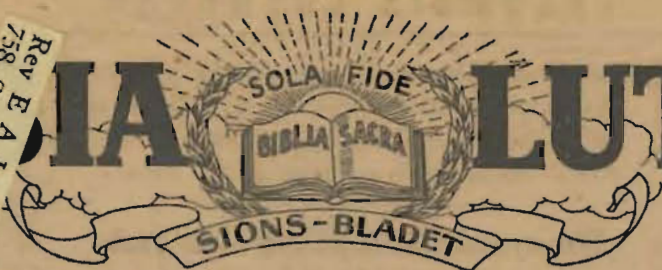


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## Uppståndelsen

Påskens budskap härligt ljuder,  
se, fram till graven det oss bjuder,  
ur vilken Frälsaren uppstått.  
Kommen, jordens alla slakten,  
sen hur i tysta morgonväkten  
de kvinnor fram till graven gått.  
En röst till oss där sker:  
Vår broder nu ej mer  
i grus är gömd.  
Nej, liv han fått,  
han har uppstått.  
Ur graven före oss han gått.

Sen hur själva jorden bävar,  
som Herrens ängel nedersvävar  
att vältra tunga stenen bort!  
Sen hur väktarena alla  
här nu till marken måste falla  
och fly med rädsla inom kort!  
Nu dödens boning har  
blott svepelinnet kvar  
i sin gömma.  
De sörjande  
sin Mästare  
nu snart med glädje skola se.

Jesus, du mitt hjärta gläder,  
som utur graven du framträder  
förklarad, över gruset höjd.  
En gång, fast i grav bevarad,  
jag genom dig uppstår förklarad  
till evig härlighet och fröjd.  
Ty nu, o Jesus kär!  
oss påskens högtid lär,  
hur du en gång  
ur dyster grav,  
ur klyftor, hav  
skall hämta dem dig Fadern gav.

H. P. J.

How are we in moments of distress to turn our hearts to God? 1) By prayer. As we pray to God, we lift our soul up above the clouds, where the sun eternally shines. We sojourn then in spirit with God. 2) By reading God's word. In the word we hear God speak to us, and to hear God speak is to be cheered and comforted. God's word is a light, thus just the word we need when darkness falls deep over our path. 3) By going to the Lord's table. Jesus strengthened there His disciples before the season of the terrible anxiety, that was to come upon them as He was taken away. He can still strengthen His own at that table of grace.



Rev. G. A. Herbert Leaves

We are indeed very sorry to see Rev. G. A. Herbert leave our conference. He has done excellent work in his parishes. As editor of the Columbia Lutheran and otherwise as publicity director he has served our conference in a most commendable way. We wish him God's richest blessing, as he now leaves for his new charge in Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. Herbert was ordained to the holy ministry at the synod meeting in Immanuel church, Minneapolis, 1918. He served first as pastor at Boise, Idaho for a period of a little more than five years. In 1923 he moved to Seattle to become pastor of Bethel church of that city. While there he also served Bethany, West Port Blakely, on Bainbridge Island, just across from Seattle. It is these fields he now vacates. May God soon send a pastor to succeed Rev. Herbert on these important fields.

God comes into our lives with an abundance of good things. Each day is filled with a multitude of evidences of His kindness and love. Every blessing that God bestows upon us should be to our soul like a fragrant flower, a sweet forget-me-not, by the receiver's heart interpreted as a sweet and fragrant: Forget-God-not. Every moment of sunshine should beckon us toward the paradise of our hope, the yonder where there are no shadows.

## Påskhögtiden

På fastlagstiden följer påsk. På lidande och död följer uppståndelse och liv i Frälsarens historia. Jesus vinner förlossning, syndaförlåtelse, liv och salighet för oss genom sin död på korset. Han vinner seger över döden och graven genom sin uppståndelse. Genom denna sin seger bevissade han sig vara en fullkommen Frälsare och blev så för oss en orsak till rättfärdighet och liv. Döden och uppståndelsen höra tillsammans i den heliga historien om Jesus. Han talar därför icke bara om sin död, då han t. ex. säger till sina lärjungar: "Se, vi gå upp till Jerusalem." Han slutar denna sin förkunnelse med de orden: "och på tredje dagen skall han uppstå igen."

Döden och uppståndelsen höra tillsammans för den kristne. Detta emedan Jesus vann seger över döden genom sin uppståndelse. "Gud vare tack som giver oss segern genom vår Herre Jesus Kristus." Skriften säger oss, att "Det är människorna förelagt att en gång dö." Men lever människan Kristus blir döden en vinning, ty då är det henne också förelagt att en gång uppstå segrande över döden. Skriften talar också om sådana, som icke dött i tron på Kristus. Om dem heter det, att de skola uppstå till evig pina. Låtom oss därför bedja Gud om nåd till att i sann botfärdighet och tro mottaga ordet om den korsfäste och uppståndne Frälsaren. Låtom oss se till, att vårt evighetshopp är fast grundat på honom, som sade "Jag är uppståndelsen och livet. Den som tror på mig, han skall leva, om han än dör; och var och en som lever och tror på mig, han skall aldrig någonsin dö." Joh. 11: 25-26.

When our troubles come, we should not murmur and complain. We should instead be patient and longsuffering. By fretting and complaining we only make deeper and darker the veil with which the sky seems overcast. If we instead look for the "silver lining," we shall surely find it, for it is part of every cloud. Let us look forward, as in the night we look forward toward dawn, and in winter we try to cheer ourselves by the thought of approaching spring and summer.

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## Editorial

### Our Conference Meeting

The annual meeting of the Columbia Conference is near at hand. Our sincere prayer is that God's richest blessings might rest over us during this meeting. May God's Spirit guide us in all our deliberations. Christ said to His disciples: "Without me ye can do nothing." This applies to us even as we gather for conventions. O, that we could realize this as we should! We would then more piously and prayerfully prepare ourselves for meeting the responsibilities that a convention of this kind imposes upon us.

