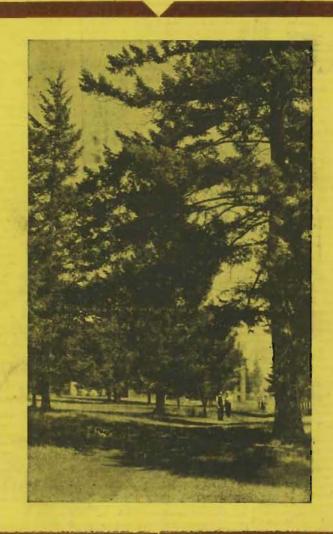
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LUTHERAN STUDENTS ASSOCI-ATION NOTES

By Wm. Schoeler, Litt. D.

We had a very interesting month at Oregon State and at Monmouth, and I feel the Church should know about it. Student work still occupies the position of an "Outpost"; if we can get enough information across to the rank and file of its supporters, a more intelligent evaluation of this service will result.

I wonder how many of our Latheran people in the northwest are listening to the broadcasts over KOAC, every first and third friday in the month. That's the Lutheran Student Association hour!

Then there is the CCC camp, seven miles north from Corvallis, called the Peavy Arboretum. About twice a month and sometimes oftener, I go out there, accompanied by a group of our students, to hold a service for the boys. It is being grently appreciated. Our attendance has steadily grown, so much so, that last night (April 7) half the camp was present and the boys passed a formal resolution to come to our meeting at Shepard hall on Easter morning. The officers attending the service assured the boys they might use as many trucks as they needed. It is a good thing for our students to engage in that kind of service.

Next must be mentioned the Rev. A. M. Knudsen's visit to Monmouth, I had secured an appointment for him to address the whole student body at chapel, and the message Mr. Knudsen last month, and it has happened in support to this work.

variably when speakers for which I was responsible talked at other places. Why not make the practice general throughout the Union? Those who think that Lutherans are not welcome at our state institutions are mistaken. Lutherans are always received with



PASTOR PAUL V. RANDOLPH

return engagement-IF THEY HAVE Earl Vanderhook and Myrtle Graber. SOMETHING WORTH WHILE TO On Easter Day the church was packed

delivered left a deep impression upon quet held April 3 at the Corvallis ho- was also baptismal and other acts. One president of the institution. Among The total attendance at the banquet for presented flowers to the musicians other things she wrote: "Mr. Landers was 68. Five faculty members joined and expressed the gratitude of the conchapel for a long time and he himself talks by all our guests, and everybody aries are paid to any of the musiciwas much impressed with it." Last was much impressed with the good ans, but all have volunteered their seryear when the Rev. A. M. Christensen fellowship that obtained. It is certain-vices. The janitor work is also being of Astoria spoke, similar things were ly worth while for the Church to take done by volunteer labor. said. What does it prove? Much drivel an interest in her students. If these Mr. Nils Mattson, Alaska pioneer

BETHEL, SEATTLE

The Lenten season has been one of spiritual refreshing. Every Sunday the congregation has met to consider the tragedy on Calvary and what it means to the present generation. The choir, under the able leadership of Mrs. Ralph Ostrom, has provided two or three anthems at each of the services. Owing to the wholehearted support of the choir it has been possible to use the full festive litnrgy of our church, including the plaintive Litany. The services on Palm Sunday began with festival services in the morning when the choir came marching into church singirg "Hosanna, Son of David." In the evening the choir rendered Wooler's "Hail the Victor" and did so well that the cantata bad to be repeated on Easter Day. The story of the cantata is the story of the Atonement. Every chorus was acted on the platform by a group of devoted students of sacred art, each scene being a reproduction of masterpieces of art. The light effect was splendidly arranged by Lennard Swanson, one of the young boys of the congregation. Mrs. Ostrom had charge of all arrangements and was also the anthor of the dramatic scenes. Misses Martha Sundstrom and Evelyn Anderson were the musicians and soloists were: Harold Sorbo, Ebba Sandeen, Philip Johnson, Gunnar Anderopen hands, and they generally get a son. Dorothea Kylen, Stanley Thorson, to the limit both in the morning and in the evening. Several little tots took Finally a word about the senior ban- part in the morning services. There all. This morning a letter reached me tel. The visiting pastors were Pres. new member, Mrs. Lydia Gunderson, from Mrs. Landers, wife of the former L. Ludwig and Rev. Chas. E. Epple. was accepted. On this occasion the passaid it was the best talk heard in our happy crowd. There were brief gregation for efficient service. No sal-

