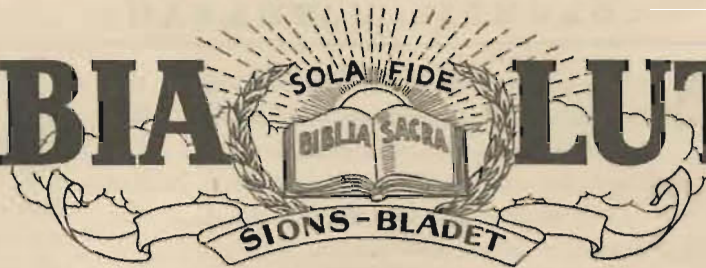


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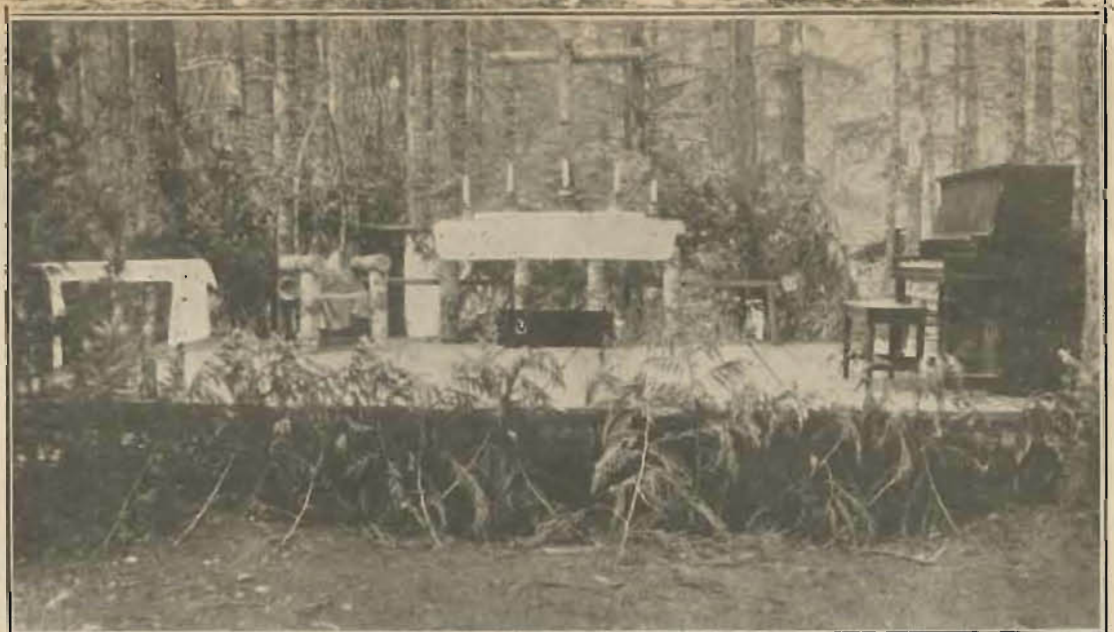
By H. P. J.

Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us therefore go forth unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after the city which is to come.—Heb. 13: 12-14.

Jesus is in these words set forth as our Redeemer. What a blessed gospel! In ourselves we are sinful, lost and condemned, but Jesus came that He might be the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. In Him we find forgiveness for all our sins. He takes away all our iniquities. He cleanses us and makes us pure and holy in the sight of God. All that God demands of us is that we believe in Jesus Christ, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Believe thus in Jesus, and thou shalt be saved. Look up to Jesus by faith, and life and salvation shall flow freely into your soul, for "Even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must also the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish but have everlasting life." Of Himself He therefore said that He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

As we accept Christ as our personal Saviour and lay hold on Him by faith we stand righteous before God. For our sins are then forgiven. The promise of God's word is, that if we confess our sins, God is righteous and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. But God does not only take away. No, He does not only take away our sins. We could not be saved if God would only take away from us what is objectionable in His sight. God must also give. As He takes away our sins, He must give us the righteousness of Christ. As He takes off from the prodigal his filthy garments, He must put on him a new garment. The new garment is the righteousness of the saints, which is, as before stated, the righteousness of Christ. The apostle Paul thus tells us, that we are justified by faith without the works of the law. He shows us that justification is an act of God entirely, for, says he: "It is God that justifieth." This means peace for our souls, a peace

## Bible Institute Scenes, Colton, Ore.



UPPER VIEW—Congregation gathered for closing program.  
LOWER VIEW—Altar of Forest "Cathedral," where services and larger meetings were held during Bible Institute week, August 4-11.

that surpasseth all understanding, a peace that the world cannot give. The apostle Paul therefore says: "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "Let us therefore," says our text, "go forth unto Him without the camp bearing His reproach." This is to say: Let us come to the cross of Calvary there to behold our crucified Saviour, who died for our sins and who arose unto our justification. Let us keep close to that eternal fountain of life, that we there each day may receive

new grace, new forgiveness and new hope for time and for eternity. Let us always remember, that it is here the Shepherd of our souls leads us beside the still waters, where He quickens us to our inner being and where we may find rest.

The apostle, as He speaks in our text, wants us to be mindful of the fact, that we here have no abiding city, but seek after the city which is to come. The poet says that "time is fleeting," and who would ever dispute that solemn fact. Each day

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## Editorial

### Notice

Next issue will contain valuable material on the pending every member canvass, which should come before our people. Extra copies may be had by notifying Rev. E. A. Larson, business manager, as to how many copies are wanted. This must be done the latest Sept. 20. Cost of extra copies \$2.00 for fifty.

### The Catechism

This year we celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The Lutheran church throughout the world has indeed proven itself in a measure awake to the fitness of commemorating the event of the coming forth from out of the hands of the great reformer this wonderful little book. The larger portion of the Lutheran church of America pooled its efforts in recently getting out an anniversary edition of Luther's Small Catechism, dating it 1529—1929.

