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Devotional

Befall Herren Din Väg

"Befall din väg åt Herren och förtrösta på honom; han skall göra det." (Ps. 37: 5)

Detta är ett sådant ord, som det i sanning är gott att få vila vid. Man känner sig så lugn och trygg, när man riktigt kunnat stanna inför det. All oro försvinner, och en djup och rik frid fyller hjärtat.

Oro är en följd av ovisshet. När vi icke veta, hur det skall gå, och det gäller något, som är mycket viktigt och kärt, bli vi oroliga. "Hur skall det bli?" fråga vi. Så kommer inbillningen, och den framställer icke alltid händelserna i ljusa och glada färger. Den kommer oss ofta att dröja vid dess mörka sidor. Men för mörkret och lidandet ha vi en naturlig motvilja. När vi ana att vägen skall bli mörk, då ängslas och oroas vårt hjärta, och vår frid försvinner.

Huru gott är det då icke att veta, att vi ha en kärleksrik fader i himmelen, som har fullständig omsorg om oss. För oss ligger framtiden höljd i dimma och töcken. För honom ligger den klar och känd. Ty för honom är allt blottat och uppenbart, och intet händer den enskilda människan, utan att han känner det—ja, tillåter det att hända. Vår Gud och fader känner noga till den väg, vi skola vandra. Ja, han har själv stakat ut den och lovat vara med oss från början och till slut, samt leda oss lyckligt och säkert igenom allt. Därför, bort med all oro! "Förtro dig åt honom så får du frid." Ännu lever han, som sade: "Var stilla!" och han är densamme som då. Lämna dig därför helt i hans vård, du unge vän, som står i begrepp att träda ut i livet och kämpa din strid. Anförtro dig åt Herren, "han skall göra det." Faror lura överallt i världen. Din första erfarenhet på egen hand, torde bli av rätt så allvarlig natur.

De glada drömmarna brista som bubblor, dina luftslopp ramlar, solen döljer ofta sitt sken för dig och vinden blåser emot. Men befäller du din väg åt Herren och förtröstar på honom, har du ändock all anledning att vara lugn och glad. Herrens högra hand kan allting förvandla. Anförtro därför din sak i hans hand. Det torde nog hända, att människor skola räcka

dig sina händer och säga: "Följ oss; vi vilja vara dina vänner och hjälpa dig." Det kan vara verkliga vänner, som säga så; men det kan ock vara idel bedragare, vilka söka slå mynt av din oerfarenhet, ditt behov av vänskap och ditt förtroende för alla. Därför pröva dem noga, innan du följer dem, ja, bed andra, som sett mera än du och färdats längre än du, att hjälpa dig med att pröva dessa vänner. Men under alla omständigheter, giv aldrig dem det förtroende, som Gud bör ha. Lita på honom först och sist. Kasta allt, både smått och stort, på den som allt förmån. Hans hand är den evigt trofaste vännens hand. Bed om hans ledning och hjälp. Bed att han ger dig gott sällskap på färden. Bed att han bevarar dig i tro, hopp och kärlek på honom och på hans ledning. "Befall din väg åt Herren och förtrösta på honom; han skall göra det."

Endast då är du i gott förvar, o människa! Endast då kan du vara fast i ditt sinne och behålla frid. Då kan du ock vara viss om, att du skall lyckas väl. "Han skall göra det," sjunger David. Han skall slå broar över djupen, sänka höjderna och bana väg i vildmarken. Han skall strida för dig och besegra alla dina fiender till evig tid. Om vi endast äga honom, sakna vi ingenting. Ty umgänget med Guds son är mer än alla furstars och kungars gunst. En Josef i fångelset med Guds nåd; en Daniel i lejongropen med änglars bevägenhet; en Johannes på ön Patmos med en öppen dörr till himlahovet, har nog i vännen, som är alltid nära. Och samma hulda hjärta, som helgade glädjens stunder, vill också bugsvala våra hjärtan i nöden och lyfta oss genom evigheten opp till det ovanskliga. Ännu vandra vi visserligen härnere i syndens och dimmornas land, men på väg mot evighetens alper skola vi snart inandas den rena luften från vårt hemlands berg. Då skola våra ögon stråla och våra hjärtan vidgas.

