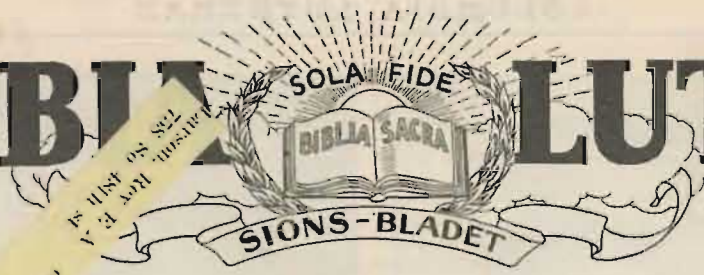


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## Mammoth Convention At Spokane

The largest delegation ever attending a Columbia Conference Luther League Convention is expected to gather for the 5th Annual Convention when that body meets in Spokane September 5-7. This meeting will be the crowning event of the summer, the district conventions having been held in the various districts to pave the way for the greater.

### Joint Session

with the American Lutheran Church, which is also convening in the city for a Young People's gathering, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The rally is held at Grace Church, Rev. William Siegel, pastor, and promises to be the highlight of the convention.

### The Speakers

rank among the best of the Lutheran clergy in the Northwest. They are picked not only from our own conference but from the American Lutheran Church as well. The Vice President of the Conference Luther League, the Reverend Carl A. Lund, will deliver the conference sermon at the first session at 7:30 Saturday evening. Holy Communion is celebrated Sunday morning at 10:30.

### Beautiful Music

has been planned for all sessions. Besides several selections by the local choir there will be musical presentations by talents from convening leagues. It is expected that some of the very best singers within the conference will be present.

### Meet at Salem

The place of the convention is Salem Lutheran Church, Broadway and Walnut, William Anderson, pastor. All sessions

"He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds; He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by names."—Ps. 147.

A stupendous thought! God is greater than the universe. Greater than the infinite distance of the great expanse. Greater than the mystery of space! \*It is estimated that our universe stretches 100,000 trillion miles in each direction from the earth. In this vast firmament are innumerable stars, some 27,000,000 times the size of our earth. But God holds them in the hollow of His hand. He calls them by their names. \*Wonderful God! And yet more wonderful in His dealings with man. He found him broken by the miseries of sin and shame, his heart rent by the knowledge of sin, and yet He singled him out as worthy of a greater glory, healed his wounds, forgave his sins, restored him to heavenly bliss.

A thrilling thought! Because God is greater than the universe, man is greater than his misery. Because there is a God in the heavens who is great enough to number the stars and to regulate their movements, there is hope for man for whom the worlds of the universe were created. Because there is love in the heart of the Creator for every living thing in His glorious handiwork, man, who is the crown of creation, may look without fear into the eyes of his Maker and find in Him a loving Father.

with the exception of the Mass Meeting are being held at this place. Room will be furnished free to all visitors. Meals can be had at church for 50 cents. A registration fee of 25 cents will be charged. A sight-seeing tour of the city has been planned by the local league. Lunch will be served in one of the beautiful parks of the city. Reduced rates on the railroad have been secured for long distance travel.

## COLUMBIA LUTHERAN EN- TERS NEW FIELD

Again The Columbia Lutheran has changed editor. Rev. Eric Wahlstrom had time merely to say "How-do-you-do," and then quit. He was selected by the Augustana Theological Seminary as its choice for the chair of New Testament Greek, a position which he naturally could not desist from accepting.

The Conference Board thensome new departments have

selected the present editor to take over the labors of Rev. Wahlstrom, a position which he accepts gladly as it is interesting work to him.



Rev. Enoch Sandeen  
Editor-in-Chief

As there is no time for excusing himself for his many failures etc. as is customary in the accepting of such a position, the editor wishes to state that from now on it is up to the congregations whether the paper shall be a success or not.

To make the paper a better medium for the congregations, some new departments have

been introduced: "Know Your Conference," edited by Rev. John Bildt of Everett, who is good at such things; "The Conference At Work," edited by C. G. Bloomquist of Seattle, who likewise knows what is what in his field, and finally, but not least, "Our Young People," edited by Miss Margaretta Grant of Seattle, a young lady with a bright head and a good heart.

The value of these departments will have to be experienced as we go on. You may take it from the editor, however, that the object is to place the paper in the hands of the members as large as a medium through which they may learn to know their conference and their church. Thus the church announcements on page seven (And, by the way, if your church is not represented, you had better ask your pastor about it!)

Another aim is to make your paper a support to your local work. We are going to circulate it all over the conference until no member can say he has not heard of the paper. **But send in your news!** Else it won't be interesting.

If you do your best, we shall do ours.

A paper full of short articles and news! **2,000 added to the subscription list in one month!**

Income more than doubled!

Now — forward until victory is your!

