

### District Church Meeting.

The Cooperstown district of the United Lutheran Church held its fall meeting in the Trinity Norwegian Lutheran Church at Binford, N. Dak. Their meeting began Tuesday, November 16 and closed Thursday, November 18th. Rev. E. C. Tollefson of Finley presented the opening sermon, over the text, 2 King 5, 1-14, chosen by him for the occasion. Three sessions were held daily, and judging by the attendance, no little interest was taken in these meetings. The theme considered, which took up most of the time of the meeting was Mark 10, 17-27, "The Rich Young Man." The subject was ably introduced by Rev. Ovrebo of Aneta. A discussion of this subject followed, which showed that this theme was of vital importance, and one that could well be applied to professing Christians of today. All the ministers, nine in number, were present. To those who may be interested in knowing the names of these visiting clergymen we will give them as follows: Rev. Ovrebo, Aneta, Rev. P. A. Thorson, Hannaford, Rev. N. J. Vikingstad, Cooperstown. Rev. P. P. Hagen, Warwick, Rev. M. O. Dybvik, McHenry, Rev. S. S. Wold, Pekin, Rev. E. C. Tollefson, Finley, Rev. H. Eliason, Aneta, and Rev. J. M. Jenson, pastor loci. Rev. O. Swenson of the Free church, residing a short distance from Binford, was also present and took active part in the meetings. Mr. Adelsten Berge, a traveling temperance lecturer was likewise present. He was given a hearing, and the way he presented his subject convinced the audience that the drink-evil should fare hard at the hands of professing and Christian citizens.

Rev. Vikingstad presented his subject, treating of parochial schools, which was considered and discussed at the meeting. Rev. P. A. Thoreson preached a pastoral sermon, which in substance had a bearing on the pastor as a professional man.

Several outside visitors were present. Among them were Mr. A. Brekke of Finley; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson of Cooperstown, and others, whom the writer now cannot burridly recall.

The meeting on a whole was a good one. It was good so far as attendance went; it was good as far as the spirit of the meeting went; because pastors and auditors seemed to be united in fraternal love. The bond of kinship was evident, and well could the beautiful words of the Psalmist be here applied, which read:

"Blessed be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred love

Is like to that above."

Yes, and when such a feeling is prevalent, we know positively that the meeting has not been conducted in vain.

The kind and generous women of the Binford congregation administered to the bodily wants, during the meeting. Both the pastors and visitors were accorded a treatment that speaks in the highest tone for the good, old "Norsk-dom." Here we can apply the old Norwegian adage, which in substance reads, "Hvor der er hjerte rum, er daltid bus-rum," and lots of it.

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