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The Righteousness That Exceeds

By Rev. G. A. Herbert

For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew, chapter 5, verse 20.)

This is a clear cut statement from the memorable Sermon on the Mount. To enter into the kingdom of heaven is the earnest and sincere desire of every true Christian and it should be the desire of every soul on earth. Other worldliness may be ridiculed or denied by many but it nevertheless sustains every Christian here on earth. Were this earth with all its evils and imperfections the goal of our existence how dismal and hopeless life would be. No, there is a better land. Heaven is my home.

We note in the statement of our Lord and Savior that righteousness is a prerequisite for entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Not any kind of righteousness will do, however. There is only one righteousness that will avail and that not of your own making. This righteousness must exceed — must be better — than the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees.

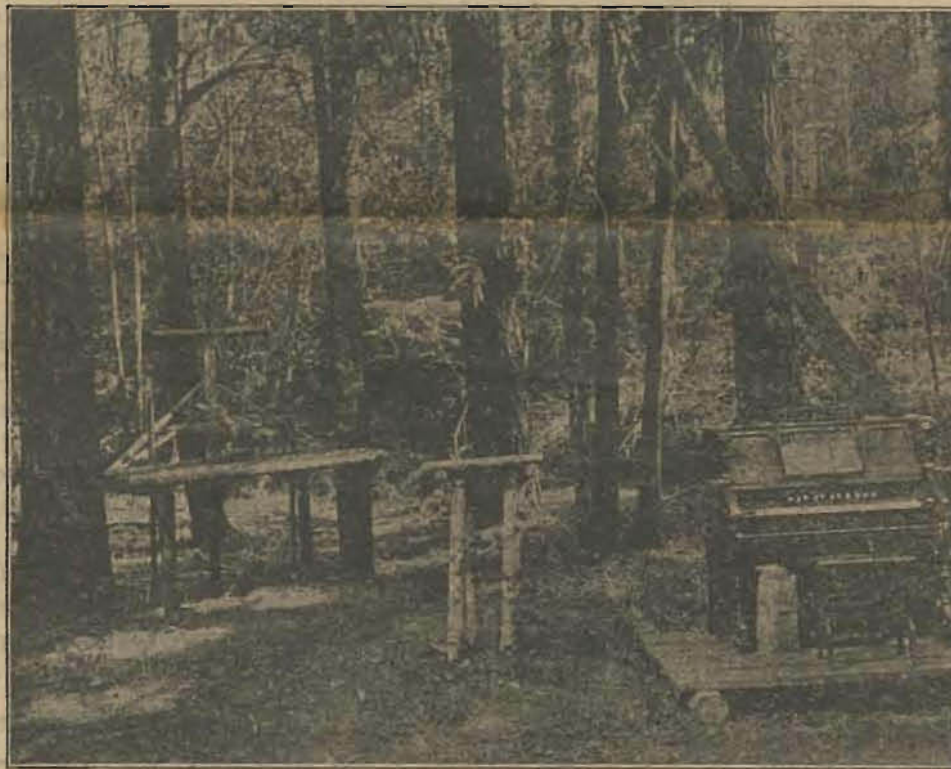
The righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees is still among us.

Oh, how mankind loves to hold on to such righteousness. This righteousness is of man's own kind and making. The righteousness of the scribes. What is it? The scribes knew the Scriptures. They could quote it to perfection. They instructed in religion. Theoretically they knew the way to heaven but did not walk on the way. They were like sign posts. They tell you where to go but do not go themselves. Scribes are still with us. There are many who know the Scriptures. They know its contents. They have studied the Book.

They take pride in their Scriptural knowledge. They delight in showing you how ignorant you are in Bible knowledge. They love to ensnare you in matters religious. They have a knowledge of the way but they do not walk in that way. Your righteousness, dear friend, if you desire to enter the kingdom of God, must be better than this kind of righteousness. It must consist in more than mere religious knowledge.

The righteousness of the Pharisees. The Pharisees among us today like the Pharisees of old make their own righteousness. They are anxious to uphold the law of

count but the good works of God in you. Righteousness is the work of God in man. God cannot find any perfection or goodness in you. Your righteousness can be only in Christ Jesus, the perfect righteous One. He is your righteousness. Acknowledging your own righteousness and accepting his perfect righteousness is the only way into the kingdom of heaven. Except one be born anew from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God. To Him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness. (Rom. 4: 5.)



The "Canyon Creek Cathedral," Colton, Ore.

In this temple of the forest the day sessions and services of the Portland District Bible Institute will be held.

God but make it of no effect. They make a display of their religion. They endeavor to show others how they are. They boast of their many good works of charity. They lack nothing spiritually in their own estimation. They go to church, contribute toward its support and commit no gross crimes. But they do not live the righteous life. Righteousness is not within them. Your righteousness must be better than this. It must be from within.

Your righteousness is not what you have done. The good works that you do do not

Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone, O son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work save Thine.
No other blood will do:
No strength save that which is divine
Can bear me safely through.
I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart
I call this Savior mine.
'Tis He that saveth me,
And freely pardon gives;
I love, because He loveth me;
I live, because He lives.

Let us pray:

Merciful God. In the name of Jesus Christ, our only Savior, do we approach Thee this morning hour. We thank for the refreshing rest of the past night and for the privilege of awaking to another day of new grace. We pray for health and strength to go about our various duties and labors today. Help those who suffer and are in need. Be merciful unto us. We plead for Thy divine compassion.