is being spouted by others who visit students are properly cared for, two and first to lend money toward the our state institutions; then when a things will result: they will be sal- establishment of the Conference Home Lutheran comes along, with something vaged for the Church; and they will for the Aged in Seattle, was feted resolid, everybody sits up and takes no- become channels through which the cently on his 91st birthday. Mr. Matttice. This happened at Oregon State Church may influence the world. Let son is still ln possession of perfect when Professor Jesse Pflueger talked us think on these things and give more health and is able to receive his friends.

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Editorially

AUGUSTANA ENVELOPES -20-

Every pastor knows the superiority of Augustana Envelopes for church contributions. It is not our purpose to explain. We would rather turn to the members of our various churches with this question: If your pastor knows what is good, why not follow his advice and buy the church envelopes from your own Book Concern? We believe that any individual and any organization should buy the best on the market. If our Book Concern does not have what we want, we are privileged to go elsewhere. After all, we are handling our own money and catering to our own likes. But if our Book Concern HAS THE BEST, common sense tells us that we should buy there. In no other place in the United States can you get well printed envelopes WITH MESSAGES FOR EACH SUN-DAY for as low as 8 cents per set. Free delivery is made if you order before October 1.

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Columbia Lutheran. The subscribers be above every name. take for granted, we are sure, that

League section has been somewhat in- tered on the spires of temples, swung the post office at Seattle, Wash, under creased. The news department does de- from the robes of priests, bent o'er conference could do so much for pub- questioned. licity-and how well it needs it! But and buried.



CHRIST SUPREME ---

Judged by human standards the life of Christ was a failure. He amassed no wealth. No honors were heaped upon Him. While man marveled at his teachings they were unable to understand Him. They thought Him crazy or in league with Beelzebub. When He described his spiritual kingdom men could not see beyond the Roman Eupire. Even his chosen disciples could not understand Him. In the most shameful and painful way they put Him to death as a criminal. Taken from the cross his body was placed in a tomb, and night overshadowed

1945. We hope they will not be the ship them. The arts render homage to world.

THE COLUMBIA LUTHERAN losers. We have striven this year to Jesus. The cross has sparkled in the render more service to all the depart- crown, gleamed in the warrior's shield, ments of the church. Thus the Luther dropped on the bosom of beauty, glitpend, however, upon the support the gilded shrines, been borne aloft on banpaper receives from the various con-ners, and been precious in the hour of gregations. You cannot very well force death. In art Jesus has a name above the news from unwilling hands. Our every name. His supremacy is un-

> Far above all written literature, far as far as using the printer's ink is above the supreme products of the concerned, some of us are both dead mind, far above the creations of art, there is a realm bright as the light, serene as the pearl - the realm of spiritual affection. Here He is enthroned. Here he has a peculiar right to reign. Here we discover his crowning glory.

The supremacy of Jesus is seen in his power over the sonl. Millions have enthroned Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Here all great men fail. We admire them but cannot adore them. We love to think of Milton in an age of darkness,, of evil tongues, and with dangers compassing round, gazing on the bright countenance of truth in the quiet air of delightful studies; we love to think of Chateaubriand in a day of warring elements, of blackest unbelief, throwing down before the French people his "Genius of Christianity." We love to think of Howard leaving his elegant retreat and moving among criminals and outcasts, to elevate, ennoble and save. We love to think of Hannah More and Florence Nightingale diffusing sweetness as the snn diffuses light; but we cannot worship them. We immortalize them in history, poetry and song, but they are not the objects of our worship. One man represents science, another philosophy, another literature, another music, another painting, another military genius, but in the serenest mood of the soul we turn to Jesus and find in Him all answers to our questions the world. It looked as if the very and acknowledge his supremacy. His name of Christ would be blotted from name is transporting to the church the world. Standing under the dark- militant, and will be the richest chord The Conference will again pass upon ened sky, who could dream that over- in the harmony of the church triumthe existence or non-existence of the coming all obstacles his name would phant. Supreme in literature, supreme in art, supreme in the realm of af-No name is so potent, so far-reach- fection, supreme in the holy temple the publication is a matter of perma- ing, so all-conquering as the name of of the soul, He will be supreme in nence. Some have proved their faith Jesus. Great as may be our admira- science and his universal supremacy in the publication by subscribing until tion for men of senius, we cannot wor- will be acknowledged by a reverent

AUGUSTANA, PORTLAND, IS HOST TO THE CONFERENCE

place at Augustana.