### The Meeting Place

We rejoice in the triumphs of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma. Here we have a new and beautiful sanctuary, as we understand it, the finest one in our conference. Here we hold our conference convention April 17—21. We intended to show in this issue picture of the pastor and of the church, together with a brief historical sketch. But all this very properly appeared in the previous issue in connection with the dedication festivities of that church. It shall be a pleasure for us to hold our convention in this new and beautiful sanctuary. May God bless abundantly the First Lutheran Church in Tacoma, as well as all our congregations, whether they be large or small.

Work while the day lasteth. Work is a blessing. Idleness is a curse. An idle brain is the devil's workshop. Idleness is detrimental to our bodies even. 'Work, and

sweet slumbers shall rest on thy pillow." Work in the kingdom of God. Think of all He has done for you, and let it inspire you to do as much as possible for Him.

### Bör synodalmöte hållas blott vartannat år?

I tidningen "Augustana" för den 28 februari förekommer en redaktionsartikel, som på ett beaktansvärt sätt behandlar frågan, huruvida synodens konstitution bör så ändras, att synodalmöte hålles blott vartannat år. Redaktören visar, att han har kommit till övertygelse om, att en sådan ändring icke komme att gagna vår synod. "Åtminstone," säger han, "bör icke en sådan ändring göras, förrän konferenserna haft tillfälle att uttala sig i frågan." Även anser artikelförfattaren, att det vore bättre att uppskjuta frågans avgörande, åtminstone till mötet nästa år, då synoden beslutat sammanträda med direkt representation. Även uttalar i artikeln farhågan, att den föreslagna ändringen skulle försvaga intresset för synodens gemensamma verksamhetsgrenar. Vidare uttrycker sig redaktören: "Det leder till ett fämännavälde, som icke står i harmoni med våra frikyrkliga grundsatser. Begränsningen är nu så stor, som det är rådligt att göra den. Som det är, kan i medeltal en pastor blott beräkna att få vara närvarande såsom ombud omkring vart fjärde år, och om möte blott skall hållas vart annat år, så reducerar det utsikterna för en pastor att närvara såsom delegat vid ett synodalmöte till vart åttonde år. Och utsikterna för församlingarna att få någon av sina medlemmar såsom ombud vid ett synodalmöte bli va ännu mindre."

"Från världens ände" skriver pastor J. A. Edlund i "Augustana" för den 14 mars över samma ämne. Han är också emot förslaget, att synodalmöte hålles blott vartannat år. Han visar, att ifall vi ha t. ex. tjugufem präster i Columbia konferensen, så får varje pastor, såsom det nu är, fara som delegat till synodalmöte blott vart sjunde år, vilket betyder att pastor i denna konferens finge vara med som delegat vid synodalmöte blott vart fjortonde år, ifall synoden komme att sammanträda blott vartannat år.

Tecknaren av detta ställer sig gärna beträffande här berörda fråga i ledet med dr. Abrahamson och pastor Edlund. Han tror att flertalet i vår synod gör detsamma. Skola vi såsom församlingar och pastorer icke få direkt vara med om synodens göromål mer än tre eller fyra gånger under en pastors verksamhetstid, eller på sin höjd fem gånger, då kan resultatet icke bli annat än minskat intresse för det allmänna. Man må tala huru mycket man vill om huru man bör känna sin plikt och vara trogen sin kallelse. Det förbliver dock

alltid ett faktum, att vi människor behöva inspiration och måste närmare få vara med om att bestämma angående angelägenheter i vilka vi skola förbli intresserade, annars avtager snart intresset.

För församlingarna härute på kusten bleve det helt säkert svårare att behålla sina arbetare eller få nya hitut, ifall den föreslagna ändringen i här omskrivna stycke komme att äga rum. Ofta höra vi nu, att den eller den pastorn skulle gärna vilja flytta hitut, ifall man därmed ej komme så långt ifrån synodens centrum. Känner man sig så nu, då man kan ha hopp om att få samlas vart fjärde eller femte eller minst vart sjunde år med bröder och övriga trossyskon från synodens olika delar, huru skulle det då bli, ifall man ej kunde ha hopp om att så få samlas mer än vart åttonde eller vart tionde, eller kanske vart fjortonde år. Orsaken till förslaget för nämnda ändring för synodalmötets hållande har man angivit vara de dryga omkostnaderna, som förknippa sig med sådant möte. Skall man verkligen behöva att så lägga an på sparsamhet i sådant stycke i en tid, då människor varje år mera allmänt resa långa distanser med tåg eller bil än någonsin tillföre? Skall det vara nödvändigt för synoden att reducera sina möten till vartannat år, då man annars har "conventions" till ett sig alltjämt förökande antal? Man reser ju tusentals mil till "Christian Conferences" som hålles vid våra läroverk, vilket är ju någonting jämförelsevis nytt ibland oss. Intet annat än gott ha vi att säga härom. Men skall man nu under ett sådant stormötenas tidevarv behöva att reducera synodalmötenas antal till blott hälften av vad vi varit vana vid allt sedan synodens stiftelse?

Att ändra synodalmötets hållande till blott vartannat år skulle ock innebära ändring med avseende på prästvigning. Vartannat år komme den att hållas av synoden och vartannat år av något utskott. Vi finge då präster vigda till sitt ämbete av synoden och präster därtill vigda blott av ett utskott. Huru komme många blott vigda av ett utskott att känna sig däröver? Många av dessa komme nog att beklaga, att omständigheterna vid den ena prästvigningen komme att skilja sig så långt från omständigheterna vid den andra. Vi tro på jämlikhet, och mången komme nog att tro på jämlikhet även vad beträffar prästvigning.

Förslag till konstitutionsförändring, som föreskriver, att synoden håller möte blott vartannat år, kommer upp för synoden vid dess nästa möte, som hålles i juni i Rockford, Ill. Vi hoppas att vårt folk härute är emot sådan ändring. Ifall så är förhållandet, böra vi vid stundande konferensmöte i Tacoma antaga en resolution, som till synoden uttalar vårt ogillande av den föreslagna konstitutionsförändringen.

