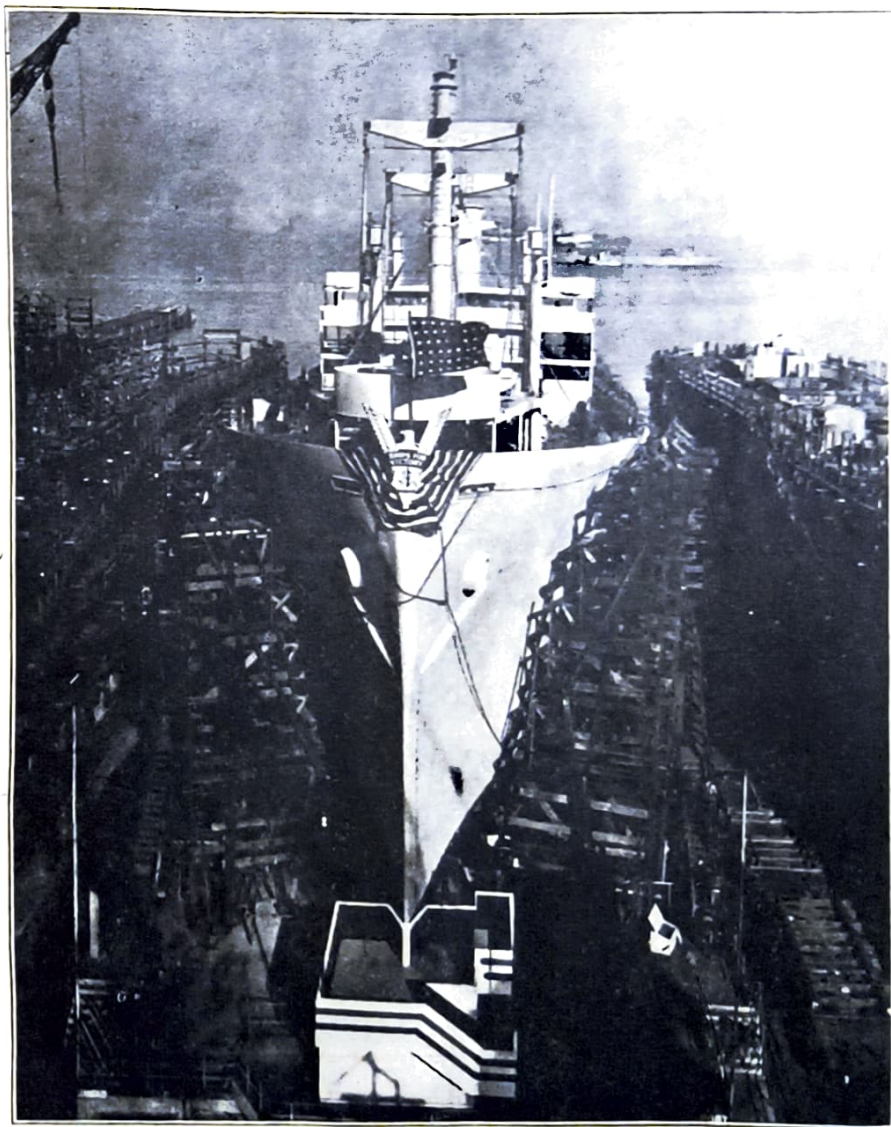


# The Lutheran COMPANION

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LAUNCHING OF S. S. GUSTAVUS VICTORY

The *S.S. Gustavus Victory*, as it appeared at launching on July 9 at Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Baltimore, Md. The U. S. Maritime Commission cargo vessel was named in honor of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. See article on page 5.



## A Glimpse of Sweden

BY HERMAN E. JORGENSEN

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**M**Y DEPARTURE from London took place in the late afternoon of Friday, July 5, by airplane; within six hours we arrived at the Brauma Airport in Stockholm. Across the North Sea the plane soared high above the clouds, which were too dense to afford a glimpse of the waters underneath. But as we approached the coast of Denmark the clouds cleared away, resulting in an entrancing view of the entire northwest coast of Jutland. The jump across the Kattegat displayed a beautiful stretch of a perfectly calm sea, followed by a panoramic survey of the Swedish skärgård (fringe of islands) off Sweden's second largest city, Göteborg (Gothenburg). After a brief landing interval, which included inspection by Swedish immigration and customs officials, we were off for Stockholm.

Summer nights are weirdly beautiful in the Scandinavian North (I know of no other adequate descriptive term for the unearthly, dreamy wonder of the northern summer nights), and I shall never forget the delights of this flight across Sweden. The dominating note in the symphony of lights and color underneath us was given by the silvery gleam of water, at first the inlets from the sea, then expanses of lake surface, varying in size, and all the way a multitude of rivers and brooks which appeared like bands of silver.

### Like Lovely Wisconsin

You are doubtless interested in my impressions of Sweden after about a fortnight's stay in the country. It is a very beautiful country, not in the grand way of mountainous Norway, nor in the garden-like orderliness of the English countryside, but in a way all its own: an ever-delightful succession of woods and lakes and fields and meadows—and beautiful, well-kept homesteads, and—not to forget—trim, clean cities and towns. The nearest approach to Sweden in American terms would be Wisconsin, I think.

Stockholm richly deserves its well-known cognomen "The Venice of the North," owing to its numerous islands and its ever-present waters, in lakes, sounds, and bays. Strangely enough it suggests, in pleasing harmony, both venerable age and virile modernity.

The prospects for a bountiful harvest look very bright to me, though I admit that I am not a very competent judge. The Swedes are well dressed, in the case of the ladies, even smartly so. Prices are high, on an average higher than in America, I think; but people seem to have plenty of money. Rationing obtains fairly generally, but it is by no means ungenerous, and no scarcity of food and of other commodities seems to exist. I am of the impression that rationing would no longer be necessary if home consumption were the only consideration, but Sweden sincerely desires to share its supplies with nations less fortunately situated. Sweden's direct help to other nations has long since reached well-nigh incredible proportions.

I shall have to reserve that story for a subsequent letter.

### Delayed by Red Tape

I am now ready to leave Sweden for Norway, having, after a considerable and rather vexing delay, obtained the necessary allied military permission for entrance into the latter country. I shall venture no opinion on the necessity of the continuance of these travel restrictions now that the actual war has ceased in Europe; I do not know enough about the matter to form any real opinion, but I am somewhat chagrined that all of six weeks had to elapse between my departure from Minneapolis and my arrival in Oslo.

Do not for a moment think, however, that I look upon my stay in Sweden as lost time in accomplishing the purpose of my mission. Only, I had hoped to get to Norway first, since it, as a recently liberated country, long in the limelight of war interest, possessed right now a much stronger journalistic appeal; and then, after my visit to Norway, I had hoped to go to the other Northern countries. Being forced by circumstances to re-arrange my proposed route, I have endeavored to make use of the time profitably by seeing as many prominent Swedish churchmen as this season of summer vacations has allowed.

I cannot mention each one of those who very kindly have given me of their time; several of them do not wish to be directly quoted, and I am not sure that they all understood at the time of my talk with them the journalistic purpose of my Scandinavian visit. I shall therefore state in a general way some of the things which I learned in my interviews, without attributing any statement to any one individual. But before I do this, perhaps a comment on the personalities of some of the men seen may be of interest.

### Meets Swedish Churchmen

Some days ago I spent several hours with the Archbishop of the Church of Sweden, the affable Erling Eidem of Uppsala. I should take him to be somewhere in his sixties; he is not above medium height and is of slight build. But he has the quick, elastic step of a young man. Genuine kindness is the predominant expression of his facial features. To me, he strongly suggested the Johannine type.

The Bishop of Stockholm (a new, almost altogether urban diocese) is the well-known Christian humanist, Manfred Björkquist, the celebrated creator of the Sigtuna institutions. Sigtuna is a very small but very old city situated about half-way between Stockholm and Uppsala. In ancient times it was the capital of the kings of the Sveas and still contains the massive and impressive ruins of these venerable stone churches; its parish church—formerly the fane of an abbey—is also very old; to me it seemed filled

with benedictions left by numerous generations of worshippers. But Sigtuna of today is interesting chiefly because of the many institutions which play a very direct role in the pulsating life of this generation's life, most of these being the creation of Manfred Björkquist. Most notable of these are a liberal arts college, a folk high school, and a school for the training of laymen for Christian service in the parishes. Numerous conventions, retreats, and conferences are, almost as a matter of course, held in the hospitable halls or on the spacious grounds of the Sigtuna institutions. Thus, Sigtuna of today is a monument to the vision and the administrative talents of this ascetic-looking philosopher who is now the Bishop of Stockholm.

While my thoughts linger in Sigtuna, which I visited today, I must mention a very remarkable young man who lives there, the Reverend Harry Johansson, director of the North-European Ecumenical Institute in this remarkable little city. He looks like an open-faced, fun-loving college lad, but possesses a veritable fund of knowledge of conditions and men in practically every European Church. He has never been in America, but his unassuming conversation gave evidence of a very considerable insight into the church life also of our country. I came away with the feeling that here was decidedly the right man in the right place.