H. E. Sandstedt (1909-1917), Chicago, Ill.; V. G. Ogren (1918-1923), Berkeley, Calif.; C. G. Bloomquist (1923-1928), McPherson, Kansas; Samuel E. Johnson (1929-1932), Assaria, Kansas; and Paul V. Randolph (1933-).

LOOKING FORWARD

For several years has the congregation felt the need of inaugurating a church building program. The present edifice constructed in the fall of 1907 is not considered commodious and serviceable enough to fit our needs. Funds were gathered for a new church seven or eight years ago but the objectives of the contemplated building program were not realized. In the thought of paving the way for church expansion when the time is ripe new lots were purchased the first of this year. These lots, 100 by 150 feet, are located on N. E. 15th Ave. and Clackamas, about one mile from our present location. When the new church will be built is uncertain and undetermined.

POSSIBILITIES FOR GROWTH

Augustana is located on the East side of the Willamette River where eighty per cent of the population resides. And the per centage of Lutherans on this side of the river is, probably, still greater. The place of Augusta-

With much interest and pleasure are na in the church life of the city should we these days looking forward to the therefore, be an important one. Thrucoming of many delegates and visitors out the years the congregation has ento Augustana and Portland "the City joyed an encouraging growth numeriof Roses." It is now some years since cally. Within less than three years Augustana was privileged to entertain now one hundred and fourteen comthe Conference in annual session. Such municant members have been received was her honor also in 1913, 1918 and into the congregation, a class of six-1921. It is, therefore, fifteen years teen confirmed young folks being insince this annual convocation took cluded in this number. It is the exception when the church is not filled Incidentally, too, this year marks with worshippers at the morning serthe thirtieth anniversary of the or- vices. During the course of years there ganization of our congregation. This has been also spiritual growth and eventful meeting took place May 24, development but, of course, God alone 1906, with Pastor C. J. Renhard serv. has these statistics. It is the hope and ing as chairman. At a congregational prayer that increasing numbers will meeting held July 25th of that sum- in all earnestness take the Lord Jesus mer the Rev. C. A. Tolin was called seriously and really put Him first in to be the first pastor. Since that time heart and life. We recognize the relathe following ordained men have served tive importance of numerical growth as resident pastors: C. A. Tolin (1906- but unless there is corresponding spir-1909), now of Chicago Heights, Ill. itual growth and progress there is not

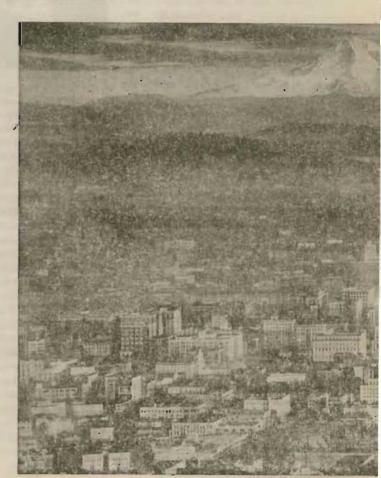


Above: The Pacific Lutheran Choir Below: The City of Roses with Mou











rkland, Washington. ood in the Background.

a great deal to rejoice over. It is a ship to the Word and the Sacraments less, this is as it should be; however, takes time to sit at the feet of Jesus it is not truly a successful congrega- in adoration and faith. tion in the real sense of the word unthe Columbia Conference.

Auxiliary Societies at Augustana

the throne of grace in proper relation- the Lord's work,

fine thing when a congregation meets on the Lord's day. The best type of its budget requirements and shows ev-church worker is always that person idence of outward growth and, doubt- who gladly and humbly worships and

-By Paul V. Randolph, Pastor.

