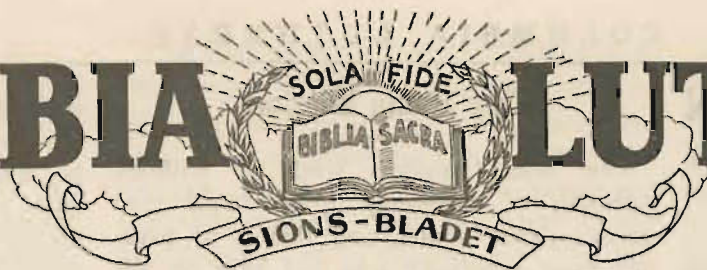


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The Great White Host



We have just celebrated All Saints Day. We were through the texts for that day reminded of what God wants us to be as His saints here on earth. We heard the word of Jesus, in which we were urged so to live that we might prove ourselves to be lights in the world and a salt unto the earth. The old Gospel Text showed us how we might become blessed even here in this life. Yea, God would, if possible, convince us of the glorious truth, that to be a child of God means to be blessed in spite of all trials and tribulations that we may be called upon to go through. God also wanted to assure us through that if He might be permitted to carry on through His Holy Spirit His sanctifying work in our hearts, then shall we truly be His children, and that implies that we shall also be the saints of God.

How wonderful that God is willing to call us saints! This He does, however, in many places in His holy word. In ourselves we are imperfect and full of sin. But in Christ we are righteous, for He is righteousness. We are justified by faith without the works of the law. This that we are righteous in Christ, as we believe in Him, means that we may be called the saints of God, the children of the heavenly Father and thus heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

God promises great things for those, who are his saints. They shall be eternally with Him. There they shall be partakers in the glory, which Jesus had with His heavenly Father even before the foundation of the earth was laid. O, that heavenly world, into which God finally shall call His saints, how glorious it must be!

How impressive the scenes of heaven, as God opens them to us in His word! Listen to the inspired author, as he beholds the heavenly throng: 'After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and

kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands." Rev. 7: 9. To make this great white host a possibility, God had to send His Son, that the world might be saved through Him. And so we have another great and heavenly host of which we read first, the throng of angels which rejoiced at the birth of Jesus. We thus read in Luke 2: 13 these wonderful words: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

How glorious it shall be finally to enter into the heavenly throng. But if we are



finally to enter there, we must continue until the end of life as God's saints here below.

Be therefore faithful unto your Lord, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ." 2 Tim. 3: 14-15. "Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3: 11. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 3: 21-22. "Blessed are

they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22: 14.

The great white host—may our aim always be, that we may lastly stand in its heavenly throng!

Sensitive to Sin

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

"We, however, have the very mind of Jesus." 1 Cor. 2: 16. We think of this passage in the light of Mark. 3: 5, "As they remained silent, Jesus looking round at them in anger, grieving at the hardness of their hearts. Grieving at the hardness of their hearts, looking round at them with anger,—what intensity of emotion back of these expressions as they come from the heart of the Sinless One! It was not for himself nor for the dead friend he grieved. He was not angry because of some personal insult from persons present at the occasion. He was aroused at the attitude of those present who were tampering with their own souls by per-

sisting in unbelief. The terrible reality of the hideous sin of unbelief stood before Him and it made Him sick at heart. His tears at the grave were no doubt an expression of kindly sympathy for the loving friends who had lost a good brother, but they were far more an expression of a deep anxiety for those about him who were presently to gaze on the mightiest of all wonders only to go away and forget and despise and hate the truth.

"We, however, have the very mind of Jesus." Do we, in this respect? Paul did, but do we, you and I—Do we mourn over sin, both our own and that of our fellow men? Does sin, as a monstrous insult to God and a carrier of unspeakable

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Editorial

The Synod Meeting Report

A Resumé of the Seventieth Annual
Convention of the Augustana Synod, held
last June in Rockford, Ill., has been sent
out to our congregations and we hope
this little pamphlet has been distributed
in all our churches. It is important that
we keep posted on the work of our church
at large. There is no better way of doing
this than by reading the minutes taken
at our church conventions, as these are
published and distributed among our peo-
ple.

The last two or three years the synod
minutes have been printed in a resumé
for general distribution, instead of, as be-
fore, in their complete form. We believe
that this system is a wise one. It saves
each year a great sum of money. The
resumé contains all the essentials and will
be more likely to be perused by a busy
reader than a larger volume. The re-
sumé now distributed contains the synod
president's report in extenso, and also the
resolutions passed on the president's re-
port. The report gives a very complete
information as regards the status of the
work and conditions in general through-
out our synod. The pamphlet also con-
tains the reports of the presidents of
the different branches of our synod, like
missions, funds, institutions, etc. All
financial reports appear here in condensed
form. The summary of the statistics of
the different conferences appear also here.
Decisions of the synod are printed after
each report, as they have bearing on
points therein.

Our Home Mission

Our home mission work is without
question of extremely great importance
in our entire synod, and this is at pres-
ent most especially true out here on the
coast. This means that we must do the
best we possibly can to further its cause.

Efforts have been set forth for fifty
years, which have had as their aim to
establish and build up the Kingdom of
God out here in the great Pacific North-
west. Many have been the faithful and
sacrificing laborers, who throughout these
decades have here broken, often amid great
difficulties, the bread of life unto salva-
tion of immortal souls. We have as the
result of their labors now in the Columbia
Conference, according to last official sta-
tistics, fifty congregations. These were
last year served by twenty-two pastors.
The number of churches in our confer-
ence is given as forty-six, and the num-
ber of parsonages as twenty-three. Our
statistical report gives our communicant
membership at 6,485 for the year 1928, and
the number of children as 2,236. These
are the tangible results of the work done
on the coast during the past half century.
The result of the preaching of the gospel
and of the pastoral work done during all
this time can, of course, not be stated in
terms of figures, as regards spiritual up-
building and salvation of souls.