## THANK YOU!

Many of our subscribers, in sending money for renewal of their subscriptions, also include a few words of appreciation of COLUMBIA LUTHERAN. We thank you sincerely for these encouraging expressions. Whenever we receive a letter like that we wish we might meet and know the writer personally. **THANK YOU!**



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### THE LAKE WITHOUT AN OUTLET

There are many beautiful lakes and rivers in the world. Who has not heard of a Lake Geneva, Galilee, Siljan, or a Mirror Lake! They enchant us with their loveliness, and their very existence is a blessing to their surroundings.

Further there are many other lakes, great lakes and small lakes, all wonderful to behold. Some are emerald green in appearance, some blue, and some bordering on black. Some are surrounded by stately pines and firs, others are caressed by blossoming fields of the grandest verdure. Again some are resplendent with life. Sending forth out of their bosoms glittering rivers to water the country for miles, they create a paradise of beauty and usefulness.

Such a lake is the marshes of northern Minnesota—not very beautiful to look at, but nevertheless one of the most important of all lakes because out of it comes the Father of Rivers, the mighty Mississippi, important in industry and glorious in song and sunsets. Such a lake is Yellowstone, giving freely of itself and spreading far and wide until it touches the Atlantic ocean to the Southeast and the Pacific to the West.

But there is a Crater Lake. And there is a Salt Lake. And it is doubtful if there is anything more beautiful in creation than either one of these. Crater Lake with its deep blue, so blue

that no colors have yet been discovered to reproduce it on canvass, Salt Lake with its golden path of sunset, and the Dead Sea with its shimmering silver, all please the eye and sing the glory of Him who made the world. But as for usefulness! Crater Lake seems afraid even to show itself. It seems to say: "Don't come near me; I am too precious for you!" And so it has crept way down into the mouth of a great crater from which once upon a time flaming fire rose to swallow the forests around it, and if you wish to see the water you must first climb 7,000 feet up and still not see it before you come to the very brim of its embankment. If you wish to touch it, you must descend another one thousand feet of a perilous mountain climb. Arrived at the surface of the water you find that after all it is not any more blue than other waters you have seen. It is a lake of false appearance and its waters are cold and uninviting, so cold in fact, that you are glad not to touch it. Fish has been planted into the lake, otherwise there would be no life there. But even the fish that is there now seems afraid to show itself. No water leaves the lake. It merely takes in, but gives nothing in return. It is a selfish lake, and because of it, there is no usefulness connected with it except for appearance.

The great Salt Lake is not afraid of the eyes of men, but in its endeavor to draw to itself all the lovely mountainbrooks of

beautiful Utah, it has laid waste the country around it and made a dessert of Nevada. Its waters are bitter and nasty and has become so salty that a person cannot even sink in it. No life can exist long within its domain. It has taken to it all it could receive, but has given nothing in return, and because of its selfishness has become stagnant. The Dead Sea has lived thousands of ages, but in spite of its long history it is dead. During these centuries it has created a spirit of selfishness so exclusive that it has crept a thousand feet or more below the sealevel so that there shall be no question of sharing its lifegiving water with the thirsty land around it. What does it care for the thousands of miles of sandy desserts to the East! What does it care for the blades of grass that strive to grow on its shores! It has taken the sacred water of the Jordan and drunk the loveliness of the Lake of Galilee only to turn it into a foul mass of sulphur over which not even a bird can fly. Its selfishness has so utterly ruined it that it not only has ceased to be useful but has become a detriment to life.

Do you see the point now? Are there not such lakes among men also? Lakes giving abundantly to their surroundings, lakes that are blessings? And are there not lakes who are receiving, but not giving? And is it not true that those who give are remembered at their death, not as having made the world

better because they died, but because they lived? And again, are there not men who have been so selfish in their lives that their soul has become shriveled and stagnant and that men sigh with relief when death has claimed them?

The happiest persons on earth are those who constantly give to others. They might not have money to give. But kind words and kind deeds is something all can offer.

Probably you get the idea in this illustration: A girl was once asked what a saint was like. At first she did not know. But then she started thinking. She had been in a beautiful cathedral once and there she had seen pictured in the glass windows the likeness of great men and women who in their lifetime had accomplished great things for their Master. There she had seen the sun playing in the gray beard of Peter, caress the slender hands of John, kiss the face of lovely Mary. And so she answered: "I know, it is someone the sun shines through."

A simple answer. But if you who read this will look beyond that answer, you will be coming to church to serve. And there will be a thousand irritating things effaced from the work of the church.

Does God shine through you? Are you gathering up his beauty in your soul to give it to some one else?

Are you a Yellowstone or a Dead Sea?



## THE CONFERENCE AT WORK

There is no vacation time in the affairs of the Columbia Conference. Pressing problems that demand prompt solution are constantly appearing. The officers concerned try to meet them as they arise. At times it is quite difficult to do so, especially so in regard to our financial obligations. The many anxious days would be no more if all the congregations could meet their obligations to the Conference. A number of our churches keep their Conference and their Synod dues paid up, while others have made no move at all so far in the matter. It would be a wonderful relief to hear from the various congregations to the effect that all dues will be turned in very soon.