We confess again all our sins before Thee. They are many but do not turn us away from the Throne of Grace because of them. We stand before Thee with no righteousness of our own. We come to Thee in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We seek our righteousness in Him only. Make our life genuine. Make us righteous by Thy Holy Spirit. This we ask in Jesus name,

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Editorial

Confirmation

As this issue of our paper comes out, most of our congregations have no doubt recently held confirmation. What a beautiful rite! How fortunate we are that we may in that hallowed and sacred way induct our children into full communicant membership of the church. How thankful we should be, that we may during a season of at least nine months send our children to the pastor each week to be instructed in God's holy word. How beautiful and sacred the memories are that generally linger with our people from their seasons of catechetical instruction and from confirmation day!

May God bless abundantly the confirmation instruction that has been given by our pastors to our classes, as they have prepared themselves for confirmation and for their first communion. May especially the parents of these young folks follow them with their prayers. Yea, let us all as Christians remember them at the throne of grace. May the parents realize how important it is that they themselves be found to be faithful as church members. Their example is naturally of greatest importance to the newly confirmed.

The Synod Meeting

The Augustana Synod holds its convention in Rockford, Ill., its sessions starting on Friday, June 7th. We regret that more of us cannot be there. These meetings are inspirational. The congregations need more often to become more directly touched by such inspiration, even as it can come to the most of them only through representation of lay delegates and pastors.

Those who are to serve as shepherds of the flock need most especially to become enthused, refreshed and encouraged. They need to acquaint themselves with the problems and the work of the church at large. They need thus more often in the interest of their own souls and minds to attend these conventions. They need the first-hand knowledge, inspiration and refreshing that conventions like those held by the Augustana Synod give.

We have before in this department of our paper spoken somewhat at length on the question of holding conventions of the Synod only once every two years. The editor has made it plain that he is against that kind of a constitutional change, as it has been proposed to the Synod. Now the Superior Conference comes with the recommendation, that the delegation be changed, so that it be made up of one pastor and one layman for every three thousand and instead of one pastor and one layman for every fifteen hundred, as we have it now. We are against this, just as much as we are against the first mentioned change. It will mean that the outskirts of the Synod will find themselves so much more thoroughly severed from the heart of the Synod. Pastors who now dread to come out here because of the distance from that center, will hesitate still more, if the recommended change be made. As we mentioned before: Pastors have told the editor that they would like to come to the coast, were it not for the fact, that it would take them so far away from the heart of the Synod. If that is the feeling now, what would it be if the representation would be changed to the extent, that they could at the best hope to come in touch with the Synod through its conventions only some four or five times in a lifetime? We know that it has in the press been argued, at least by one writer, that we should not here let personal advantages claim any part. We are in this article arguing in favor of personal advantages only in so far as they bring enthusiasms into our work and mean needed encouragement to us even on the outskirts of our great field as a Synod. The Minnesota Conference passed at its last meeting a resolution against the change in the Synod's constitution, which would prescribe that the Synod meets only every other year. It thus went on record as favoring the order, as we have had it thus far. Our conference should have adopted some similar resolution, as was recommended by the editor in an earlier issue of this paper.

May God bless the meeting of our Synod, now soon to be held. May He by His Spirit guide its delegation and all that there shall be present, in such a way, that this convention may prove itself to be of the greatest benefit and blessing to our beloved Synod.

The Family Altar

At our Conference meeting in Tacoma the ministerium considered at its first session the subject: "Rebuilding the Family Altar." The question was introduced through the reading of a paper by Rev. Roger P. Oliver. A short discussion followed. It was really too bad, that we were not in position to devote more time to that question; and still more we regret, that the session during which it was considered was attended almost exclusively by pastors. It is true that a few laymen were present. But these were naturally few, since it was known, that it was the ministerium that met, and since the Conference meeting as such had not as yet begun.

The family altar—it certainly needs to be in most cases rebuilt. There was a time, when it was a general thing among our people, that family devotion was held each day in the home. Even where piety was not an outstanding feature of life, it was customary to bring out each morning or evening or both at the beginning and at the close of day some devotional book which had been brought along from the homeland across the ocean, and to read the designated selection for the day. This could not help but have its significance. The word of God is in itself a power. It is capable of germinating and growing into a blessed yield, no matter who sows this blessed seed.

Let us all continue our family devotion. Let us rebuild our family altar, where it has fallen. The word of God will sanctify the home and maintain a right spirit there like nothing else. We need, yes, must have, the word of God as a daily manna for our souls, if we are to continue to live spiritually. A few special minutes with God each day, what precious moments they shall prove themselves to be! What beautiful impressions they shall leave with the children of the home!

Contributed

The Budget—A Reminder

It is so easy for us to misapprehend. It is not a good plan to remain unsettled about anything. David says: "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old." So here is a "reminder." When you elected the new treasurer, did you really think that he gave evidence of great promise of meeting obligations in the nature of just ordinary bills calling for settlements in dollars and cents without sufficient funds? I hope you didn't. It did not occur to me that such might be the case until I began to be in need of funds and then

noticed how few of the churches have actually paid in for the first quarter of this year and how little has come in during the last month. I hope that the treasurers of the congregations realize that another quarter is soon at an end with another installment due.

Now, there are some congregations who have done their duty, why not all? This is what happens, as nearly as I can express it: Our faithful missionaries have to be paid every month and other obligations have to be met. If there is not sufficient funds in the treasury we must proceed to borrow. On this borrowed money we have to pay interest. This interest is not paid by the churches in arrears but is added to the general expenses of the Conference. From an honest business point of view this is not proper. Should we allow irregularities in the affairs of the church which would not be considered proper in the business world, especially if there is no provision to take care of this added expense in the budget?