Some of our fifty congregations are self-
supporting. The most of them are not.
What a tremendous mission problem this
latter situation presents! What is then
the great need of the hour, as we think
of the prevailing conditions among our
churches and on the conference field at
large?

We need in the first place the gift of
prayer. "God is our Refuge and Strength."
We enjoy the privilege of coming to Him
with every perplexing problem. Pray for
laborers, as we shall need them, and pray
for the money necessary for the carrying
on of our work. For the latter we need
especially to pray now, as our finances
are, for well known reasons, in a very
depressing state. Pray to God for wisdom
and good judgment in dealing with the
problems of the day. Pray to God, that
he may endow our leaders and boards
with an abundance of wisdom from on
high.

We need more to learn to realize the
importance of encouragement for our la-
borers on the home mission field. When
the writer first began to attend conference
meetings in Minnesota, as a student, and
as he first had gotten into the ministry,
he often heard statements made, that if
our home missionaries were regarded in
the same way as the foreign missionaries,
more pastors would be willing to labor on
our home mission fields. The complaint

seemed also to be that the home mission-
ary had been given reason to believe that
he was generally regarded as being not
quite as important as the one with a self-
supporting charge. The murmur also
seemed to center around the idea, that
the one who served on the mission field
was regarded as not being quite as well
endowed as the others. It may be that
these complaints exaggerated things, and
we hope that no idea of the above stated
kinds prevails in any place now. The fact
is that we have some of our most gifted
men on our home mission field. Yea,
some of our most highly endowed and
most consecrated pastors among the pio-
neers as well as among the number of
laborers of subsequent times have spent
their energy and best years on hard fields,
when they could have had it much bet-
ter, if they had chosen more favorable
charges.

We believe that the mission boards of
our conferences and of our synod have
tried at all times to deal fairly and squarely
with the missionaries under their jurisdic-
tion. We know that this has been true
with the Columbia Conference Board, as
far as its dealings have come under our
observation.

We must continue in the same spirit on
our home mission fields as in our self-
supporting congregations, with equal
standards of ethics governing in all cases.
Each pastor must be left to labor on his
own honor. Any other system would
lower the standard of the church and thus
work to her own ultimate detriment. We
must continue patient as regards visible
results of the missionary's labor, just as
self-supporting congregations must be pa-
tient with their pastors, as regards visible
results. We must remember that results
are not very encouraging in any synod of
the Lutheran church as regards gaining
of members for the Kingdom of God. We
must not fail in any church or on any
field to regard the pastoral care given the
members we already have, and the preach-
ing of the word of God among them, as
being of extreme importance and of eternal
value to immortal souls, although such
values never can show on statistical tables.

A Trip East

The editor paid during the first part of
the past month a visit to familiar scenes
in Minnesota. He left Portland for Se-
attle on Wednesday, Oct. 2. In the even-
ing of the same day he continued his
trip on the Oriental Limited, a Great
Northern train, with Minneapolis as his
first destination.

The trip was a very interesting one.
During a good part of the first day the
train wended its way through the Kootenai
Canyon, when it followed for hours the

Kootenai River. This canyon was very scenic. The hills and mountain sides were clad with forests, which were at this time of the year richly tinted in autumn array. Near us we had, as we were speeding along, the above named river. What a beautiful little stream! Its water is blue and mysteriously greenish throughout its entire length, wherever there is any depth to it. Where the river happens to be shallow, the water is of the ordinary color. I sat the whole afternoon and looked down into that water and up among the hills and mountains, admiring God's wonderful out-of-doors, thus enjoying scenes that were ever changing in attractiveness and immensity. As the evening shadows began to make ready to fall, we came into the gorge of the Flathead River, named after the Flathead Indian tribe. The gorge is called the John F. Stevens Canyon. It is named after the discoverer, who amid great perils and tremendous difficulties discovered this pass and gave the benefit of his discovery to the Great Northern Railway, making it thus possible for the transcontinental line of this system to lead over the lowest possible level through the Rockies to the coast. In spite of darkness finally overtaking us, we sat out on the platform till we had passed the John F. Stevens statue at Continental Divide. This monument is kept illuminated by night and was erected by the Great Northern Railway Co. in recognition of what this great engineer accomplished for the expansion to the Pacific Coast of one of the greatest railroad systems of the world. On this road you cross the Continental Divide near Glacier National Park.

On our return trip, which was made over the same road, we went through this section by daylight. What first impressed us, as we approached the mountains of Glacier National Park from the east, was the boldness in which they stand out. As you look west over the great Montana prairie they loom up so abruptly and so prominently. This is due to the fact that there is no gradual elevation of foothills. The mountains there rise in their full stateliness at the edge of the prairie. That is at least the way it appears, as you view them from a distance. As you get in among them they stand on both sides of the canyon high and majestic. They stand all compact together. Through that kind of territory you speed onward for hours. Here and there a mountain peak eight or nine thousand feet high towers above the general level of the mountain tops. It is an immense and overwhelming scene you behold, wherever you lift your eye. The waters of the Flathead River, which you follow through this canyon for quite a distance, are green and blue in a beautiful mixture. The mountains are rather bare. Often you see only the cold granite.

Wherever forests line them they were lavishly adorned in autumn colors. We went through many snow sheds. These were built like tunnels over the track. Very few people dwell in this canyon. The stations gave the impression of lonesomeness. Several of them did not even have a store nearby. Before we came to Glacier National Park, as we approached it from the east, we had to our right the Blackfoot Indian agency with the Blackfoot Indian Reservation. The agency stood out quite boldly on the great prairie and appeared like a good size village.