## Annual Meeting of the Columbia Conference

The Columbia Conference of the Lutheran Augustana Synod will convene for its thirty-seventh annual meeting in the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, April 17 to 21, 1929. The Board of Trustees of the Conference meets on the 17th, at 10:00 a. m. The Pastoral Conference meets at 2:00 p. m. on the 17th. The official opening of the Conference takes place on the 17th, at 7:30 p. m.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference will likewise be the guest of the First Church and will meet simultaneously with the Conference.

All delegates desiring accommodations during the Conference are to apply for same to the pastor of the First Church, the Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, 811 So. 8th street, and mail to him the regular registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00), at least one week prior to the meeting.

The pastoral reports are to be sent to the acting president of the Conference, the Rev. G. K. Andeen, East 1814 Pacific street, Spokane, Washington, at least 30 days before the opening of the annual meeting. All matters to come before the business sessions of the Conference must be in the possession of the acting president at least ten days prior to the meeting.

The secretaries of the various districts are reminded to send all data to the secretary of the Conference as per request in letters received.

C. G. Bloomquist, Sec'y.

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### Conference Program

The Annual Convention of the Columbia Conference, of the Augustana Synod, convenes April 17-21; at the First Lutheran Church, corner South Sixth and I street, Tacoma, Washington.

The Conference program is as follows:

The Conference begins Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Pastoral Conference. Topics for discussion at the conference will be "Re-building the Family Altar," by Rev. Roger P. Oliver of Moscow, Idaho, and second, "How can the Church Win the Unchurched?" by Rev. O. W. Westling, Lynden, Washington.

The opening service of the Conference begins Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock with the Conference sermon by Rev. G. K. Andeen, acting president of the Columbia Conference. Liturgs for this service will be Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Seattle, Washington, secretary of the Conference and Rev. M. L. Swanson, Mt. Vernon, Washington, treasurer of the Conference.

Luncheon will be served Wednesday at 12:15. Dinner will be at 5:30.

Thursday morning, devotion at 8:45. The topic will be, "Behold the Field," John 4: 35, by Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom, Warren, Oregon.

Business session at 9:30.

Luncheon at 12:15.

The Thursday afternoon devotion opens at 1:45, topic, "An Open Door in Spite of Opposition," 1 Corinthians 16: 9, by Rev. E. J. Sakrison, Colton, Oregon.

Business session at 2:30.

Dinner at 5:30.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the Woman's Missionary Society will furnish the program. Mrs. Emmy Evald, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Augustana Synod, will be the principal speaker. An address by Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seattle, Washington will also be given.

Friday morning at 8:45 devotion. The topic will be "Go Forward," Exodus 14: 15, and given by Rev. Enoch Sandeen, Gresham, Oregon.

Business session at 9:30.

Luncheon at 12:15.

The Friday afternoon devotion will be at 1:45. Topic, "Be not Weary in Well Doing," Galatians 6: 9 led by Rev. A. G. Anderson, Astoria, Oregon.

Business session at 2:30.

Dinner at 5:30.

In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be an illustrated lecture, "The Making of the New Hymnal," by Mr. J. G. Youngquist, manager of the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Illinois.

At 7:45 a sacred concert by the choir of the First Church will be given.

Saturday morning at 8:45, devotion. Topic "Encouragements of the Past," Hebrews 12: 1, led by Rev. Joseph Anderson, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

Business session at 9:30.

Luncheon at 12:15.

Afternoon at 1:45 devotion. Topic "The Hopeful Future," Hebrews 12: 22-29, led by Rev. F. W. Hanson, Troy, Idaho.

At 2:00-3:30 there will be a business session of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

At 3:30 a tour of the city.

In the evening at 6:30, Lutheran Brotherhood banquet.

Sunday morning at 9:15 to 10:15, Sunday School rally. The speaker will be Rev. O. R. Karlstrom, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

Sunday morning at 10:30, Communion service. Communion meditation by Rev. J. A. Edlund, Marshfield, Oregon and sermon by Rev. A. M. Green of Portland, Oregon. Liturgs for this service will be Rev. P. H. Nordlander, Yakima, Washington, and Dr. C. R. Swanson, Seattle.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a Young People's rally. Speakers will be Mr. Harry Lundblad of Everett, Wash-

ington and Rev. N. William Anderson of Spokane, Washington.

At 5:30, luncheon.

Closing service at 8 o'clock. Sermons will be by Rev. L. I. Cornay, Bellingham, Washington, and Rev. H. P. Johnson of Portland, Oregon. Liturgs for this service will be Rev. E. Arthur Larson, So. Tacoma, Washington, and Rev. H. F. H. Hartelius, Seattle.

Meals will be served in the dining rooms of the First Lutheran church.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold its sessions in St. John's Lutheran Church, corner South Fifth and I street; just one block north of the First church.

### Announcement

The Columbia Conference Woman's Missionary Society will hold its fifteenth annual convention April 17 to 21 at Tacoma, Washington, First Lutheran Church.

All delegates who desire lodging kindly notify Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, 811 So. 8th street, Tacoma.

Morning sessions will begin at 9 o'clock.

The Missionary Festival will be held Thursday evening April 18.

Mrs. Emmy Evald will be the speaker.

Mrs. Conrad Haggblom, Sec'y.

## Contributed

### Report

From the Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Spokane District.

The ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Spokane District was held in the First Lutheran Church, Moscow, Idaho, February 26-27. The business meeting was opened at 10:00 a. m. the first named date. Rev. G. K. Andeen of Spokane read Is. 49 and led in prayer. Prayers were also offered by several others present. Mrs. Frank Oberg welcomed the pastors, delegates and others present to the First Lutheran church and to the homes. Response was given by Mrs. C. W. Erickson of Spokane. The meeting was presided over by our vice president, Mrs. O. A. Johnson in the absence of the district president, Mrs. W. J. Olson, who was in California at the time. A very encouraging president's report was read. It showed that the spirit of willingness had prevailed in the different societies. The treasurer's report showed that \$1,327.71 had been gathered during the year. Other reports showed that vigorous work had been carried on in all departments during the year. The Columbia Conference recommendations for the year 1929 were read and accepted. It was

recommended that they be followed as closely as possible by each society.