### An Active Layman

Next I want to mention a wide-awake layman, Thore Borgvall of Stockholm, an insurance man who for years has been a diligent promoter of Y. M. C. A. work in his city and is now devoting practically his whole time to the work of organizing Lutheran rehabilitation and reconstruction service in Europe. As a result of the visit of Doctors Long, Bersell, and Meyer in Sweden last spring, the Swedish Liaison Committee of the Lutheran World Convention was formed, consisting of the Archbishop of Uppsala and Bishop Rodhe of Lund, with Mr. Borgvall as managing director. Largely as a result of Borgvall's energetic activity, similar committees have been formed in the other North-European countries: Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard and Dr. Alfred Th. Jorgensen in Denmark; Bishop Berggrav and Professor Olaf Moe in Norway; and Bishop Max von Bonsdorff and Pastor Jutila in Finland, with Archbishop Lehtonen of Turku as a likely third member. I may mention in passing that these men plan to meet late in August in Copenhagen. Meeting Director Borgvall was a most interesting experience; he has the vigor and enthusiasm of an American promoter, coupled with an overwhelming love for the Lutheran Church.

In addition I should like to mention the versatile rector of the Ersta Deaconess Institution here in Stockholm, the Rev. Sven Danell (a son of the late Bishop of Skara, Hjalmar Danell, whom older men in the Augustana Synod will remember with affection), and his affable assistant, the Rev. G. Hedenquist. I more than suspect that both of these men would raise their brows in utter astonishment if they knew that I am mentioning them along—

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**T**HE greatest and most savage war of human history has come to an end. Tuesday, August 14, 1945, will be remembered as one of the most momentous days in the annals of mankind. On that day the whole world listened with bated breath as radio flashes told of the decision of the Japanese emperor to accept the surrender terms of the Allies. But as the day wore on and no official confirmation came of the Japanese capitulation, the first outburst of joy and enthusiasm gave way to anxiety and perplexity. At last, however, the eventful announcement came. At 6 p.m., Central war time, President Truman informed the nation and the world that the surrender note had been received. And it was acceptable to the Allies. The war was over, except for the necessary formalities of signing an official document. Peace, by the grace and mercy of God, had again come to earth.

## Peace and Victory as Japs Surrender

The surrender of the Japanese may rightly be regarded as one of the great turning points of history. It marked the collapse of one of the most ruthless and arrogant bids for world power in modern times. It ended the first great attempt by an Oriental power to challenge the imperialistic domination of Asia and the Far East by the western world. It confirmed American hegemony in the Pacific as over against the rising power of Japan. It held out the possibility that the last nation in the world where an ancient feudalistic system still held its people in virtual bondage might get rid of its god-emperor and militaristic clique and adopt some form of democracy.

Japanese aggression began with the invasion of Manchuria on September 18, 1931. Later the Japanese began an undeclared war against China proper, which has been raging ever since. The treacherous Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, which practically destroyed the entire United States naval force, brought this country not only into conflict with Japan but also with the Axis nations in Europe. In fact, it was the Pearl Harbor incident that drew the final battle-lines between the United States, Great Britain, China, and Russia, on the one side, and Germany, Italy, and Japan, on the other. Russia, however, did not enter into the war against Japan until the closing week of the conflict with that country.

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**A**CCORDING to the terms of the Potsdam declaration which the Japanese government accepted with the understanding that Emperor Hirohito will continue to rule at least temporarily, subject to the orders of an Allied Supreme Commander, Japan submits to the following terms:

1. Elimination "for all time" of the authority and influence of those who led Japan into her career of conquest.
2. Occupation of points in Japanese territory to be designated by the Allies until a "new order of peace and security" in the world is assured.
3. Limitation of Japanese sovereignty to the main Japanese islands of Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku, and a few minor islands.

4. Carrying out the terms of the Cairo declaration which would strip Japan of all her conquests.

5. Complete disarmament of Japanese armed forces.

6. No enslavement of the Japanese nation.

7. Stern justice for war criminals.

8. Removal by the Japanese government of all obstacles to a revival of democracy, freedom of speech, religion, and thought.

9. Permission for Japan to retain such industries as will sustain her economy and permit reparations in kind.

10. Access for Japan to raw materials and world trade.

11. A promise to withdraw occupying Allied forces when Japan has established a peacefully-inclined government "in accordance with the freely-expressed will of the Japanese people."

According to the Cairo Declaration of December 1, 1943, Manchuria, Formosa, the Pescadores, and all other territories taken from the Chinese would be returned to China; Korea, "in due course," would become free and independent, and Japan would be expelled from "all other territories which she has taken by violence and greed," including Wake Island, Hong Kong, Malaya, Burma, French Indo-China, Thailand, the Netherlands East Indies, and other Pacific Islands.

It is estimated that Japanese territory would be reduced from 3 million square miles with a total population of 500 million people to about 148,000 square miles and about 75 million people. In other words, Japanese sovereignty, instead of extending over practically one-third of the population of the world, would be confined to the group of islands which originally constituted the ancient Nipponese kingdom.

**T**HUS, one of the darkest nights in human history has at last come to an end. For savage cruelty and ruthless destruction, the war with Japan has probably had no equal. That such a war should ever have been fought between so-called Christian nations and a pagan people constitutes a terrible indictment of the Christian Church. Had the followers of Christ sought to bring the Gospel of life and salvation to the Japanese people with only a fraction of the spirit of zeal and sacrifice revealed by our armed forces in visiting death and destruction upon that unhappy nation, it is more than likely that there would never have been such a war.

But now that it has come to an end, the time is here for the Church, in a spirit of repentance, to consider anew its solemn obligation to the heathen world. While the Church will give every support to all human efforts, such as the United Nations Organization and all other movements designated to save the world from future international anarchy, it must proclaim with increasing clarity and insistence that the world's hope for an enduring peace can be found only in the spiritual regeneration of mankind. It is Christ alone who can change the hearts of men; it is Christ alone who can redeem and recreate a bruised and broken world.



That is why the evangelization of the whole world must become the primary objective in the program of the Church. The Church must give heed anew to its original marching orders, received from its Supreme Commander, its divine Head: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Only thus can the world be won for Christ; only thus can an abiding peace come to the children of men.

## The Pulpit

### "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

*A Meditation for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

BY GOTTFRID OLSON.

*Pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Lynn, Mass.*

Read Matthew 11. 25-30

THE whole world is in a state of disconsolation. Individuals and nations are groping for help, and there is no relief in sight. They call to their aid great leaders from all walks of life, and woes only multiply. The keenest intellects are rallied to solve the ever-pressing problems and solve them they do in their way. But still the echo of the divine words ring out, "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida!" Disconsolation and unrest remain in the hearts of men. Human wisdom alone does not suffice. The wisdom of man without God leads to woe and destruction.

But there is hope and help. "The Consolation of Israel" has come and bids us to come to Him. And "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." For the infinite wisdom of God's plan of salvation and divine majesty, Jesus gives thanks to His heavenly Father that it has pleased Him to reveal His mercy and love in saving humble sinners who come to Him.

But not only that. He, for our assurance, testifies of His Sonship and divine authority, "All things are delivered unto me of my Father." All things: earth, heaven, and hell; men, angels and devils; time, death and eternity; all things: salvation and damnation, grace and judgment, life and death; all things: truth, righteousness, glory, peace and joy, consolation and refreshing, rest and hope, deliverance from sin, victory in temptation, overcoming the world, communion with God, the love of God, the life in God—all things have been delivered unto Him; He is the almighty Lord, the Giver of divine gifts of grace, the Executor of all divine works, the Prince of life, and therefore the Captain of our salvation. Such is the divine authority of Jesus, who, with infinite compassion, consolation and love, invites burdened souls to Him for peace and rest: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

WHEN Jesus extended this most precious Gospel invitation, He saw a disconsolate world full of weary souls, depressed with life's burdens. He saw a languishing people, a nation under the yoke, burdened by the requirements of the law and traditions that

failed to bring them temporal satisfaction and spiritual consolation. Moreover, Jesus saw humanity burdened by sin with attending misery, together with the awful consequences of sin. He saw a people, born to be the free sons of God by the redeeming blood of the Lamb, heavy laden as slaves under sin and Satan. He knew that the human soul longs for peace and rest, as Augustine puts it: "O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our heart is restless until it finds rest in Thee."

The gracious Gospel invitation of Jesus, "Come unto Me," is for all time and all peoples. After all, the world has not changed a great deal, nor the burdens of men, since those words were spoken. By nature, human woes, because of sin, never decrease in spite of human wisdom and skill. What does the Saviour see today as He in great compassion and love views the present age and generation? He sees a restless age full of restless, discontented and disconsolate people, living and working under a terrific speed, and, in most cases to gain the world and the things of the world and to satisfy the lusts of the flesh. He sees really burdened people and asks: "What is man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Yes, most people are tired with the stress and strain of modern life. True, much of it is caused by the cruel war and attending worries. However, the fact remains, war or no war, men and women are heavy laden, too tired to go to church, too busy with really legitimate things to attend to the more needful things, the consolation and welfare of the soul. Jesus sees our present generation in desperate need of peace and rest such as He alone can give. Therefore, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling" and inviting our present generation to come unto Him, to find peace, pardon and rest to the souls.