The prairies of Montana and North Dakota have their appealing features. It is interesting to be able to look around over such vast expanses, where the horizon is pushed so far back. I always enjoy to scan these endless flat areas, where the visibility is not marred by anything save the sky where it touches the earth. On these prairies you see towns in the distance. In another direction you may see two or three tall grain elevators standing almost alone. One thing I noticed this time, which I had not seen before to that same extent: large spots of ground were white from alkali. At one place there was a tiny lake. Perhaps one should rather call it a slough. The water was there so white, that it looked as if it were frozen. This was in the northern section of North Dakota. Otherwise we have in that state as a rule the best farmland that could be found.

Our traveling through Minnesota was done by night, except for some minor trips that we made with car. The scenery in that state we had so many times viewed before. Minnesota is beautiful with its ten thousand lakes, and with its maple, oak and poplar forests, the latter being found mostly in the northwestern part of the state. A great number of its lakes are two or three miles across. Many are much larger. Some are so large, that you cannot see the further shore. If we did not see so many of its lakes, we saw exceedingly beautiful forests and groves, as we traveled by car around Minneapolis and St. Paul and to St. Peter and Center City. These forests, mostly of oak and maple, were clad in such gorgeous colors of autumn hues, that it seemed as if I had never before beheld anything quite like it.

To come back to Minneapolis seemed, of course, natural. There I had spent the first eighteen years of my ministerial career. Devoted friends from my former church met me at the station. In Minneapolis I stayed from Saturday, October 5, till the following Friday evening. Here I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Carlson. I had received them into my former church the first year I was in Minneapolis. They have a very cozy and fine home on Pillsbury avenue. All com-

forts were now there for me to enjoy. Mr. Carlson accommodated me with his big Buick, whenever I needed transportation. A dinner was given in this lovely home on Wednesday evening, when my successor, Rev. Daniel T. Martin and Mrs. Martin together with several friends of former years were present. Such occasions belonged to the order of every day the entire week. I had two appointments of this kind every day, and I had invitations enough for still a longer period of time, could I only have stayed. Of the dinner with the Conference Board and the banquet for the conference president, Dr. P. A. Mattson, I have spoken elsewhere in this issue. Mr. G. J. Carlson has been the Sunday school superintendent in Zion church, Minneapolis, my former charge, for some fourteen or fifteen years. He has for almost a score of years been a member of the Minnesota Conference Board. His business is life insurance and he has also for many years been a member of the Board of Directors of one of the leading banks in Minneapolis.

It was heart-warming to appear in my old church in Minneapolis. A capacity audience had gathered, when I occupied the pulpit there on the evening of Sunday, October 6. The handclaps that followed the service were unusually hearty. The choir was present in full strength. This we appreciated deeply. We had for many years a good choir in Zion, and now it is as good as it ever was, if not better. My confirmation pastor, Dr. James Moody, was present at the service. He is a member of Zion. Had I stayed there only a month or two longer as pastor, before I moved to the coast, I would have had my confirmation pastor as a member of my church. Dr. Mattson, the conference president, was and is now a member there with Mrs. Mattson. How I and my family always enjoyed being with Dr. and Mrs. Mattson! A high distinction came to him at the banquet October 8, when he through the Swedish consul of Minneapolis was made Commander of the Order of the North Star. He knows how to carry this honor and is worthy thereof. As he together with a great number of others came down to the station and train, as I was leaving Minneapolis, he handed me a picture of himself taken with the insignia: the emblem of the knighthood and the emblem of the commandery of the North Star. This remembrance from my visit in Minneapolis I value most highly.

I was very happy to meet my successor in Zion, Rev. Daniel T. Martin. He is young and active and is doing very good work. I shall never forget the kindness he and Mrs. Martin showed me during this my visit in Minneapolis. May God bless abundantly the work of these His servants there. Mrs. Martin is Sunday school su-

perintendent, president of the Junior Mission Band and director of a young ladies' missionary chorus. She is a graduate of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, as is also Rev. Martin.

While at Minneapolis I paid a visit to St. Peter to attend a football game on the college campus played by the Gustavus Adolphus team against the Hamline University team. The new stadium erected on the campus at a cost of \$25,000 was also dedicated that evening. Here I had the honor of occupying a box seat on the invitation of the president of the college. I was also called upon to speak a word of greeting to the three thousand or more present. The trip to St. Peter was made possible through the kindness of Dr. H. W. Quist, who has for over twenty years practiced medicine in Minneapolis, and who has in his profession been very successful. Dr. Quist has in spite of his heavy professional work found time to serve his church. We always found him at morning services and often he was also present in the evening. He has for years been a member of the board of trustees, and is now the president of that board. Down town he owns and operates one of the leading clinics of the city. Together with us Mrs. Quist and Henry Jr., also made the trip to St. Peter. For me this visit to Gustavus Adolphus College meant a real treat. From this institution both I and Mrs. Johnson graduated. Gustavus Adolphus College has made steady strides forward all through its history. The latest addition to its building complex is a fine young men's dormitory of the latest architecture. While in Minneapolis I also visited old friends in Center City, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warndahl, where a fine dinner was enjoyed and where pleasant moments were spent.