The cause of the new hospice for young women, just opened in Vancouver, B. C., was considered of special importance.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. J. Olson, Spokane; vice president, Mrs. C. W. Erickson, Spokane; secretary, Mrs. R. P. Oliver, Moscow; treasurer, Mrs. F. Oberg, Moscow; Junior secretary, Mrs. D. S. Ofelt, Spokane; Young Women's secretary, Miss Caroline Clauson, Spokane. It was decided to send a greeting to Mrs. W. J. Olson, at that time in California. A rising vote of thanks was given to all the officers of the past year.

On Wednesday evening a splendid missionary program was given. Rev. G. K. Andeen read from Matt. 28 and led in prayer. Bernice Rydholm gave a declamation: "The Lost Sheep." A hymn was again sung by the congregation and prayer was offered by Miss Caroline Clauson of Spokane. Elmer Anderson of Moscow gave a violin solo. Rev. Hegge of Moscow spoke on "The Fruit of the Spirit." An anthem was sung by the choir. Remarks were made by Rev. R. P. Oliver of Moscow.

The resolution committee consisted of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. C. W. Erickson and Miss Caroline Clauson. Through the resolutions read were expressed thanks and appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Oliver, and to the members of the congregation for the kind hospitality, that all had so abundantly enjoyed. It truly can be said that these district meetings are a great source of inspiration in our W. M. S. work. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts and guide us in our labor in His vineyard.

Mrs. W. J. Nelson.

### Spokane District Meeting at Moscow, Idaho

Usually the Spokane District gathers for its annual meeting during the latter part of January, but because of weather and road conditions prevailing at that time, this meeting was held on February 26-27 this year.

The First Lutheran church of Moscow, Idaho, was the host this year. Rev. R. P. Oliver is the pastor. The pastors and delegates of all the congregations in this district were present. Being that the Woman's Missionary society of the Spokane district also held their annual meeting as the guests of the First Lutheran church, the ranks of the visiting delegation were materially increased.

The President of the district, Rev. R. P. Oliver gave his official report, which showed that the pastors and members of our several churches have been active and faithful in their work. Of course the out-

standing activity in all the churches is, and should be, the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Holy Sacraments. All the congregations had done some improvements. Nearly all the congregations of the District have done their allotted share, to the Columbia Hospital at Astoria, as requested of them by the Conference Executive Board.

This District has two congregations which can be classified as Mission Congregations, namely Coeur d'Alene and Mullen, Idaho. Much can not be done in the limited time at the disposal of the vice pastors of these congregations. Calls have at different times been extended to pastors to take up the work as district missionary, but presumably they will not receive a pastor before we have an oversupply of pastors, and that may take many years. In the meantime others will come in on these fields and we are the losers.

Our congregation in Troy, Idaho, presented a petition for recommendation to the Columbia Conference, that it be granted \$400 aid. The district recommended that \$350 aid be given.

For 1929 the following will serve as officers: President, Rev. N. William Anderson, vice president Rev. G. K. Andeen, secretary Rev. F. W. Hanson and treasurer Rev. R. P. Oliver.

The next district meeting will be held at Troy, Idaho on May 21-22. The District Luther League convention will be held at the Grace Lutheran church in Spokane, the last part of June.

The programs held at this meeting proved to be the truly inspirational part of our meeting, and so it should be. On Tuesday p. m. the theme: "Hålla Hans bud" (John 15: 10-17) was introduced by Rev. F. W. Hanson, which led to an interesting and helpful discussion. Holy Communion was celebrated in the evening. Rev. G. K. Andeen spoke in the Swedish language on "Hvem är Jesus?" (John 8: 21-30). Rev. N. William Anderson preached the English preparatory sermon on "Behold the Man" (John 19: 1-5.)

The annual business meeting was held on Wednesday a. m. at the parsonage.

"The Wayside Hearer" was the theme for discussion during the afternoon program. The subject was introduced by Rev. N. William Anderson. Text Matt. 13: 4, 19, a fruitful discussion followed. In the evening a mission rally program was held by the District Woman's Missionary society. The speaker was Rev. E. M. Hegge, a returned missionary of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, now pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Moscow. The Moscow Missionary Society had arranged a splendid program for this occasion.

The Moscow Missionary Society served noon and evening meals in the church parlors. The delegates were also given enter-

tainment in the homes of families. The fine entertainment, both meals and lodging was greatly appreciated by all the delegates. The delegates and pastors express their gratitude to the First Lutheran church and to Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Oliver for cordiality and hospitality. May God abundantly bless our coming together, our individual churches and the church at large.

N. William Anderson,  
Pres. Spokane Dist.

### W. M. S. Meeting, Portland District

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland district was held on Thursday afternoon, February 28th, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. H. P. Johnson, president presiding.

The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer offered by Mrs. Eric Wahlstrom. Mrs. Aug. Elmquist extended greetings of welcome to delegates, members and friends to which Mrs. E. L. Axelson responded. Roll call was then taken, showing a large number of delegates and visitors present. The past year's work was then reviewed. Reports from local chairmen and from the officers of the district were read. These reports contained many very helpful suggestions for work and development in the future. According to all of these reports the Missionary Society seems to be gathering momentum, and plans were laid for extensive work during the coming year. During the past year a drive for new members was conducted. The society from the Immanuel church winning the ten dollar prize which was offered the society that gained the largest percentage of new members during the year.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. H. P. Johnson; vice president, Mrs. Melvin Hult; secretary, Mrs. Alfred Olson; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Carlborg; Junior Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Franklin; Mission Tidings Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Earl; Lace and Bead Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Wahlstrom; Membership Secretary, Mrs. Milton Chingren; Young Woman's Secretary, Mrs. Eric Dahlberg; Calendar Secretary, Mrs. A. V. Anderson; Auditors, Mrs. E. M. Erickson and Mrs. Aaron Rudeen.

Numerous recommendations from the conference were read and accepted; also other recommendations from the district board were discussed and approved covering the activities planned for the year 1929. The entire meeting was very inspiring and interesting. It was a joy to hear the various reports. We hope that this year even more interest in the Missionary society may be stimulated, and that the

work may continue to grow and be crowned with God's richest blessings.