"Come, ye that labor and are heavy laden"! Come, ye that are laden with the cares of this world; come, ye that are weighed down with temporal problems of life, poverty, sickness, sorrows and worries; come, ye who feel your own helplessness under the burden of sin and are asking, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

THIS coming of Jesus means the bringing of all your burdens, your problems and anxieties to Him in faith, assured that He will receive you and help you. What consolation and comfort to find in Jesus a Friend and Saviour who understands your problems and burdens and who knows your inability to come to Him, or to believe in Him, by your own reason or strength! What comfort for your burdened and sin-weary soul to have a compassionate Saviour who calls and invites you by the Gospel and thereby touches and moves your heart with the power of grace to come unto Him, to exchange your burdens for His blessed yoke, to love, to serve and obey Him! What freedom and joy it is to serve and learn of Him who served you even unto the death upon the Cross and fully paid for your sins that you may find peace and rest for your soul!

"Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel:  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!"



# Gustavus Victory

THE S. S. *Gustavus Victory*, named in honor of Gustavus Adolphus College, was launched from the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyards at Baltimore, Md., July 9. The 456-foot ship will be a troop transport.

The honor was bestowed on *Gustavus* through the efforts of Congressman O'Hara of Minnesota and the Hon. Henry N. Benson, former president of the *Gustavus* Board of Directors. Congressman O'Hara was present at the launching ceremonies. Sweden was officially represented by Commodore Olof Angeline, Naval Attaché of the Swedish Legation.

Mrs. Rufus T. Logan, '26, christened the ship. She is the daughter of the late Dr. John A. Youngquist, '90, who taught at *Gustavus* for nearly 50 years. Mrs. Logan's husband, Captain Rufus T. Logan, is on leave of absence from the *Gustavus* faculty and is stationed in New York City with the Army.

Mrs. Logan sent the following comments on the launching to Dr. Edgar M. Carlson, *Gustavus* president:

"First of all, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity and the honor of launching the S. S. *Gustavus Victory*. It was an experience which I shall always recall with the happiest and most pleasant memories.

"We left New York Sunday afternoon. Miss Clark of the Bethlehem-Fairfield corporation, who had telephoned us several times concerning invitations for the luncheon, suggested the advisability of our coming to Baltimore Sunday evening so as to be available Monday morning for any necessary details. She reserved a room for us at the Southern Hotel.

"The guests at the luncheon preceding the launching ceremony were: the representative of the Swedish Ambassador, Commodore Angeline, the Rev. J. A. Eckman and his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hegstrom, Dr. Holger Kilander, Doris Carlton Allen, Linnea Laure, Elsie Erling, all *Gustavus* graduates; Congressman O'Hara, and with him were Lt. Hopp of St. Peter, Mr. Elston, staff writer with the *Minneapolis Star-Journal*, and Miss Kingsolvig, a friend of Mr. O'Hara's. Representing Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards were Mr. and Mrs. Swalm, the hosts, and Mr. Briscow,



CAPTAIN AND MRS. LOGAN

Mrs. Logan, the sponsor, is a graduate of *Gustavus Adolphus* College, and her husband is a member of the faculty, now on leave.

their public relations director. A representative of the Associated Press was also present. So in all, we were eighteen guests around a beautifully arranged table.

"It was so very pleasant to meet and visit with *Gustavians* and other friends, some of whom I had not seen for years.

"We were taken out to the shipyard in Packard cars. When we saw the big battle-grey ship in the dry dock, with the large letters, "*Gustavus Victory*" and the *Gustavus* banner flying in the stiff breeze, and the large gold silk flag with the lion emblazoned on it hanging at a vantage point, it really gave one a thrill! The ship is of the ten thousand-ton class and will immediately be converted into a troop ship, carrying seven hundred and fifty passengers and a crew of about eighty-five.

"As we came up the steps to the platform, cameras commenced clicking. When we came on the platform, they presented me with a huge bouquet of roses, and then the cameras clicked again. There were pictures of the *Gustavus* group and of Commodore Angeline who was most polite in the Swedish style.

"The actual launching of *Gustavus Victory* gave me a greater thrill than I had imagined it would. The master of ceremonies explained how every detail and action had to coincide and click. So it was with not a little bit of nervousness that I listened to all the advice given as how to hit the bottle, where, at what time, and at what speed! Commodore Angeline pressed the button which started the ship down the way. At the propitious moment I hit the bottle on the edge of the ship's prow. The bottle broke, champagne sloshed over the ship, and the sailors breathed a sigh of relief, for it would have been a bad omen to them had the bottle not broken! It was an impressive sight to see the ship move off to sea!

"And so the event was over, and the workmen were already beginning to prepare for another ship the moment *Gustavus Victory* had left its riggings.

"Again I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for having had this experience and honor. I realize that the many kindnesses shown me at this occasion were done for *Gustavus*."



GUSTAVUS ALMUNI AT LAUNCHING

Left to right: Miss Norma Forslund, Miss Linnea Laure, Mrs. R. T. Logan, Miss Elsie Erling, Harold Hegstrom, Dr. Holger Kilander, Mrs. Doris Carlton Allen, the Rev. J. W. Eckman.



# The Call of World Missions

BY GEORGE N. ANDERSON

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URNS CONTAINING SKULLS OF AFRICANS

*In their pagan ancestor worship, the natives of Tanganyika venerate these bones.*

AS I am now returning to my second homeland, Africa, to which we went out in 1924, I hope I may share with the COMPANION'S readers, many of whom I am privileged to count as personal friends, and many of whom are vitally interested in world missions, some of the thoughts of my heart in a most informal way.

A Sunday school girl, when asked what she would like to be when she grew up, promptly replied, "A missionary . . . home on furlough!" I am not certain what led her to think of this as a sinecure beyond compare, and I rather suspect that there are others who share her views. Being home on furlough, however, is something more than a mere vacation for the conscientious missionary. It involves deputation work in the home churches, with the problems of travel (not too comfortable these days) and other promotional work; refresher courses, so essential in this new day of missions with its exacting demands on the missionary of tomorrow; besides a bit of repairing the body (and the soul) after strenuous years on the mission field, and many other tasks for the furloughed missionary.

## *Taught Missions at Augustana*

But in some ways the Sunday school girl was quite correct. For there are many enriching experiences also. They may be summed up by saying that we meet so many friends of missions in our parsonages and among the lay membership that we return to our labors with the assurance that we go as their representatives; they go with us in this common task for our Lord to be His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth.

DR. ANDERSON wrote this article for the LUTHERAN COMPANION before his departure for Africa to assume his new duties. Emphasizing, as it does, the primary importance of world missions, it is of peculiar interest this year, which is "Foreign Missions Year" in the Augustana Synod Centennial program. Dr. Anderson was accompanied to Tanganyika by Dr. S. H. Swanson, synodical director of foreign missions, and they are now on the field. The return of Dr. Anderson to Africa to assume direction of the Augustana Mission marks the beginning of a new era in our Church's work of evangelization in East Africa. His fundamental understanding of the needs of the foreign mission field is clearly revealed in this article.—THE EDITOR.

In my own case, my furlough was extended a year to give me an opportunity to spend a year at Augustana College and Theological Seminary as guest lecturer on World Missions and to share with all on that campus my experiences and observations after twenty years on the mission field. I go back to Africa deeply grateful for this opportunity. I am thinking of about twenty-five young men of this student generation who are quite definitely committed to overseas service, and I am thinking just as much of the twenty-five young women who will accompany them—at least I hope there are no celibates in this group! That is, however, a personal question. For as I am writing I feel a rather accusing look from one of my faithful colleagues on the mission field who has chosen to be more like Paul than Peter!

And I am thinking with just as much gratitude of those who are not going overseas. They are the vast majority. I have often said in my mission talks that you don't need a call to the distant places, you need a call to stay here at home. And most of you get just that kind of a call. You are as essential in the successful prosecution of this world task as we who go. As I had the rare privilege of trying to put world missions on the hearts of the seminary students, I, as a missionary, was constantly encouraged by the response of the many students who are to find their field of labor in America in their assurance that world missions would have its central and fundamental place in the whole work of their parish. That is most encouraging, for out of their Sunday schools, confirmation classes and Luther Leagues will come the recruits for an ever-expanding world mission service, and from their mem-



bership will come consecrated and generous contributions for all the work of the Lord.

### *"Soldiers of Cross" Are Needed*

Speaking of recruits, let us pray that the Lord will raise up a number of missionaries from among the young men who will be coming back from the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific. May they cross the seas again, not this time as soldiers who in their line of duty have had to carry a "sword" of steel, but may they go out this time as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ" carrying the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Then, too, there are some fifty of our pastors serving as chaplains of the armed forces. Some of these will doubtless continue in this service where they will be needed. Most of them will return to parish work where they are also needed. Could as many as, say five, find it in accord with the will of God to apply for mission service in China, Africa, or South America? May God's will be done!