From Minneapolis I continued my journey to St. Hilaire, Minn., in the north-western part of the state. There I was met at the station by my father and Rev. A. F. Nelson, the local pastor. A fine dinner awaited me in the parsonage. Rev. Nelson's charge consists of three congregations: one in town, Clara congregation east of town, and Black River congregation west of town. In the last named one I was a member from the time I was a little child and till the time I joined Zion church in Minneapolis as its pastor. In this my home congregation I was to preach on Sunday morning, October 13. The weather was that day most ideal. A large congregation had assembled. The services were conducted in Swedish. The text was about the treasury and the pearl. Many were the spiritual treasures and eternal pearls that I had during the years of my childhood and early youth received as my own possession in this simple sanctuary. God be praised for it all! In the after-

noon a harvest festival was held, after a dinner had been served to all present in the church basement. The church was filled almost to overflowing for the afternoon program. I gave them an address in English. The church choir sang two numbers. While I paid my visit in my home congregation I was a guest at the home of my brother, John Edward Johnson, and his good wife. The days I spent there were most pleasant. My brother now owns, since near Christmas time a year ago, the old farm, which my father acquired as homestead in the old frontier days. Father lives in his own home in St. Hilaire. He is seventy-seven years old, is in good health and happy. He always was a faithful member of our church. His children are in that respect all following in his footsteps. It was naturally a great pleasure for me to meet him again and to be guest also in his home. Rev. A. F. Nelson has been pastor of the St. Hilaire charge for over thirteen years. He resigned some time ago to retire, but the congregations would not accept his resignation. He finally gave heed to the pleadings of his people and will remain as their pastor yet for a while. On October 16 my brother took me to Grand Forks, N. D., and on the following morning I continued my journey on the Oriental Limited for the coast again.

As we were speeding through Montana I entered into conversation with a Japanese. He had come from Japan and was making a trip around the world. He expected to return to his country in about two weeks. He was possibly in the employ of his government, and appeared to be a very high class man. He had come over the Trans-Siberian railroad from the Orient, and had spent some time in Moscow. He said that Russia harbors today the greatest poverty of any land on the globe. While travelling through Siberia he said he found that the depots were full of poor people, who sought shelter there. I asked him if he did not find a lot of poverty in London. He answered that it was nothing compared with what he observed in Moscow. Boldly he made the assertion, that he had found that we in this country enjoy no liberty. I asked him what he meant. He said, "For instance, if I want a drink of liquor, I cannot legally get any." He said he had found that the national dish in Italy was spaghetti, in Germany sour kraut and in America pie. He said he thought it was awfully funny, that we in this country do not show the same courtesy to men as we show to women. He had noticed in New York, that, as he entered an elevator, the men would take off their hats, if ladies were also passengers there. "That looked so funny," he said. "It is alright to take off your hat to women, but why not then also

to the men?" I talked for a while about Japan. He spoke of his country as a land of real freedom, though they have monarchical form of government. I asked him about their penal system. He said that in Japan they work on the criminal from the angle of reforming him. They do not call their prisons or jails by those names any more, he said. The reason is that they do not want to leave any stigma on the prisoner, as he leaves his place of penal servitude.

My trip east was pleasant in every way. In some instances it was real thrilling. God be praised for this season of rest, recreation and sojourn among friends and relatives! However much we may enjoy ourselves among friends it seems glorious to come home again. The scenes, as we drew nigh Portland, seemed again most enchanting. Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens were hid because of smoke, as I left for my trip east. But as I now was nearing Portland they were out in their full majesty and in clear view to greet me. It seemed so homelike to see them again.

Contributed

The Conference Budget for 1929

If we were privileged to ask the average honest-to-goodness church member his or her opinion in the matter of raising money for worthy causes, the answer might be something like this: Naturally it is our honest duty to provide for the expenses of our local church, first of all; then, in the second place, we feel it our duty and privilege to carry our share in the program of the Conference and Synod by regular contribution. Other things, outside of the regular needs, we will not forget, but they are third in the line of duty, all things considered.

Looking at the records I find that a number of congregations have done splendidly. A number of congregations have remitted in full and others have made substantial payments. We are thankful to you for your assistance in meeting the conference obligations. But there are some churches who apparently have forgotten the conference so far this year. The credit side of their accounts is still blank. We are not pronouncing any judgment, as we do not know the reasons, but we venture to ask a question: Have you really made an effort? Please do something.

The year is soon drawing to its close. God has been good to us. When our road has seemed blocked to us, and we have been worried, God has removed the difficulties from time to time. But we have not been able to do our duty to the Synod. Of a budget of \$9,500.00 we have paid a little over \$400.00. This does not

look good. By the end of the year it must be paid. It is a sacred obligation. The missionaries must be paid regularly. Regularity is the least the conference can do to show its appreciation of the faithful work they are doing. In order to meet these obligations we have borrowed money from time to time, and this is another item which must be paid.

As your treasurer I have again called your attention to the real situation. With your cooperation, under the guidance of God and with His blessings, we shall meet the 1929 Budget, our first Budget, gloriously.

P. H. Nordlander,
Conference Treasurer.

Mission Meeting, Astoria, Nov. 19-20

Mission Meeting, Installation and Communion Services at Trinity Luth. Church, Astoria, Ore.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon at the Manse, 496 17th street.

2:30 p. m.—General discussion at the First Luth. church. Topic, "The Usefulness of Luther's Small Catechism for Instruction and Edification": (1) In the home. Introduced by Rev. Ernest Sakrisson. (2) In the Church. Introduced by Rev. Eric Wahlstrom.

7:30 p. m.—Installation service, First Lutheran church. Address, Rev. H. P. Johnson, president of the Portland district. All the pastors are requested to be present and assist the district president in the act of installation.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:30 a. m.—Pastoral conference or business meeting at the Memorial Lutheran church.

2:30 p. m.—Mission Rally under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, at Memorial church. Address, "Our Home Mission Problems," Rev. Samuel Johnson. The address will be followed by a general discussion.

7:30 p. m.—Holy Communion, at Memorial church. Preparatory address, Rev. A. G. Anderson. Sermon, "We Would See Jesus," Rev. A. M. Green. Text: John 12: 20, 21.