The business session was closed with prayer by Mrs. J. W. Unis.

Following the business meeting a very good luncheon was served by the ladies of the Immanuel church. At this time the delegates and others who stayed took advantage of the opportunity to become better acquainted and all seemed to enjoy this social period very much.

The program rendered in the evening was the concluding service of the Portland district meeting and was enjoyed by a large audience. Mrs. J. W. Unis of Seattle was present and spoke on "The Changing Chinese Woman." Rev. Enoch Sandeen spoke on "Home Missions." The Immanuel Woman's Missionary chorus sang. There were also several other attractive numbers on the program.

Mrs. A. E. Olson.

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#### President's Report

To the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland District:  
Grace and Peace!

"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6: 9.

God has called us to service. All who have been saved, to whom God has given health and strength, have been saved to serve. It is not enough that we only once in a great while try to do something for our Lord and Master. God requires that we prove ourselves faithful. This He shows us very plainly in so many places of His holy word. Finally He comes, in the last book of the Bible, with the admonition: "Be faithful unto the end and I will give you the crown of glory."

We as a society have not accomplished any big things this past year, but we know the Lord has looked with favor upon what little we have done.

There are ten organized adult societies and five Junior Mission Bands in the district besides one contributing society.

The district has 249 active annual members, 61 life members, 14 honorary members and 121 juniors, or a total membership of 445.

Some of the societies show a gain, while others a loss, and some stand the same as last year. According to reports there have been six deaths.

At the last Synodical meeting it was decided that the funds that are received through life memberships and honorary memberships will be applied to a building fund, to be used for a chapel at Bethphage and a hospital in Africa.

Let us work hard this year and increase our membership. There are many within our district, who have not as yet joined the missionary society. Let us, each one of

us, try to win one or two or more, then we will soon have a large organization.

Besides the annual meeting in February the District held a missionary rally at Colton in October, and the Juniors have also held two rallies, one in June and the other in November. All these meetings were well attended.

Local societies within the district have held meetings as follows: One society held regular meetings every month, three met every other month, two four times a year, one three times, one twice, and one met once during the year. Only one society made use of the Mission Studies.

Five of the local societies have held one or more extra meetings during the year, one society has held as many as nine extra meetings. Three of the societies observed prayer day, while seven have held home mission festivals.

We have 162 subscribers to the Mission Tidings, ten of which are new subscribers. The Mission Tidings is a paper that every member should have and read, as we through this paper receive information concerning our missionaries and our mission work, both on the home and foreign fields.

Our Synodical Field Secretary, Mrs. Frank Olson of Des Moines, Iowa, visited four of our societies. Her visit was very much appreciated by all who heard her.

Three proteges have been supported: Miss Anna Olson, missionary nurse to China; Miss Viola Swenson, a student at the Lutheran Bible Institute in St. Paul, and a Bible woman in China.

The local societies have also contributed to the following causes: The administration fund, Columbia hospital, Old People's Home at Seattle, seamen's missions, orphanages, dime books, the industrial work at Bethphage, the Christmas cheer fund, deaconess work, to the India, China and Africa missions and to the Lutheran Young Women's Home in Vancouver.

The treasurer's report shows that \$1,422.09 has been gathered during the year.

May God bless us and help us to work even with a greater zeal this coming year.

"He is counting on you!  
On a love that will share  
In His burden of prayer;  
For the souls He has bought  
Through His sorrow and pain  
To win "home" yet again;  
He is counting on you.  
If you fail Him—what then?"

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. P. Johnson,

President W. M. S. Portland District.  
Portland, February 28, 1929.

#### St. Helens, Ore.

The First Lutheran church of St. Helens, Ore., celebrated its 5th anniversary on Sunday afternoon, February 3. Rev. H. P. Johnson, president of the Portland district, delivered the anniversary address. Mrs. A. V. Anderson of Portland, Mr. Jack Kelly of St. Helens, and the ladies' chorus of the church rendered several vocal selections. The church was filled to capacity with members and friends from St. Helens and vicinity. After the program the ladies of the church served a fine luncheon to all present in the parlors of the Methodist church.

The congregation was organized on February 1, 1924, with a membership of 21 communicants and 21 children. The growth in membership has not been so considerable, but being the only Lutheran church in the city and having all its services in English, the church is able to minister to a large constituency. Eight different nationalities are represented in the membership of the church. The Luther League and the Ladies' Aid are very active in the support of the church.

E. H. W.

#### Portland District Luther League

The Executive Committee of the Portland District Luther League met in the Immanuel church in Portland on Monday evening, March 4. Rev. E. Sandeen, the dean of the Bible Institute, reported on the program and the plans for the 1929 institute to be held in Colton, August 4—11. All his recommendations were enthusiastically received and approved. We consider ourselves fortunate in having secured the services of so eminent teachers as Dr. Wendell of Minneapolis, and Dr. Wm. Schoeler of Independence, Ore. The plans for advertising the Institute and its programs were strongly endorsed.

It was decided to hold the 1929 Luther League convention in connection with the Bible Institute, on Saturday and Sunday, August 3—4. It would have been Gresham's turn to have the convention this year, but the Luther League of Gresham decided to relinquish its right in favor of the Bible Institute. A tentative program for the convention was made out by the committee. This will be published later. Remember the date of the convention, August 3—4. The business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock.

E. H. W.

There is nothing that the world needs so badly as the gospel of Jesus Christ. Crimes will diminish and justice will prevail only when the leaven of the Kingdom of God is allowed to leaven the whole lump.

### Missionsmöte och pastorsinstallation i Vancouver, B. C.

Mount Baker Distriktet höll missionsmöte i Vancouver, B. C., söndagen, måndagen och tisdagen den 10, 11 och 12 mars.