Your treasurer desires to live up to the punctuality of the former treasurer. Unless money comes in a little easier than has been the case during the time since the conference meeting I cannot see but that punctuality will cost interest money, and this money will have to be deducted from the general income. There are hundreds of dollars in the treasuries at this time designated for the budget carrying no interest, why hold on to it and make us pay interest? Not very long ago I heard a sincere deacon say in substance, there being a deficit in the treasury, "the church cannot proceed to borrow money." This statement he based on the ethics of such action. But the same deacon would have no scruples in causing the pastor to have to borrow money by reason of said deficit. This case may be isolated; and yet, is not this actually what we are doing in the matter of our conference budget?

Pastors and treasurers: Will you not take this matter seriously and heed the call of the treasury? Besides the regular expenses in the conference there is soon due a substantial payment to the synodical budget and other important items. Please help us out.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

P. H. Nordlander,
Conference Treasurer.

Glimpses from the Portland District Bible Institute

You see before you today a picture of one of the most interesting nooks in the Cascade mountain range. It is true that it does not have the blueness of Crater Lake, the whiteness of Mount Hood, or the majesty of the sea. But it has the mystery of the forest, the fragrance of lin-

neas, the babbling of the cool mountain brook, the greenness of stately ferns, — and the Bible Institute.

Some folks have been rather inquisitive of late. In fact so inquisitive that I have decided to take them up on it. They have asked me why I have talked so much about the beauty of the place where the Institute is held and have said so little about the program. "We know," they say, "that Colton is as beautiful as Paradise itself, but how about the Institute?"

And that makes me resolute to tell a truth: that you cannot any more hold a poor Bible Institute in beautiful Colton than you can have a beauty contest in monkey land. The greatness of nature itself kind of gets you. It creeps into the programs, into the conversations, into the singing, until you just have to say: "Isn't this wonderful!"

So if you want to know what we are going to do this year, just read on!

1. We are going to have a District Luther League Convention.

This convention will cover Saturday August 3 to Sunday August 4. At that time there will be sermons and addresses by Rev. Eric Wahlstrom, Rev. G. K. Andeen (our bishop) and Dr. C. K. Wendell. There will also be singing etc. furnished by the different leagues of the district.

2. We are going to have the most interesting devotionals every day at 9 o'clock. We are in the great out doors seeking rest. What could be more appropriate than to study some of the wonderful nature psalms of the Bible! And thus we shall hear such themes as: "Seeking Solitude" (Rev. Enoch Sandeen), "Deep calleth unto Deep" (Rev. Ernest Sakrison), "The Psalms of Nature" (Rev. H. P. Johnson), "The Rock that is higher than I" (Rev. J. A. Edlund), and "Cleansing in God's Water" (Rev. G. K. Andeen).

3. We are going to have the finest kind of lectures by eminent teachers.

Dr. C. A. Wendell will be with us again. This year he comes to us as Bible teacher, and we may expect much from him. His study will cover Christ's parable: "The Vine and the Branches." His special subjects are: "Why did Jesus speak in Parables?" "The Vine and the Husbandman." "The Vine and the Branches." "The Branches and the Fruit." "The Fruit and the Winepress." Dr. Wendell has also promised some special lectures, such as "Until the Day Star arise in your heart." "The Sea Hath Spoken" (Illustrated by beautiful stereopticon slides and special singing, something really fine!) and "Light Bearers" (at one of the bonfires).

Then there is Dr. William Schoeler who will treat us to some of his lectures on vital topics such as: "Man's Place in the Universe," "Human Life in Parables," "Lessons of a Vision," "Majestic Claims,"

"Tempting Questions and Divine Answers," "A Critique on McCabe's 'Triumph of Materialism,'" and "Divers Manners."

Other lecturers and their subjects will be: Rev. G. K. Andeen, "The Church in Relation to Charity." Rev. J. A. Edlund, "The Dawn." Rev. Eric Wahlstrom, "The Art of Religious Instruction," etc.

4. We are going to have roaring bonfires down by the creek.

And at these bonfires we shall listen to short talks by Rev. J. A. Edlund: "Christ, the Vanquisher of Darkness." Rev. Samuel Johnson, "Under the Almighty's Shadow." Dr. C. A. Wendell on "Light Bearers." There will also be much singing and music. In fact, we hope to present a very unique bonfire program.

5. We are going to have a special Bible Institute Pageant.

This pageant is to be given outdoors on Saturday night, August 10. The title is: "The Church Triumphant." It is written especially for the Institute. Several professional singers are taking part. Some fifty light bearers will make up the climax. After the pageant Rev. H. P. Johnson will speak on "The Greatest Book," and Mr. William Elliot, lyric tenor, will sing some inspiring selections.

6. We are going to have superb music and singing.

If things turn out as they are supposed to do, we will have with us several professional musicians of note. We shall not mention them by names this time, but we will add that we have the promise of attendance of two well known choruses, the Augustana Lutheran choir of Portland and the Immanuel Girls' chorus, also of Portland. We shall have more to say about them later.

But, folks, that is not all. There are many more interesting things, such as the Confirmation Class Encampment, hikes, picnics, athletics, eats, swimming, crab fishing, the—well—we would mention a lot more if this paper would be large enough to take care of it—but don't you think this is enough to make you turn yourself toward Colton August 3—11?

Enoch Sandeen, dean.

Portland District Luther League

The Luther League District convention will be held in Colton, Oregon, August 3—4. Each local league is requested to send delegates to this meeting. The business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church.

The delegates will be served meals by the Ladies' Aid of the Colton congregation. A charge of \$1.00 will be made for these meals. However, those who also remain for the Bible Institute will not be asked to pay extra for the meals on the convention days.