G. K. Andeen.

Mission Meeting Held

The Tacoma District pastors met in Rev. C. J. Renhard's pastorate, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and South Bend, October 22-23. The theme for the meeting was "The 400th Anniversary of the Catechism."

Under the following headings the attending pastors spoke in the three congregations:

1. "The great need of Luther and the Catechism," Rev. E. A. Larson at Aber-

deen, Mr. Adolph Nelson at Hoquiam.

2. "How Luther and the Catechism has filled the need." Dr. H. T. H. Hartelius at Aberdeen, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist at Hoquiam.

The following topics were discussed in Swedish:

3. "The Lutheran Church Doctrine of Atonement as set forth in the explanation of the Second Article," Mr. G. Oberg at Hoquiam, Rev. E. Sandeen at Aberdeen.

4. "Lutheran Church Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and Sanctification as set forth in the explanation of the Third Article in the Catechism," Dr. H. F. H. Hartelius at Aberdeen, Rev. J. Truedson at Hoquiam.

5. Discussion on "How the Five Parts of the Catechism present the most important requirements of salvation." Rev. C. Thunberg introduced this discussion at Aberdeen and others took part.

At South Bend, Wednesday evening, "Luther and the Catechism" by Rev. E. A. Larson and "The Lutheran Church Doctrine of Atonement and Sanctification as set forth in the explanation of the Second and Third Articles in the Catechism," by Mr. G. Oberg.

Talks by Mr. Oberg and Rev. E. A. Larson at Ladies' Aid meeting at South Bend, Wednesday afternoon.

That the fields are white unto harvest is true also in these cities. Aberdeen and Hoquiam are two cities where our people have gathered in large numbers. The same is true on a smaller scale of South Bend. Our people in Hoquiam are hoping to celebrate Christmas services in their new church. Rev. C. J. Renhard and congregation are to be congratulated upon the beautiful and churchly edifice.

We believe that a distinct blessing came with the above described meetings, so that our faith was strengthened and so that we all, congregations and pastors, received added inspiration for the work of the Kingdom of God.

E. A. Larson.

Home for the Aged, Seattle

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

We have looked in several times during the month. Every one seems cheerful and satisfied. The lawn about the home is kept up in perfect condition. Many beautiful flowers add cheer to the environment. On Sept. 27th the Woman's Missionary Society of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church visited the Home, rendered a good program, served refreshments to all and left a substantial offering as a gift to the Home. Two days later the young people of the Fremont Swedish Mission Church visited the home and rendered a program which was well received. The Missionary Society of our congregation at Auburn, made the home a visit on Octo-

ber 6th. The visitors rendered a good program, served refreshments and left a number of articles among which we mention especially 2 boxes of apples, 1 crate of pears, 1 sack each of potatoes, carrots and cabbage. The Ladies' Aid from Mount Vernon came down on October 10, served dinner and afternoon coffee and conducted a service which was very much appreciated. Mrs. A. M. Lindquist, also from Mount Vernon, came down a little later with 25 quarts of fruit. Mrs. Myrtle Noisler from a local Episcopal church presented the home with some crab apples.

Thus we see that the home has many friends who remember it with gifts now and then. No doubt there are those throughout our conference who remember it also in their wills. In case many would do so we would eventually be able to increase the capacity and thus prepare room for some of those who are anxiously waiting to get in.

Augustana Pension and Aid Fund

This is to remind the congregations that have not paid up assessments in full up to January 1, 1929, that this is a real obligation still. The Budget does not affect this obligation in the least. The Pension Fund needs the money. I could print the list of delinquent congregations but I have no such desire. Please remember this worthy cause. Turn the matter over to the Brotherhoods in the churches. By all means do something about it before the end of the year.

P. H. N.

European Relief

Some time in May I sent a self addressed and stamped post card to every pastor in the Conference with the request of an offering for European Relief work some time during the year. About one third of the cards have been returned and about as many have taken up offerings. The money has been sent to the National Lutheran Council. But, where are the two thirds, again? Please do your part.

P. H. N.

Bethel, Tacoma and Messiah, Auburn

Sunday School Rally Day was held in both churches with a fine attendance. Special Rally Day services were held. Bethel church rejoiced in the completion of the renovation of the church both within and outside. It's a 100 per cent. improvement.

The members and friends of the Woman's Missionary Society of Mesisah journeyed to the Home for the Aged in Seattle, 28 miles distant, Sunday afternoon, October 6. The program and refreshments and gifts were appreciated by the matron and the old folks.

Sunday, October 20, "Brotherhood Sunday" at Bethel nad "Come to Church Sunday" at Messiah, brought out a good attendance in both places.

Mr. Gerald Renaas showed his illustrated and motion pictures on "Palestine" Thursday, October 17 at Messiah. Friday, October 18 at Bethel. Something worth while.

E. A. Larson.

The Lutheran Students Work at the State Schools of Oregon

By Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

Very satisfactory Lutheran Students' work is done at the state schools in Oregon by the Rev. William Schoeler, L.L.D., under the auspices of the Lutheran Students' Service Association. This is an inter-Synodical organization in which our Synod, the United Lutheran Church, the United Norwegian Church, and the Joint Synod of Ohio cooperate.

The various cooperating Synods were asked to contribute sufficient funds for the current expenses and they have come to the support of the work with the following sums: Joint Synod of Ohio, \$800; United Lutheran, \$800; United Norwegian, \$600; and the Augustana Synod \$300. Our Synod was asked to contribute \$600 but it granted only half that amount. As it is the Students' Service Association is in need of the balance of our quota; and the other groups feel that we should have contributed at least \$600.