The Board of Trustees have held one meeting, in Seattle, this summer; the Finance Committee one, and the Executive Officers one. Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, Vice President, has, on request of the President, been in charge.

There is a rule in our Conference that all congregations receiving mission aid shall confer with the proper officers of the Conference about candidates when a pastor is to be called. Four charges within our Conference have been calling pastors this summer and they have all sought and received the advice of the Board. Thus the best possible cooperation exists between our Conference and its various congregations. This is mutually helpful.

Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom has resigned as editor of the Columbia Lutheran and Rev. Enoch Sandeen has been appointed by the Board to complete the term. Rev. Nordlander, our efficient and beloved Treasurer, leaves within a month for the Illinois Conference and for that reason, he, too, has resigned. No one seems to covet this position. Failing to get any one else to assume the responsibility, the Board imposed it on Dr. C. R. Swanson. He has made arrangements with the parish worker of the Gethsemane Church to do the clerical work for the salary



forth out of the depths of the human soul—"God's keys." In the next issue we shall discuss the Lutheran Processional.

"God is at the organ, And his keys are souls."

The Order of Worship in the Lutheran Church is one the most sublime, based in every respect on the worship of the Heavenly Host standing before the Living God. It shall be our privilege to tell you through this column the meaning and the beauty of the parts of this service. Thousands worship in our churches year in and year out, but fail to realize the intrinsic value of the service of our church. They fail to see Christ at the altar, in the pulpit, in the organ. They neglect to open their souls that the Great Musician may create the harmony that only God can bring

offered by the Conference. All communications intended for the Treasurer should be sent to Dr. C. R. Swanson, 911 Stewart street, from now on.

The Columbia Hospital has back of it a group of local men who are determined to see it through to success. These men realize that the Conference cannot pour any more money into this institution but that all financial obligations from now on must be met locally. There is a note of optimistic enthusiasm in their approach to the many problems connected therewith.

The new Home for the Aged at 1731 B Avenue is now ready for occupancy. It is in every way a beautiful and peaceful place of rest for those whose days' work is done. A more complete statement about the cost of the renovation of the same may be prepared for the next issue of the Columbia Lutheran. It seems as tho it will be fully occupied within a relatively short time. One large room is reserved on the third floor for friends who come into our city for a brief visit, which will give fine accommodations at a small cost. The home is in charge of Miss Marie Strandberg.

Two of the members of the family in the old Home have passed away of late. Their

rooms have been renovated and made ready for others who wish to avail themselves of the comforts of this home. The Augustana churches of Seattle have held joint evening services during the summer months at this home. The offerings taken at these services will be used for the purpose of purchasing new runners to replace the worn-out ones now in the halls.

## KNOW YOUR CONFERENCE

As the undersigned has been appointed by the editor-in-chief as assistant editor for this department, it is with great pleasure I acknowledge this appointment favorably and shall be glad to serve to the best of my ability.

The editor's plan is to furnish short historical articles on each congregation within the limits of the Columbia Conference. These sketches will be published in chronological order beginning with the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon. The introduction to these series of historical sketches, however, will be a brief history of the Columbia Conference to be furnished by the historian, Dr. Jos. A. Anderson. This article will appear in the October issue.

In order to make this depart-

ment worth while, historically, it will be necessary to have the kind cooperation of all the pastors concerned. As the articles naturally will contain historical facts, it is necessary for the pastor in each congregation to furnish these data. Thus the need of cooperation.

The Columbia Conference, with its various congregations, is a direct result of home mission work from its very beginning. The Conference is still a mission field striving to gather our Lutherans and their children for Christ and His Church. It is evident that our Conference has a very interesting history which should be reproduced in these columns principally in the interest of our young people.

Therefore, this department is very important and should tend to solidify our Conference for more efficient work. Let us then join hands and hearts for a greater Columbia Lutheran and for a greater Columbia Conference. And Thank You.

—John Billdt.

## 1000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR COLUMBIA LUTHERAN--

that is our present goal. Some of our congregations gained many new subscriptions last year. We hope to receive many more now in September when a campaign will be held to increase the present number.

Columbia Lutheran wants to enlarge its service to the Conference, and especially directly to the congregations. With the cooperation of all congregations and members this can easily be done. The editorial staff and the manager are working hard to serve our Church through Columbia Lutheran. Now we kindly ask all members and friends of the Church, will you also support Columbia Lutheran by being a subscribers? Let us all pull together.

**Anthems for September** suggested by Edna Soderman, organist of The Emmaus Church, Seattle,

"O, worship the King"—Barnes

"Leave it With Him"—Ellis.

"Where Jesus Lives."

"Create a Clean Heart". Shelby



## WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT TO HEAR IN OUR CHURCHES DURING SEPTEMBER

Sept. 13-15th after Trinity.

General Theme: **Our Daily Bread.**

Epistle: Gal. 5:25-6:10. — "Christians Bearing One Another's Burdens."

Gospel: Matt. 6:24-34. — "Our Chief Concern."