Därför förtro dig åt Herren, sök icke hjälp hos andra, ty han är din Gud. Han skall leda dig beständigt på den väg som bär hemåt, vägen till fadershuset där ovan, dit Jesus, din själs brudgum gått före att bereda dig rum; dit de heliga och blodtvagna samlas en efter en, tills den siste pilgrimmen har fulländat ökenfärden och gått in i Kanaans land. "Befall din väg åt Herren och förtrösta på honom; han skall göra det."

Otto Wm. Westling.

Editorial

Columbia Hospital

These days the attention of the members of our Conference is directed toward the financial campaign in behalf of Columbia Hospital at Astoria, Oregon. The need is great and the situation is distressing. The sum of \$20,000 must be raised in cash within the Conference before January 1, 1929. And \$40,000 must be raised at Astoria. The campaign at Astoria is in progress at this writing. Whether the local people will reach the goal or not is a question. We hope for the best.

Many harsh criticisms have been directed toward this enterprise because of the temporary hard straits. We are all ready to criticize and condemn the leaders. But the Conference decided this matter. If Columbia Hospital had succeeded all would have praised the work. We would have congratulated ourselves upon attaining such success in our institutional work. But many big corporations fail; likewise many banks. But Columbia Hospital has not failed. The present circumstances have been somewhat adverse; that's all. Regardless of what should have been done or not have been done the Conference must face the situation and extricate itself from this financial distress. Much of the criticism is removed when the situation is brought to us by men who know the inner history of the institution from the very beginning. We have heard Revs. Andeen and Bloomquist state the case and they have done it very convincingly.

Our congregations are responding everywhere. Many of them are putting on local drives and including the hospital drive. Some have reached their quotas already. We hope that there will be no slacker congregations in our Conference. This paper wishes the Conference all success in this drive.

Church Paper Week

The Augustana Book Concern of Rock Island, Illinois, publishers of the Augustana and Lutheran Companion, official papers of our Synod, has designated November 1—24 as Church Paper Week. The

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object is two-fold; To secure for our church papers, Augustana and Lutheran Companion, the continued interest and support of their present subscribers; and to add as many new subscribers as possible. We wish the Book Concern all success in this undertaking. This is the first church paper week ever held in the Augustana Synod.

The Augustana or The Lutheran Companion should be in every home in our Conference. You will have more interest and sympathy for the work of your Synod, Conference and Church if you read regularly one of these papers. They are good publications and you will benefit by subscribing.

The Columbia Lutheran wants to get in on this Church Paper Week by urging all members of our Conference to subscribe for this paper. The Columbia Lutheran certainly ought to be in every home in this Conference. We would not be so critical nor disinterested if we all were regular readers of our Conference paper. No doubt our manager will make extra efforts during that week to increase the circulation of this paper. Remember Church Paper Week, November 18-24.

A Word from Our New Manager

The business manager of the Columbia Lutheran appreciates that the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District Luther League passed a resolution, which if carried out ought to go a long ways in putting the paper on a sound financial basis. The Columbia Lutheran does not need to receive charity donations from the conference if the good people of our conference will but pay in their subscriptions of fifty cents per year, four and one-sixth cents per copy. Surely every home can afford to subscribe for the conference paper.

Members of the Columbia Conference: You want a conference paper, don't you? You are interested in reading about what is going on within the conference. It is impossible to have very much of it published in the synodical papers; the space is too limited. Let us therefore get behind this new undertaking and make the paper an asset rather than a liability for the conference. A subscriber in every home of the conference should be our goal.

