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It may seem strange, to some, that a book reiew would focus on a magazine, particularly one which commends itself simply to those "interested in Scandinavian history and culture". Yet the Lutheran faith has been such an integral part of the history and culture of Scandinavians in Europe and of persons of Scandinavian background in Canada that to be Scandinavian is virtually to be a Lutheran. Because of this, Lutherans in Canada from varying backgrounds will benefit from the offerings which this magazine has for the interested reader. It can only add to an appreciation of the broad spectrum which is Lutheran custom and life.

The Lur contains a delightful mixture of popular articles and pictures. Some of the articles focus on customs, places, persons and events in one of the Scandinavian countries. Others relate to stories and events of the Scandinavian pioneers who settled in North America. Still others relate to persons of Scandinavian background who are prominent today. Articles on local history are also included.

Although the magazine would have special attraction for people of Scandinavian background, one does not have to be Scandinavian to appreciate many features of *The Lur*. All articles are written in English (some of them translations of one of the Scandinavian languages) and the nature of the articles are varied enough to appeal to many different tastes. At very least, *The Lur* deserves a serious first look.