able to praise God in a beautiful place of worship of its own. The congregation wishes to thank the American Lutheran Church for its generous loan, without which the building would not have been made possible.

American Red Cross Appeals For \$50,000,000 War Fund

Calling for the united support of the entire nation, the American Red Cross has appealed for a special war fund of \$50,000,000 to carry on and expand its work among Army and Navy personnel. The appeal was broadcast to the nation through major radio networks by Red Cross Chairman Norman H. Davis.

In preparation for just such an emergency as the country now faces the Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a month. However, with war in the Pacific now a reality, the traditional Red Cross responsibilities to the nation and its armed forces have increased manifold and steps were taken immediately to meet these obligations, Chairman Davis said.

In its months of preparations the various services which the Red Cross provides to the nation and its Army and Navy have been effectively strengthened. But under the new conditions activities all along the line, on the war front and



IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY—KINGSBRIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEMORIES of YESTERDAY



TEN YEARS AGO. From the *Lutheran Standard* of December 26, 1931.

At the Fremont Local Conference, held at Grace Church on December 8, Rev. C. F. Schaffnit read a paper on "Radio Religion." He expressed the conviction that the radio has not had a harmful effect on church attendance.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. From the *Lutheran Standard* of December 23, 1916.

The members of Holy Trinity parish, New Lexington, Ohio, "called at the parsonage Monday evening, December 11, with a good supply of all the things that go to make three square meals a day. So abundant were the supplies that the grocer will not make much from parsonage trade for some time to come."

The committee appointed by the English District to prepare the manuscript for a simpler catechism held its initial meeting at Akron, Ohio, on December 1.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. From the *Lutheran Standard* of December 22, 1906.

The Concordia District has in conjunction with the president of the Joint Synod of Ohio resolved to reopen the English Seminary at Hickory, N. C. The following were nominated for theological professorships there: Prof. Edward Pfeiffer, of Columbus; Rev. Theo. Stellhorn, of Sandusky; Rev. J. H. Kuhlmann, of Springfield; Rev. W. E. Schuette, of Toledo; Rev. C. B. Gohdes, of Baltimore, Md.; Prof. Carl Ackermann, of Lima; Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, of Anna, Ohio, and Rev. W. L. Spielmann, of Columbus.

FIFTY YEARS AGO. From the *Lutheran Standard* of December 26, 1891.

A bust of Dr. C. F. W. Walther was unveiled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., on Luther's birthday, November 10. It is of Carrara marble imported directly from Italy, and was presented by Mr. Frederick Weier, of St. Louis.

An English Lutheran Church, said to be the first in New England, was organized at Boston, Mass., on Saturday evening, November 28, by the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Missionary Superintendent of the General Council.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. From the *Lutheran Standard* of December 15, 1866.

"Gambling: Many of the so-called 'church fairs' are simply a cunning mode of gambling and plainly show how worldly minded the church has become. When even the state forbids gambling, it is an outrage for the church to encourage it."

—Compiled by JOHN O. LANG.

came for him a season of restricted physical activity, but also a time of spiritual refreshment and peace. To him these years became a constant fulfillment of the prayer so excellently expressed in the hymn from the pen of Dr. Matthias Loy:

"I thank Thee Savior for the grief
Thy goodness bids me bear,
And for each word of sweet relief
That saves me from despair.

"I see but dimly all Thy ways,
Nor may each purpose tell,
But this I know to wake my praise:
Thou doest all things well."

Recurrent strokes took their toll toward a complete physical decline until it pleased the Lord to call him home on Saturday, November 29.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, three brothers, the Revs. T. J. C. Stellhorn, and E. C. Stellhorn, and Major Adolph Stellhorn, and two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Tressel and Mrs. Agnes King. One sister, Mrs. Christina Hess, preceded him in death several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in Christ Lutheran Church, Bexley, Ohio, by Rev. Otto Ebert, on December 2.

In addition to the many relatives and friends, representatives from the congregations served by the deceased, and representatives from the St. Paul and Trinity congregations, Marion, Ohio, served by the Rev. E. W. Schuh, were in attendance.

His body was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

May the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding," now perfected in him, be the portion of all who await its fulfillment in us.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast From Fort Wood

The Lutheran Hour, featuring the world-famous radio preacher, Dr. Walter A. Maier, and the Concordia Seminary Male Chorus, was broadcast twice on Sunday, November 30, from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, under the sponsorship of Post Chaplain Harold O. Bomhoff.

Both the 12:30 and 3:00 P. M. broadcasts were well attended by officers and enlisted men, and quite a number of non-Lutherans was present.