Pastorsinstallation med nattvardsgång hölls på söndagskvällen. Dr. C. R. Swanson från Getsemane kyrkan i Seattle, Vancouver församlingens förste permanente pastor, höll installationstalet. De övriga av distriktets pastorer närvarande deltog även i installationsakten. Dr. Joseph Anderson höll skrifttalet vid denna gudstjänst. Dr. J. Anderson är broder till Dr. G. A. Anderson som stiftade församlingen i Vancouver. Ett större antal, bortåt 75 personer intogos vid detta tillfälle som medlemmar i församlingen. En stor åhörareskara var närvarande. Undertecknad var inte närvarande vid denna gudstjänst men ryktesvis fingo vi höra att denna gudstjänst var ifrån början till slut minnesrik, inspirerande och uppbygglig.

På måndags förmiddag höll den lutherska pastorsföreningen i Vancouver ett trevligt möte och samkväm i pastorshemmet. Vid detta tillfälle höll den norske lutherske pastorn J. Vikse föreläsning över ämnet: "De dödas uppståndelse." Många av de närvarande deltog sedan i en livlig diskussion över ämnet. Efter mötets slut bjöd Mrs. O. R. Karlström på en fin middag. Vi tacka så hjärtligt!

På eftermiddagen besökte vi sjukhusen i staden, lämnande råd och kanske några tröstens och uppmuntringens ord åt de sjuka.

På måndagskvällen hölls inre missionsgudstjänst i kyrkan. Pastor Martin L. Swanson och pastor O. W. Westling talade. Den förre hade fått till ämne: "Vår kyrkas ansvar gent emot våra nykomna och hemlösa flickor." Matt. 25: 35. Det är redan känt att ett flickhem har nyligen öppnats i församlingens f. d. prästgård 431 Princess ave. Pastor O. W. Westling talade över ämnet: "Vår kyrkas ansvar gent emot våra män, sjömän, fiskare, gruvarbetare, skogsarbetare m. fl. som vistas i denna stad." Lk. 14: 12—24.

Distriktet höll affärsmöte på tisdags förmiddag.

Kvinnornas missionsförening höll missionsfest på tisdags eftermiddag. För detta tillfälle hade pastor Karlström uppsatt som ämne för samtal: "Finna och vinna varandra för Kristus" Matt. 4: 19, John 1: 14. Detta samtal inleddes på ett värdigt sätt av Dr. Joseph Anderson. Sedan lämnade distriktets pastorer goda inlägg tillsammans i samtalet.

Detta distriktsmöte avslutades med passionsgudstjänst på samma kväll. Vi fingo då höra på två goda predikningar. Pastor Luther Cornay predikade först över ämnet: "The Glory of Christ's Reconcili-

ation" Eph. 2: 12—22. Studerande Harry Lundblad predikade över ämnet: "Oh, Be Ye Reconciled to God!"

Under mötets gång presterades extra sång och musik av följande personer: Systrarna Signe Dutton och Hermina McSpadden, församlingens sångkör, Mrs. O. R. Karlström på harpa, Hlidur Karlström, Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mr. Elis Johnson, strängbandet, pastor och Mrs. Karlström (duett) m. fl.

Vi äro tack skyldiga pastor och Mrs. Karlström samt Vancouver folket som skötte om oss så väl med mat och logi dagarna medan vi voro i Vancouver denna gång.

Allt synes ha kommit väl i gång och vara på uppsväng igen nu i församlingen i Vancouver, sedan pastor Karlströms hitkomst. Detta är ett viktigt fält och behöver erfaren tillsyn och herdevård. Gud styrke pastor Karlström i det maktpåliggande verket därstädes. Gud lede sitt verk i Vancouver och över allt i våra församlingar så att utgången må bli att många själar må frälsas och fostras i nåden!

På uppdrag,

Martin L. Swanson.

### The Tacoma District

In the Tacoma District it seems as though it is becoming a fad to say farewell and leave the district. At the district meeting at Emmaus, Seattle, the Rev. G. A. Herbert preached his farewell sermon before a district gathering.

It is with a feeling of sadness that the district bids farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert. Rev. Herbert has become dear to the hearts of his brethren in the ministry and to a large host of people in the district and conference. Those who have not had occasion to hear him preach have listened to him through the press (Columbia Lutheran) and have appreciated the messages God has sent to his people through him.

Though we feel our loss keenly, we realize that our loss is gain to the Illinois conference. We are confident that the pastors that have been battling with many problems on the Pacific Coast are going to be big assets wherever they go, and with that thought in mind we are happy to know that Rev. Herbert and family are moving without doubt into fields of great opportunity. Rev. Herbert says "I will have a whole city to myself."

As manager of the Columbia Lutheran for the time being I want to express the appreciation of the readers of this paper to Rev. Herbert, the pioneer editor of the Conference paper. I could repeat many good things that have been said for Rev. Herbert, both as editor and preacher. But by this time he and his good wife have been filled to overflowing with words of

praise and well wishes. Farewell banquets and get togethers have come to them in numbers. And if Mrs. Herbert is able to keep Rev. Herbert on the diet prescribed by his physician, she will do wonders.

The Tacoma district took occasion to bid farewell at the last meeting held at Emmaus, Seattle. Rev. P. H. Nordlander spoke words of farewell and expressed the sentiments of the district to Rev. G. A. Herbert and family. Monday evening the 18th the Augustana pastors of Seattle and their wives and a few special friends sat down at a special banquet arranged by Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Swanson and Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Bloomquist at the Wilsonian in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert.

At this banquet we had the opportunity of getting very intimately acquainted with Rev. Herbert. At the table were two noted doctors of medicine, Dr. Magnuson and Dr. Unis. The latter in his clever way told us a great deal about the make-up of Rev. Herbert as to cell structure, blood composition etc., also stated that Rev. Herbert would of necessity return to the West in a short time for another inoculation to withstand cold. To substantiate the many good things that had been said of Rev. Herbert Dr. E. J. Vickner of the U. of W. added that from a teacher's standpoint he could testify that Herbert is a very bright student and that he would very likely receive the degree for which he has been working. Much more could be said even the venerable pastor and father Rev. Truedson waxed eloquent in telling of a very humorous story of sea sickness on the great lakes.

A farewell was held for Rev. Herbert by the Seattle Lutheran Pastors' Association at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday 12:30 noon. This time the brethren of the various synods expressed appreciation for Herbert's work on the coast. Thus one farewell after another shows that Herberts are leaving a host of friends. Therefore we trust that they shall soon return to the coast.