We are convinced of the centrality of world missions in the rebuilding of a shattered postwar world. A need as central and as vital is the impact that Christians make for the world in their regular vocations, and especially such as go overseas. A Chinese leader estimates that in China alone there will be a hundred thousand openings for American business men, engineers, builders, technical experts, men and women trained in all professions, to assist in the new era of development and expansion in that country. In commenting on this, a Dr. Torrey says, "These men and women will have great influence on the life and morals of China. Are they to be Christians, with a positive testimony and influence for the Lord Jesus, or are they to be American pagans, Yankee exploiters, people motivated by selfishness and ambition and greed?"

### *Christian Laymen May Serve*

At the Lutheran Students Association Ashram at Canandaigua, N. Y., a young engineer, highly trained, asked me if there was a place for him in overseas service. I had to inform him reluctantly that I knew of none in the Lutheran Missions, but, I added, "Why not go to China, perhaps in the employ of the Chinese government, and as a Christian engineer make your life count for Christ and His Church in a way that could easily surpass the influence you might exert in a much more circumscribed area on a local mission field?" And, while we are on the subject, we wish to stress the need of missionaries in the educational work in specialized areas such as agriculture and so-called industrial missions, not to speak of preventive medicine in all its branches. Which reminds me that a somewhat free-lance Lutheran Mission in South America sponsored by a rather pietistic group (no reflection), who, one would suspect, would decry such innovations, has asked for "an experienced dairy farmer, and experienced fruit farmer and irrigation expert, a bee-keeper and truck farmer." And the in-

teresting fact is that "God has now granted us all these men." And then follows this intriguing sentence: "Pray for a small caterpillar tractor."

All of which reminds me, as I think of our own task in Africa, of the urgent need of an agricultural-industrial missionary, who could and perhaps should be a layman, one with aptitude for teaching. The Tanganyika government has its agricultural officers in strategic areas and as we co-operate with the government in all education, it is readily understood that they appreciate every effort along this line, where education must be a community affair. They are also quite ready to give grants-in-aid for this type of work.

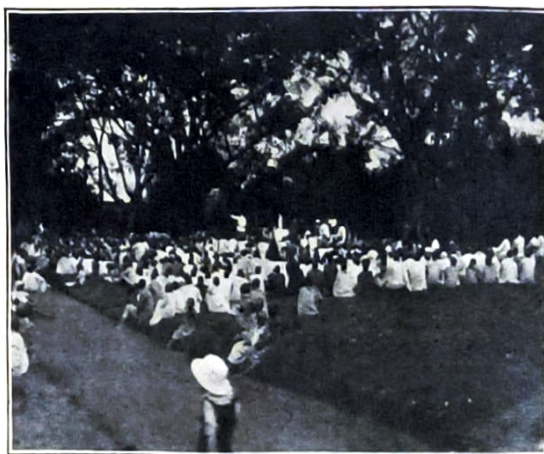
Then there is need for an experienced printer, and I understand that there is some possibility of securing such a young man who may be available. There is a large Mission Press (owned by Bethel-Bielefeld) in Tanganyika which has not been in operation since the outbreak of the war, due to lack of personnel and supplies. There is a great need of Christian literature as the number of literates constantly increases. A monthly Christian Journal in Swahili (with some English, perhaps) could possibly serve all the evangelical missions in East Africa. Someone should be appointed for this tremendous task; one, of course, with experience. There is need, too, for a trained stenographer who could serve as secretary of the Mission. Is there some young woman who has the training and would like to apply for this type of missionary service?

### *Doctors and Teachers Wanted*

As is well known, the Lutheran World Convention has the general responsibility for the Lutheran orphaned missions all round the world. Something like \$100,000 will be required for Tanganyika alone during the present year, a goodly percentage of which is expected from the Swedish Section of LWC. It has been most encouraging that nineteen missionaries have arrived in Tanganyika from Sweden recently to assist in the care of these orphaned missions. Besides these there are serving on these fields eight Swedish missionaries (counting wives), five from the Norwegian Lutherans of America, and the rest from Augustana.

The most pressing need is still for educationists and doctors. Three experienced educationists of our Synod whom we were somewhat counting on find themselves unable to go out at this time. This situation is critical and the Tanganyika government may find it necessary to take over some of the work now done by

missions. The need for doctors is equally trying. Drs. S. Moris and O. Olson have already overstayed their terms and need their furloughs as soon as the war in Europe is over. Dr. Skinsness, whom we borrowed from China, will want to return to that needy land at the earliest opportunity. Quite a number of young doctors, members of the various Lutheran groups in America who are serving valiantly in the armed forces now, will be returned to civilian life before very long. May we not pray that some of them will volunteer for medical



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No less than 3,500 native Christians attended this conference, which was too large for any church building.



service on these orphaned fields where the opportunity for service is beyond words?

Missionaries repatriated during World War I did not return to their mission fields in Tanganyika until 1926. As many years or more may elapse after World War II. Meanwhile, what about these sick in body and soul on the orphaned mission fields? The Lutherans of America and Sweden will not fail them as long as we shall be needed.

#### *Native Leaders Assume Responsibility*

On these fields in Tanganyika alone there are some 150,000 African Christians. There are some seventy-five African pastors and some 2,000 evangelists, teachers, and catechists, many of whom serve as curates under the African pastors and all of whom have more or less congregational work in this growing emergent indigenous Church. This is the bright side of an otherwise rather dark picture on the mission horizons of today.

We often like to refer to the great Madras Conference (1938), attended by some 500 delegates from seventy countries, the majority of whom were nationals from the so-called mission lands. The most outstanding group of the entire delegation was by common consent the Chinese! This was the Church world-wide, more representative even than Oxford or Edinburgh. And there at Madras the word "foreign" was deleted from the mission terminology. There is neither "home" nor "foreign" missions—just missions. There is only one Church—the Church of Jesus Christ, which knows no national boundaries the Church catholic, i. e. universal, ecumenical, world-wide. There is the on-going expansion of the Christian Church, whether in Dar-es-Salaam or Smithville. This is our task! These younger Churches in Honan, in Madras, in Tanganyika, still need the mutual aid of the older Churches especially in this day of "orphaned missions." They are standing up magnificently under the impact of a world war. We shall not fail them now.

#### *Seminary Urgent Necessity*

In some respects, therefore, the most acute need is the training of African pastors for this great number of present and potential Christians on these orphaned mission fields. Hence a theological seminary must be opened now. There has been sporadic training, but from now on this must be definite and regular. This will require experienced missionaries who have special qualifications for this type of work. We are looking to the Swedish Missions to supply some of the staff. Some of the men on the field, however, who might qualify are overdue on their furloughs, which will make it difficult to meet this clamant call. But it cannot be postponed, and the friends of missions will pray with us for a solution of this serious situation.

All the pastors of the Synod at home have recently received the annual report of the Africa Mission. We trust this has been carefully read by all and that the copy has been placed on file where it is available for reference by the Sunday school leaders and Luther Leaguers, as well as the women's organizations and the Brotherhood. No one can read the graphic inside story of the orphaned missions without feeling the urgency of the task that is upon us at this critical time. Your Board of Foreign Missions has felt it keenly enough to send its executive director, Dr. S. H. Swanson, to Tanganyika with me to inspect the fields and to get first-hand information on the whole situation. His observations, his reports, and his pres-

ence on the field will greatly hearten and encourage us all. We shall all remember him in special prayer.

#### *Chair of Missions Established*

All the missionaries and all friends of world missions throughout our entire Synod rejoice at the upsurge of interest in missions, the growth and expansion of the Church both at home and abroad. It is significant that the initiative for a "Chair of Missions" at Augustana Seminary was taken by the Board of Home Missions, receiving the unqualified endorsement of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Synod at its convention in 1944 passed the following resolution: "The Synod endorses and approves the effort toward the establishment of a Chair of Missions at the Seminary." We have been gratified to find a real demand in the evangelical Churches for a greater emphasis on missions in the training of its clergy. The desperate situation in the world is a Macedonian call to a renewed effort all along the line in challenging the Church to respond to that call, and the key men in this whole world enterprise are the pastors. When the pastors are mission-minded, the congregations also will be. There are some faint-hearted who think that missions are receiving undue emphasis. As someone said at the synodical convention: "Why all this glamor about foreign missions?" Our own humble opinion is that it can never receive undue emphasis; that God will honor this emphasis with rich reflex blessings on the Church when it is obedient to its primary task. This is the "foolishness of God" which is always wiser than men. As our young men and women volunteer for service in missions at home and abroad, the Church should match that devotion with increased contributions. Moreover, I believe there should be a church-wide presentation of special opportunities in the Lord's work and a recruiting of candidates especially for the holy ministry. This should definitely be done in the confirmation training and among the youth of high school age. We have not begun to tap the resources of the Christian Church.

In this connection I would like to quote a resolution of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference held last year at Toledo, Ohio. It reads: "Moved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Boards here represented should proceed at once through the channels proper to them to co-operate with one another in the founding of a Lutheran School of Missions, and that representatives of the Boards here present be charged with the responsibility of presenting the matter to their respective Boards, and that the officers of this Conference be instructed to bring this resolution to the attention of the Lutheran Boards of Foreign Missions not represented at this meeting."

#### *Grateful for Encouragement*

Before I bring this article to a close, I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the many friends known and unknown throughout our Church. I go back to Africa with many heart-enriching memories of experiences during the past two years. I return with your messages of cheer and encouragement fresh in my heart; they shall cheer and encourage as I now go out alone. I want to be worthy of your faith.