Thought: Trust in God brings sweet satisfaction to the soul.

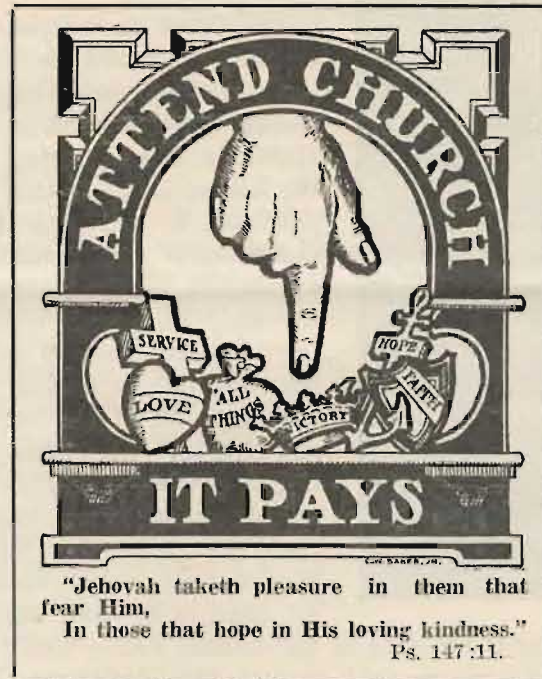
September 6-14th after Trinity

General Theme: **Gratitude.**

Epistle: Gal. 5:16-24. — "The Flesh Lusteth against the Spirit."

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19. — "The Ten Lepers."

Thought: Gratitude brings God close.



September 20-16th after Trinity  
General Theme: **The Shadow of Death.**

Epistle: Eph. 3:13-21. — "Strength to the Inner Man."

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17. — "The Widow of Nain's Son."

Thought: There is no death where Jesus is.

September 27-17th after Trinity.

General Theme: **Christian Liberty.**

Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6. — "Keeping the Unity of the Spirit."

Gospel: Luke 14:1-11. — "Jesus a Guest in the House of a Pharisee."

Thought: Humility is the gateway to glory.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

We are sorry to be forced to cut this department shorter than we intended. After this we will know our capacity for space better. But here are a few flashlights of the news received:

— Our conference president, Rev. H. P. Johnson of Portland, is on the way to recovery. Those are good news. He has been able to sit up a few minutes at a time and even walk around the floor a little.

— Rev. and Mrs. P. Oliver, Moscow, have a very effective way of celebrating their arrival at the First Lutheran Church. They arranged for special second anniversary services at which some 400 people were present. Best of all, they added 20 new members.

— Joy and anxiety have both revisited the pastor's family at Sedro-Wooley. It was the pleasure of Dr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Anderson to travel East to attend the wedding of their oldest son. Dr. Anderson officiated. Later Mrs. Anderson was taken ill and removed to the Swedish Hospital in Seattle, where she underwent a major operation. She is now recuperating.

— Miss Gladys Mandahl, organist, S. S. teacher, etc. of the

Sedro-Wooley congregation was married to Roy Reiland August 10. We congratulate.

— Rev. Bildt of Everett visited his mother's home in Turlock, Calif. the first part of July. During his visit his aged mother, 87 years, was called home to her heavenly reward. We express to brother Bildt our heartfelt sympathy.

— Pastoral calls have been extended to Rev. J. A. Martin of Funk, Nebr., to Astoria, Ore., to Rev. V. E. Ogren of St. Paul, Minn., to Vancouver, B. C. and to Rev. C. A. Johnson of Flint, Mich., to Yakima.

— Surprises are usual this time of the year. There are few congregations, though, more thoughtful than the Bellingham congregation. Instead of surprising their pastor at his arrival home after a vacation trip East with the customary secret program in the church, the members went ahead and renovated the parsonage inside and out. It is reported that Rev. Cornay nearly fainted over this wonderful show of thoughtfulness. And it seems a good idea. Even parsonages ought to look fine.

— Another surprise was played on Mrs. Carl A. Bengtson, wife of our good business manager. It was the occasion of her birthday — "How old?" — Don't know. Around the thir-

tys somewhere, we suppose. — Mrs. Bengtson is now in possession of a beautiful set of linen table cloths and a large bouquet of flowers. (Which, however this even took place August 10).

— The Aberdeen congregation is building a parsonage. Mt. Vernon is installing a new pipe organ, as is also the First Tacoma. The Yakima congregation is also thinking of a new parsonage. The Olympia congregation has been offered to buy the property approaching their church. It is now owned by the American Lutheran Church.

— It is with great sorrow and regret we report the illness of Miss Hildur Karlstrom, talented daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Karlstrom. She is now at the Firland Sanatorium, Seattle, and is a mighty sick girl. May God give her strength to overcome her enemy.

— Before we forget it we wish to tell you about the doings of some of the folks in the conference and outside of the conference. Rev. Clarence Anderson and wife of Virginia, Minn. have spent the month of August at the home of Mrs. Anderson's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swenson, Everett. Rev. J. A. Martin, Funk, Nebr. and family have visited Rev. Anderson's sister in Seattle. Mrs. C. G.