The complete program will be announced later. We have secured the promise of Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis to deliver the convention address on Sunday afternoon. The pastors of the district will preach at the services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and the local Luther Leagues will furnish musical numbers. Delegates should be elected as soon as possible so that they may make arrangement to attend the convention. The musical numbers should be reported to the president also as soon as possible. Remember the date, August 3-4, L. L. convention; Aug. 4-11, Bible Institute; both at Colton, Ore. Plan to be there.

Eric H. Wahlstrom, president.

Books for Daily Meditation

By Rev. Roger P. Oliver.

- "God's Minute," 60c, \$1, \$1.50.
 "Moments with God," 75c, \$1.50.
 "Faithful Guide to Peace with God" (by Rosenius), \$1.50, \$3.50.
 "Daily Devotions" (Kieffer), \$1.50, \$2.
 "Our Home Altar," \$1.50.
 "Golden Treasury," 75c, \$1, \$2.25.
 "Book of Family Prayer" (Laache, Norwegian bishop).
 "Daily Devotions or Meditations" (Hammersten), \$2.25, \$3.00.
 "Devotional Readings from Luther's Works."
 "Come Ye Apart," (J. R. Miller ed.) \$1, \$1.50.
 "In Green Pastures," (by J. R. Miller), \$1.00, \$1.50.
 "Still Waters" (by J. C. Wright), \$1.00, \$1.50.
 Daily Text Books: "Daily Food," "Daily Light," "Daily Duty," "Daily Portion," "Daily Bread," "Daily Guide." Each 25c and 50c.
 "Daily Devotions for Lutheran Youth," \$2.00.
 "In the Morning" (by Rev. Carl A. Swensson, D. D.), \$1.35 and \$3.35.

Books here named may be ordered from the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island.

The above list of books was compiled, according to decision by the ministerium of our Conference, as guide for those who wish suitable reading for family devotion, a subject which said ministerium devoutly considered at its first session of our last conference meeting, held in Tacoma. Rev. Oliver had just read a paper on "Rebuilding the Family Altar."—Editor's note.

Graduation

The School of Nurses of the Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Ore., held its sixteenth annual commencement Friday evening, May 17th. The graduation exercises were held at the Swedish Baptist church, which

was crowded to its utmost capacity, even standing room being taxed to its limits. A very long line of march formed for the processional, as the graduation class consisted this year of thirty-two members. The hymn "Come, Thou almighty King" was sung. Rev. H. P. Johnson read from the Scriptures and led in prayer. The Jenny Lind Chorus, a ladies' singing organization, under the direction of Mildred Anderson-Hult, sang two numbers. Dr. H. H. Foskett, a member of the medical staff of the hospital, gave an address. The other speaker of the evening was Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert, D. D., a Presbyterian minister. He had chosen as his topic: "He That Hath Mercy." The speaker treated the audience to a lot of humor, and proved no doubt to all very entertaining. The superintendent of the hospital, Rev. A. M. Green, spoke fitting words as introduction to the final graduation ceremony: the conferring of the diplomas. He thanked the medical staff, the board, the teachers, the nurses, as well as also the members of the graduation class, for what they had done to help make Emanuel Hospital what it is today, one of the leading institutions of its kind in the Northwest. Attorney David E. Lofgren, president of the Board of Directors and of the Charity Board, spoke appropriate words to the graduates and presented them with their diplomas. The nurses' pins were conferred by Miss Edith A. Bergquist, R.N., Superintendent of nurses of Emmanuel Hospital. Rev. J. Alfred Erickson, pastor of the church in which these festivities were held, gave a short talk. The Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. H. P. Johnson. A very delightful reception followed upon the program in the church parlors.

Emanuel Hospital is prospering and going forward in a very encouraging way.
 H. P. J.

Portland District Meeting

The Portland District held a well attended and very inspirational meeting in Colton, Ore., May 13-14. On the evening of Monday May 13th the first service was held. Rev. H. P. Johnson preached on Luke 11:1-13 with "Lessons in Prayer" as his subject. Vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Vivian Woodside. Rev. Eric Wahlstrom rendered the liturgy. On the following day at 10:30 a. m. services were held in Swedish, when Rev. Eric Wahlstrom preached on Joh. 16:23-24, his theme being "Vad vill det säga att bedja i Jesu namn?" Mrs. Ernst J. Sakrison rendered a vocal solo. Rev. Enoch Sandeen and H. P. Johnson served at the altar. At 2:30 P. M. an informal devotional meeting was held, when the Swedish language was again used. The main theme was

"Hinder för bönhörelse." Rev. Johnson spoke on "Oförlåtande sinne," Mark. 11:25. Rev. Sandeen spoke on "Avgudar i hjärtat." Hes. 14: 3. A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Alfred Swanson. At about 4:00 P. M. the pastors gathered for a business session. The mission fields of the district were then discussed. A check-up was made on the recent campaign for the Columbia Hospital. At 8:00 P. M. the closing services of the meeting were held. Rev. Sandeen preached in Swedish on Acts 1:14, 2:41-42. Rev. Wahlstrom preached in English on Psalm 85:6-7. Miss Aagot Tregaard and Mr. E. Peterson sang each a solo. Rev. Johnson and Rev. Sandeen served at the altar.

Before returning home on the following day the pastors with their "fruar" enjoyed an outing in the colton forest by the murmuring waters of a creek, which meanders through there. Mrs. Sakrison and Miss Esther Hult brought an abundance of good things for a sumptuous repast. All had a most delightful time. The visitors had also been taken care of during the entire district meeting. It is always so pleasant to come to Colton.

