

In Denmark, too, this festival will be celebrated. We Danes will gladly express our thanks for the good which has come to us from Germany, even if many amongst us may think that this import of Germanism has been a little too profuse and too one-sided, and in many respects has proved a costly gift for us—may hold that we have come too long and too thoroughly under the influence of Germanism. We must make it clear to ourselves that we neither can nor will keep this festival in such a way, as to make it an act of homage to this “German nature.” The German Lutheran Church has too long affected the position of being the “Mother Church,” which looks upon all other Lutheran communities as her “daughters,” whose well-being and progress must always depend upon their willingly and obediently tripping at the heels of their German mother. That time, however, has passed long ago. During the bygone hundred years, since the last Reformation festival, the Christian Church in Denmark (no less than that of Norway and of Sweden) has developed its independent life, and will no longer accept a position of dependency

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