A final word of greeting and thanks to the many friends in Rock Island and at Augustana. The members of the theological faculty took me and my family into their hearts and homes, and as a colleague in the seminary work. We shall long remember their farewell testimonial dinner and the gift. Members of the college faculty were likewise most understanding and



kind, and I shall appreciate their friendship in the years that lie ahead. Our colleges have a strategic place in the world-wide work of the Church.

As I now for a season must be separated from my family, I am grateful for the friends in Rock Island and at Augustana in whose midst they will continue to

reside. I hope now and then to speak with the many friends throughout our Church via the COMPANION, assured as I am that the Editor, whose friendship goes back nearly 40 years, will find room for these "conversations" in the valued columns of our church organ. God bless you all, friends of world missions!



THE 1945 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE RICHLAND-HANFORD AREA.

## *The Church Followed Them . . .*

# Atomic Bomb Workers Hear Gospel

By H. CONRAD HOYER

*Executive Secretary, Division of American Missions, National Lutheran Council*

THE atomic bomb has been announced. The new secret wartime communities at Richland, Washington, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have been officially reported. Now it can be told that the Lutheran Church has been serving the war workers in these communities for the past two years through the emergency program of the National Lutheran Council, and that thriving church programs have been developed in both places.

Sister Veda Johnson began work at the Hanford project in Washington in December 1943. The people lived in huge barrack compounds, or in the trailer camp of many thousand trailers. Preaching services were arranged in the White Chapel a month later and these services continued so long as the construction community remained. Worship services and Sunday school began in Richland as soon as the village began to grow, and one of the largest of the emergency programs flourishes there today.

### *175 Children in Bible School*

The Rev. Milton Grimsrud has served as pastor of the Richland-Hanford area since June of 1944. Women workers who have assisted, in addition to Sister Veda, include Doris Youngblade, Hilda Gade, Helen Peterson, Gertrude Clemens, and Alice Becker.

The 1945 Vacation Bible School, with 175 children enrolled, illustrates one of the many activities in this

unique war boom community. Other activities include regular Sunday worship, Sunday school, ladies' aid, Luther League, choir, and Brotherhood. Thousands of souls, among them both eminent scientists and common laborers, have joined in the worship of God and in Christian fellowship through this varied ministry. Because of the apparently permanent character of the Richland community, the field has been assigned by the Pacific Northwest Regional Home Mission Committee to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and present plans call for the organization of a permanent congregation this fall.

### *Serving Tennessee Project*

The Rev. R. G. Schulz of Knoxville, Tenn., started worship services for Lutherans in one of the two government chapels of Oak Ridge, Tenn., in the fall of 1943. Pastor Bernard Wise was called as full-time pastor under the National Lutheran Council in the summer of 1944, and under his leadership the worship attendance has grown. Two Sunday schools have been organized and an active Luther League developed. The Vacation Bible School this summer enrolled 130 children.

Miss Katherine Grundy served as Pastor Wise's parish worker for several months, and later as his volunteer assistant. Church people from every part of the country have been active in the program at Oak Ridge.



## The Worship

### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Liturgical Color: Green.

#### Hymns:

Processional: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (312), or "Safely Through Another Week" (308).

Opening Hymn: "Unto the Lord of All Creation" (314); "Guardian of Pure Hearts and Hearer" (313), or "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (324).

Gradual: "O Fount of Good, to Own Thy Love" (388); "Blessed Fount of Heavenly Gladness" (386), or "O Gracious Hand That Freely Gives" (186).

Pulpit Hymn: "We Christians Should Ever Consider" (445); "In Holy Contemplation" (179); "The Little While I Linger Here" (457), or "Commit Thou All Thy Griefs" (474).

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Is My Joy, My All" (491); "Jesus, Lord and Precious Saviour" (482), or "O for a Closer Walk with God" (456).

Recessional: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (331).

## America—Bible Arsenal

**B**IBLES are expendable. There is heart hunger throughout the world. Put those two fact together and you have the reason for unmatched demands being made just now on the American Bible Society.

Even though half a million dollars has been spent by that agency to provide the Scriptures for the military of our country, the demand continues to soar. On the Bible Society's books last April was one order for 465,000 copies of New Testaments and Gospel portions. It came from our chief of chaplains in the European theatre of war. Over three-fourths of that order will go to our own boys. Most of it will be used for replacement.

Like any other part of a service man's equipment when battle lines are fluid, these books get lost, misplaced, left behind, damaged. They wear out. They get lost in transit. They are destroyed by shellfire. They get captured by the enemy.

As the earthscorching tactics of retreating and advancing armies lay waste area after area, not only are the Bibles destroyed but also the means of on-the-spot replacement. Dr. Eric North, senior secretary of the American Bible Society, reports that its establishments in China and the Philippines have been seriously damaged, and that the Society's headquarters in Tokyo are almost certainly destroyed.

#### Germans Want 5,000,000 Scriptures

The losses of the British and Foreign Bible Society have been serious. Bible production in Germany has been reduced to such extent that a request from the Geneva office of the Bible Society for 1,000,000 Bibles, 1,500,000 Testaments and 2,500,000 Gospels has been styled by a recent surveyor of Christian reconstruction needs in Germany as being "entirely too low." It is thought that such a supply would meet less than one-third the requirement there.

The seriousness of the Bible famine is increased by its coming when the call for the Scriptures is the greatest in Christian history. Prisoners of war need the patience and hope of the Word. Soldiers and sailors are asking that we give them Bibles, thousands of them. Refugees speaking dozens of tongues have found endearing companionship in New Testaments which talk their language in the isolation of "shelters"

in strange lands. Concentration camps need Bibles. Arresting new insights into the meaning of the Scriptures will probably come out of the intensive studies in which some of these penned-up patriots have engaged. The bereaved want God's Word. The wounded, making slow recovery in hospitals, find their thoughts turning inward. They want the comfort and guidance of the Bible.

#### Turning to Eternal Verities

At the very heart of the new sense of mission in the Churches of liberated countries is the Bible. Stirred and perplexed as they have not been for ages, Christians in Norway, Holland, France, Finland, Germany are turning with desperation to "the things that cannot be shaken" in the Word.

Their presses, their Bible printing plates, their paper are gone. The world demand is sweeping in upon America with such power that our resources to meet it will be strained as never before. Prompt, generous, and united action is called for. No supporter of Lutheran World Action will be satisfied until we have made good our 1945 promise of \$25,000 to the American Bible Society. The need for additional direct personal gifts to this cause from members of the Lutheran Church—"The Church of the Word"—cannot be overstated. We must help the American Bible Society make good on its current slogan: "Bibles, not bombs, for tomorrow's world."

F. EPPLING REINARTZ

## My Church

**B**EFORE I was born *My Church* gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy *My Church* joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

*My Church* enriched my childhood with the romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths *My Church* taught became radiant, insistent, and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence *My Church* heard the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love *My Church* taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow and I thought the sun could never shine again, *My Church* drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

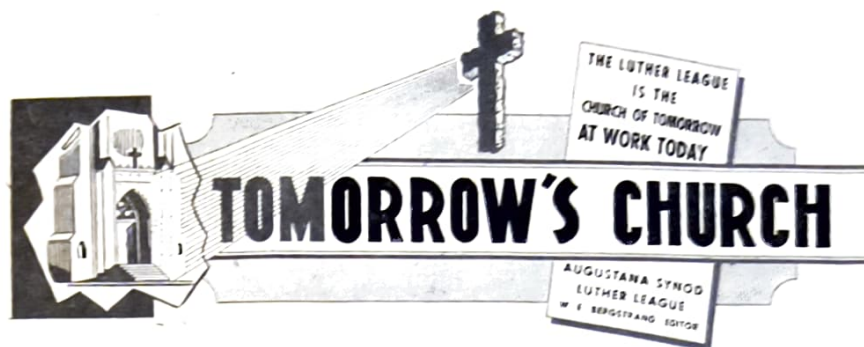
When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, *My Church* has believed in me and wooingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and *My Church* is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

*My Church* calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

WILLIAM HENRY BODDY.





**A**RMED for Action" was the theme of the Fargo District Luther League convention, with Dr. Theodore Conrad giving the Bible study on II Timothy and a series of addresses on "Christian Youth," and Pastor Carl Lund-Quist speaking on "The Highest Law.".....At the annual Colorado District League convention held in Loveland, Pastor James Claypool unfolded the theme, "Building Cathedrals," and conducted Bible studies on Ephesians. An annual convention feature is the District chorus.....The fifteenth annual convention of the Worthington District Luther League was held in Arco and Ivanhoe, Minnesota, with Pastor Paul M. Lindberg speaking on the convention theme "First In Action" and leading Bible study on the Epistle of James..... Pastors C. O. Carlson and Arthur Gustafson led Bible studies on the theme "Thy Will Be Done" at the 34th annual convention of the Stromsburg (Nebraska) District Luther League held at Swede Home.