A farewell at Bethel will take place Tuesday the 26th.

### Distinguished Teachers Will Take Part In Bible Institute

Dr. C. A. Wendell, of Minneapolis, and Rev. Wm. Schoeler, of Oregon, have consented to be the visiting teachers at the seventh annual Bible Institute of the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District Luther League. The conference will be held July 20—28 (inclusive) at Strafford's park, on Lake Sarnnamish, east of Seattle.

A series of Bible studies and inspiring talks will be given by Dr. Wendell, whose addresses were well received at last year's

institute. Dr. Wendell is favorably known throughout the country as a gifted teacher and speaker, and a young people's friend. He is pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Minneapolis, and student pastor at the University of Minnesota, the state university with the largest Lutheran enrollment in the country.

Rev. Schoeler, who will deliver several special lectures, is executive secretary of the Lutheran Student Service Association of Oregon, doing work at the Oregon state universities. He is the author of several timely books.

The Institute is fortunate in securing the services of these two men who understand young people and their problems. The district pastors will also have worthy contributions to the programs, both in studies and addresses. It is also planned to have the young people take an active part.

Strafford's Park is an attractive summer resort, new last summer. Its excellent equipment and accommodations will make it an ideal place for Luther Leaguers to spend a pleasant and profitable vacation. Pastors and young people should go out and inspect the site some time soon and be convinced of its charms.

Complete program, exact cost, registration details, will be announced soon. The cost will be moderate. Write the undersigned at 306 East 76th street, Seattle, for additional information. Suggestions from those interested in the Institute are invited.

Arthur Hillman,  
Publicity Manager.

### Portland District Bible Institute

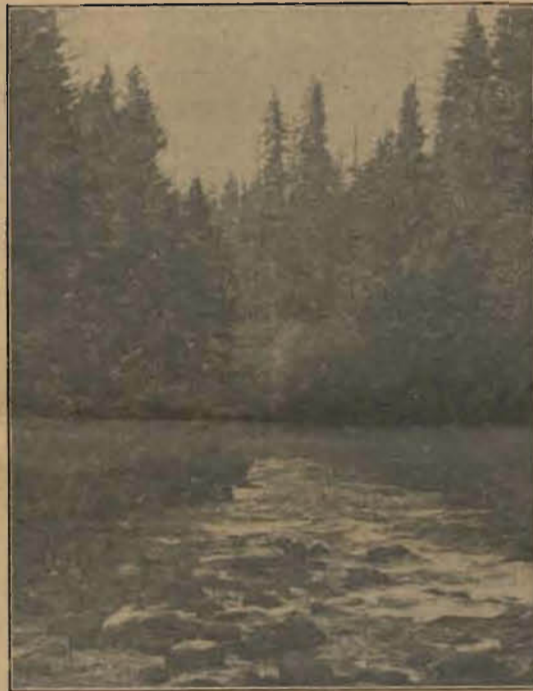
The Portland District Bible Institute will again be held at idyllic Colton where "brooklets sing their everlasting song of beauty" and stately firs "their balsam shed." The date is August 3—11 and is in itself an assurance of success. At this time nature stands in holiday apparel. The cool mountain brooks make the air just cool enough to be comfortable. The woods are pregnant with the odor of pitch and of flowers. The birds seem to have taken refuge under the branches of beautiful cedars. Everything seems to have conspired to make this month the "paradise month" for all who seek "the great open spaces"—or, speaking more correctly "the green nooks out West."

But nature is not the only thing that is going to be beautiful in Colton this summer. The program promises to be the best ever. Dr. C. A. Wendell will be back again—and that is enough to cause optimism. He will lecture on "The Parable of the Vine and the Branches." The individual subjects submitted to the dean speak success in every line. Then there

is Dr. William Schoeler, author and lecturer of note. His lectures will cover subjects like "Lessons of a Vision," "Majestic claims," "Man's Place in the Universe," "Nebuchadnezzar's Dream," "Christ in Prophecy," etc. Then there will be interesting lectures each day by local pastors and also by some visitors. In fact, we hope to have with us not less than 11 teachers and lecturers!

Still, that is not all. We are assured of expert musicians to the number of four—not counting professional singers of the type of Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult, Mrs. Hilda Lindborg, Mrs. Vivian Woodside, Mr. William Elliot of the Bjornskjold Opera Company, and H. Warner of oratorio fame! And many others.

And if you want more of interest, we might mention the bonfires and special spiritual programs—the most interesting—



Nature scene near Sylvan Chapel, Colton, Ore., where the Portland District Bible Institute will be held.

arranged for three of the evenings. Also an illustrated lecture by Dr. C. A. Wendell on "The Sea Hath Spoken." Yes, and a special Bible Institute Pageant on the history of the Church written especially for the occasion. Then there is the hope that Rev. C. O. Lundquist of romantic San Francisco will be with us for at least one address. He will speak during the Luther League Convention which will be held in conjunction with the Institute beginning August 3 and concluding August 4.

Such is the program so far. But more "is yet to come." The individual leagues have been so kind as to donate about a hundred dollars to the advertising fund of the Institute, and as the dean believes in printer's ink as in truth itself there will be a fine illustrated Bible Institute Messenger forthcoming some time in June. And while you wait for that—you ought

to make up your mind at once—"TO COLTON AUGUST 3—11, ME FOR OREGON."

Enoch Sandeen, dean.