Blomquist, Seattle, has had the pleasure of a visit from her two sisters, Lydia and Signe Strand, from Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Hilma Craig and daughter Hilma are now visiting the family. The editor of these lines has had the pleasure of a week's visit from his brother Erik Sandine from Portland. Dr. C. R. Swanson, wife and boys are having a great time in Southern California. (But Dr. S. had less of a good time before he went, having to spend a whole day in the dentist's chair!) Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Vickner have spent the summer vacation at Mrs. Vickner's home in Minnesota. Mildred Anderson Hult, wellknown singer and niece of Dr. Jos. A. Anderson, has spent the summer in Seattle, where she has studied at the University. She is returning this week to Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., where she is head of the Public School department of the Conservatory of Music. Miss Evodia Hult from Lowell, Ore. and Miss Winifred Berg from Birkenfeldt, Ore. have also been Seattle visitors. Rev. C. O. Lundquist of San Francisco honored the editor with a visit last week of July. Rev. Gustav Bergman of Kennedy, Texas, called on friends in Bellingham and Seattle the middle of Aug. Bellinham was Rev. Bergman's

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# OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

## EDITORIAL

This section of the Columbia Lutheran is created and planned with special efforts to meet every Leaguer's approval. It is an sincere hope that we will receive from time to time your contributions to make it more interesting and more friendly. Remember all things work together for good to them that love God.

### The Wrong Learning

A man may know all about the rocks, and his heart may remain as hard as they; he may know all about the winds, and be the sport of passions as fierce as they; he may know all about the stars, and be as a meteor, whose end, after a brief and brilliant career, is to be quenched in eternal night; he may know all about the sea, and his soul resemble its troubled waters, which cannot rest. A man may know how to rule the elements, yet not know how to rule his own spirit; he may know how to turn aside the flashing thunderbolt, but not the wrath of God from his own guilty head. He may have all the knowledge of a Ford, Edison, a Watt; he may know many mysteries and understand many hidden things, but if he has no personal knowledge of a love of God, brought near to sinful men in Christ, what shall it avail."

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

### Be A Friend.

Be a friend. You don't need money,  
You need a disposition sunny,  
Just to wish to help another  
To get along some way or other;  
Just a kindly hand extended  
Out to one who's unbefriended;  
Just the fill to give or lend  
This will make you some one's friend.

Be a friend. You don't need glory;

Friendship is a simple story  
Cheer the lad who's bravely trying,  
Pity him who's sadly sighing,  
Just a little labor spend  
On the duties of a friend.

It takes a little courage,  
And a little self control  
And some grim determination  
If you want to reach the goal,  
It takes a deal of striving  
And a firm and stern-set chin,  
No matter what the battle  
If you're really out to win.

Men may misjudge thy aim,  
Think they have cause for blame  
Say thou art wrong,  
Hold on thy quiet way,  
Christ is the judge, not they,  
Fear not! Be strong!

### NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Thirty Colton Leaguers gathered at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor on the banks of beautiful Meadowbrook Creek on August 12 for an unusually pleasant evening. Mr. Taylor, who is editor of the Mollalla Pioneer proved himself as good a host as ever. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Taylor, and we do not need to say it was good. The evening was spent mostly around a bonfire near the water where an impromptu program was also rendered.

The Luther League of the Bethel Church, South Tacoma, has enjoyed several inspiring outings this summer. July 17 the League held a private outing at Klees Point on the Steilacoom Lake and on August 6 another at American Lake with the leaguers from Olympia as guests. August 21 they held a pot luck supper at Point Defiance.

Mr. Arthur Hillman, popular member of the Bethany Church, Seattle, has accepted a position with the high school at Elma. Arthur graduated from Wash-

ington University last spring. We wish him much success in his new work.

The Auburn L. L. held a very interesting meeting August 7 at the home of Miss Helen Nilson. A good attendance was in evidence. Two new members were added to the league.

### PRECIOUS PROMISES

"All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

"Flee youthful lusts; but follow righteousness faith, charity, peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

He knows, and loves and cares, nothing this truth can dim, and does the very best for those, who have the choice with Him.

### IMPRESSIONS OF THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

"Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them," said Jesus Christ. Indeed He was true to His promise. God was present at this year's Bible Institute from start to finish. The very atmosphere carried the sensation of the Lord's divine presence and watchfulness. Only God could make such an inspiring and soul-winning Institute. I am sure that not one left the Bible Institute at Lake Sammamish without that inner feeling of humility and determination to be a better Christian and worker for Christ.

Only the truest Christian fellowship and brotherly love existed at this year's Institute. The services were most touching and instructive. God's worthy men, Rev. Milton and Rev. Knorr, delivered their messages in a most inspiring way—in a way that was brought forth on-

ly by the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Then, with such wonderful Christian young people to partake in the service, and singing from the very bottom of their hearts, God could not help but feel welcomed to enter the portals of every heart and soul.