In order to do effective work the Association needs an appropriate assembly place and some equipment! The indefatigable Dr. Schoeler has raised some money for this cause among the residents of Oregon. In addition he has appealed to the interested Synodical bodies and they have all responded with the exception of our Synod. We have been informed that they have either given \$1,000 each or are about to do so. Dr. Schoeler is pleading with us to follow suit. Our interests are probably as great in this work as are those of the other Synods. Should we not have a part in providing adequate equipment for this work?

It might be of interest to know that the Presbyterian church has spent \$57,000 on students' work up to the present time and \$25,000 was voted for the same purpose at its recent general assembly.

The efforts of our church in this field are small as compared with those of other denominations, and yet we are very gratified over the results obtained. The Lutheran students at these schools appreciate the interest their church takes in them, and some day will express this appreciation in substantial contributions to the work of their church.

Should we not get behind this work more enthusiastically than we do?

A Worthy Appeal!

In response to a request for aid by Dr. William Schoeler, secretary of the Lutheran Student Service Association for Oregon, the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Conference resolved unanimously at its last quarterly meeting to recommend to all our congregations that an offering be lifted some time before the end of this year for this worthy cause.

Dr. Schoeler is rendering the Lutheran Church, irrespective of synods, an excellent service which deserves our hearty support as well as that of the Norwegian, the Ohio and the U. L. C. churches. The three latter bodies are contributing a much larger share respectively for the current upkeep of the student service than we are doing. They have also pledged themselves to supply \$1,000 each for a Lutheran Student Bungalow being erected at Monmouth, Ore. May we not ask our loyal pastors and congregations to take these things into consideration when these offerings are lifted.

Yours in the interest of Christ's Kingdom,

G. K. Andeen.

Items of Interest

Dr. E. Edman, who resided during the major part of the summer in Portland, has moved back to his ranch at Elgarose, near Melrose, Ore. Dr. Edman has there a fine home surrounded by a beautiful orchard.

Immanuel Church, Portland, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with festivities beginning February 16, according to a decision made recently by its Board of Administration. The congregation was organized by Rev. Peter Carlson, Dec. 28, 1879, but it was thought not to be advisable to hold anniversary festivities in the midst of the holiday season. Immanuel is the oldest congregation in the Columbia Conference.

Rev. E. J. Sakrison will be the speaker at the rally of the Junior Mission Bands, which will be held in Immanuel church, Portland, Sunday, Nov. 10, at 3:00 p. m.

Mission Tidings, the official organ of the Woman's Missionary Society of our Synod, carries in its October number two pictures from the field out here on the coast, the one taken of the delegation present at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Columbia Conference organization at Tacoma last spring, and the other taken at the occasion of the dedication of the Young Women's Home in Vancouver, B. C., the latter showing four presidents: Mrs. Hawkins, president of the Mt. Baker District Missionary Society; Mrs. Sparks, president of the local mission society at Bellingham; Mrs. Evald, president of the synodical organization, and

Mrs. Renhard, president of the Columbia Conference Missionary Society.

The Messiah, the immortal oratorio by Händel, will be rendered in Portland some evening during the coming holiday season by a large chorus under the direction of Van Hoogstraten, the director of the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Naturally the orchestra will cooperate and furnish the music. The lovers of said oratorio look forward to this contemplated event as an opportunity for a wonderful treat.

Rev. Enoch Sandeen was installed as pastor of Bethel, Seattle, and Bethany, Port Blakeley, on October 15 at the Bethel church. The president of the Conference, who delivered the installation sermon, was assisted by Revs. John Bildt, C. G. Bloomquist, E. Arthur Larson, Ernest Svenson, C. R. Swanson and J. Truedson.

Rev. John Bildt was installed as pastor of Ebenezer, Hartford, Wash., on the 21st of October by the president of the Conference assisted by Revs. Joseph Anderson and C. A. V. Lund. The following evening Rev. Bildt was installed as pastor of Zion, Everett, the Conference chairman being assisted by all the pastors of the Mt. Baker District and Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seattle.

Rev. William Siegel was installed as pastor of Grace, Spokane, Oct. 29, by his predecessor, pastor G. K. Andeen, assisted by the pastors of the Spokane district.

The Bethel Church, Seattle, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, pastor, has recently undergone a fine rejuvenation. The whole interior of the church edifice, including the basement, has been painted. A beautiful new altar has been installed, with altar cloth, altar antependium, and altar candelabra. Rededication festivities were celebrated Oct. 6th, with children's services 9:45 a. m., festival services 11:00 a. m. and the rededication service 8:00 p. m., when a pageant "The Challenge of the Cross" was given.

Miss Anna F. Olson, who for some years labored as missionary nurse on our field in China, has now returned to resume her work there. After a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Portland, she started on her journey to China Oct. 2nd. While in Portland she gave a very inspiring address at Immanuel church on Sunday evening, Sept. 29th. She also filled a speaking appointment at the Augustana church, Portland. Miss Olson left China, as did all our other missionaries, except Dr. Friberg, when the revolutionary hostilities broke out there. During her stay in this country she spent most of her time in Illinois.

The Pacific Theological Seminary, a U. L. C. institution located in Seattle, which opened its new school year Sept. 17 at 10:30 a. m., has enrolled two native Filipinos, who have dedicated themselves to the work of the Lutheran Church in the

Phillipine Islands, where hitherto that church has been unknown. The names of these Fillipinos are Arsenio E. Diaz and Fernando Ferrera.