Program

Tacoma—Mount Baker District Luther League Bible Institute
 at Lake Sammamish, Wash. July 20-28.
 Our Teachers

Dr. C. A. Wendell, Pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. and of the Lutheran Students attending the University of Minnesota, will give a series of Bible lectures on the life of the Apostle Peter, under the general theme: Great Moments in a Great Career.

Pastor Willam Schoeler of Independence, Ore. is the Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Student Service Association of Oregon. Pastor Schoeler will give a series of lectures during the week on doctrinal and inspirational topics.

The pastors and young people of the conference will conduct morning devotion and lead in the discussion periods.

Pastor A. L. Rustad of the Central Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash. will preach at the rally service Sunday afternoon.

Saturday July 20

7:30 P. M. Informal Prayer Meeting.

Sunday July 21

10:30 A. M. Divine Worship—Sermon: "Which Way?"—Dr. Wendell.

3:00 P. M. Rally Service—Address: "The Challenge of the Gospel"—Pastor A. L. Rustad.

7:30 P. M. Vesper Service—"Seasons of Refreshing"—Pastor P. H. Nordlander.

Monday July 22

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm 1, Pastor E. Arthur Larson.

9:00—9:50—Bible Study I—"The New Vocation"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture, "The Biblical Account of Creation"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Group Discussion:
 "Christian Values in the Business World"—Arthur Hillman.
 "The Place of the Bible Institute in the Program of Christian Education"—Student Harry Lundblad.
 7:30—Vesper Service—"On the Right Side"—Dr. Wendell.

Tuesday July 23

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm VIII—Dr. Jos. Anderson.
 9:00—9:50—Bible Study II—"In the Storm"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture—"Man's Place in the Universe"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Group Discussion:
 "The Catechism"—Pastor C. J. Renhard
 "Evangelism"—Pastor E. G. Svenson.
 7:30—Vesper Service—"Cut after Christ's Pattern"—Pastor C. G. Bloomquist.

Wednesday July 24

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm XIX—Pastor Claus Thunberg.
 9:00—9:50—Bible Study III—"The Rock Under the Church"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture, "Nebuchadnezzar's Dream"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Discussion Period—
 "The Challenge of the Christian Ministry"—Dr. Wendell.
 "The Challenge of the Christian Home"—Mrs. J. W. Unis.
 7:30—Vesper Service—"The Ethiopian Eunuch"—Pastor Schoeler.

Thursday July 25

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm XLII—Mr. V. E. Thorene.
 9:00—9:50—Bible Study IV—"Endued With Power"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture—"Christ in Prophecy"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Group Discussion—
 "The Proper Use of Leisure Time"—Dr. J. W. Unis.
 "Church Union"—Pastor Schoeler.
 7:30—Vesper Service—"By the Still Waters"—Pastor Luther Cornay.

Friday July 26

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm XLVI—Pastor O. R. Karlstrom.
 9:00—9:50—Bible Study V—"Beyond Race Prejudice"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture—"The Unknown Quantity in Jesus"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Discussion, "The Modern Divorce Evil"—Mr. Bert. Johnson.
 7:30—Vesper Service—"A Remarkable Biography"—Pastor Schoeler.

Saturday July 27

8:30—9:00—Morning Devotion, Psalm LXVII—Pastor O. W. Westling.

9:00—9:50—Bible Study VI—"The Great Deliverance"—Dr. Wendell.
 10:00—10:50—Lecture, "Unique Characteristics of the Bible"—Pastor Schoeler.
 11:00—11:50—Question Box.
 7:30—Consecration Service—"The Bread of Life"—Dr. Wendell.

Sunday July 28

7:00—Sun Rise Service—Theol. Student Adolph Nelson.
 10:30—Divine Worship—"Reconciled to God"—Pastor Schoeler.
 3:00 P. M.—Closing Service—"The Ladder and the Lord"—Dr. Wendell.
 7:00 P. M.—Pageant, Directed by Miss Helen Lief.

What Is Meant by Confirmation?

(Paper read at Confirmation Reunion, Immanuel Church, Portland, May 26)

To the Confirmands, Luther Leaguers and friends:

Confirmation—is a beautiful rite of our Lutheran Church that has been handed down to us thru the ages. It is a verification and a culmination of the religious training that you have received from your Pastor and this Church, during this golden period of your life.

It is a renewing, in the presence of God and His Church, of the solemn promises and vows that you yourselves made or that were made in your name at the time of your baptism, when you were thru that sacrament brot into the church. The promises made at that time were: that you should renounce the Devil, all empty pride and conceit, idle show, indiscriminate admiration and all sinful concupisence of the flesh; that you would believe in the Christian Faith, and that you would keep God's holy will and commandments, these promises to be kept, not only for a time, but for each and every day of your life. Now having learned what your Godfathers' and Godmother's promised for you in your name, and having attained the years of discretion and judgment, when you can choose for yourselves, you have today, ratified and confirmed those vows before the church, and with your own lips promised that, with the help of God, you will endeavor to faithfully observe and practice all of these things. Catechetical instruction and your confirmation has served for you as a preparation for your participation in the Lord's Supper, the most solemn institution founded by Jesus Christ, the Divine Worship on earth, for the remainder of your life and makes of each and every one of you a communicant member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. That is what is meant by our confirmation.

Myrtle Anderson.

Items of Interest

Our Sunday Schools have been asked to observe Sunday June 2 as foreign mission rally day. An appeal has been sent out, that all the Augustana Synod Sunday-schools give on that day a special offering for foreign missions.

Rev. C. V. A. Lund has resigned from his charge in Chicago and has accepted the call to Salem Luth. Church, Mount Vernon, Wash. to become successor to Rev. M. L. Swanson.

Rev. Enoch Sandeen has received a call to the Bethel charge in Seattle, Wash., to succeed Rev. G. A. Herbert.