....."A Faith for These Times" was the watchword of the Montana District encampment held at Lion's Sunshine Camp near Helena, with Pastor Lasse Stohl as guest speaker.....At the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Big Stone District Luther League held at Langford, South Dakota, the motto was "God Calling Yet." Pastor Harold Peterson was guest speaker; Prof. Robert N. Pearson directed the district choir for the eighteenth consecutive year.....Missionary A. C. Zeilinger was visiting speaker at the Intermountain District (Columbia Conference) Bible Camp..... Theme for the Iron Range District Bible Camp was "The Abundant Life." Dr. Theodore Conrad and Pastor Carl Olson were guest teachers.....The fifth annual Cokato District Bible Camp at Buffalo, Minnesota, had a record registration of two hundred nineteen. Guest teachers were Pastors Adolph Dickhart and Paul Lindberg.

Salem, Sycamore, League was divided for a contest into the "Dots" and the "Dashes." The teams were given one point for each member present at the

regular meetings, five points for each visitor, and ten points for each new member....."Read it—Heed it—Live it—Give it!" These were the four thoughts presented by Pastor Arthur Arnold at a P. T. L. program of Elim, Duluth, Minn. The Elim League is supplying the church with new music edition hymnals..... Lancaster, Minnesota. Leaguers enjoyed presenting the Centennial foreign mission play "Bright Day: Tomorrow.".....In "The League News" of Ebenezer, San Francisco (which by the way contains some very clever cartoons) we read of a joint social held by the Northern California District Luther League and the Lutheran Youth Conference of the East Bay.

....."League-ally Yours" is the name of the newssheet of the Gethsemane, Hopkins, Minnesota, League.....In connection with the Bridgeport, Connecticut, Fellowship Service, every Leaguer was assigned a pew to fill and the result was a good attendance.....Salem, St. Cloud, Minnesota, League sponsored a contest with the first prize award a free trip to Bible Camp. The contest consisted of two written examinations based on certain Biblical passages.....A west coast pastor writes the secret of his revived and stimulated League: "A new set of officers has made a big difference. Also the work of a young lady as adult adviser has proved a wise and helpful thing."

Missionary Russell Nelson and Pastor Wilton E. Bergstrand were guest teachers at the Superior Conference Luther League Bible Camp at Fortune Lake, Michigan, attended by some 125 young people. The following officers were elected: president, Pastor Luther Knock; vice president, Pastor J. Melvin Hedin; secretary, Doris Bailey; treasurer, Arlene Kuntz; P. T. Secretary, Margaret Sealander; statistician, Virginia Westman; camp manager, Pastor Gunnar Goranson. A committee was named to study the renovating of the buildings and landscaping of the camp grounds....."Hold Fast to Christ" was the watchword of the Illinois Conference Luther League encampment at Cisco Beach. There were two hundred fifteen campers the first week; three hundred twelve the second. Pastor Leman Olsenius was elected president; Pastor Wesley

Samuelson, vice president; May Lundberg, secretary; Berdeva Grubberg, statistician; Norman Nelson, treasurer; Bernice Sandine, P. T. secretary; Pastor Granger Westberg, member-at-large. It was decided to continue gathering funds which will eventually be used in the building of a Memorial Chapel at Cisco Beach, with Clifford Anderson treasurer of this project. A mission budget of \$1750.00 was adopted. Six Luther Leaguers were presented scholarships to Augustana College.....The Providence District (New England) has held monthly summer Outing-Inspirations at the newly organized Pilgrim Church at Housie, R. I. These outings have attracted an average of 150 Leaguers and are a combination of recreation, fellowship and inspiration with the greatest objective being the winning of our youth for Christ. Sports including swimming, boating, soft ball, ping pong and horseshoe pitching constitute the first phase of the afternoon's program. Then the picnic lunch is eaten, with a fireplace available for weiner roasts. Leaguers bring their own lunch, and soda is sold by the host League. At 6:30 the Leaguers divide into five Interest Groups: Social Action, Missions, Music, Bible Study, and Christian Vocations. (The Music Group promises to develop into a District Choir.) At 7:30 the Interest Groups assemble for the Inspirational service in the cement court by the church, facing the lake. Many hymns are sung, and antiphonal singing takes place between the raft singers and the audience on shore.



**S**PECIAL thanks to Pastor Paul Lindberg (First, St. Paul) for his thoughtful and excellent PTL promotions at several Bible camps and conventions this summer.

In our PTL endeavors we must remember always that our chief aim is that God's Word will be the daily companion and guide of our members, and our goals are secondary to this first purpose. Be sure potential members understand the significance of the PTL promise and that membership in the PTL is for life and must be accepted on that basis. Let's also remember that personal contact is the most effective means of gaining members and at all times we want our endeavors to be diligent and dignified.

PTL literature can be ordered directly from the new headquarters, 2445 Park Ave., South, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.



## Among the Churches

**Correction.** An unfortunate mistake was made in the announcement about the opening service in the Seminary. This service will be held on Wednesday evening, September 19, at 7:30 in the Seminary Chapel. The matriculation committee will meet as announced on Monday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., and registration for all classes will be held on Wednesday, September 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Eric H. Wahlstrom,  
Acting Dean.

**Geneva, Ill.** After a pastorate extending over almost sixteen years, the Rev. Carl A. Glad has presented his resignation to the Geneva Lutheran Church, Geneva, Illinois, and has accepted a call to become the pastor of the Tabor Lutheran Church, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He, with his family, plans to leave Geneva about September 1 and to conduct the initial service of his pastorate in McKeesport on Sunday, September 9.

**St. Joseph, Mich.** Saron Lutheran Church of Saint Joseph, Michigan, will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church during the week of September 9 to 16 inclusive. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to be present.

**Pastor Herbert Bjorkquist** has tendered his resignation to the Eden Lutheran Church, Munising, Michigan and Messiah Lutheran Church, Newberry, Michigan. He has accepted a call from the Elfsborg Lutheran Church, Pomeroy, Ia., and the Trinity Lutheran Church, Pocahontas, Ia. His ministry in Munising-Newberry has been nearly ten years. He will begin his work in the Pomeroy-Pocahontas parish October 7.

**Immanuel, New West Minster, B.C.** Members and friends of the congregation welcomed their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Otto A. Olson, Jr., by a surprise gathering in their new home on the evening of August 6. Celebration of Pastor and Mrs. Olson's first wedding anniversary was combined with the welcome. Generous gifts indicated the congregation's joy in having its first resident pastor in years, and the second in its history.

**Augustana, Chicago.** Pastor Rudolph W. Jonson, of the Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota, has accepted the call extended to him by the Augustana Lutheran Church, 54th Street and Kimbark Avenue, Chicago. Pastor Jonson will succeed Dr. G. Everett Arden, who will occupy the chair of Professor of Church History at Augustana Theological Seminary, commencing September 17. Pastor Jonson and his family will come to the Augustana parish early this autumn.

**Scandia, Minn.** The congregation of Elm Lutheran Church of Scandia, Minn., honored Mrs. A. N. Anderson, organist, at a party Sunday afternoon, August 5. She has resigned after serving the congregation loyally and competently for thirteen years.

Pastor A. B. Walfrid served as toastmaster. Greetings were given by representatives of the various organizations of the church. Music furnished included a

number by the woman's sextette and instrumental duet.

On behalf of the congregation, Pastor Walfrid presented a gift of money to Mrs. Anderson, who responded graciously.

Mrs. Anderson and her daughter, Grace, are moving to North St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Maj. Ellis U. Youngdahl**, who was stationed as post chaplain at Moore general hospital in Swannanoa, N. C., has been promoted to lieutenant colonel according to word received by a brother, E. E. Youngdahl of Moline.

The colonel, who has seen two years of service overseas in Iceland and England, was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Chicago before entering the service. The chaplain has been a reserve officer in the army since 1932.

The colonel's father was a pastor in the Augustana Synod before his death. His mother, Mrs. A. C. Youngdahl, lives in Moline.

**Twentieth Anniversary.** The Emanuel congregation of Webster, Massachusetts, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its founding on Sunday, August 12, with two services.

At the morning worship a choir from North Grosvenor Dale and Webster sang "Festival Te Deum," after which Dr. Julius Hulteen, retiring president of the New England Conference, preached the sermon on "Fear Not, Trust in God." Professor Reuben Jonsson played a violin solo. Pastor Fritz Soderberg read letters of appreciation and well-wishes from those who formerly were connected with the Webster church: Dr. Samuel Trexler, president of the New York Synod, U.L.C.; the Rev. H. Mackensen, who installed the pastor fifteen years ago, and the Rev. W. B. Pfeil, Hudson, N. Y., U.L.C., the first pastor. Two collection plates, gifts from the 1945 confirmation class, were consecrated and dedicated.

The inspirational service was held in the afternoon. The Rev. Hilmer Linne from Fitchburg read Psalm 107 and led in prayer. Dr. Julius Hulteen gave a message of confidence in the theme, "The Future Is Bright with Christ." Violin music was furnished by Professor Reuben Jonsson. The Rev. Eric Gustavson, Worcester, Mass., brought greetings in behalf of the Worcester District. As a climax to the celebration, the mortgage was burned.