"Cooperation" was the Institute pass-word, and was it regarded? Indeed it was. One cannot find a better example of cooperation in all the history of the world. These Christian young people knew its true meaning, and saw to it that they were all of one accord during the whole week. True brotherly love could have been the only incentive for such action.

"The Challenge of the Cross", the pageant directed by Rev. Enoch Sandeen, was an outstanding incident at the Institute which all who had the privilege to see will never forget. Oh what a revelation of the truth of God's Word that "the Harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few!" May God bring that phrase even closer to our heart, so that we will all become more sincere and earnest workers for Christ, that His Kingdom may grow and flourish. Then, when He comes for His final reckoning, may He say to each and everyone of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

May God bless this Institute and those of the future. May they grow in spirit and in size. May the Lord inspire even more the coming Institutes, so that all who leave them may return to their various congregations with the determination to lead more souls to the Way of Salvation, and realize the fact that "The Harvest is indeed plenteous, but the laborers are few!" God has indeed made this Institute one which was true to its slogan, that here one may "Reap a Harvest, Spiritually, Mentally, and Physically."

—Lasse J. Stohl.



## MISSIONARY ITEMS

### An Interesting Letter

Hsu Chang, Honan, China  
July 12, 1931.

Woman's Missionary Society,  
of the Columbia Conference.  
Dear Friends and Co-workers:  
"Peace."

It is indeed a great privilege and joy to be known as your protege, and hope I may in faith and deed show how much I appreciate your kindness, patience and love toward me. God truly has heard your prayers in giving me back my health, for surely last year at this time, it was impossible for me to believe I could continue my work out here another year. Things looked so dark and intolerable. But oh how good God is, sending us the dearest doctor, who truly understands a nurses tasks and duties, and works along side by side with her.

I was so happy to hear the encouraging reports from the Conference, and truly can say with Paul, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. When we have such a friend constantly upholding us with such true promises, why should we waver.

And then too, I want to thank so much for the gifts of \$26.00, changed into Chinese money amounted to \$112.29. A thousand thanks. Just before Rev. Swanson left on his vacation I arranged with him, to give me a Bible student who would be willing to hold services and classes with the hospital servants, and give part time talking to the patient. I have been unable to find time to hold at least morning devotion with them. I offered to pay his salary out of my own money. A couple days later Mrs. C. R. Swanson's letter arrived telling me you were sending me a gift, to use for my own personal utility.

I could not help but express my thoughts to Dr. Fischer, how strange, that never have I volunteered to do any charity work out here using my own salary, but that I have been repaid double.

### I'M GOING HOME

Though far away my wayward feet had wandered  
In search of fancied treasures I would gain,  
A Father's love, unfathomed and unmeasured,  
Sent One to bring the wandered Home again.

#### REFRAIN

I'm going Home! Eternal Love hath found me:  
I'm going Home—I'm going Home to stay!  
A Heaven opened waits with arms of welcome,  
And Jesus is the Truth, the Life, the Way.

The treasures, which I sought in this far country,  
Are but illusions, fading as a dream;  
They beckon on yet leave the searcher weary,  
They bring no joy—they are not what they seem.

O Priceless Treasure, Jesus Christ my Saviour!  
My constant Friend, my Comforter is He.  
No more alone I grope amid the darkness,  
He holds my hand and guides me tenderly.

O yearning hearts, the Saviour still is pleading,  
"Come unto Me and I will give you rest."  
What joy to know He loves, and cares, and pardons!  
How sweet to find a Home upon His breast!

#### REFRAIN

I'm going Home! Eternal Love hath found me!  
He calls you still. O come with me I pray!  
A Heaven opened waits with arms of welcome,  
And Jesus is the Truth, the Life, the Way.

Everett, Wash.

—ELNA DANIELSON.

Inspired by Prof. John P. Milton's message Sunday afternoon,  
July 26, 1931 at Lake Sammamish. — Theme "Heaven Opened",  
John 1:51.

The first five dollars I gave to they were overtaken by a terrible rain storm and were detained in that village over night. Here they read the Bible, and sang songs of praise to the people, who were very eager and anxious to hear the gospel. Surely never before has there been such great opportunities to witness for Christ then what there is now. And truly never before has the power of darkness been more active then what it is now. But Gods army will go forward and must conquer, tho it may cost many of us our lives, but oh what greater could we give, when we have such true promises as in Rev. 2 10:13 and then we have His promises, "just a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to my Father." Oh, how precious are the words of Jesus when he was ready to leave His disciples, and go to

Dju Sao and her three children's visit to her home was not in vain. When half way home

His Father. If He has called us, truly He will sustain and keep us, under any difficulties and circumstances that might befall us. If we trust and fully believe His word.

We have been fortunate to get a very fine Christian Chinese doctor (Dr. Ho) to help us. This gives Dr. Colberg a little time to visit the other stations which otherwise made it very hard for him to leave here.