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist visited Rev. Green in Portland and Rev. Sandeen in Gresham, Ore., May 7th, at which time he also made a trip to Salem, Ore.

Rev. G. A. Herbert's new address is 405 6th Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. H. P. Johnson was pleasantly surprised by the Luther League of the Immanuel Church, Portland, when, on Tuesday evening, May 7th, a beautiful program was given in his honor. Mr. Albert Anderson spoke in behalf of the League, and the president of the League, Miss Edith Olson, also spoke encouraging words to the pastor.

Rev. J. Truedson of Seattle attended the nurses' graduation exercises of Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, on Friday evening, May 17th.

At a banquet given for Bishop and Lady Danell at Minneapolis May 6th appeared on the menu two delicacies, before no doubt heard of: Skara Sherbet and Ice Cream a la Danell.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. an institution of the Minnesota Conference, will soon have a new men's dormitory. The cornerstone for the structure was laid April 30 by Bishop Hjalmar Danell of Skara, Sweden.

Rev. F. M. Eckman was elected vice president of the Minnesota Conference at its recent meeting in Center City, Minn. For the other leading official positions the old incumbents were re-elected: Dr. P. A. Mattson, president; Rev. N. J. W. Nelson, sec., and Mr. Otto Leonardson, treasurer.

Rev. T. A. Conrad, treasurer for the Augustana Pension and Aid Fund, says in connection with an assesment notice set to the pastors of the Fund under date of April 30: "Last year twenty-three young men were ordained, and last year, from January 1 to December 31, twenty-

three of our pastors passed away." Thus no gain in the ranks of the workers of our synod for 1928.

Mr. F. W. Lonegren, editor of "Oregon Posten," Oregon, is mourning the loss of a sister, Miss Evelina Lonegren in Sweden. Miss Lonegren was a regular contributor to "Oregon Posten," and her articles were always interesting and instructive. She gave impression of being a very intelligent and highly educated woman. We express sincere sympathy with Mr. Lonegren in his bereavement.

Mr. Arvid Carlson, 1001 Gay St., Portland, Ore., was by the Immanuel Brotherhood of that city elected to serve as representative for the Columbia Lutheran in that organization and in the congregation. Several new subscribers were gained immediately. Immanuel will no doubt soon have a long list of subscribers, as Mr. Carlson is an enthusiast for our conference and synod papers.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander is putting on a campaign for the Columbia Lutheran in his church in Yakima and has for this purpose sent for extra copies of our paper. We need this conference organ. The synod papers can not possibly take in everything that is more of local interest for us on the coast. We hope that many others will immediately follow the example of Rev. Nordlander and Mr. Arvid Carlson.

Rev. C. K. Andeen, Conference president stopped off in Portland between trains on Thursday, May 23, on his way from Astoria to Spokane, at which latter place he preached his farewell sermon to his congregation Sunday, May 26. On Tuesday, May 28, he left for the East to attend the convention of the Augustana Synod at Rockford, Ill. He has purchased a house in Astoria in a very beautiful location near the Columbia Hospital, into which he will soon move with his family.

Rev. August P. Lawrence, Braham, Minn., has been called to Grace English Luth. Church, Spokane, to become Rev. Andeen's successor. Mr. Carl Mattson, a student at the Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., will serve Grace Church during the summer months.

Mr. Carl Muhr, a student at our seminary in Rock Island, will during the summer months assist Rev. Andeen in the congregational work in Astoria. A period of three weeks of parochial school is included in his program. Mr. Muhr has his home in Warren, Ore.

The Columbia Conference Luther League holds convention in the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 31—Sept. 2, Labor Day falling on the last named date. Low railroad fares are usually

granted at that time for which reason we feel we can hope that a large number of young people from every section of our conference will attend this convention. The Luther League of the First Church, Tacoma, will entertain.

The Conference Board meets at the Old People's Home, Seattle, Tuesday, June 25th, at 10:00 A. M.

The Columbia Hospital, Astoria, Ore., has been given special publicity through a pamphlet edited by the new superintendent and printed in seven thousand copies. It contains fine testimonies and warm recommendations from each one of the seventeen doctors of medicine in Astoria. It also contains a fine endorsement from the Ministerial Association of that city. The pamphlet is attractive in design and carries a picture of the hospital on its front page. Rev. Andeen is trying to push forward this institution with all possible enthusiasm, and we are sure his efforts shall not be in vain. Publicity pays. This pamphlet spread out over the field in an edition of seven thousand cannot help but bear fruit. Reports from the hospital have for the last two or three months been more encouraging, than they have otherwise been for a long time.

The Pacific District of the United Norwegian Luth. Church of America, covering the territory of California, Oregon, Washington (west of the Cascades), British Columbia and Alaska, held its convention in Portland, Ore., with the opening service, being conducted on May 23. A grand total of 54 delegates answered to the first roll-call. Rev. G. K. Andeen and H. P. Johnson attended the opening session and were most kindly and courteously given "the privilege of the floor" and called upon to speak words of greeting. Some time earlier the Pacific Synod of the U. L. C. met at Long View, when Rev. Ernest G. Svenson represented our conference as fraternal delegate. Rev. Andeen also attended that convention. Both spoke words of greeting, and the fine fraternal spirit that prevailed was most inspiring.