The four Lutheran chaplains on the post: Chaplains Andrew Boe, Norwegian Lutheran Church; Elmer Harre, Missouri Synod; Luther Swygert, United Lutheran Church, and Harold Bomhoff, American Lutheran Church, were photographed with Dr. Maier and Chaplain Edmund Weber, executive secretary of the Army and Navy Commission of the Missouri Synod, following the broadcast.

A picture was also made to include Private Takaharu Kusaba, Co. A, 35th Bn, E. R. T. C., a Japanese who joined the Lutheran Church last spring, and Corporal M. Arthur Gilbert, Negro Lutheran organist who is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. The latter is Chaplain Bomhoff's staff organist and conducts classes in organ.

In a month or two some 750 homes will be completed for families of non-commissioned officers and civilian employees, which will at that time add to the already large congregations served by the chaplains, and Chaplain Bomhoff is already laying plans for taking care of this community, located a couple miles from Post Headquarters.

"Church attendance and church activities have taken a decided up-swing since the beautiful new chapels are completed, and the soldiers very much like the tracts issued by the Lutheran Church. It surely was a wonderful thing to take that offering on Mother's Day for Lu-

on the home front, must be rapidly expanded. By tradition, custom and congressional charter the Red Cross is the organization that maintains those human and family links between our fighting men and the people at home, links which mean so much to both military and civilian morale. Through its ministrations to the men on whose shoulders the safety of our country now rests the Red Cross must prove that they have the wholehearted support of every single American, Chairman Davis stated. The people, united as always in an hour of peril, will pour from their hearts the means which their Red Cross needs to carry on its work.

In announcing the war fund campaign Red Cross officials pointed out that contributions would be used only in connection with the organization's war work. Membership dues collected during the November nation-wide Roll Call are needed to finance the normal, day-to-day services of the Red Cross in thousands of communities throughout the country.

Ministers Erect Church Frame

Fifty ministers of the Disciples of Christ erected in one day the framework of a church in a churchless community of 1,000 homes near a new defense work factory at Burbank, Calif. The remainder of the work is being done by residents of the community.—*Christian Century*.

Former Mission Executive Called to Last Rest

On November 29 the Lord called home the Rev. E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, of Columbus, Ohio, who served for fifteen years as Home Mission Executive of the former Joint Synod of Ohio.

E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, the eldest son of the late Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, was born at Watertown, Wisconsin, on September 9, 1868.

His father having accepted a professorship at Capital University, he grew up in what is now Bexley, Ohio. Christ Lutheran Church became his home church when he was about twelve years old. It was in this church that he was confirmed by Dr. C. H. L. Schuette.

He prepared himself for the office of the Christian ministry at Capital University and entered upon his chosen calling a little more than fifty years ago.

Rev. Stellhorn served pastorates in Salem Lutheran Church, West Alexandria, Ohio; Emanuel Lutheran Church, Marion, Ohio; First Lutheran Church, Canton, Ohio; and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio. For fifteen years he was Home Mission Executive of the former Joint Synod of Ohio and other States. For several years he had been on the retired list of the ministerium of the American Lutheran Church.

On June 15, 1892, he married Charlotte Eisman, of Marysville, Ohio. Two daughters, Miss Martha Stellhorn, secretary of the Women's Missionary Federation, and Mrs. Alma Schuh, wife of the Rev. Edgar W. Schuh, were born to them, both of whom survive. Two grandchildren, Tommy and Mark Schuh, came to fill his later years with joy.

Remarkably well preserved and alert for his years, he suffered a stroke in April, 1938. The intervening years be-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

- Jan. 13, 14, 15. Canadian Board of Management at Regina, Sask., Canada.
- Jan. 20. College Presidents at Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 20. Board of Christian Higher Education at Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 21. Joint Meeting—College Presidents and Board of Christian Higher Education at Chicago, Ill.
- Jan. 22, 23. Board of Foreign Missions at Columbus, Ohio.

MEETING

The Miami Valley Chapter, Capital University Alumni will meet Monday, Dec. 29, at 6:45 P.M. in the Art Institute, 405 Riverview Ave., Dayton, O. The speaker will be George A. Smallwood, Managing Editor of the Columbus Dispatch.

INSTALLATIONS

Upon authorization of the respective district presidents, the following pastors were installed:

Howard Hahn in St. Paul church, Otis, Colo., Dec. 7, by Pastor E. E. Zellmer.

T. O. Danitschek in American Lutheran church, Burbank, Calif., by Pastor R. D. Lechleitner, assisted by Pastors Carl Pohlmann and John Plueger.