The hospital work at Honan-fu is still being carried on by the Chinese workers Dr. Friberg trained. Dr. Colberg has opened a dispensary in Yuchow, which was indeed badly needed, being our orphanage is there, and having so many children they did need medical care.

Altho the weather has been hot at times, we have been kept quite busy at the hospital. Now having a training school with an enrollment of eight nurses, four boys and four girls, has relieved me of much work and responsibility. Am helping to enroll eight more nurses this fall. Nursing is a new work in this part of China, so therefore it is very hard to get educated people interested enough to be willing to give three years of their time, to what they call service. They, of course think, giving baths and waiting on the sick belongs to the lower class, or working people. However the eight students I have now are all trained in our own high schools and some of them graduates.

Our out department for patients is very large, we see daily at an average of 130 to 190 patients daily. Not having enough beds, during winter many slept on the floor and a few children were placed two in a bed. Since often having seen men lying asleep on the ground or hard boards apparently comfortable a convalescent patient finds a bed on the floor no great hardship. It is of course difficult to care for a sick patient on the floor. So we have had carpenters make us children's cribs, where children at the age up to 12 can easily occupy. Our obstetrical department has grown considerable since Dr. Fischer arrived. But I fear it still will be some time, before it



can compete with our "Immanuel" Hospital in Portland.

In addition to Sr. Thyra's Industrial school she also has half days of lower and higher primary school and a kindergarten. The pupils averages from the age of three to fifty or more years. Having a school of this type we need not conform to any government school rules, which of course prohibit us from teaching the Bible in our Mission schools. When we agree to such rules our missionary work here is ended. Christ and the Bible comes first, even in our hospital and training school this is stressed.

Now may peace and faith be with you all that love our Lord Jesus in sincerity,

Yours Sincerely in His service  
Anna F. Olson.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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first charge after his ordination into the ministry. That was 25 years ago. At that time he also served as editor of the Columbia Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson of High Point near Preston, Wash. were pleasantly surprised by the congregation at Preston Aug. 5. They were married by Rev. C. G. Bloomquist July 3. Mrs. Claude Johnson has just returned from a visit at her home in Pennsylvania.

**Notice: All manuscripts for the next issue must be on the editor's desk by Sept. 21.**

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Branch Sunday School ..... 9:30  
Main Sunday School .....10:00  
Morning Worship (English).....11:00  
Evening Worship (English)..... 7:30  
The following regular monthly meetings will celebrate with rally programs  
Sept. 2, Dorcas Society ..... 2:00 p. m.  
Sept. 11, Woman's Miss. Soc. 8:00 p. m.  
Sept. 18, Congregational Home coming Dinner, sponsored by Dorcas Soc.  
Program by L League.....6:00 p. m.  
Sept. 25, Brotherhood..... 8:00 p. m.  
Sept. 30, Junior Miss. Soc. .... 2:00 p. m.

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Sunday school ..... 9:30 a. m.  
English service .....10:30 a. m.  
Swedish service .....11:30 a. m.  
Evening service ..... 7:30 p. m.

**Organizations:**

Ladies Aid at church parlors, Sept. 3, 17 and October 1.  
Lutheran Brotherhood September 29.  
Luther League September 18.  
Adelphia September 9.  
Junior Mission Band at church parlors  
5:30 p. m. Sept. 27.

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Sunday school .....10 a. m.  
Morning Worship .....11 a. m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8 p. m.

**Organizations:**

Luther League, 1st Thurs. of month  
Tabitha Society, 2nd Thurs. of month  
Lutheran Brotherhood, 2nd Friday of month.  
Woman's Missionary Society, 3d Thurs.  
Woman's Missionary Society, Third Thursday of month.  
Young Woman's Missionary Society, 3rd Friday of month.  
Junior Mission Band, 3rd Saturday of month.

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Service 1st and 3d Sunday...2:30 p. m.  
First Sunday, Swedish  
Sunday school every Sunday...10 a. m.  
Elvera Abrahamson, Supt.

**Meetings during September**

Ladies Aid Wed. 2, 16, 30 at...2 p. m.  
Luther League, Wed. 2, 16, 30 8 p. m.

**Special service**

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**Services.**

Bible school ..... 9:45 a. m.  
Worship .....10:45 a. m.  
Bible Study ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Service in Swedish the Fourth Sunday at .....10:45 a. m.

The Choir meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m., the Trustees the first Monday, the Ladies Aid the first Thursday, the Missionary Society the last Thursday, the Priscilla Society the first Friday, the Luther League the fourth Friday, the Brotherhood the second Wednesday. A special Bible Study on Old Testament Problems will be conducted Sunday evenings at 7:30. It will be interesting if well attended. Evening Services begin Sept. 13.

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Evening service ..... 7:30 p. m.  
First and third, English  
Sunday school ..... 9:30 a. m.