A total of \$1200 was raised during the week which made the mortgage burning possible. Three of the trustees who had signed the mortgage almost twenty years ago took part in the ceremony. They are Arthur Redlitz, Edmund Redlitz, and Oscar Langer. After the service, lunch was served in the basement of the church by the ladies' aid.

**Lutheran Seminars** for pastors will be held in 36 cities from coast to coast during February. Three outstanding Lutheran leaders will address each of these one-day Seminars, the general theme being "God Works Through His Church." Subjects to be discussed are "The Centrality of the Word in the Contemporary Church," "The Church and Its Community Responsibility," and "Lutheran Unity and Cooperation."

Sponsored by the American Lutheran Conference, the Seminars also will be participated in by pastors of the Missouri Synod and the United Lutheran Church, as was also the case with the Seminars held in 1943 and 1944. The three speakers at each Seminar will be one each from the Conference, Missouri Synod and United Lutheran Church. Both the national and local committees include membership from all these Lutheran groups.

Members of the national committee are Dr. Wm. G. Sodt, Milwaukee; the Rev. H. Conrad Hoyer, Chicago; Dr. Martin Anderson, Chicago; Dr. O. A. Geiseman, River Forest; and Dr. Armin George Weng, Chicago. Pastor Joseph Simonson of Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill in St. Paul is the Director.

Cities to be visited by the Seminars are: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Denver, Mason City, Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Minot, Fargo, Duluth, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Chicago, Rock Island-Moline-Davenport, Champaign-Urbana, Fort Wayne, Detroit, Saginaw, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Washington, D. C., New York and Worcester.

**Hoffman, Minnesota.** Members of the Wenersborg Parish gathered in Bethel Church, Hoffman, on Sunday afternoon, August 12, to honor Pastor and Mrs. B. G. Holmes and family with a farewell reception. A program of musical numbers and readings was presented by the Bethel choir, and other members of the various churches. The Rev. Anton Chell of Kensington delivered the farewell message and on behalf of the Wenersborg Parish expressed the sincere appreciation of its

## If You Live in the Quad-Cities . .

You can take advantage of Augustana's Evening School to supplement your present training and eventually earn your college degree. Mr. G. W. Swanbeck, Registrar, will be happy to send you an Evening School Bulletin and to counsel with you regarding courses that will best meet your needs.

*Evening School Registration Sept. 11, 13 at 7:00 p. m.*

## AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, President

Rock Island, Illinois



members for the faithful and diligent services rendered by Pastor Holmes in his twelve years of service in the parish. Pastor Chell also presented to Pastor Holmes and family a generous monetary gift from members of their three congregations. Both Pastor and Mrs. Holmes responded with words of appreciation and farewell. A social hour followed the program.

Pastor Holmes has accepted a call to Murdock, Minnesota.

**North Grosvenor Dale, Conn.**, Fritz Sonderberg, pastor. On Sunday, August 12, Dr. Julius Hulteen, president of the New England Conference, preached the sermon, "Trust in God." A beautiful gold cross, which was given to the church by the Rudolphe Swanson family in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swanson, was dedicated.

**The Rev. S. E. Engstrom**, Executive Director of the Board of Foreign Missions, has declined the call from the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council to be the Executive Secretary of that Division.

**Arlington, Va.** Pastor and Mrs. Joel W. Lundeen were welcomed at an informal program and reception in the beautiful garden of the Erwin Adelbergers on Wednesday evening, August 15. The occasion became also a victory service in recognition of the news of peace. Mr. Erwin Adelberger served as master of ceremonies. Pastor Roswell Peterson, regional director of home missions, presented both a victory day message and a greeting to the new pastor. Pastor and Mrs. Lloyd Holt of Baltimore and Dr. and Mrs. Hjelm of Washington, D.C., were honor guests.

Sunday school and worship services have been conducted in this suburb of Washington for nearly two years. Initiated through the vision and interest of the pastor and church council of the Augustana church in our capital city, the work here has been carried on until this time by students: Joel Lundeen, Alvar Gustafson, and Grant Carlson. Now the Rev. Lundeen, who began the work here, has returned as the pastor. It is planned that the congregation be organized in the late fall. All those who know of Lutherans in Arlington who might be interested in becoming a part of the new congregation, the Augustana Synod's first in the state

of Virginia, are urged to send such names and addresses to Pastor Joel W. Lundeen, 214 E. Geo. Mason Rd., Falls Church, Va.

**The Rev. Olof Bernard Hanson** of Chicago, Ill., passed away on August 13. An obituary will appear in next week's issue of the LUTHERAN COMPANION.

**Lindsborg, Kansas.** Miss Margarete Peterson, missionary to Africa and member of Bethany, Lindsborg, is reported on way home for furlough.

**Pastor Weds.** In a simple but impressive double-ring ceremony Pastor John E. Allen of the Seminary Class of 1945 was united in marriage to Miss Beverly Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Field of Drexel Hill, Pa. The marriage rite took place in the St. Luke's Ev. Luth. Church, West Collingswood, New Jersey, on August 3, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. W. M. Weaver, pastor of the church, officiated.

Pastor Allen is the first missionary to be called by the Foreign Mission Board of the Augustana Synod to labor in South America. His duties will be to locate desirable territory for the establishment of permanent mission fields on that continent. Their first home will be in Mexico City, Mexico, where both will be tutored in several languages. They will also attend a university for further preparation in their chosen field. Pastor Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. T. Johnson of Bertrand, Nebraska. L. J.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** A total of 42 members was received into Angelica Lutheran Church, the Rev. Rudolph C. Burke, pastor, on July 29. Of these, three were children and nine young people who were confirmed on that day. Including accessions at Easter and Pentecost, 101 communicants and 13 children have been added to the roll of Angelica this year.

The vacation day Bible school closed on July 27 with an enrollment of 138 children and 21 teachers. Helene Ellman, parish visitor, served as superintendent. The staff included E. H. Togstad, instructor in woodcraft, who had made a model Palestinian home for the boys to copy. The result was a fine display of the houses of Palestine at the closing program.

Including the offering on the last day, over \$100 was received in free-will gifts to cover all expenses.

**Alameda, Calif.** The Rev. Carl Fjellman, a 1945 graduate of Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday evening, August 5.

**Schenectady, N. Y.** Andrew Carlson, a faithful member of the Gustavus Adolphus church died August 5. The funeral was held in his beloved church with the Rev. Hilding Kron, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Ofelt, former pastor. Interment was at Jonesville, N. Y.

**Portland, Maine.** Members of the Immanuel congregation gathered on the evening of July 27 to help their pastor, the Rev. Emil R. Carlson, celebrate his birthday. After a fitting program, Mr. Hugo Hellman, a deacon, presented Pastor Carlson with a fine Gruen pocket watch, together with a purse of money.

**Bernadotte, Bronx, N. Y.** A reception was held recently by the members of the Bernadotte congregation for their new pastor, the Rev. William N. Ofelt and his family.

Mr. Samuel Barrett, secretary of the church, presided over the program. The Rev. C. Howard Anderson of White Plains, read Scripture passage and led in prayer. The Rev. J. Theodore Lundquist

of Mt. Vernon, who served as vice-pastor, spoke words of welcome to the new pastor, as did Pastor Florine of the Bronx. Special music was furnished by a girls' choir and by Miss Jo-Ann Miller. Mrs. Ofelt was presented with a bouquet of roses, and Pastor Ofelt received a purse of money from the congregation.

**Pastors' Address Changes.** O. E. Clauson, Fargo, North Dakota, to 1220 3rd St. N., Fremont, Nebr.; Emmet Eklund, 115 Chandler St., to 120 Chandler St., Jamestown, New York; O. T. Erickson, Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Lafayette, Minn.; V. Eugene Johnson, P. O. Singida, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, to P. O. Singida, Ruruma, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa.

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**Pastor Phillip Larson**, of Loveland, Colorado, has accepted a call to New Gottland, McPherson, Kansas, and will begin his duties there October 21.

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## Board of Parish Education

**R**EPORTS of evident achievements during the past year and the projecting of an expanded program for the future made a well-filled agenda for the synodical Board of Parish Education at its annual summer meeting held in Chicago recently. Officers were elected as follows: the Rev. John Helmer Olson, chairman; Dr. Victor E. Beck, vice chairman; Dr. Ruth C. Wick, secretary; the Rev. Paul M. Lindberg, treasurer.

By increasing the membership of this Board from six to nine, the Synod gave notice at its recent convention that this should be a real working Board. Consequently an internal re-organization of the Board was effected which will give each member a constant responsibility and opportunity for creative contributions to a program which touches the very heart of every local parish. In selecting members for this Board, the Church shows, as always, that it wants its servants to serve where they are best qualified by professional training and practical experience.

In the general routine of business certain items are of specific interest for moment. Editors for the various Parish Education periodicals were nominated, and have already been elected by the Augustana Book Concern Board. Plans for Parish Education Month were completed for 1945, and were instituted for 1946. Progress toward completing the Christian Growth courses, already being used in conjunction with other Lutheran bodies, was noted and approved. Work was begun on new courses for the Vacation Church school. Steps were taken to keep constantly abreast with the best developments in the field of visual education.