H. J. Kurtz in Emmanuel church, Brandon, Wis., Nov. 30, by Pastor O. C. Bliese, assisted by Pastors Roy Schmeichel and W. Schlachtenhaufen.

Daniel Sand in St. Peter church, Dillsboro, Ind., Dec. 7, by Pastors Edwin Ackerman and George Pflueger.

ADDRESSES

Rev. A. A. Krause, from Judson, N. D., to Marsh, Mont.

Rev. R. Hintz, from Steinbach, Man., Canada, to Goodrich, N. D.

Rev. Ed. Goeringer, from Danzig, N. D., to Lindon, N. D.

Rev. Alfred Pietrek, from Camp Roberts, Calif., to U. S. Army, Hawaii.

theran service men. It has made us all proud of the Lutheran Church which continues to do more than any other for the soldier," writes Chaplain Bomhoff.

Mrs. F. B. Hax Suddenly Called Out of Life

Caroline Emch Hax was born December 2, 1876, in Woodville, Ohio, where she was also baptized and confirmed in Solomon's Lutheran Church. On October 1, 1902, she was married to the Rev. Fred Hax, who was then serving as pastor in St. Paul Church, Pickaway County, Ohio. Blessed with devout Lutheran parents, trained in a Lutheran parochial school, an accomplished pianist, endowed with a good voice and a winning personality, she was admirably equipped to become an ideal wife for a minister. God permitted her to labor by the side of her husband for 39 years in St. Paul, Ohio; Delaware, Ohio; and Massillon, Ohio.

On last November 26 she and Dr. Hax were traveling to Pittsburgh when they collided head-on with another car on a treacherous curve on the highway. Twenty-six hours later, November 27, 1941, the spirit of Caroline Hax departed to be with Christ. She had reached the age of 65 years, lacking five days.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. F. B. Hax, and four children, one of whom, Rev. T. Hax, of Columbus, O., is in the Lutheran ministry. A brother, Rev. Wm. Emch, is well known as Editor of the Question Box in the STANDARD.

Mrs. Hax was a humble and tireless worker in the home and in the church. Her husband could praise her; her children rise up to call her blessed; and many give witness that they have been turned to righteousness by her efforts.

Funeral service were held in beautiful St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio, with approximately 1,000 persons in attendance. Rev. John Kuhlman preached the sermon, and Rev. Martin Alpers and Dr. Oscar Mees officiated.

Interment was made in the beautiful Massillon cemetery.

MISSION FESTIVALS

Heil, N. Dak. Vacant. Speakers, Erwin Groth, R. Heupel and E. Wiedenhoefer, \$59.

Tescott, Kans. Pastor Wm. Feller. Speakers, F. Pohlmann and A. R. Finkbeiner.

Port Huron, Mich. Pastor Ernst Henkelmann. Speaker, Harry Schalkhauser, \$102.

Dubuque, Ia. Pastor H. E. Dieter. Speaker Dr. W. G. Sadt, \$108.

Washburn, N. Dak. Pastor Ernest Adams. Speaker, G. T. Kern, \$19.—Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Speaker, Ernest Wiedenhoefer, \$80.

Fredonia, N. Dak. Pastor Carl F. Broecker. Speaker, L. Schulz, \$127.—Jud, N. Dak. Speaker the local pastor, \$28.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 30, 1941

Rev. F. Henkelmann, Bryan, O., by friends Dubuque, Iowa, for New Guinea Missions, \$5.00 by four donors, Detroit, Mich., for New Guinea Missions, \$5.00; by two donors, Sheboygan, Wis. for General Treasury, \$1.00; by a donor, St. Paul Minn., for New Guinea Memorial Tablet Fund \$2.00; by various donors, Bryan, O., for New Guinea, \$33.00; by various donors, Ney, O., for New Guinea, \$29.50; by relatives and friends Bryan, O., Marine City, Mich., Napoleon, O., Toledo, O., and Monroeville, O., for New Guinea \$44.00; by friends, Dearborn, Mich., for New Guinea Missions, \$5.00. Dr. Geo. Fritschel, Dubuque, Ia., by a donor, Regina, Sask., for Lutheran World Action, \$2.00; by two donors, Greeley, Colo. for Negro Missions, \$2.00; by various donors, Dubuque, Ia., for Educational Institutions, Aid Treasury and New Guinea, \$7.00; by friends, Greeley, Colo., for Negro Missions, \$3.00; by a donor for Negro Missions, \$3.00; by various donors, Chicago Ill., New Hampton, Ia., and Greeley, Colo., for Aid Treasury and New Guinea Missions, \$13.00; by a donor, Madison, Wis., \$1.50. Mrs. Alexander Moench, Springfield, Minn., by friends, St. Paul Minn., for Aids, \$5.00. Mrs. Transier, Chicago Ill., by friends for General Treasury, \$5.00. Mrs. F. Polzin, Big Falls, Wis., by various donors for General Treasury, \$2.00. Herman Bieck, Buffalo Lake, Minn., by relatives and friends for Board of Aids, \$18.00.