**Meetings during September**

First Monday at 8 p. m. Trustees  
Arvid Johnson, Chairman  
Second Mouday at 8 p. m. Lutheran Brotherhood  
Thursdays, 3 and 17 Ladies Aid 2 p. m.  
Fridays, 11th and 25th, Luther League at 8 p. m.  
Thursday, Sept. 1st at 8 p. m. Sunday School  
Teachers, Margaret Carlson, Lake Stevens  
Wednesday, Sept. 9, Girls' Service League at home of Gordis Hill  
Saturday, Sept. 19, at 8 p. m. J. M. Band at Social Hall  
Oct. 11, 12, 13, 30 Anniversary Festival of the Zion Lutheran Church

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Morning service at .....11:00 a. m.  
Evening service at ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Service in Swedish 3 p. m. Second and Fourth Sunday

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Missionary Society First Thurs. 2 p. m.  
Brotherhood First Thursday...8 p. m.  
Junior Missionary Society  
..... Second Saturday 2 p. m.  
Luther League 2 & 4 Thurs. 8:15 p. m.  
Althea Society 2nd Thursday 2 p. m.  
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Services at .....11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
Morning services in Swedish the first Sunday morning of each month.  
Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Allie Stromberg, pres., Sept. 3 and 17, and Oct. 1 at 2 p. m. and generally at the parish hall.

Luther League, Adolph Fredrickson, pres., Sept. 9 and 23 at 8 p. m. in the parish hall.

W. M. S. at the parish hall October 6.

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**September services and meetings**

Sunday school every Sun...10:00 a. m.  
Church services, Sept. 13...11:00 a. m.  
Sept. 20 ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Sept. 27 .....11:00 a. m.  
Ladies Aid meeting at Mrs. A. G. Carlsons, Sept. 3 at ..... 2:00 p. m.  
Luther League meeting at Martin Johnsons', Sept. 4 at ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Special Ladies Aid Self-denying offering festival, Sept. 11 at ..... 8:00 p. m.

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**Sept. services and meetings**

Sunday School .....10:00 a. m.  
Church services, Sept. 13... 8:00 p. m.  
Sept. 20 .....11:00 a. m.  
Sept. 27 ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Ladies Aid meeting at Mrs. J. T. Johnsons, Wed. Sept. 2... 2:00 p. m.  
Luther L. meets Sept. 18... 8:00 p. m.

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Question: 1. Is the Christian Church in this country dying?  
2. How about the Lutheran Church?  
—Emma J.

Answer: 1. No, the devil has prophesied its death over and over again, but it is stronger today than ever. The total number of church members in the United States at the beginning of this year was 50,008,181, not counting the children. There was an increase in membership of 59,286.

2. The Lutheran Church gained last year 56,180 members, thus by far outdistancing any other group. The Methodists lost 43,211. The Augustana Synod gained 3,574. The Lutheran Church stands number four in numerical strength in this country and number two in the world.

Question: Which is the oldest church in our Conference?

—A. W. Peterson.

Answer. The Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore. It was organized in the year 1879. It celebrated its fiftieth anniversary 1929.

Question: Does the Lutheran Church sanction publicity marriages?  
—L. D.

Answer. If we only knew just what you mean! If you refer to the kind of weddings performed on the stage of a theater, "stunt" marriages in the air, in the mausoleums of the dead, on a stump out in the marshes, in the dancehalls—or in whatever silly place they occur, we say an emphatic no. Marriage, in the Lutheran Church, is a holy thing. A spiritual wedding in the church or a quiet affair at home is the Lutheran ideal. If any one of the ministers of the church follows the lead of some publicity seeker and officiates at a stunt marriage, it is his own affair, but the church generally is not slow in dealing with him.



**John Lund, Yakima,** passed away Aug. 10 at the age of 25 years, one month and two days. Charter member of the Central Church and one of the most promising young men of the conference. Bereaved by father, one brother, and three sisters and a host of friends.

**Gustaf Johnson, Moscow,** Lutheran Pioneer of the Northwest. Charter member of the First Lutheran Church. Known as a devout Christian. Served as deacon of his church until death. Died August 7 at the age of 87 years. Leaves nine children. A friend long to be remembered.

**W. J. Olsen, Spokane.** Called to his heavenly home on July 21. Had been member of the Grace Church since its organization. Born in Drammen, Norway, in 1881. Died while in a boat, having reached the other

shore. His widow is matron of the Lutheran Girl's Hospice in Spokane. With him a beautiful soul has passed the threshold of life into eternal glory.

**Mrs. Augusta Peterson, Seattle.** Died August 15. Was born in Sweden 72 years ago. Survived by her husband, Mr. Carl Peterson, son Rudolph, one brother and six nieces. Was a beloved and faithful member of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

**Mrs. O. W. Johnson, Seattle.** She was faithful unto death! Died through an accident Aug. 18. Born in Småland 69 years ago. Was an honored member of the Bethel Lutheran Church. Leaves husband and 4 children.

**Lawrence Wersen, Sedro-Wolley.** Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wersen. Lost his life Aug. 10 by drowning in Diamond Lake near Spokane. Graduated last spring from W. S. C. and was attending Summer school at Pullman. His father is member of the Conference Board.

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