The anniversary has among Lutherans the world over been fittingly observed with larger or smaller festivals. The Lutheran World Convention in Copenhagen included Catechism commemoration on its program. Wonderful articles on Luther's Catechism, written by leading theologians, have appeared in the press of every Lutheran communion.

We rejoice that the Lutheran church has in these particular ways shown appreciation of its precious heritage. Next to the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism is without question the most wonderful book written. Its influence in the Christian world can never be fully measured. O, what a wonderful heritage we have in that little book! What an important part it has played in the indoctrination of Lutheran people through the generations of all those four hundred years! We too might still in some way join in the anniversary jubilee. The sermons at a few of our evening ser-

vices might be preached on portions of the catechism. At a mission meeting part time might be given for its consideration. May they be many, who, during this jubilee year, return special thanks to God for Luther's Small Catechism.

### The Conference Minutes

The minutes of our last conference meeting have recently been received for distribution in our congregations. A sufficient number of copies have come to each church to allow at least one for each household and one for each member, who has no particular home. These minutes are well edited by our conference secretary. They give us a fine view of our church work. The report by the president gives an analytical outline of the work and conditions on our broad field. The conference institutions have here their reports, as have also the Woman's Missionary Society and the Junior Missionary Society. Here we have the minutes of the procedure of the conference meeting and of the annual meeting of the women's mission organization, as well as also of the conference Lutheran Brotherhood. In this publication appear the latest statistics of all our conference congregations and a list giving the officers of each church. In this issue of the conference minutes appears also an article by the Secretary of Stewardship of the Augustana Synod, Mr. Otto Leonardson, in which he comes with valuable suggestions regarding the every member canvass through which our pledges are to be given for 1930 for the support of our churches. You will find it on page 138.

We hope these minutes may be generally distributed. Let especially the trustees see to it, that not a copy be left without a possessor. These minutes, as they are generally read, will aid immensely in the work of those who are more directly responsible for the financial welfare of our churches. Acquaint the people with the work of the church and its problems, and the support will be more generous. Naturally, too, we want to know all we can about the causes we support. These minutes furnish us the most dependable, direct and thorough information on the church in action, that ever could come into our hands. Be sure to read the article by Mr. Leonardson above referred to. It deserves coming to the notice of every member of our church. It will help you to see the responsibility of the cause of Christ's Kingdom. Get the habit now of reading our conference minutes, if you do not have that habit already. You will find this yearbook of the conference interesting and instructive. It will prove fascinating to you, when you once get started. It could not possibly be otherwise with those who love the church and are interested in its cause.

### The Colton Bible Institute

It is not necessary here to report the program. It appeared in quite a complete form in an earlier issue of this paper. Just two or three minor changes were made. A few additional numbers in song and music also marked the program throughout.

All the services and sessions of the institute were this time held in the Colton woods. The "Chapel" and "Cathedral" inspired into our souls a feeling of stillness and solemnity. The very atmosphere seemed here laden with the sublime. It seemed as if a divine charm was inviting and urging us to enter into the midst of those pillars that the Creator Himself had here caused to arise. How enchantingly the sun would pierce with its beams through those windows, whose frames were leaves and branches and tree trunks. How magic the colors that enshrouded those pillars on which rested so high up that ceiling made up of the earth-turned side of the tree tops. Here that color was darker, there lighter, at another place light green, or dark green; in still another place, up in the dome, the sky peeped through bluer, or paler, all depending on the angle from which the sun played with his rays on the particular "temple" portion to which the eye would turn.

The devotional half-hour of each morning was refreshing. Upon this followed the Bible study. This centered the entire week around Christ as the true Vine. Each morning that beautiful parable was considered from a new viewpoint. No better Scripture portion could have been chosen. Dr. Wendell has a wonderful power of elucidation, and this was magnificently put to service during these Bible study periods as well as also in his lectures. Dr. Schoeler proved himself to be a scholar and theologian in the lectures with which he throughout the week enriched each day.

The number attending the morning sessions was naturally not so very large. These sessions were, however, better attended than the morning sessions of any former year. All were naturally there, who stayed throughout the week. And it seemed that most of the time all the accommodations that Colton had to offer were taxed to the utmost. All the evening meetings were well attended. Large crowds gathered especially for the evening program on Thursday and on Saturday. On the former evening Dr. Wendell illustrated with lantern slides his lecture on the subject: "The Sea Hath Spoken." On the last named evening the pageant: "The Church Triumphant" was given. This pageant, written for the occasion by the dean, Rev. Sandeen, deserved even a larger attendance. Dr. Wendell has in another article appearing in this issue paid tribute to this production and its author, and we wish here simply to underscore all that Dr.

**Registrar's Report, Tacoma Mt.-Baker Dist. Luth. League Bible Institute**

Church—	Full Time	6 Days	5 Days	4 Days	3 Days	2 Days	1 Day Week End Or One Visit	Kitchen	District Tacoma Mt. Baker	Total
Bothell	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Bethel, Seattle	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Bethany, Seattle	2	...	...	...	...	...	32	6	40	40
Emmaus, Seattle	11	...	...	2	...	...	27	...	40	40
Gethsemane, Seattle	25	2	...	3	...	...	60	3	93	93
Pt. Blakeley	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	12
Anburn	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	10
First, Tacoma	17	2	...	1	...	1	13	...	34	34
Olympia	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Aberdeen	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	4
Yakima	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	5	5
Vancouver	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	6
Bellingham	2	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	8	8
Ferndale	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Clearbrook	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	4
Mt. Vernon	...	...	...	3	...	...	15	...	18	18
Everett	4	...	...	3	...	...	8	1	16	16
Teachers	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visitors	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	10
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Wendell there says on the subject. It was wonderfully adapted especially for an outdoor rendition. Every one in the pageant did his or her part wonderfully well. The bonfire meetings were praiseworthy especially in the fact that each program was carried out in harmony with the spirit and contents of the programs of the day.

