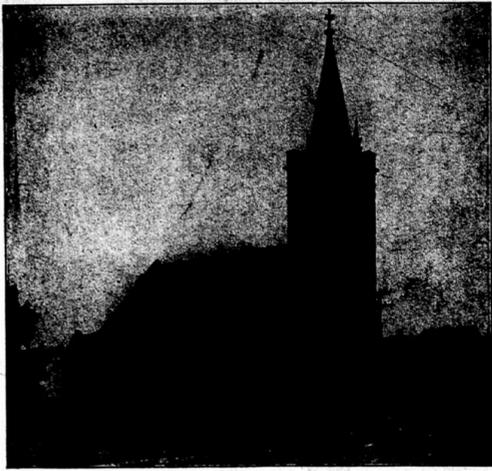


MANY CHURCHES DOT THE LANDSCAPE



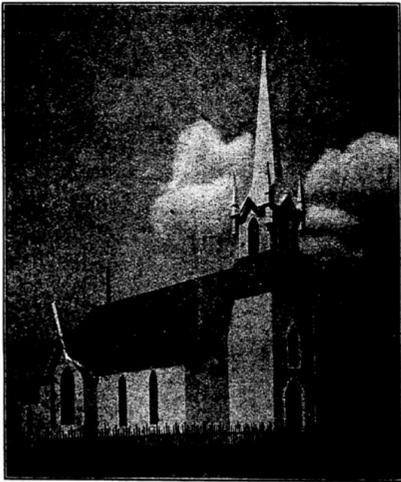
LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH AT WILLMAR.

FORCES AT WORK TO MAKE MINNESOTA'S FARM LIFE THE BEST IN THE WORLD

For the number and effectiveness of the agencies working for the development of agriculture and rural life, Minnesota is at the very front among the states, and its rural life should soon be the best in the world. Foremost among the various agencies referred to is the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota. The work of this department is two-fold. With six experiment sta-

tionally interested in agriculture. Consequently, in the form of short courses, it offers special inducements to study to those who cannot take time for the regular courses at either the college or the schools.

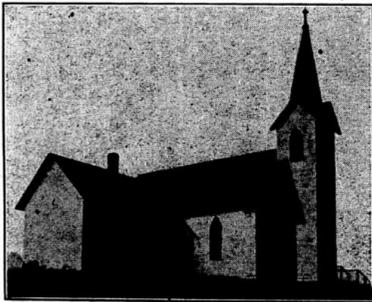
Press and Other Educational Agencies
The educational push behind the country life movement in Minnesota, however, receives tremendous additional strength from four other important agencies. "The press—news-



SYNOD CROW RIVER CHURCH.

tions in various parts of the state, it is solving such problems as farm management, right rotations, the reclaiming of waste areas, the elimination of weed and insect pests, the prevention of plant diseases, and the care and management of live stock. Through the college of agriculture and three schools of agriculture, it is distributing information gathered by painstaking endeavor on the part of the six experiment stations and other agencies.

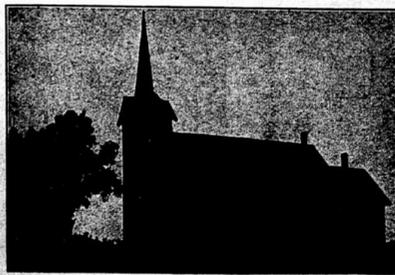
and agricultural—in the whole movement is a force of the first rank," says a man actively interested in the work. "Without the support of the press every other agency would lack immensely in effectiveness." The state fair, with an annual attendance of hundreds of thousands, it is estimated, gives an equivalent of 200 days of university classroom work to 5,000 students in such subjects as dairy and animal husbandry, live stock marketing, farm mechanics, and crop im-



LONG LAKE BETHANIA CHURCH.

The Work is Complex.
From the foregoing statement the work of the department of agriculture of the university looks like a rather simple thing. On the contrary this work is complex and far-reaching. It would not be very difficult to maintain a college and schools of agriculture even for a student body as large as that of such institutions in Minnesota, which, last year, was more than 1,900. But the department is not satisfied with reaching annually only 1,900 out of the tens of thousands in Minnesota

provement. The Minnesota Public Library Commission, through its traveling libraries and other forms of service places well selected reading within reach of every rural community, and is co-operated within this by a supervisor of school libraries in the office of the state department of public instruction. The Minnesota State Art Commission has placed within reach of Minnesota's farmers, at a nominal sum, sets of plans for farmhouses as they ought to be, and thereby has set going an educative influ-



WEST NORWAY CHURCH AT SUNBURG.