Rev. H. P. Johnson made during the first part of October a trip to Minnesota. He spent one week in Minneapolis and several days with his father and brother in northwestern Minnesota. On Oct. 6 he preached in his former church in Minneapolis to a capacity audience. He also addressed the Luther League of the church on Wednesday following. Visit was paid to Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Oct. 5th, when he addressed briefly about three thousand gathered for dedication of the new stadium. He also spoke briefly at the banquet held in Minneapolis Oct. 8, when the conference president, Dr. P. A. Mattson, was elevated to the distinction of Commander of the Order of the North Star by the Swedish consul of Minneapolis, Hon. Nils Leon Jensen. Greeting was also brought, on request, at the meeting of the Minneapolis Pastors' Association and at a luncheon given by the conference board at Hotel Nicollet. On Sunday, Oct. 13, Rev. Johnson preached the sermon at morning services at his childhood church in the Black River community near St. Hilaire, Minn. In the afternoon the same day and at the same place he addressed a large audience at a harvest festival. He arrived in Portland on his return journey Oct. 19.

Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison is teaching Swedish two hours a week in the Colton high school. He has a class of sixteen among these being also those who are not of Swedish extraction. Credit is given the student in this work like in any other subject.

Miss Hilma Olson, a resident of Colton, Ore., is offering to the district Luther League as a gift a forest tract directly across the road from the forest in which the Bible Institute has been held these last few years. A creek runs idealistically through the tract and another creek joins it just a short distance from the road. The tract will be most ideal for camping purposes and Bible Institute. The District Luther League Board will take the liberal offer under consideration at the earliest possible moment.

Rev. Enoch Sandeen is winning distinction as a pageant writer. The Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill., has recently distributed among the congregations sample copies of "The Christmas Story," a pageant program written by Rev. Sandeen for the Sunday schools. Rev. Sandeen won distinction last summer, when his pageant "The Church Triumphant" was rendered in connection with the Bible Institute at Colton, Ore.

Dr. C. J. Carlson, for thirty-nine years pastor of Gustavus Adolphus Church, St.

Paul, Minn., now past eighty years of age, has tendered his resignation to his congregation. He now retires after his long and faithful service in the ministry. Dr. Carlson has been the only regular pastor to serve above named church, which recently celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The last few years Rev. S. Hjalmar Swanson has served the church as associate pastor.

Mr. Otto Leonardson, Secretary of Stewardship of the Augustana Synod, resigned from his position as treasurer of the Minnesota Conference at the meeting of the board of said conference Oct. 8th. Mr. Leonardson has for several years served in the above named capacity in a most efficient way, and it was with deep regret that the board received the resignation. Evidently the reason for this step was the heavy and manifold duties the synod imposes upon him as its Secretary of Stewardship.

Mrs. S. E. Johnson of Portland gave an address at a recent meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Helens, Ore. Her husband, Rev. S. E. Johnson, was also present, and the two sang a duet as another feature of the program.

Saron Church Luther League, Gresham, Ore., celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Friday, Oct. 25th. On the previous Sunday Rev. S. E. Johnson spoke at a meeting held at Saron church by the local Woman's Missionary Society. The choir from Augustana Church, Portland, was present and sang. The pastor of the Saron church is Rev. A. G. Anderson.

The Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Ore., is in the near future to have a new building, according to a decision of its board, made at the meeting on Monday evening, Oct. 28. The new structure will be four stories high, dimensions 34x70, and will face Stanton St. The first floor will be occupied by a laundry of the latest type equipment. The other three stories will have rooms for sixty nurses. Building committee: Mr. J. A. Nordeen, Rev. A. M. Green, Mr. Sherman Nelson, Mr. A. L. Morland, Mr. David E. Lofgren. Finance committee, Mr. David E. Lofgren, Mr. A. L. Morland, Rev. A. M. Green, Mr. Arthur Lind. As soon as the finance committee has negotiated the necessary loan, the building committee will be ready to start the work. Drawings for the new structure, as prepared by Mr. J. A. Nordeen, were shown and accepted at the above named meeting of the Emanuel board. The question had for a long time been, at different meetings, considered by the executive committee of said board. The structure to be erected will fill a long felt need at Emanuel Hospital.

Prof. Ernest H. Henrikson, who for some years has been instructor in public speaking and kindred subjects at Gustavus

Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., a Minnesota Conference institution, has now, in addition to above named duties, been given charge of the new men's dormitory at said institution. This dormitory was completed just in time for the ensuing school year. The structure is of the very latest design and presents a wonderful view, where it stands on the brow of College Hill. Prof. Henrikson was born and raised within the Immanuel congregation, Portland.

Rev. H. P. Johnson has by the Board of Directors of the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill., been called to edit *Korsbanéret* for 1931. *Korsbanéret* is a publication in Swedish, which has come out annually for the past fifty years. The 1930 edition, which will be out in two or three weeks, will be the fifty-first. The book usually contains some over three hundred pages. In the history of the publication the following have served as editors: 1880-82 Dr. O. Olson and C. A. Swensson, 1883 an organization called Young Peoples Friends, 1884 Augustana Tract Society, 1885-86 Drs. C. A. Swensson and Dr. A. O. Bersell, 187-88 Rev. C. A. Beckman, 1889 Dr. C. M. Esbjorn, 1890 Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl, 1891-96 Dr. E. Norelius, 1897-1900 Rev. O. J. Siljestrom, 1901 Dr. J. G. Dahlberg, 1902 Drs. Bersell and Dahlberg, 1903-06 Dr. Dahlbeg, 1907-08 Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl, 1909 Dr. C. J. Bengston, 1910-13 Rev. Philip Thelander, 1914 Dr. O. V. Holmgrain, 1915-16 Rev. O. H. Ahrdahl, 1917-19 Dr. O. N. Olson, 1920-23 Dr. A. W. Lindquist, 1924-30 Dr. C. A. Lindvall.