It was indeed inspiring to conduct Sunday morning services at the forest "Cathedral." Mystically the murmuring of the brook mingled its sound, as if humbly, with the human voices of praise. How inspiring it was to see the long lines of communicants filing slowly and devoutly up to the altar at the communion service the last Sunday of the institute! Yes, the entire week marked a period of spiritual refreshing.

One thing that the printed program did not indicate was a question box session held after morning prayer in the forest "Chapel" on Saturday. This was something asked for as the week was drawing to its close, and proved very delightful and instructive. There was also another impromptu idea, which was put across at the close of the last program of the institute on Sunday afternoon. It had come to the knowledge of many of those present, that Dr. and Mrs. Wendell were that very day reaching the thirty-first milepost of their joint journey through life. Fitting words were on the occasion of this event spoken by the dean, when a fine picture of Mount Hood was presented to Dr. Wendell as a remembrance of the day. A telegram of congratulation had also been sent to Mrs. Wendell in Minneapolis.

For our people in Colton the institute week meant a great deal of work. This was not the least true with Rev. and Mrs. Sakrison. Hard work had been laid down in preparing for our coming. And the institute week was for our friends in Colton one of multitudinous duties. We are unanimous in saying that they gave us

most commendable entertainment. We are indeed thankful to Rev. and Mrs. Sakrison, and the people of Colton, as well as also to the dean of the institute and to the speakers for all that we received for body and soul during the days of the Bible Institute Week.

**Surely the Harvest Will Come**

The field was large but dry and rock bound. To some of us, accustomed to more promising fields, it looked almost hopeless, yet into this field the Lord sent his servants to dig and to sow. He supplied them with seed for the sowing and assured them that "it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it." And that was a great encouragement.

The field was human life in the great Northwest and the seed was the Word of God.

The more I think about it the more do I admire the toilers who have labored in this field. Theirs was indeed a labor of love, performed in faith. And often their faith was sorely tried. Not that there was any doubt about the seed, but even the best seed will fail to germinate on a bare shelf. The question was about the soil. Would that respond? Could the seed germinate and grow and bear harvest in such a field?

From time to time I have had the opportunity of visiting this part of the country and watching the developments, and it seems to me that there are signs of the coming of spiritual spring time. There is an evident stir in the hearts of many young people out here; an eager reaching out for the more abiding realities of life; an outward manifestation of an inward awakening. What else can these gatherings mean, these Luther League meetings, these Bible Institutes, these eager questions, this impatience with lifeless formalism, this demand for the real and the vital?

Having had the privilege of participating in the two Bible Institutes recently held (one at Lake Sammamsh and the other at Colton) may be pardoned for thinking primarily of these. The young men and women attending them gave the impression of being in earnest. They could enjoy wholesome hilarity but they were not frivolous. They have their intellectual, moral and spiritual problems which clamor for solution, and they are full of gratitude for whatever assistance one may be able to render them. Dr. William Scholer's magnificent lectures for example, what a help they were to the puzzled intellect, and how thankfully they were received by all who were mature enough to follow him.

One of the outstanding features of the Sammamish Institute was the "testimony meeting" near the end of the week, when a number of the young people told of the blessings they had received during the Institutes. These testimonies were exceedingly good and full of promise for the days to come. As they deepen and broaden, revealing still more of the inner working of the Holy Spirit, they will become even more helpful and inspirational, both to the leaders and to the young folks themselves.

The unique feature at Colton was the pageant, "The Church Triumphant," given in the "Forest Cathedral" Saturday evening. It was the work of Rev. Enoch Sandeen and revealed more than ordinary literary ability. I regret the necessity of limiting myself to a few words at this point, for the event merits elaborate comment. It was not a "show." It was worship in dramatic form, and it helped one to realize how gloriously the church might use this fine art—as indeed it once did. The whole pageant was nobly conceived and ably rendered, but the ending was superb. When all the participants assembled, each one carrying a lighted candle and singing "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" the effect was unforgettable; and when they all turned to the altar, kneeling and lowering their candles as they sang "Casting down their golden crowns upon the glassy sea,"—well, I have seen many beautiful things in my days but I am not sure that I ever saw anything of its kind quite so impressive as that.

The leaders of both Bible Institutes are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts; and so are their able and willing assistants, without whom no leaders could have succeeded. Surely the good seed is beginning to sprout, and surely the harvest will come.

C. A. Wendell

For three-quarters of a century the American Bible Society has maintained its headquarters in one building—the Bible House in Astor Place, New York City. The vast influence of the society during this period cannot be estimated.

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draws most hurriedly to its close. Each year is as a handbreadth, as it is spent. We all know that we sooner or later shall reach our journey's end. We are therefore not satisfied to live only for this life. No, we seek after the city which is to come. Each day that passeth is a challenge to us to seek the things that are above, which are abiding, to seek the city which hath foundations, whose architect and builder is God Himself. Let us therefore this day and all our days look forward to what God hath in store for them that love Him, to the sabbath rest that remaineth unto the children of God.

## Luther League Convention

The Portland District Luther League held its twenty-second convention at Colton, Ore., August 3-4, 1929.

The business meeting opened in the afternoon with a prayer session at which many took active part. The president, Rev. Eric Wallstrom gave a report over the League's activities during the past year. Dr. Julius Sture read the financial report which indicated a large sum had been received and given to various activities during the year.