KANDIYOHI COUNTY CHURCHES AND THE PASTORS IN CHARGE

Denominations and Churches of Each in Different Localities and Towns.

The pioneer people of Kandiyohi county were a God-fearing and religious people. The desire to secure a house of worship, was strong with the early settlers. The churches of the early days have gradually been enlarged and improved to keep pace with the growth of the community. As occasion demands, the old structures are being replaced by modern buildings. Nearly all the leading denominations are represented. The following is a fairly complete list of the church organizations that are now active.

Baptist—Willmar church, Rev. Paul Hallin, pastor; Lake Elizabeth and Fahlun churches, Rev. E. O. Erickson, pastor. **Lake Lillian, Norwegian Catholic**—St. Mary's, Willmar, and St. Patrick's, Kandiyohi, churches, Rev. Father C. McDevitt, pastor. **German, Raymond, church**, served by Father Schumacher of Clara City. **Christian Reformed**—Pineburg Dutch church, Rev. L. Yma, pastor. **Christian Science**—Willmar church, I. C. Tollefson, Reader. **Dutch Reformed**—Roseland church, Rev. Brummel, pastor. **Episcopal**—St. Luke's church, Willmar, Rev. E. R. Todd, rector.

German Evangelical—Roseville church.

German Lutheran—St. John's church in Harrison, F. C. Rathert, pastor. Trinity church, Edwards, Rev. H. R. Klomp, pastor; St. John's church at Raymond, F. W. Herz, pastor.

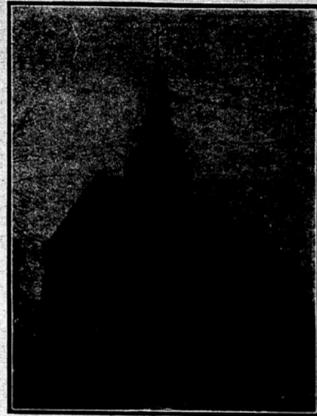
Norwegian Lutheran Free—Willmar and St. John's churches, Rev. M. B. Michaelson, pastor; Irving, New London and Gausdahl churches, Rev. E. M. Hanson, pastor; Tromsø, Lake Lillian church, Rev. J. O. Hoyum, pastor; Eagle Lake church, Rev. E. A. Larson, pastor.

Norwegian Hauge's Synod—Green Lake, Long Lake, Norway Lake and Spicer churches, Rev. I. A. Johanson, pastor.

Norwegian Lutheran Synod—Willmar and Solomon Lake churches, Rev. J. N. Andersen, pastor. Crow River, Burbank, Rev. T. O. Tolo, pastor. East Norway Lake church, N. J. Njus, pastor.

Norwegian United Lutheran—East and West Norway Lake churches, Rev. W. A. Rice, pastor. Sunburg and West Lake churches, Rev. B. S. J. Sund of Belgrade, pastor. Zion church of Irving, United and Synod church at Atwater.

Swedish Lutheran Augustana—New London and Spicer churches, Rev. C. Swenson, pastor; Tripolis and Kandiyohi churches, Rev. H. Tillman, pastor; Atwater church, Rev. G. O. Schoberg, pastor; Murrelund, vacant; Christine church, Lake Lillian, Rev. Bergquist, pastor; Svea church, Rev. A. J. Ryden, pastor; Willmar Bethel



GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH AT RAYMOND.

church, Rev. W. E. Pearson, pastor. **Methodist**—Swedish churches at Atwater and Rosendale, Fred Stromberg, pastor; Swedish churches, Oak Park and Kandiyohi, Rev. C. A. Holmes, pastor; Swedish church, Willmar, Rev. Theo. Livingstone, pastor; Swedish church, Colfax, C. E. Dahl, pastor; First M. E. church at Willmar, Rev. W. A. Rice, pastor; Norwegian Methodist East Lake Lillian and Lake Elizabeth, Raymond church, S. A.

Briggs, pastor.
Mission, Swedish—Salem and Lundby, Mamre and Dovre Townships, Rev. Oscar Wenstrand; New London and Lake Florida, Rev. G. T. Moline; Willmar, Rev. Arvid J. Ostling. **Presbyterian**—Atwater and Harrison churches, Rev. H. J. Taylor, pastor; New London, Burbank and Roseville, supplied by Rev. T. M. Findley, of Paynesville; First church, Willmar, Rev. W. Bryn Jones, pastor.



SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH AT WILLMAR.