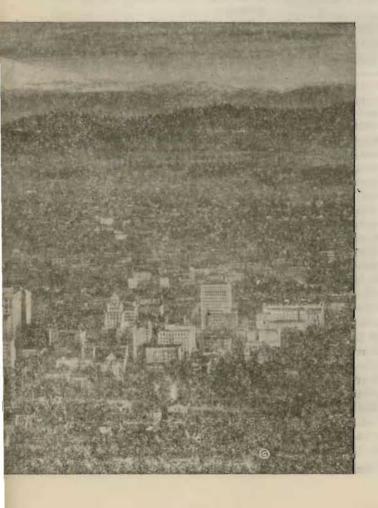
We have the usual organizations and less the things of Christ are given commendable interest is being shown. rightful place in the heart life of the Since the first of the year thirteen membership. We pray that this may be new members have joined the womincreasingly done at Augustana as well en's missionary society and the atas among all of the congregations of tendance and financial income, not to mention the increased interest, far surpass that of previous years. Our Luther Leaguers are an active group of In Seattle at the Pastoral Confer- young people and it is interesting to ence we said that the auxiliary socie- observe that in the matter of attendties are designed to be the hands and ance and active interest the young men feet of the congregation in realizing don't take second place to the young certain objectives. However, they are women. It's about an even race. The not the heart. The heart is to be found Aid, Guild and Mizpeh societies also in the worship of the congregation at are doing their part to help promote

Music at Augustana

Our people enjoy and appreciate good music. We, therefore, consider ourselves fortunate in having as organist and choir director a young man who is accomplished musically and is spiritually minded as well. Not many musicians in the city are better known and more highly esteemed than Mr. Stanley Glarum, Under his direction the senior choir, numbering thirty-five voices, sings at the morning services, and at the evening services the Lather League choir of over thirty voices renders music. The sendor choir has recently been given recognition by being asked to be one of three church choirs in the city to render a half hour's concert over station KEX at an early date.

Welcome to Augustana

We sincerely and cordially welcome you all in Jesus' name. We feel sure that we at Augustana will receive far more from you than what we will be able to offer in return. However, it is the prayer that our mutual fellowship and meetings of spiritual inspiration and church business will serve to realize God's purposes and plans for us all. May fesus only have right of way in all thing !!









AUGUSTANA GREETS CONFERENCE

Augustana at Portland,

Welcomes pastors and delegates to the meeting of the Columbia Conference, also delegates to the meeting of the Womens' Missionary Society. We are the convention musically will be the tension of the chapel will soon be neclooking forward to a series of instruct- appearance of the Choir of the West, ive and inspiring meetings, and we from Pacific Lutheran College at Parkshall try to make your stay with us land, Washington. They will sing at pleasant.

Our church is located at N. E. Stanton St. and N. E. Rodney Ave., and can be reached by auto entering the city from Vancouver via Union Ave. to Stanton St. Street cars on Union Ave. and Williams Ave. run within a block of the church.

Those desiring lodging accomodations for the meetings should send in their registration fee of \$5.00 as soon as possible to the undersigned.

> A. L. Morland, Registrar, 2800 N. Commercial Ave.

On behalf of the Augustana Lutheran Church at Portland, Oregon, we extend a hearty welcome to Pastors and lay delegates of the Columbia Conference to our Church and city during the Conference week, April 29-May 3, 1936

We feel that this meeting will be a "Season of Refreshing" spiritually, and we thank God for the fellowship and edifying hours which will be granted us in connection with this meeting,

Again, welcome to Augustana!

Board of Deacons, P. T. Beckman, Secr.

A glance at our Convention program reveals a list of themes and challenging messages.

Musically speaking, to uphold our part of each service will be a task that we enter joyfully but with a feeling of responsibility.

We can only pray that the hearts of each member in our Luther League and Senior Choirs will be so in tune with the love of Christ that our singing may be inspired also.

On behalf of the Choirs we cordially extend a special invitation to all members of choirs who may be visiting us and hope that we will be able

to meet each one of you individually that our circle of Christian friendships may be greatly extended.

We are sure that the high spot of the Saturday evening banquet. May 2, and appear in Sacred Concert at Augustana Church on Sunday evening May 3.

> Stanley Glarum Minister of Music at Augustana.

The Board of Trustees, hereby, wish to extend a most cordial welcome to ence meeting at Augustana of Port- girl; it is. We congratulate.

May the spirit of Christ prevail at all meetings to the end that there may be good-will and a sincere concern for God's cause in all matters.

> J. E. Wallin, Chairman.