Officers elected were, Rev. Eric Wallstrom, president; Albert Anderson (Immanuel, Portland), vice president; Edith Olson (Immanuel, Portland), secretary; Dr. Julius Sture (Gresham), treasurer. Auditors elected were Ruby Lekander and Doris Palmblad, both of Gresham. Reporters for the Lutheran Companion, Ruby Lekander; Columbia Lutheran, Albert Anderson. Delegates to the Columbia Conference Luther League which is to be held August 31 to September 3 at First Luth. Church, Tacoma, were Edith Olson, Harold Benson (Immanuel), Howard Backlund (Astoria), Dr. Julius Sture and Mrs. Sture (Gresham), Roy Widen (Augustana), Walborg Anderson (Colton), Mrs. Eric Wallstrom and Hilma Peterson (Warren). Rev. Eric Wallstrom was elected dean of the Bible Institute.

The delegates were under the impression that the budget has been too high lately and voted to cut it to about one-third of formerly. It was voted to continue the Bible Institute at Colton another year. The Warren Luther League will be hosts to the 1930 convention.

In the evening Rev. Wallstrom spoke on the subject "The Certainty of our Salvation." Miss Agda Peterson, Augustana, sang two selections accompanied by Miss Esther Johnson. A song was also sung by a quintet of girls from St. Helens. Rev. Enoch Sandeen served as liturg.

On Sunday morning a large number assembled at the beautiful Canyon Creek Ca-

thedral. Rev. Samuel Johnson spoke at the Sunday school hour. At eleven o'clock the regular Sunday morning worship began. The Rev. G. K. Andeen spoke on the subject "More Power In Our Christianity." The Rev. Henry P. Johnson and Rev. Samuel Johnson served as liturgs. Miss Aagodt Fregaard sang a solo.

In the afternoon the convention program was given before a very large and attentive audience. The speaker being Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis who spoke on the subject "Once there was a Man." Miss Esther Malmrose of Rock Island, Ill., sang two solos accompanied by Miss Ruth Carlmark of Moline, Ill. The girls' chorus from Immanuel, Portland, directed by Mrs. Rudolph Hanson, sang two selections. Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the United Lutheran Church Luther League, brought a greeting.

It was the sincere desire and prayer of the convention that the delegates and friends might return to their respective leagues filled with greater enthusiasm to work for God's kingdom.

Albert Anderson.

## Resolutions Adopted at the Portland District L. L. Convention

1. That the Portland District Luther League promises \$100.00 to home mission work within the Conference, and \$50.00 for foreign mission work.

2. That this money be distributed on the local leagues as follows: Immanuel, \$35.00; Augustana, \$35.00; Warren, \$17.50; Colton, \$15.00; Gresham, \$15.00; Astoria, \$17.50; St. Helens, \$10.00; Elgarose, \$5.00.

3. That the Bible Institute be held in Colton next year.

4. That each League be asked to hold a Bible Institute program some time before April 1st, 1930, when a special offering shall be lifted for the benefit of the Institute.

5. That the District L. L. hold a rally sometime in the spring of 1930 at one of the churches in the district. This rally shall be held on Sunday afternoon, time and place to be decided by the executive committee.

6. That the District Convention be held in Warren next year.

7. That we urge upon each local League to send representatives to the Conference Convention in Tacoma, Aug. 31—Sept. 2.

8. That we urge upon each local League to support the congregation of which it is a member by faithful attendance at worship, by earnest prayers, by active evangelism, and by financial contributions.

9. That we urge that at all regular meetings of the local Leagues some time be devoted to Bible study and prayer.

10. That we urge all members of the District League to subscribe to the Columbia Lutheran.

## Tacoma Notes

By V. E. Thoren

Friday evening, August 16th, the members and friends of the First Lutheran Church gave a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Svenson who had just returned from a vacation trip to Mora. Mr. Victor Hedberg presided. Mr. John Hædberg, one of our good deacons, led in Scripture reading and prayer. Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, president of Pacific Lutheran College, and former class mate of Rev. Svenson at the University of Chicago, was the speaker of the evening. A substantial purse was presented to the pastor and his wife by Mr. C. J. Ahnquist who spoke in behalf of the congregation expressing sincere appreciation for the untiring efforts of Rev. Svenson, resulting in substantial gains and progress in the face of many obstacles. Miss Agnes Swenson and the Ladies' Sextet rendered several musical numbers. Rev. Svenson and his good wife expressed their sincere and hearty appreciation of what the people had done for them in the past and especially this evening. A social hour was enjoyed by all and we doubt the pastor had time to grasp the hand of all, as the church parlor was packed to capacity.

Miss Agnes Swenson, a daughter of the First Church, has been spending her vacation with parents and friends in Tacoma. She has been in New York studying music and voice culture. We are proud of Miss Swenson and the use she makes of the wonderful gift God has given her.

Mr. Joseph Elmer, one of our boys who is preparing himself for the ministry preached for the First Church Sunday, August 11. Mr. Elmer was inspired by a large attendance. Our people were glad to note the progress he has made and wish him God's richest blessings.

Sunday, Aug. 18, Rev. Wyman preached the sermon to a large audience. Monday, August 19, he gave his illustrated lecture. We wish him success in his efforts in behalf of the kingdom of God.

Miss Evelyn Felt and Mr. Fred Philes were united in holy matrimony on Thursday, August 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Tacoma, Rev. E. Arthur Larson of Bethel, Tacoma, officiating. The church was beautifully decorated and was filled to capacity with friends who wished the young couple all good the Lord could bestow upon them. A reception was held in the church parlors after the ceremony.

## Installation

Installation services will be held in the Augustana Lutheran church, Portland, Oregon, September 26th at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, who has recently arrived on this field will be installed by the president of the Conference, Rev. G. K. Andeen, assisted by the pastors of the district. Sermons will be delivered by the

pastors G. K. Andeen and J. A. Edlund, the former will give the installation sermon. The pastors H. P. Johnson and Erick Wahlstrom will conduct the altar service. Special music will be rendered by Mrs. Mildred Hult and the church choir.