A Sunday School Institute will be held in Central Luth. Church, Portland, under the auspices of the Lutheran Pastors' Association of that city. The dates are Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20. The central theme will be Method and Act of Teaching. The teachers are Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom, Rev. Andrew Engeset of U. L. C. and Rev. L. Ludvig of the Ohio Synod. Periods will be 7:45-7:50, opening exercises; 7:50-8:35, lectures on course 1 (method); 8:35-8:50, recess; 8:50-9:35, lecture on course 2 (Act of Teaching). Rev. Wahlstrom, who is our pastor at Warren, Ore., will lecture on the subject: "The Methods of Teaching in the Sunday School." His topics under that heading will be: 1, The Aim of Teaching; 2, "The Laws of Learning"; 3, "Attention and Interest"; 4, "Types of Teaching"; 5, "The Sunday School Teacher"; 6, "The Class Room Procedure." Rev. Ludvig will take point 5 in the absence of Rev. Wahlstrom. Subtopics of other speakers we have not at this writing received.

A Reformation Festival was held by the Lutherans of Portland on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3 at the auditorium of Lincoln high school. Dr. J. A. O. Stub of Minneapolis, well known throughout the Lu-

theran Church of America, was the speaker. A Reformation Cantata composed by Dr. F. Melius Christiansen, the director of the well-known St. Olaf Chorus, was rendered by a chorus made up of members from the different Lutheran choirs of the city. The event was sponsored by the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Portland. On the evening of the following day an informal reception was tendered Dr. Stub at St. James Luth. Church, Rev. W. E. Brinkman, pastor, when the men and women of the congregations of Portland and vicinity had been urged to be present. Dr. Stub gave at this event an address in the eloquent way, which is so characteristic of him. A large audience greeted the speaker at both the above named occasions.

Seventy-one years old. That point of maturity had been reached by the Minnesota Conference on Oct. 8th. The Board of said conference had a meeting that day in Minneapolis. Your editor was asked to speak a word of greeting as one of the guests at a luncheon said board gave at Nicollet hotel on that date.

Rev. G. K. Andeen addressed the Columbia District L. L. convention of the U. L. C. at the American Lutheran church at Salem, Ore., Sunday, Oct. 20, on the theme, "In the way with Jesus." He also gave a short exhortation at the closing "rally" on Sunday afternoon, and delivered the evening sermon to an appreciative congregation on the theme, "The Final Charge."

Dr. J. A. O. Stub, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and speaker at the Lutheran Reformation Festival at Portland, Ore., Nov. 3rd, addressed the Portland Ministerial Ass'n of the Council of Churches at Centenary-Wilbur M. E. church, East 9th and Pine streets, Portland, 10:30 a. m., Monday, Nov. 4. Upon this program followed at the same place an "All-day Discussion Group Conference," when "The Church and World Peace" was the subject considered. The leaders in this discussion were Dr. E. O. Sisson of Reed College, Dr. G. B. Noble, Prof. E. E. Schwarztrauber of Reed College, Dr. Levi T. Pennington of Newberg, Ore.

An announcement. The Emmaus Male Quartet will broadcast over station KVL, Seattle, every Wednesday 5 to 5:30 p. m. during the month of November. This is under the auspices of the Religious Educational Workers' hour. Wednesday of each week has been turned over to the Lutheran pastors of the city. Student Adolph Nelson, serving the Emmaus church, will be responsible for the month of Nov. He expects to make use of available musical talent at Emmaus, especially the male quartet. A report from out of town will be appreciated.—Adolph W. Nelson.

Mr. Melvin Bernhard Hult of Portland, Ore., husband of Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult, well known singer and choir director,

suffered fatal injuries, as he fell from a derrick used in bridge construction near Hillsboro, Ore., Oct. 29th. Mr. Hult died from the injuries the following day at 10:00 a. m. He was born in Polk county, Nebraska, August 6, 1891 and had thus at his demise reached the age of 38 years, 2 months and 24 days. He is survived by his wife and two small children: Barbara Ann and Betty Jane; also by three sisters: Mrs. C. J. Renhard, Mrs. Luther Cornay and Miss Esther Hult, and by three brothers: Oscar, Philip and Julius Hult. Mrs. Hult had for over a month been in New York studying under prominent voice teachers. Immediately upon receiving the sad news of her husband's accident and death she started for home, but has not reached Portland at this writing, wherefore funeral arrangements have not been made, as this is sent to the printer. Mr. Hult had for some time been engaged in the bridge contracting business. Mrs. Hult has been choir director at Augustana Church, Portland. She is a daughter of the late Rev. G. A. Anderson, a pioneer pastor of the Columbia Conference, and is thus a niece of Dr. Joseph Anderson, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

The Carlsborg Congregation, Colton, Ore., has given its parsonage a new coat of paint. New light fixtures have also been installed. The road from Portland to Colton, which was improved in certain portions last summer, is now from beginning to end smooth as a pavement. Crews are working on the road that leads from the south through Colton and Estacada.

Sensitive to Sin

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anguish to us, alarm us? Does it touch our hearts that men continue in the stupid hardness and obduracy of heart? It is not so difficult to condemn sin in a general way and to utter hard and harsh words against those who practice the same, but it takes the mind of Jesus to hate every form of unrighteousness.

We are unlike Him in this that he had no sin of his own over which to grieve. We must begin with our own. It must of necessity be our constant aim to grow ever more sensitive to all unholiness. The Holy Spirit must be implored to bring that about.

In the double capacity of children of God and coworkers with Him we need to be fired with a holy zeal to aid all men in ridding themselves through Christ of that damnable unbelief through which they are kept from the glorious heritage in Christ. Every available means for the elimination of that poison from the soul of man must be used most diligently. Just a professional antipathy on general prin-

iples to the lack of an outward profession of faith in Christ will get us nowhere. There must be a passion for souls.

"Let the Spirit of Christ Jesus be yours also." Phil. 2: 5.

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