BIBLE CAMP AT COLTON July 19 - July 26

Young people should now begin to make definite plans to attend the Lutheran Bible Camp at Colton July 19-26. Everything points forward to a splendid week of spiritual inspiration and good fellowship. The practical hour this year will take the form of panel discussions on topics related directly to the young people, their problems and their activity in the church and the Luther League. The young people themselves will be granted some leadership in stimulating and directing these panel discussions.

Our Bible teacher will be Rev. Clarence J. Carlsen of Minot, No. Dak., well-known translator of Hallesby's book. Rev. Edw. Schramm of Columbus, Ohio, editor of the Lutheran Standard, is to be our Bible lecturer. The dean of men and women will be, respectively. Rev. H. C. Johnson of Portland and Miss Theresa Brager of Silverton.

Panl V. Randolph, Dean.

NEWS SUMMARY

Rev. Joseph Elmer of Strandsburg, N. D., has accepted the call to Aberdeen and Hoquiam to begin his work in July.

The enrollment in the Ruston Sunday School has reached 140. An exessurv.

Mrs. Enoch Sandeen, soprano, and Mrs. Roger P. Oliver, pianist, both wives of pastors, are giving joint concerts in Seattle these days. The first was held in the Bethel church, the second performance will be in Bethany.

The Tacoma district Y. W. M. S. will hold a rally in the Emmans church, Seattle, in July.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Lundblad friends and delegates, to the Confer- of Bellingham have company. A little

> The Conference Luther League convention will be held at Tacoma over Labor Day. Dean Miller will be the speaker.

> A progressive skating party was held recently by the Girls' Service League of Zion. Everett. The girls succeeded in skating themselves over to Sweden, Hawaii and China.

> Mrs. Emely Swenson of Everett is visiting with her daughter in Newmangrove, Nebraska.

> Gordis Hill, probably the most popular girl in Zion, Everett, has saddened the heart of her Everett friends by moving to Seattle.

Eleanor Anderson of Everett has returned home from an extended visit in the East, during which time she met old friends like Elna Danielson Erickson and Lassie Stohl. Lassie is attending college in Minnesota.

The Augustana church of Portland lifted an offering Easter Day for benevolent purposes amounting to \$176. A similar sum was lifted in Bethany, Seattle, for conference purposes.

Festivities have been numerous these days in the life of Mrs. O. R. Karlstrom of Se.attle. Fifty eventful years have been spent in useful service and many are the friends who have gathered to express their wellwishes on Mrs. Karlstrom's festive day.

Mrs. John Ekstrom of Bethel, Seattle, celebrated her Sixtieth birthday last week.

Conference Historical Sketch

By Rev. J. A. Edlund (Cont. fr. last issue)

congregation, a plan which never materialized

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Jonas Vender, was ordained on a call tion into a great debt, which has re-

the conference.

A land company gave the congregation two lots on Tacoma Avenue and e small church was soon erected on these lots. The first permanent pastor was the sainted Rev. G. A. Anderson. The great boom came six years later and the property was disposed of for the sum of \$8,000. Lots were purchased on South I and 8th sts., and a larger frame structure was built Twelve years , to that church burned and lots were purchased on I St., a few blocks North of the church. A costly brick church—the finest in the Conferencewas built, but it hurled the congrega-