### Missionary Report

I wish to give a brief report of things done or left undone for some time past. During the winter months I cared for the First Church of Astoria. After May first I made a brief visit to South Bend, Ore.

Rev. C. J. Renhard had made all arrangements for my stay in South Bend. It was one of the most pleasant missionary visits I ever have made. Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson were my hosts. They did everything for my comfort and convenience. I will never forget them. Mr. Anderson has been used by God as the mainstay of our church in South Bend. Mrs. Anderson is a devoted Christian, member of the Baptist church, very much interested in the welfare of our church. I believe the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson has been the parsonage for pastors and students serving our church for more than a score of years whenever they have visited the town.

We have many of our Lutheran people in South Bend. I met members of over 40 Swedish speaking families while there. We have a church, Sunday school and Ladies' Aid all active. At the Sunday evening service upwards of fifty people were present. Some arrangement should be made if at all possible to give South Bend more of a pastor's time than is possible by the present arrangement.

Towards the latter part of May I drove to the middle west in my Ford to bring my family on a visit to Duluth as I was elected delegate to the synodical convention at Rockford. I was delayed and did not get back to the coast until the first of July.

In July I did not accomplish very much. I started in to take up the work of traveling in B. C. as I had done two years before. But it was not easy to get hold of the work again. On the request of the conference president I left Vancouver the last of July to investigate the possibility of doing church work in Roseburg, Ore.

I arrived in Roseburg Saturday, August 3. I went out to Elgarose to get information concerning Roseburg. Stayed the first night with Dr. Edman then a day and night at Mr. and Mrs. Sandstrom's home after which Mr. Emil Blomquist provided quarters.

It has been slow, very slow work to get hold of the people in Roseburg. There are a few Scandinavians there. A number of them are members in Elgarose. There are a number of people of German descent. The Missouri Synod has conducted a mission among them in Roseburg. Those in-

terested in the Lutheran church have availed themselves of this opportunity to worship. Some of those active in the Missouri mission would join or attend services of an Augustana Synod church. But the Missouri Synod has not closed its mission though no service has been conducted for a while.

It would be a fine thing to have an Augustana church in Roseburg. A number of Lutherans would be saved for our church and it would have a mission to perform to the salvation of souls. But the church, if established, will have hard sledding. The membership for some time will be very small. Financially it will be a heavy burden for the Conference for many years to come. There is no Lutheran congregation and church in Roseburg now and it would fill a need that other churches can not fill and yet the prospects for a successful Lutheran church in Roseburg are not very bright.

Some time in July I sent in my resignation as travelling missionary in British Columbia. I felt then and feel now the overwhelming need of ministering to our people in B. C. outside of Vancouver and New Westminster. But I resigned as I felt that I was a financial burden to the Conference and the Conference had in fact determined to lay down the work as soon as possible.

I hope some way will be found of ministering to precious souls in B. C. not now cared for.

Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 17, 1929.

Andrew G. Anderson,  
Missionary.

### Program

Portland District Mission Meeting, Warren, St. Helens, and Mayger, Ore.  
September 24-25, 1929

#### Tuesday

At Mayger—

Morning service. Sermon by Rev. E. J. Sakrison, 11:00.

Afternoon service. Sermon by Rev. G. K. Andeen, 2:00.

At St. Helens, 8 o'clock p. m.—

Sermon, Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Sermon, Rev. A. G. Anderson.

At Warren—

Communion Service (Swedish) 8:00 p. m.  
Communion address, Rev. E. J. Sakrison.  
Song, Choir.

Duet, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson.

Liturgs—Revs. Samuel Johnson and G. K. Andeen.

#### Wednesday

Morning service (Swedish) 10:30.

Address, "Luther's Small Catechism,"  
Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Afternoon program (Swedish) 2 o'clock.  
Discussion, "Luther's Small Catechism"  
A Confessional Book, Rev. J. A. Edlund  
A Text Book, Rev. A. G. Anderson.

A Prayer Book, Rev. G. K. Andeen.

Business meeting, 4 o'clock at parsonage.  
Women's Missionary Society, at church.  
Evening, 8 o'clock. Missionary rally  
under auspices of the Missionary Society  
of the District, with address by  
Rev. Samuel Johnson.

### Luther Leaguers Hold Convention

By H. P. J.

Again our eyes and steps have been turned to Tacoma, a city that terraces hills, which most charmingly tilt the landscape toward picturesque Puget Sound. Our attention has centered about the First Lutheran Church of that city, a sanctuary which may well be classed among the finest of our Synod, with a people, whose hospitality can nowhere be excelled. The writer remembers Tacoma from early childhood; not that he was there at that time, but because he so often heard about it. Somehow Tacoma and the Puget Sound country appealed in a very mystic way to us in northwestern Minnesota in those early days, whenever it was mentioned. It appealed to our imagination with a special charm, especially when the snow storms were raging, or when the mosquitoes in the summer time were unusually annoying. For there were friends who lived on the coast. They wrote about its wonderful climate, and they told about the cities that were here springing up, and often did we then hear Tacoma mentioned.

Only a few months had gone, since many of us were here on convention. We were then so royally taken care of, that we were now doubly glad when the call came to us again to go up to Tacoma. And this time we found again, as we knew we would, the same pleasant cordiality. The pastor and his good wife—they are so pleasant to come to. You can not fail to feel at home in their presence and in their church.