DISTINGUISHED NEWSPAPER WRITER WAXES ELOQUENT ABOUT MINNESOTA

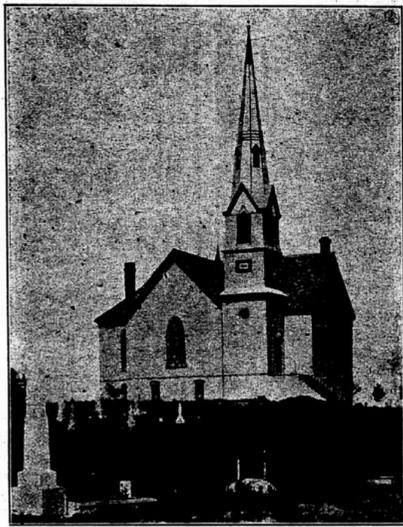
An Article On The Bountiful Resources of Minnesota Well Worth Reading.

By George F. Authier.

In Minnesota there is a growing state consciousness, a co-ordination of effort, which must have far-reaching consequence in the development of the greatest state in the Union. A state so rich in natural resources that mere statistics fail to relate the facts, a state so ideally situated as to reach out with one hand to the greatest in-

people. The valley of the Nile became the granary of the Roman civilization. The productive area later turned to the valleys of the Rhine, the Loire and the Seine. But of these none offered the promise and hope contained in the valley of the Mississippi and its giant tributaries.

Populations grow with ever-increasing momentum and the imagination hesitates to anticipate the density of population that will be here. The factory will follow the farm, a population that is sure to come will support industry, rivers and waterfalls will be made to give up their power until eventually, there will be located in the Mississippi valley the most prosperous civilization the world has ever



SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH AT EAST NORWAY LAKE.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WILLMAR.

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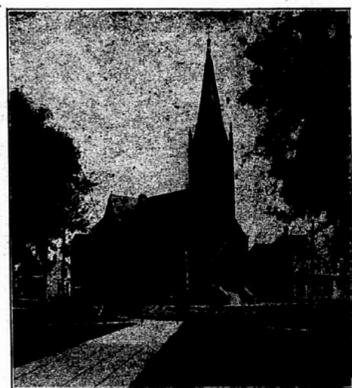
ties amply provided for in the state board of health, which is not only serving to educate the people in rural places as to sanitation and the prevention of disease, but is waging active and en-

ergetic warfare against the spread of disease so far as it can. Supplementing the work of this board is that of the Minnesota Public Health association, a voluntary organization which is doing effective work for the educa-

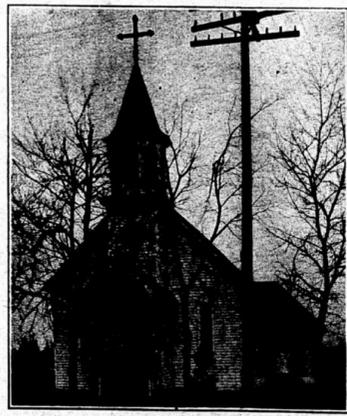
tion of the people as to matters of personal and public health.

Activities Well Co-ordinated.
The splendid thing about this elaborate machinery for the development of Minnesota's agriculture and rural life, is that all the parts work in harmony, supplementing the labors of one another and making definite progress.

It is no wonder then that the state's board of immigration, a thoroughly efficient agency for the peopling of Minnesota's open country, has been remarkably successful in securing settlers. Its problem has been to tell effectively the facts about Minnesota's resources and the efforts being made to aid Minnesota's people to get the most out of such resources. This it has solved in a thorough-going manner by judicious advertising and the personal contact of its commissioner with the people of other states.



SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH AT WILLMAR.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AT WILLMAR.

ties are being supplemented by efforts on the part of the state to develop its physical resources and the great industries based upon them. (And even these efforts, by the way, have an educational value.) This is seen in a whole group of boards, commissions, and officials, as follows:

The dairy and food department, supervising 900 creameries with an annual output of \$30,000,000, and seeking to promote the growth of the dairy industry by a large and active staff.

The forestry board, the aim of which is to conserve Minnesota's 70,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber in order to encourage the building up of great wood-working industries and centers which shall become markets for Minnesota's farm products.

The game and fish commission, which, by protecting Minnesota's wild life, hopes to add immensely to the present \$3,000,000 annual income from this resource.

The drainage commission and reclamation board, which will open up new and fertile areas for thrifty and energetic farmers.

The live stock sanitary board, which was created to protect Minnesota's live stock against all forms of disease, and has again and again proved its worth.