Christian Fuerst, Stanton, N. D., by friends Cavalier, N. D., for General Treasury, \$5.00. Mrs. Catherine Brown, Greenville, O., by friends for Missions, \$3.00. A Departed Mother, Cook, Nebr. by a donor for Aid Treasury, \$2.00. Mrs. Herman Ziemke, Tracy, Minn., by several donors, Waseca Minn., for Home Missions, \$1.50. Gerhard Matter Jackson, Wis., by various donors for General Treasury, \$5.00. Mrs. Alfred Fick, Thiensville Wis., by friends for American Missions, \$5.00. Mrs. John Snell, Winlock, Wash., by friends for Missions, \$1.50. Henry G. Herrmann, Peoria, Ill.

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Jan. 24	Council Bluffs, Iowa	8:15 P.M.	Abraham Lincoln High School Gymnasium	Clark Drug Store
Jan. 25	Lincoln, Neb.	3:00 P.M.	High School	Walt's Music Store, beginning Jan. 12.
Jan. 26	Kansas City, Mo.	8:15 P.M.	Ivanhoe Temple	Jenkins Music Store, beginning Jan. 12
Jan. 27	Emporia, Kans.	8:15 P.M.	Auditorium, Teachers College	State Teachers College
Jan. 28	Wichita, Kans.	8:15 P.M.	Friends University	University Office
Jan. 29	Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:15 P.M.	Shrine Auditorium	Veazey's Downtown Store, beginning Jan. 12
Jan. 30	Dallas, Texas	8:15 P.M.	Auditorium State Fair	Whittle Music Co., 1108 Elm St., Tel. C-5191, beginning Jan. 12
Feb. 1	Shreveport, La.	3:00 P.M.	Municipal Auditorium	J. & S. Music Store, 608 Milam St., beginning Jan. 19
Feb. 2	Deston, Texas	8:15 P.M.	Main Auditorium State College	Mr. W. E. Loveless, T. S. C. W.
Feb. 3	Waco, Texas	8:15 P.M.	Waco Hall, Baylor U.	The Raleigh Hotel, beginning Jan. 19
Feb. 4	Austin, Texas	8:15 P.M.	Gregory Gymnasium	Cultural Entertainment Office, University
Feb. 5	San Antonio, Texas	8:15 P.M.	Municipal Auditorium	Auditorium Box Office, beginning Jan. 26
Feb. 6	Corpus Christi, Texas	8:15 P.M.	High School	Boucher or Tower Pharmacy, beginning Jan. 19
Feb. 8	Houston, Texas	3:30 P.M.	Music Hall, Sam Houston Coliseum	Mr. O. Mueller, 746 E. 64
Feb. 9	New Orleans, La.	8:00 P.M.	Municipal Auditorium	Werlein's Music Store, 605 Canal St., beginning Jan. 26
Feb. 10	Jackson, Miss.	8:15 P.M.	City Auditorium	Patterson's Drug Store, No. 1, Lamar Life Bldg., beginning Jan. 26
Feb. 11	Memphis, Tenn.	8:15 P.M.	Ellis Auditorium	Auditorium Box Office, beginning Jan. 29
Feb. 12	St. Louis, Mo.	8:15 P.M.	Opera House, Municipal Auditorium	St. Olaf Choir Committee, 601 State St.
Feb. 13	Peoria, Ill.	8:15 P.M.	Shrine Auditorium	Corbus Drug Store
Feb. 15	Ottawa, Ill.	3:00 P.M.	High School	Chicago Bible Society, 35 E. Wacker Drive
Feb. 16	Chicago, Ill.	8:15 P.M.	Orchestra Hall	

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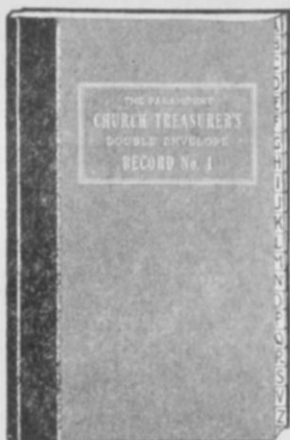


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"That the plans for the building of the chapel at Grace Lutheran Sanatorium be approved," and

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For kindly gifts received from October 15 to November 15, 1941, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the following donors:

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