The convention, which now, on August 31—September 2, was held in the First Lutheran Church, was slightly different from the one to which we here assembled last April. Now it was our young people that almost entirely made up the delegation. It was a young people's meeting. The convention began on Saturday evening the first mentioned date with a banquet in the spacious church parlors, held under the auspices of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League. Some over 200 guests were seated at the beautifully decorated tables. A very fine dinner was served. A good program was rendered. Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Arthur Linn in behalf of the local Luther League. We were also most heartily welcomed by Mr. Bertil Johnson, the president of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League, who served as toastmaster. A vocal duet was sung by Mrs. Mattson and Mrs. Fronly from Bellingham. Violin solo was given by Hilda Melin accompanied by Blenda

Melin. Vocal solos by Anna Olander and Arthur Swanson. A word of greeting was spoken by Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conference president. The speaker of the evening was Rev. J. P. Pilueger, of Seattle, a pastor of the Synod of Ohio. He presented most ably the subject: "The Great Value of Luther's Small Catechism." The address was most timely, as the Lutheran church celebrates this year the 400th anniversary of the editing of that little book by Dr. Martin Luther. To listen to this address meant spiritual and intellectual gain and could not help but engender, with those who heard it, more love for our Lutheran church and its history and heritage.

After the banquet followed a business session conducted by the above named district. The usual reports were read and accepted. A report was read on the result of a referendum vote taken in the Luther Leagues of the district with regard to the question of dividing the District Luther League into parts equivalent to the two districts, as we otherwise know them. The majority had voted against division. A discussion followed the report, some insisting strongly that the district should be divided, others holding just as firmly to the idea, that the present union should remain intact. The decision of the referendum vote prevailed. The Bethel League, Tacoma, was accepted as a member.

On Sunday morning all nature met us with a smile. The sanctuary came to the souls of all of us with an invitation to enter its portals, and large was the congregation that there assembled for worship. Rev. G. K. Andeen preached the preparatory sermon on Joh. 5: 1-14 with "A Challenging Convention Question" as his theme. Rev. P. H. Nordlander and Rev. C. A. V. Lund served at the altar. This was indeed a glorious communion service, when an unusually large number of communion guests came to the Lord's table. We could not help but think of the words of the psalmist: "Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of Thy power, in holy array: Out of the womb of the morning Thou hast the dew of Thy youth." (Ps. 110: 3). What an inspiration to see all these young folks come to the Lord's table! How secure the future of the church shall be, as long as our young people thus will kneel at the foot of Calvary's cross! During the distribution the choir sang softly: "Jesus keep me near the cross"; "Nearer my God to Thee"; "Nearer, still nearer"; "My faith looks up to Thee"; "Thine own, O, loving Saviour," etc. At the service was also rendered a solo: "Just as I am" by Hilda Peterson. The choir sang before the offertory: "Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

In the afternoon a convention rally was held with a large number attending. The



REV. ERNEST G. SVENSON, who with his Luther League and Congregation was host to the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League Convention and Convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League.

program consisted of the following numbers: Prelude, "As Pants the Heart," (Stohr) by Esther Gorenson. Congregational singing led by Rev. P. H. Nordlander; Hymn 447 by the congregation; Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. C. A. V. Lund, who recently took up his work as pastor at Mt. Vernon. A song, "Wandering Child, O Come Home" by Emmaus quartet (Seattle). Address, "Working Faith," by Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom, president Portland District L. L.; song, "Steal away to Jesus" by Emmaus quartet. Address, "Foundation of a Luther League," by Mr. Bertil Johnson, president Tacoma-Mt. Baker Dist. L. L. Vocal solo by Mr. Haakon Skrefstad, Seattle. Hymn 214. Closing prayer and benediction by Mr. Vincent Thoren, Tacoma.

At 7:30 p. m. a prayer service was held, which was led by Mr. Karl Mattson, theologian in charge of Grace Church, Spokane. These moments in the house of God were very inspirational. We are thankful that we have in our conference praying young people.

The closing service of the convention was held at 8:00 p. m. Sunday, September 1, when Rev. F. W. Wyman of Minneapolis, field secretary for our Augustana Foreign Missions, spoke on the subject "Our Obligations Beyond the Seas." Text: Rom. 1: 14-16. A united chorus, made up of singers from the different leagues within the district, sang "Gloria in Excelsis" under the direction of Rev. P. H. Nordlander. The evening liturgy was used with Rev. E. Arthur Larson and Rev. Enoch Sandeen serving at the altar. This was a very edifying and inspiring service. Rev. Wyman is well at home in all that

pertains to the foreign mission field and the work there, and he spoke to a deeply interested audience in his usual enthusiastic way. The united chorus consisted of 45 voices with Mr. Kenneth Wahlstrom, the organist of Central Lutheran Church, North Yakima, at the piano and the organist of the local church, Miss Esther Gorenson, at the organ. Its number was a fine feature on the program. Rev. Nordlander also sang a solo during the course of the service. A greeting was delivered by Mr. A. P. Freden from the North Pacific Coast Young People's Conference of the Mission Covenant, which met at the local Swedish Tabernacle. Rev. G. K. Andeen had been delegated to bring to that meeting a greeting from our convention. Rev. Andeen expressed gratitude to the First Lutheran Church, its pastor and Luther League for the invitation to hold our convention there and for the fine hospitality shown. Rev. Svensson, the local pastor, responded in fitting words assuring us that the convention had meant spiritual gain to his people, and that it had been a pleasure for them to have this convention in their church.

On Monday morning the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League held its business session. Rev. C. J. Renhard opened with prayer. Election of officers resulted as follows: Mr. Bertil Johnson, re-elected president; Rev. P. H. Nordlander, vice president; Mr. Eric Lindquist, Mt. Vernon, treasurer; Miss Effie Frisell, Seattle, corresponding secretary; Miss Aurora Hillman, Seattle, secretary, re-elected. Decided that the budget be \$850.00, as before to be distributed by the board according to its own judgment. Decided to conduct Bible Institute also next year. Rev. Ernest Svenson was elected dean. Arthur Hillman, Seattle, was re-elected publicity manager. Auditors: Arvid Hawkins, Bellingham, and Kenneth Anderson, Sedro-Woolley. Decided that the president appoint a committee to confer with the district Lutheran Brotherhood on the question of purchasing permanent grounds for the Bible Institute. This committee was given full power to act. On invitation of Rev. Renhard in behalf of his Luther Leagues the next convention will be held in Hoquiam-Aberdeen. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. Renhard.