The state entomologist, whose duty it is to eliminate pests which afflict men, live stock, or crops.

ties and with all the assistance of the state in the development of resources, Minnesota's effort to build up a strong rural life would fall short of its obligation if it neglected the problems of rural health, but these are

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A Future of Great Promise.
Minnesota's future, then, shines with promise because it is building its basic industry on sound principles, giving people to the rural places and to the people of the rural places an opportunity—

To make a good living from the soil.
To rear their families carefully and well.
To be of service to their communities.

And, in the end, to leave life and their acres richer than when they took possession.

WILLIAM A. LINDQUIST.
Wm. A. Lindquist is one of the progressive young farmers of Roseland. He was born at Roseland, Mar. 12, 1871. In 1893 he bought the entire home farm from the heirs of his father, Ole Lindquist. It is composed of 445 acres and is devoted to general farming. His father was one of the very first settlers in Roseland, and picked out the desirable location that the son's farm now consists of. Mr. Lindquist is a public spirited citizen who is always ready to give a helping hand to advance the interests of the community.

ARTHUR H. ERICKSON.
Arthur H. Erickson has farmed on his own account on his 180 acre farm in Sec. 10, Town of Whitefield, during the past ten years. He does general farming and raises Duroc-Jersey hogs.

The bee industry of Minnesota is a growing one. In 1910 there were in the state 56,677 colonies, valued at \$221,751.



SWEDISH METHODIST CHURCH AT WILLMAR.

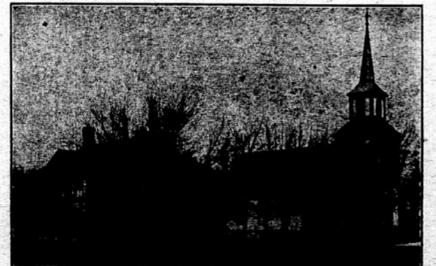
land waterway of the world, while with the other it exchanges greeting with the northwestern empire, Minnesota finds its lines cast in pleasant places.

Nature is found here in her most amiable mood. Streams and water-courses wind about in an ever-varying setting of hill, valley and rolling prairie. Ten thousand lakes are scattered about its surface in the most reckless profusion.

With a land surface and potential wealth capable of supporting almost the present population of the United States, it is still unfilled, still invites to the pioneer and the home-maker,

known. In Minnesota opportunity beckons, for here are still cheap lands that will increase daily in value; here are still found the opportunities of a new community joined with the advantages of an already well developed section with thoroughly villed soils and populous cities.

Men with far-reaching vision founded the governmental basis of the state. They showed this wisdom in its highest form when they dedicated its public lands to the purpose of building up a great school fund which in 1950, will amount to \$200,000,000, and dedicated the state to the cause



SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT ATWATER.

a condition that prevails nowhere else in all the world.

These conditions are awakening the ambition and effort of the present generation, a generation which is striving to hasten forward the day when the bread and butter state, the state of corn and clover, of wheat, of alfalfa and of the dairy, will have come into its own.

The agricultural empires of the world have been located in the valleys of its great rivers. 2,000 years ago the Tigris and Euphrates valleys furnished the food for the world's

of education. The fathers of the state, limited as their vision must have been by the frontier conditions in which they lived, must have sensed the future, must have had some vision of the approaching years. Yet it is safe to assume they did not entirely pierce the veil, for even the present generation scarcely realizes the wonderful future that still awaits.

There was a poetry and romance of surrounding that must have appealed to the builders of Minnesota. Continued on page 10.



SALEM MISSION CHURCH IN MAMRE.

Message to the Northwest.

By Cyrus Northrop,
President Emeritus, University of Minnesota.



I am an old man now, and have seen many things in the world. I have seen this great country that we speak of as the northwest come, in my lifetime, to be populous and rich. The forest has fallen before the farmers, the field has blossomed and the cities have risen to greatness. If there is anything that an old man 80 years of age could say to a people among whom he has spent the happiest days of his life, it is this: We live in the most blessed country in the world. The things we have accomplished are only the beginning. As the years go on, and always we increase our strength, our power and our wealth, we must not depart from the simple teachings of our youth. For the moral fundamentals are the same and unchangeable. Here in the northwest we shall make a race of men that shall inherit the earth. Here in the distant years, when I and others who have labored with me shall long have been forgotten, there will be a power in material accomplishment, in spiritual attainment, in wealth, strength and moral influence the like of which the world has not yet seen. This I firmly believe. And the people of the northwest, moving ever forward to greater things, will accomplish all this as they adhere always to the moral fundamentals, and not otherwise.