Dr. Emil Lund, beloved pastor of our Synod, author, poet and journalist, is without question one of the most scholarly men in the Lutheran church in America. At the banquet held in honor of Bishop and Lady Hjalmar Danell at Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, May 6th, Dr. Lund brought to the honor guests from Sweden a greeting in latin poetry. When the Archbishop of Sweden visited our country in 1923, Dr. Emil Lund brought at a similar function in St. Paul a greeting in beautiful original latin poetry, to which the Archbishop responded in Latin, praising Dr. Lund for being able to write

such fine poetry in that ancient language. We are told that Dr. Lund's Latin greeting was also well received by Bishop and Lady Danell, the prelate from Sweden answering in the same language as fluently as if he had spoken Swedish.

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter Minn., is graduating this year from its college department a class of one hundred and seven members, the largest class in the history of the institution and the largest number that ever was graduated at one time from any of the colleges in the Augustana Synod. We congratulate Gustavus Adolphus upon this fine distinction.

A Confirmation Class of twenty-four members made up the beautiful scene at the altar of Immanuel Luth. Church, Portland, Sunday morning, May 26th. This was the largest class in the fifty year history of the church. Rev. H. P. Johnson, the pastor, based his confirmation address on Rev. 3:11, using as his theme: "Your Possession—How You May Retain It and Thus Win the Crown." The class consisted of fourteen girls and ten boys. A beautiful booklet, bearing the title "Confirmation Memento" and edited by the pastor, was distributed on the following Sunday, when the class celebrated its first communion.

Dr. C. J. Carlson, pastor of Gustavus Adolphus Luth. Church, St. Paul, Minn., was honored by his congregation on the eightieth anniversary of his birthday, May 13th. About 800 people had assembled. Dr. Carlson has been pastor of Gustavus Adolphus Church for thirty-nine years. He has served in the ministry forty-nine years. During Dr. Carlson's pastorate in Gustavus Adolphus church its membership has grown from seventy-five to over eleven hundred communicant members.

A Large Union Service will this year feature the Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon, which is an annual event in that city. This service will be held on Sunday, June 9th, beginning with a sacred and patriotic band concert at 4:30 p. m. upon which follows the worship from 5 to 6 o'clock. A chorus of one hundred voices is being assembled under the direction of Prof. Wm. H. Boyer. The service will be held at the Civic Stadium, Multnomah Field. This feature of the Rose Festival is to be called the Rose Vesper Service and is arranged under the direction of Dr. William Wallace Youngson, a Methodist pastor of Portland.

A Monument consisting of a shaft of black granite imported from Hjortsjö, Småland, Sweden, has been raised in Center City, Minn., to commemorate the earliest settling of Swedes there. Said shaft

is thirty-two feet high and was dedicated by Bishop Hjalmar Danell at the recent meeting of the Minnesota Conference at that place. The conference celebrated at that time its seventieth anniversary. The Center City congregation celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary. The Minnesota Conference was organized in Center City, at a meeting held there October 7-9, 1858. The monument costs \$2,256.00 and will be paid for equally by the conference and the Center City congregation.

A Large Assembly had gathered for the festivities that featured Sunday of the Minnesota Conference recent meeting at Center City, Minn. A friend of the editor, who was present at those festivities, writes the following: "On Sunday morning, with bright, nice, clear weather, the people began to pour in to Center City from all parts of the surrounding country and not least so from the Twin Cities, until every available parking space in the city was occupied and standing room in the church and out around on the church lawn was completely occupied. Amplifiers had been installed so that the crowd outside could hear the Bishop preach in the forenoon and in the afternoon, those who could not be out on the church lawn were inside of the church, which was filled to capacity and they could through the amplifiers hear the Bishop's speeches made at the unveiling of the monument. It is estimated that there were more than ten thousand people in Center City that day, I guess the largest crowd that Center City has ever seen."

Institutions of learning within our Synod seem to go forward and prosper. Never before did so many of our young people attend schools of higher learning. A donation of six thousand dollars has recently been received by Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, from Mr. Francis J. Plym, Niles, Mich. Augustana College and Theol. Seminary in Rock Island has received a gift of seventy-five thousand dollars from the Weyerhaeuser family. The Lutheran Bible Institute of St. Paul, Minn., is steadily going forward. In connection with the graduation exercises recently held, the cornerstone was laid for a new building, which the institution is erecting on corner of Portland avenue and seventeenth street, Minneapolis. The future home of the Bible School will thus be in that city.

From Dr. L. G. Abrahamson comes to the editor a greeting just as the last pages of material for this paper are being made up to be sent to the printer. The card was written and mailed in Rome, Italy. Dr. Abrahamson, according to this card, enjoys his trip immensely and expected to stay in Rome one week. Later he went to Egypt and Palestine. He assures us, that his health has been benefited greatly

through this trip. Dr. Abrahamson is editor of the Swedish official organ of our Synod: "Augustana." In that paper we have read with interest a detailed account of his trip.

Treasurers of our Conference: Rev. P. H. Nordlander, Conference treasurer, 8 So. 11 ave., Yakima, Wash. Mr. Adolph Benson, treasurer of Conference Brotherhood, 833 Overlook Blvd., Portland, Ore. Mrs. C. F. Carlborg, treasurer of Conference Woman's Missionary Society, 905 Francis Ave., Portland, Ore.

Brotherhood Constitution Proposed

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, at Seattle, May 11, 1929

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Unis.

The Brotherhood work was discussed and it was agreed that a more perfected organization is necessary. A proposed constitution was drawn up by modifying that of the Augustana Synod Brotherhood so as to apply to the Columbia Conference. After due discussions the following motions were duly made, seconded, and carried:

1. That we recommend for adoption at the next annual meeting of the Brotherhood the following proposed Constitution for the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Columbia Conference:

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this organization shall be: The Lutheran Brotherhood of the Columbia Conference.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose.