The present personnel of the Parish Education staff is as follows: Executive Director, the Rev. J. Vincent Nordgren; Children's Worker, Miss Ruth Bonander; Regional Directors, Miss Cecelia Anderson (Minnesota and Red River Valley), Miss Margaret Anderson (California and Columbia), Miss Birdine Peterson (Illinois). Additional staff members are still to be appointed. Open doors for effective work by these directors is noted in the simple fact that in one region alone more than 700 teachers and workers have been contacted in recent institutes for vacation school leaders.

## A Glimpse of Sweden

(Continued from page 2)

side prelates of the Church; but I do so for two very weighty reasons: Pastor Danell has for years, through correspondence and now through direct narration, given me a much appreciated insight into the church life of the Baltic lands (he was for seven years a pastor in Estonia), and Pastor Hedenquist was working in the Swedish Jewish Mission in Vienna for some time prior to, during, and even after Hitler's Anschluss of Austria. After hearing his quiet, matter-of-fact account of the church work in a Nazi-ruled land, I feel that I better realize the greatness of the world's deliverance from this intolerable yoke.

### Church Opposed Nazis

My readers may by this time ask whether I have forgotten my promise of summary of what I have learned here in Sweden concerning the church situation in Continental Europe. This is in substance what I have learned: Throughout the war there has existed an active oppo-

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sition to the Hitler regime in Germany, an opposition which naturally had to function largely as an underground movement if it were to exist at all. In this opposition movement, the Church played a certainly not inconsiderable part, to some extent as an integral section of the entire movement, but in other ways as a spiritual force having a mission and objective of its own. This church opposition was not "underground" in all respects. Some of its leaders, notably Bishop Wurm of Stuttgart, again and again protested openly against the persecutions of Jews and other "non Aryans" and against violence toward peoples of occupied lands. In several instances this German church opposition had direct and often very beneficial contacts with organized resistance movements in occupied countries, and with church leaders in neutral countries like Sweden and Switzerland.

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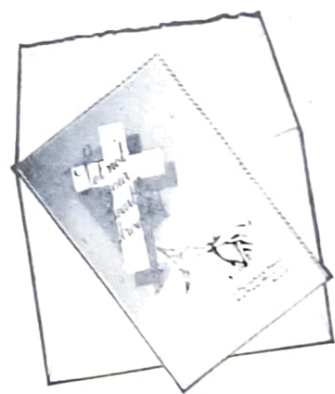
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**A VERY PRESENT HELP.** By Lt. Gen. Sir William Dobbie. Zondervan Publishing House. \$1.25.

The island of Malta has been called "the most bombed spot on earth." This book by its heroic governor, now retired, is described as "A Tribute to the Faithfulness of God." General Dobbie's own aim in telling the story of his life and of the Malta miracle has been to bear witness to the saving and keeping power of Christ and to the providences of God. A Christian soldier speaks in these pages, and what he says is centered in Christ and the Bible. Many will appreciate his simple discussion of such subjects as Christianity and Military Service, The Nation and God, The Bible, Prayer, and The Christian and the World, and their special significance in the light of war. There is also an appended note on pacifism.—D. N.

**LIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.** Select Readings for Luther League, Ladies' Aid, and Other Gatherings. Edited by Chr. Justesen. Lutheran Publishing House. \$1.00.

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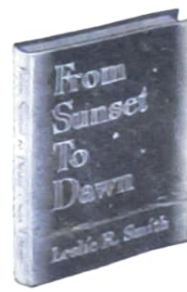
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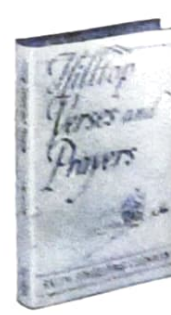
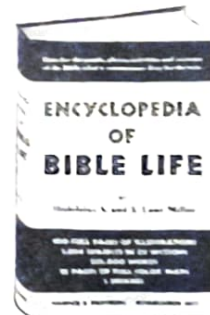
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## Brotherhood

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### Some Pointers for Making Use of Newspapers

**T**OO few Brotherhoods make use of newspapers for publicity. Many Brotherhoods, that do make use of them, don't know how to use the newspapers effectively for publicity.

In newspaper publicity, your appeal must be informative or interesting. It must be directed, not so much to your own group as to the public. In a church bulletin, your appeal is to your own group. In a newspaper, you tell the world what your group is doing.

In the very nature of things, the daily newspaper is a secular institution. It is supposed to cover the whole range of human activities and interests—science, politics, economics, religion, education and everything else—not as a teacher or preacher—but objectively, suggestively, informally, in a general way, keeping in mind the fact that probably only a fraction of the paper's readers are interested in any one matter but making each matter interesting enough so it will catch the attention of all.

Sometimes a newspaper cannot use the material that is turned in by a Brotherhood. Don't let that discourage anyone. Keep turning in material. A large share of it will be used.

An editor of a daily paper once wrote: "Publicity chairmen must realize that newspapers cannot be bulletin boards for them, repeating again and again the same notices. . . ."

"That is news which interests the most people, and it must have the right of room."

Remember that the daily or weekly paper in your community is willing to cooperate and print news of a Brotherhood. In many large cities, Brotherhood activities have even been front page news. Remember the human interest element. Mention names—folks like to see their names in print. When you report names, be sure they are spelled correctly and that the first name or two initials are given. Never use nicknames. If the Brotherhood takes a stand on some community issue, report it to the paper at once. Election of officers should be reported without delay.

### Kansas Brotherhood to Sponsor Youth Camp in 1946

**P**LANs for sponsoring a youth camp in 1946 have been taken by the Kansas Lutheran Brotherhood. A committee has been named consisting of Rev. Maynard C. Wellington, chairman, Rev. James Claypool and LaVern Soderstrom. It is anticipated that the committee will arrange for sponsorship of a youth camp next summer.

Secretaries of each Brotherhood in the Kansas Conference are asked to send an account of local activities and meetings to the Kansas Conference Lutheran, published monthly at Lindsborg, Kansas, by the executive board of the conference.

The Kansas Brotherhood at its annual meeting approved plans for the Augustana

Brotherhood and accepted the budget for 1945. A wholehearted observance of Brotherhood Sunday by all congregations is being asked.

## Plan to Organize Brotherhood This Fall

**T**HERE is no better time than October and November for organizing a Brotherhood. Preliminary planning should begin at once. It has been proven that Brotherhoods can flourish in small churches as well as in large ones.

In approaching the subject, "How to Organize a Brotherhood in Your Church," the following suggestions are made by the Augustana synodical Brotherhood:

1. Let the pastor and church council call the men together for a discussion of Brotherhood possibilities. Such a meeting might well be a dinner-gathering to foster the spirit of fellowship, with election of a temporary chairman and secretary.

2. Invite a recognized Brotherhood leader, or leaders, to address the meeting briefly, outlining Brotherhood objectives and the need for organization. Make this meeting varied and interesting so that the men will immediately sense the value of organizing.

3. Encourage an open forum, so that the laymen may voice their opinions and ask pertinent questions.

4. If the meeting is properly guided, there should be a motion from a layman,

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asking that an organization be effected.

5. If such motion is made, then a committee on constitution and permanent organization should be elected.

6. Before adjourning, a decision should be made when and where the next meeting is to be held, to receive the report of the committee on organization and to perfect plans for a permanent organization.

7. Adjournment is then in order, after which a social period is recommended. Remember that the Brotherhood is for all our men and that the synodical organization has adopted as its slogan: Our Centennial Aim—1948—Every Man a Brotherhood Man.

Let it always be remembered that the Brotherhood is a definite and distinct part of the Church of Jesus and, as such, should be the object of prayer and meditation.

The constitution should be brief and simple. The synodical Brotherhood office will offer suggestions. By-laws also should be few in number. In electing officers, elect a permanent contact man to receive and disseminate all Brotherhood materials.

## Greater Boy Scout Activity Is Urged

**I**N A letter to the Lutheran Service Commission from Bad Wildungen, Germany, dated July 15, Pvt. R. O. Davidson writes in part:

"This request may be quite a little job, but feel it is time to lay a foundation. We pray for the peace to come soon with Japan, which will mean an excess of army equipment on the market. Being aware of the Church's program for the Boy Scouts of America, why wouldn't it be wise to try to secure some of this equipment at the first low cost?

"It is my heartfelt desire to work with the youth and the church when I come home. For our troop, which was just organized a short time ago, I would like to see us get a truck to transport the boys and equipment on week-end and summer camping trips.

"Pretty big request, but maybe someone on the home front could use the thought."

S. H. Holstad, national Lutheran scout director, who forwarded the above letter and placed his endorsement on the idea, also points out that it was nine years ago that a Boy Scout troop from Oslo, Norway, visited the United States and was

widely publicized and well received. C. O. Tiesberg, predecessor of Mr. Holstad, wrote about the visit in "The Bond." He made the statement that "The boys won the hearts of us all."

During the Nazi occupation of Norway, scouting was prohibited. Now the national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America has authorized the establishment of a world friendship fund for the restoration of scouting in Norway and other liberated countries.

Scouting is certain to come to the fore after the war in a much bigger way than ever before. It certainly behooves Brotherhoods to take the leadership in the respective communities in the Boy Scout program.

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