The business session of the Conference was now held. Rev. G. K. Andeen presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. A. V. Lund. Miss Olga Johnson, Tacoma, was elected secretary pro tem. According to report 50 delegates were present. Rev. G. K. Andeen read a brief report upon which followed election of officers. Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom was elected president; Miss Olga Johnson, secretary; Rev. Enoch Sandeen, vice president; Ralph Anderson, Spokane, treasurer. Decided that the conference convention be held also next year

on Labor day and the preceding Sunday, and that the different districts be entitled to the same proportion of delegates as for this convention. Decided that a constitution committee of three be appointed by the president with the latter as ex officio member. The executive committee was empowered to decide on place of next meeting. The session closed with prayer by Rev. G. K. Andeen.

Upon the above session followed a sight-seeing tour culminating in a picnic luncheon at Point Defiance. A tremendously long line of automobiles wended its way through different sections of the city and the park, escorted by a motorcycle officer. The outing was a very successful one and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The local Luther League, the congregation and the Rev. and Mrs. Svensson had certainly, as hosts to these conventions, done honor to themselves from beginning to finish. We had indeed had wonderful days with our young people in the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma.

## Items of Interest

Rev. William Siegel of Clinton, Iowa has accepted a call extended to him by Grace Lutheran Church, Spokane, to become Rev. G. K. Andeen's successor. He will arrive at Spokane, Sept. 13 and preach his initial sermon at Grace on Sunday, September 15.

Rev. John Nelson has declined the call extended to him by our church at Olympia, Wash.

Rev. C. O. Lundquist of San Francisco spent a day with the editor on his return from a trip along the coast of Alaska into which country he also had traveled quite a distance inland.

Rev. Eric Wahlstrom was re-elected president of the Portland district Luther League at its meeting held August 3 in Colton. He was also elected dean of the Bible Institute for 1930.

Rev. Enoch Sandeen has now with his family moved to Seattle to take up his work in the Bethel charge of that city. He preached his farewell sermon in the Saron church near Gresham, Ore., Sunday, Aug. 25. He will preach his initial sermon in Bethel Sunday Sept. 8.

Rev. A. G. Anderson, field missionary of the Conference, has been called to take charge temporarily of the Saron Church, Powell Valley, near Gresham, Ore. He preached his initial sermon there on Sunday, Sept. 1. He had some time earlier taken up the work in Roseburg, and Elgarose, Ore., which for some time has been a part of the Gresham charge.

Rev. Fred W. Wyman, Field Secretary for the Augustana Synod foreign missions, has toured the coast territory in the interest of the cause he represents. The mission board has provided him with a moving picture machine. His lectures are thus illustrated with films from our mission field in China and with films also from India, Africa and Japan.

Mr. Joseph C. Elmer, a student at the University of Minnesota, visited during August his mother in Tacoma. Mr. Elmer has had charge of the Onemia-Isle-Upstead-Malmo churches in Minnesota. On his visit in Tacoma he conducted services in the First Luth. Church Aug. 11.

Rev. F. J. Ellman of Svea, Minn., has toured the coast. He is a classmate of the editor. He happened in Portland at the time of the Bible Institute at Colton.

Rev. O. G. Berg of Moorhead, Minn., has spent his vacation partly within the borders of the conference. He has with his family made the trip by auto. We are glad that the number of the pastors that find their haven of relaxation in the West is each year increasing.

Rev. Carl E. Anderson of Clarkfield, Minn., passed through Portland Aug. 24. A visit was made with relatives and friends at Warren, Ore.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Bloomquist with children visited Portland as a part of a vacation trip, at which time they, on Sunday Aug. 25, worshipped in the church of their parish. They also paid a visit at the Gresham parsonage. On Thursday, Aug. 29, they returned to Seattle.

The Columbia Hospital, Astoria, enjoyed a good patronage during the months of July and August. The board of the hospital met in the office of the superintendent on Wednesday, August 21st.

Dr. Wm. Schoeler, who was one of the lecturers at the Bible Institutes of our conference, entertained at his home at Independence, Ore., on Monday, Aug. 19, the following pastors with their families: Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, Rev. Ernst Sakrison, Rev. H. P. Johnson. Rev. Enoch Sandeen was not able to be present, but his family was there. A good dinner was served. Swimming constituted the sport of the afternoon. A weiner roast at the river's brink closed the event.

The Immanuel Hospital, Portland, has so far not had its own laundry. Its board of directors contemplates erecting one in the near future. This hospital holds very high rank among the other institutions of its kind and is continually enjoying a very fine patronage.

Dr. G. A. Brandela, president of the Augustana Synod, has returned from his trip to Europe, where he attended the World Lutheran convention held in Copenhagen, Denmark (June 26—July 4).

Rev. John Billdt preached Aug. 25 his farewell sermon at Immanuel Luth. church, San Jose, Cal., which church he has served for the last six years. The following day he started for his new field in Everett, Wash. On the way he visited Turlock, Cal., where he in his former charge visited friends and relatives. He preaches his initial sermon in Everett, Sept. 8. His address will be 1710 24 St., Everett, Wash.

Rev. N. J. W. Nelson, who some years ago was pastor in this conference and who now serves our church at Ballaton, Minn., has proven himself one of the most active writers of our Synod. Besides serving as secretary both for the Minnesota Conference and for the Augustana Synod he writes almost every week articles of a column or more both for Augustana and Minnesota Stats Tidning. The caption of his articles is usually "Tankar i viktiga frågor" (Thoughts on Important Questions). The arguments of his articles invariably center upon conditions in our Synod and questions that touch its work.