### Portland District Meeting

The progressive and inventive field secretary of Portland district, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, had in a unique way planned the mission meeting, which was held in his church in Powell Valley, near Gresham, Ore., the week before Holy Week. The meeting began on Tuesday evening and continued every day till Friday evening. Rev. E. J. Sakrison of Colton, Ore., spoke Tuesday evening on "The King Anointed at Bethany." Wed. 2:30 p. m. Rev. A. G. Anderson of Astoria spoke on "The King's Throne-speech in the Upper Room." In the evening Rev. Eric Wahlstrom of Warren, Ore., spoke on "The King's Prayer in Gethsemane." On Thursday 2:30 p. m. Rev. A. G. Anderson discussed the theme: "Is the King the Son of God?" On the evening of that same day Rev. A. M. Green preached a sermon on the subject "The King before Pilate." The final service was held on Friday evening, when Rev. H. P. Johnson preached on "The Meaning of the King's Cross." An abundance of vocal solos and quartet songs beautified each service. Christ's sufferings were also portrayed through the use of stereopticon slides. All was very impressive. Each evening the church was full to overflowing. We were informed that some had to be turned away because of lack of room. Very attractive bulletins had given publicity to the service. A new artistic program was given out for each service. It is inspiring to take part in mission meetings, when they are attended as well as these services were in our church at Gresham.

H. P. J.

### Items of Interest

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom has received call from the synod mission board to return to China.

Rev. Martin L. Swanson has been called by the Luth. Immanuel Church of Detroit, Mich., to become its pastor.

Our fields out here on the coast are exceedingly important. We therefore hope the pastors mentioned above will remain in their respective congregations.

Rev. J. Billdt of San Jose, Cal., has been called as pastor of Everett-Hartford charge in Washington.

Mrs. Emmy Evald, president of the Synod Woman's Missionary Society will be present at the conference meeting in Tacoma as guest of the Conference Woman's

Missionary Society. She will address the society at its fifteenth anniversary festival held in connection with the conference meeting. She will also address local societies within the conference during her stay on the coast.

Immanuel Woman's Missionary Society of Portland, Ore., won the first prize of ten dollars offered the society that gained within the district the largest percentage of new members during the year.

The Immanuel Church, Portland, has decided to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. The congregation was organized December 28, 1879, by Rev. Peter Carlson. The anniversary festivities will probably be set for that same date next December.

If you tune in on KXA Fridays at 10 a. m. and on KVL on Wednesday at 5 p. m. you will have opportunity to hear some of the Lutheran pastors. Student Nelson and the Emmaus Quartet intend to be on for a service Wednesday, April 24, at 5 p. m. over KVL.

### Columbia Hospital Debt Drive

#### Distribution on Churches:

Portland District—	Quota	Paid
Immanuel .....	\$1,300.00	\$1,237.00
First, Astoria .....		
Elim, Brush Prairie.....	150.00	150.00
Trinity, Marshfield.....	240.00	34.00
Valby, Ione .....	80.00	120.00
Bethlehem, Mist .....		
Saron, Powell Valley....	335.00	280.00
Augustana, Portland ...	1,350.00	1,350.00
Bethany, Warren .....	475.00	475.00
Columbia, Mayger .....	90.00	75.22
Bethany, Skamokawa.....		
Carlsborg, Colton .....	400.00	107.75
First, North Bend.....	100.00	40.00
Eden, Elgarose .....	100.00	131.00
First, St. Helens .....	125.00	102.00
Portl. Dist. L. L.....		250.00

\$4,745.00 \$4,351.97

District Quota Deficit—\$393.03.

Tacoma District—	Quota	Paid
First, Tacoma .....	\$2,250.00	
Gethsemane, Seattle.....	2,150.00	\$2,150.00
St. John's Bothell .....	100.00	100.00
Sunne, Vega .....	75.00	
Sw.-Fin., Rochester .....	150.00	
Bethesda, Olympia .....	200.00	200.00
Immanuel, Tacoma .....	75.00	75.00
Bethel, Seattle .....	340.00	
Ansgarii, So. Bend .....	45.00	66.50
Saron, Hoquiam .....	260.00	
Seloam, Aberdeen .....	225.00	261.00
Bethany, Seattle .....	950.00	950.00
Elim, Waterman .....	45.00	50.00
Emmaus, Seattle .....	270.00	270.00
Bethel, Tacoma .....	75.00	75.00
Messiah, Auburn .....	150.00	43.50
Bethasy, Pt. Blakeley..	100.00	91.75

Central, Yakima .....	375.00	210.00
Tac.-Mt. Baker L. L. ....		100.00
	\$7,835.00	\$4,642.75

District Quota Deficit—\$3,192.25.

Spokane District—	Quota	Paid
Spokane Dist. L. L.....	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Zion, Coeur d'Alene.....	50.00	75.00
First, Moscow .....	800.00	
Westdala, Troy .....	375.00	369.50
Salem, Spokane .....	1,200.00	1,200.00
Immanuel, Mullen .....	40.00	
Grace, Spokane .....	1,000.00	1,000.00

\$3,465.00 \$2,694.50

District Quota Deficit—\$720.50.

Mt. Baker District—	Quota	Paid
First, Bellingham .....	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sion, Everett .....	500.00	500.00
First, Clearbrook .....	300.00	300.00
First, Vancouver .....	400.00	400.00
Immanuel, Ferndale.....	25.00	25.00
Zion, Anacortes .....	50.00	25.00
Im., New Westm. ....	165.00	165.00
Bethl. Sedro Woolley....	450.00	83.00
Ebenezer, Hartford .....	150.00	150.00
Salem, Mt. Vernon.....	1,250.00	1,250.00
Im., Edgcomb .....	40.00	
Mt. Baker Dist. L. L. ....		100.00

\$3,630.00 \$3,298.00

District Quota Deficit—\$332.00.

#### Income from other sources

W. M. S., Im. Portland.....	\$ 35.00
(On furnishing a room)	
Synodical W. M. S. ....	51.26
W. M. S., Im. Portland .....	95.00
(On furnishing a room)	
W. M. S., Salem .....	15.00
Conference W. M. S.....	120.00

\$316.26

#### Recapitulation.

Received from districts—	
Portland district .....	\$ 4,351.97
Tacoma district .....	4,642.75
Spokane district .....	2,694.50
Mount Baker district .....	3,298.00
Received from other sources.....	316.26

Total received on debt drive...\$15,303.48

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This complete report of the Columbia Hospital Debt Drive within the congregations of the Columbia Conference is published at the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Conference. It will help to enlighten the Conference churches on just what has been accomplished in this matter to date.

Very respectfully,

Martin L. Swanson,

Columbia Conference Treasurer.

March 25, 1929.

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