The purpose of this Brotherhood shall be to promote:

1. The unity of the men of the Columbia Conference.
2. The spiritual and material welfare and activities of the Columbia Conference.
3. An appreciation of the privileges and obligations of church membership.
4. A clear conception of Christian stewardship.
5. Efforts to interest and support young men in the preparation for the office of the Holy Ministry, and to sustain the pastor in carrying on his work.
6. The development of the educational and charitable institutions within the Columbia Conference.
7. The affiliation, when desirable, with other Lutheran organizations in furthering projects of common interest to the Lutheran Church at large.
8. Such other undertakings as may from time to time be sponsored by the Columbia Conference and the Augustana Synod.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Regular membership of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Columbia Conference shall consist of all the local Brotherhoods within the various congregations of the Conference.

ARTICLE IV.

Organization.

1. This organization may be properly incorporated.

2. The officers of the Brotherhood shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year and may succeed themselves for two terms only, or until their successors are elected and have qualified.

3. Communicant members of the local Brotherhoods shall be eligible as officers of the Conference Brotherhood, and their duties shall be those that pertain to their respective offices.

4. Local Brotherhoods may unite into district organizations.

5. The work of this organization shall be managed and directed by the Executive Committee together with the district chairman.

6. Delegates to the Conference Brotherhood shall be elected by the local Brotherhoods. Each local Brotherhood shall be entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five (25) members, or fraction thereof.

7. This organization must work in full accord with the Columbia Conference and shall render to the Conference an annual report as to its activities during the year.

8. Delegates to the Synodical Brotherhood shall be elected by the Conference Brotherhood at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the initiative and work out plans for the activities of this organization.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings.

1. The annual meeting of this Brotherhood shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Columbia Conference until otherwise decided by the Brotherhood.

2. The majority of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.

3. The Executive Committee shall meet annually upon the call of the President. Extra meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of one-third of its members.

ARTICLE VII.

By-Laws.

Such By-Laws may be adopted at any annual meeting which may be deemed proper and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted to the local Brotherhoods at least two months before the time of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

Official Publication.

The Columbia Lutheran shall be the official paper of this Brotherhood.

2. That we make use of this tentative working Constitution for the ensuing year.

3. That a sufficient number of copies of this proposed Constitution be mimeographed and distributed to the District Chairmen so that it can be submitted to all the local Brotherhoods for consideration in due time before next annual meeting.

4. That we recommend to the local Brotherhoods the adoption for their organization the Constitution suggested by the Augustana Synod Brotherhood.

5. That we recommend that a Brotherhood rally be held in each district for the purpose of perfecting a district organization, and we urge that the district chairmen in their respective districts in cooperation with the pastor who is president of his district take immediate steps to have this effected as soon as possible.

6. That we recommend to the district chairmen to send out questionnaires similar to the ones used by the chairman of the Tacoma district. The information so obtained should be reported to the president of the Conference Brotherhood not later than August 1, 1929.

7. That the President of the Conference Brotherhood be authorized to appoint delegates to the annual meeting of the Synodical Brotherhood to be held at Rockford, Ill., this year.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

G. A. Magnusson,
Secretary.

European Relief

Ten years have come and gone since the world conflict, and the agonies and sufferings of the common people are not reported to us in the press; and so it has happened that we have become a bit thotless in the matter of our Christian duties to those who perhaps for generations to come will have to suffer under the burden of poverty and other inconveniences by reason of the world war.

You have been reminded of an appeal for this worthy cause by the officers of the National Lutheran Council. Our Synod and conference are a part of the council and officially unanimous in favor of its worthy efforts. We as pastors are

expected to "tell it to the church." Every pastor has been reminded directly and fully informed as to the nature of this relief, and we expect to hear from them all as soon as possible. Some churches have already responded. Those who have reported to this office are:

Elim, Brush Prairie, Wash.,.....\$3.37
Bethel, Tacoma, Wash.\$4.65
Bethany, Warren, Ore.\$9.71
First, Astoria, Ore.\$7.50
Central, Yakima, Wash.\$24.96

It would be fine if we could report all the rest of the churches in this column next month. It is under no circumstances impossible in any of our 50 congregations to do something. We are not asking for large sums. 'Många bäckar små göra en stor å.'

P. H. Nordlander.

Lutheran World Convention

A Lutheran World Convention will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, June 26—July 4. A most wonderful program has been prepared. Lutherans from all parts of the world will be present. A great number of delegates and other Lutheran visitors will be there from America. Aside from the wonderful program of sermons, lectures, etc. at least two great social functions will be held as follows:

On behalf of the Municipal Council of Copenhagen, the mayor will invite all delegates as well as other participating members and guests of the convention, to a reception at the city hall on Wednesday evening, June 26th.

On July 1st., when the convention will be transferred to Lund, Sweden, the good people of that city will invite 300 members of the convention to be guests at luncheon at 1 p. m. Others who cannot be accommodated for lack of space can secure refreshments at reasonable prices in the neighborhood.

About the Catechism

This is the glory of Luther's Small Catechism, that it contains in a nutshell the whole truth God revealed for our salvation. The Small Catechism is to the literature of the Church what John 3: 16 is to the Bible. To know the Catechism is to know the whole way of salvation. To believe and live according to the Catechism is to believe and live according to the Will of God. It is a happy summary of what is most important in Scripture, and is, therefore, a trustworthy guide on the way through life. When the literary censor of Venice read Luther's 1519 explanation of the Lord's Prayer, he exclaimed: "Blessed are the hands which wrote this; blessed are the eyes that read

it; blessed the hearts that believe this book and so earnestly call upon God." We would be even more justified in applying these words to Luther's Small Catechism of 1529.—(Prof. M. Reu, D. Th., Litt. D., Dubuque, Iowa.

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