Attorney A. T. Larson, a member of the Messiah Church, Minneapolis, and well known especially in the Minnesota Conference, died very unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 13. He had come home from his office apparently well as usual, and had started to mow the lawn, when he suddenly began to feel ill. A doctor was called but did not reach the house before Mr. Larson had passed away. The departed one had for many years taken a very active part in the affairs of the church both in the district and in the conference. He would always take a leading part in prayer meetings and was occasionally called upon to substitute for the pastor in the pulpit.

Mrs. W. J. Olson, of Grace Church, Spokane, well known in our Conference through the work she has done within its borders in the interest of the Young Women's Missionary Societies, spent with her husband her vacation in Wisconsin. She attended in June the Synod Woman's Missionary Society meeting at Rockford, Ill., as a delegate to that convention. After a year's leave of absence she is now again in charge of the Parkview Girls' club, a Spokane organization.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander, treasurer of our conference, has received a call to become pastor of the Gustavus Adolphus Church, Wheaton, Minn. with other churches that make up that charge. Rev. Nordlander is needed badly in the Columbia Conference. We hope he will find it in accordance with God's will to remain on the field he now serves.

Mission meeting was held in Mist, Oregon, Sunday, Aug. 25. Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison conducted the morning services. Rev. G. K. Andeen and Mr. Carl Muhr, the lat-

ter of our Seminary in Rock Island, preached at services held in the afternoon. Many visitors were present. Many of these had been along, when the work was first begun. The occasion thus proved to be a reunion for the pioneers in our church work in Mist. A common dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. Martin Aamodt, thus at the very place where the congregation was organized in the year 1886. Mrs. Magnusson, 80 years old, was present. She is said to be the one who took the initiative in having church work begun in Mist. She had namely, at a time, when she had called Rev. Skans out to baptize her children, called his attention to the needs of the field. Through his favorable response the work was started and the congregation organized.

Rev. B. T. Erholm of Mason City, Iowa, formerly pastor of this conference, spent with his family a part of August in the Tacoma and Mt. Baker districts. They naturally spent the major portion of the time at their parental homes in Anacortes and Everett. Rev. Erholm says he likes Iowa, but assures us that he and Mrs. Erholm enjoyed immensely seeing the West again.

Miss Esther Hult of Colton, Oregon, has just completed a five feet high crucifix for St. Mary's College Chapel at Oswego, Ore. The crucifix was carved out of oak and is a very fine piece of art. The chapel, where it will have its place, is new, St. Mary's College having recently been moved from Portland to Oswego.

A Farewell Reception was tendered Rev. Enoch Sandeen and family on Friday evening, Aug. 23, by the Saron congregation, Gresham. The church was filled to capacity. The program was led by Dr. Julius Sture. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Eric H. Wahlstrom, Rev. and Mrs. Ernst J. Sakrison, Rev. and Mrs. Henry P. Johnson. Each one of these pastors spoke expressing appreciation to Rev. Sandeen for what he has been as a brother and as a laborer in the district, wishing him also God's blessing, as he now enters upon his labors in his new field in Seattle. Mr. Paul Palmblad spoke in behalf of the congregation. He spoke of Rev. Sandeen as having been faithful and progressive in his work and a very fine preacher in the pulpit. Very fine words of esteem and appreciation were also spoken about Mrs. Sandeen. With her fine, well trained voice, she had been of wonderful service in the congregation. A fine set of silverware was handed Rev. and Mrs. Sandeen as a parting gift from the congregation. Rev. Sandeen also received from his two last confirmation classes a fountain pen and an ever-sharp, both being of very beautiful design. Mrs. Sandeen also received a very fine bouquet of flowers. Mr. J. Wallin of

Portland sang two beautiful solos. Similar numbers were also rendered by local talents. The pastor spoke, in closing, words of appreciation for the festival and the gifts. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Rev. Clarence Anderson, of Crosby, Minnesota, and Miss Viola Swenson, of Everett, Washington, were united in marriage at a pretty home wedding in the bride's home in Everett, Friday evening, August 9. The officiating pastor was Rev. B. T. Erholm, of Mason City, Iowa. Miss Sigrid Carlson, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was bridesmaid, while Mr. Harry Lundblad, student pastor serving the Everett congregation, was best man. Preceding the ceremony appropriate song numbers were given by Student Adolph Nelson, of Emmaus church, Seattle, and Mrs. E. T. Erholm. Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Miss Amelia Josephson.

A wedding supper was served following the ceremony. Everett has been the home of the bride since girlhood, and many family friends were gathered to express their felicitations and wish the young couple happiness in their home life and joy in their work together in the Kingdom of God. Among those present was also the mother of the groom, Mrs. Andrew Anderson, of Fosston, Minnesota.

The bride is a graduate of the Lutheran Bible Institute, of St. Paul. Rev. Anderson was ordained in 1928, and is pastor of the Emanuel Lutheran church at Crosby, Minnesota.

Rev. C. A. V. Lund preached his initial sermon in Mt. Vernon, Wash., the first Sunday in August. A reception was held a little later when a substantial gift was presented to the new pastor and his family.

Miss Lillian Swanson, whose home is in Portland, has spent about a year in Petersburg, Alaska. Recently she paid a visit to relatives and friends in Portland and returned Aug. 17 to Alaska on the steamer Yukon. She was active in choir work and musical circles in Portland and is none the less so in Alaska, where she last winter conducted a choir and led the rendering of a cantata at the Lutheran church at Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Strommer, Aberdeen, Wash., lost on Aug. 20 through death their daughter, Virginia, after a short illness, age 11 years, 10 months and 1 day.

#### Announcements

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Compass Mission will be held Tuesday October 8, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Mission hall at 304 James street, Seattle.

V. E. Thoren, Sec'y.

Tacoma District will hold its September Mission meeting at Immanuel Church, corner South 58th and Birmingham street, Ta-

coma, Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25. Program will be mailed to all pastors.

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