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With this issue I become the fifth editor of *The Bridge*. During the past twenty-five years, my predecessors—Arnold N. Bodtke, Donald Watkins, Egon Bodtke, and John R. Christianson—have edited and published more than 240 articles written or translated by some 170 different writers. I invite our readers to add to this remarkable record by sending manuscripts for consideration and by soliciting others to do likewise. For a complete listing of articles previously published in *The Bridge* please visit the DAHS website at www.Dana.edu/dahs/bridge.htm. Your editors also need to be informed of new books which should be reviewed and thus called to the attention of our readers. Please do not hesitate to contact me about these matters and anything else relating to *The Bridge*.

The broad theme of this issue is youth and immigration. In the lead article Anne Ipsen writes about her life as a teenage immigrant from Denmark in the immediate post World War II period. She puts her experiences into a larger context by testing the model of assimilation developed a decade ago by Elliott Barken, a noted historian of American immigration and ethnicity. The next two articles are memoirs by individuals whose young lives followed broadly similar tracks. John M. Jensen and Willard R. Garred were both born in the United States, but because of family circumstances moved to Denmark as children. Eventually both returned to the land of their birth and became pastors and leaders of their respective churches. In the segments of their memoirs published here they describe the experiences of being "double" immigrants.

Lur Publications, the publishing dimension of the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College, continues to produce books of interest to many Danish American readers. Reviews of two recent publications appear in the Review section of this issue.

Contributors to This Issue

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Frederik V. Jensen is also a retired Lutheran pastor. He lives in Willmar, Minnesota. During his career in the ministry, Jensen served several congregations in the United States along with St. Ansgar Lutheran Church in Montreal, Canada, established many years earlier by his father, John M. Jensen.

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