to Portland. He came out here and mained a heavy burden ever since. took up the work in real earnest and The same year - 1882 - Aug. 10, the great enthusiasm. In January 1881, he Swedish Lutheran Ebenezer congrega-In the summer of 1880 Rev. Carlson paid La Conner, Wash., a visit. or tion was organized at San Francisco returned East to resign his charge in ganized a congregation, and later a by Rev. John Telleen of Denver, Colo. Minnesota. He returned to the coast, church was built in the middle of the He accepted a call to this congregation taking his family with him. His daugh- colony on a bluff overlooking the rich- and moved there a few months later. ter and one of his two sons were est bottom lands in the state of Wash- He was a missionary pastor, second to singers and musicians and in this cap-ington. Pastor Vender, poor boy, was none, a statement to which the misacity they helped their father wonder- a broken man, when he came out here, sionary history of the Pacific Coast fully on his missionary tours. On his being stricken with that dire malady, will say yea and amen. And how he return Rev. Carlson took up his head- that we call, "T. B." and had to leave did write about the Coast and the quarters at Moscow, Idaho, and in the his work not much over a year later people out here and about our work! fall of that year he organized the to seek higher altitude. He went up He wrote more than all the other Cordelia Congregation out in the coun- to the Rockies, "the Alps of America." church workers out here combined up try, eight miles from Moscow, where in Colorado, where he lingered on a to the present date. He was for a a number of Swedish families from few months. With tears in his eyes long time one of the few men among Minnesota had settled on a high pla- and a pain in his heart he sang his our clergy who could use Swedish and teau of fertile land. I was there once, last songs and said his last prayers: English equally well. A church was Rev. C. had not taken his family up committing his soul in the hands of built in San Francisco on Mission St.. there as yet, but had left them at the his maker and went home to rest after in the heart of the city. This church Daller, where he hoped to establish a a short life well spent upon earth. was later sold and another church Rev. Carlson held a meeting at the was built on Dolores St., a mile or so home of Gustaf Sahlström, New Ta- farther West, near the historic Cath-At the synodical meeting at Des coma, Wash. Ter., on July 11, 1882, ofic mission. In the year 1883 three Moines, Iowa, in 1880, a young man, for the purpose to find out if the peo- pastors came to labor among our people there wished, at this time, to or- ple in the Columbia Basin: J. W. ganize a Swedish Lutheran congrega- Skans to Portland, J. J. Haileka to tion. That was their desire, and 16 Astoria, and Rev. L. O. Lindh, a mispersons became the charter members sionary pastor from Minnesota. Rev. of the First Swedish Lath, Church, Lindh came out here to establish a Tacoma, which ever since has been one retreat for himself and family on a of our very best congregations within small farm in Clark Co., Wash. In Hokanson colony, where Swedes and Finns had lived for some time with-

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out any pastoral care, he organized a work he organized a congregation with til 1901, when he became, as he says, Swedish Lutheran church on March 22, 44 communicant members, consisting of chaplain at our Deaconess Institute, 1884, with more than 30 comm. mem- Swedes, Swedish Finns and Norwegi- Omaha, Neb. This statement is not corbers. A church was not built till in ans. It took two evenings to complete rect. for C. R. Ramstedt was ordained 1889. At first the congregation was the organization and then they did not in 1892 on a call to Moscow, Rev. C. served by Rev. Lindh, afterward tem- adjourn until they decided to build a J. Beckman succeeded him in 1894. porarily by pastors and students, un- church, and the work was in full and N. J. W. Nelson was there by til Rev. B. S. Nystrom moved there in swing a few days later. The first local 1899, Rev. Peter Carlson had not been the first of the century, living on his pastor was the veteran from Minne- a robust man for many years, or ever own farm till his demise two years sota, C. M. Rydén. Those who have had been since he came to U. S. His ago.

In the fall of 1884 Rev. P. Carlson made a missionary tour to Coos Bay, Ore. After a few weeks of preparatory

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Ostlund, A. G. Anderson and the

In the Palause Valley, Ida., we have the state "U" in the city of Moscow. Here the first Swedes arrived in 1883, The following year was organized at the place the Swedish Lutheran Zion Church, Oct. 12, 1884, Rev. Carlson chairman and Olof Olson, secretary, The communicant membership was not large, only 13. It grew however and became a very substantial congregation, as I remember it, during the time I was member of the Spokane district, some 20 years ago. The members were few and poor in those days and no church could be built till in 1888, when a building was erected at a cost of \$1,500, Later a parsonage was built and still later a more modern church building for \$23,500.00. Rev. Carlson became its first pastor in 1886. Up to this time, or for seven years, he had been a traveling missionary, and travel he did as no other minister did. It is stated by Dr. Norelius in the 2nd volume of his monumental work: "De svenska församlingarna och svenskarnas historia i Amerikka" that Rev. Carlson served the Moscow charge un-

served during these 50 years, besides task as a missionary and settled pas-Rydén, are A. A. Swärd. H. Hartelius, tor came to an end in 1892, when he Dr. C. M. Esbjörn, a son of the vet- had reached the age of 70 years. He eran pastor of the Augustana Synod, and his home in Moscow, however, and L. P. Esbjörn, B. F. Bengtson, J. Rich- helped now and then in vacant conard Olson, J. V. Benson, Dr. Jno E. gregations, when his health permitted,

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