Luther Leaguers: Here is your opportunity to show that you meant what you decided at the convention. I am looking to you to get behind the Columbia Lutheran and put this thing across. You have the vim, vigor and vitality to do it. What League will be first to report a 100 per cent. subscription for the homes of its respective church? What do you say, Luther Leaguers?

Hundreds of present subscribers have not paid up. Please look at address label and see what is your standing. The numbers given there are for the month and year of the expiration of your subscription. If some have paid and have not received credit, we will be glad to consider your grievance and make proper corrections.

Adolph Nelson.

Special

Hopeful Signs

Many of our beloved people in the Columbia Conference whose hearts are attuned to the need of the hour are wondering what the outlook may be with respect to the campaign for funds, both in the Conference as such, and in Astoria for our Columbia Hospital.

I am glad to state that there are many hopeful and encouraging signs. As far as the Conference ingathering of \$20,000.00 is concerned, the project is practically assured. It is indeed gratifying to note the alertness of the pastors and their readiness to lead their people with faith and courage to the realization of their goal. I have personally had the opportunity of meeting with all the pastors in the three districts on the Coast and they have responded to a man and assured their loyalty to the cause at hand. From reports received they are fulfilling their task most nobly in giving both themselves, and of their time and means to lead their constituency to victory.

Nor are our people themselves unwilling, when the need is presented, to do their part as true soldiers of the Church of Christ. We have watched with admiration their generosity, which proves that they have grasped the seriousness of the situation and have determined to be equal

to their task. Just a couple of days ago I met our wide-awake and resourceful brother, Sandeen, pastor and field missionary in the Portland district, who told me that his congregations in Gresham and Elgarose had gone over the top and the cash sent in, and this in spite of the fact that the former is about to build a church and the latter rebuilt their church recently, after having lost it through fire, under the greatest difficulties.

The congregations in the Spokane district are all well on their way with two-thirds of the quota already sent in to the Conference treasurer. Westdala, Troy, was one of the first congregations to do their bit, and they did it most willingly and nobly. The undersigned visited Troy the 17th and 18th of September as a guest of Rev. F. W. Hanson. The pastor had himself previously given \$23.00 to the hospital and now also held his car in readiness for my service. The cash subscriptions received at this time amounted to \$354.00 which is gratefully acknowledged and recorded in this issue under contributions for the Columbia Hospital.

Salem, our splendid sister congregation in Spokane, with their devout and energetic pastor, Rev. Anderson, has just about completed their campaign to reach the quota of \$1,200 with \$1,035 reported some two or three weeks ago. Grace, Spokane, is nearing its goal of \$1,000, which if individual subscriptions fail will be completed by the congregation. Olympia, Washington, is nearing its goal, the pastor himself leading with an all too liberal donation for his means. So we could go on reporting the hopeful signs within the Conference. We will kindly ask the Editor of the Columbia Lutheran that acknowledgment be given of all subscriptions coming in from time to time for our Columbia Hospital. For this reason we hope that each pastor will send in an itemized report of all subscriptions received for the Columbia Hospital.

As far as the campaign in Astoria is concerned the signs are very hopeful at this time. The campaign is well under way directed by the Synod's able representative, Dr. F. O. Hanson, of Rock Island, Ill. Substantial donations have already been received through the canvass previous to the general drive. At this writing over one hundred workers are in the field soliciting funds and we have the best hopes that the goal of \$40,000 will be reached within another week.

G. K. Andeen.

Paid Subscriptions for Columbia Hospital

Salem Spokane—Subscriptions received to date: W. Sandgren \$75, Olaf Olson \$200, K. J. Berggren \$75, S. H. Swanson \$75, Rev. N. Wm. Anderson \$50, Olaf

Lindgren \$50, Gust Lundin \$50, Frank Swanson \$50, O. W. Nelson \$35, Mrs. O. A. Johnson \$20, Carolina Nelson \$20, Mrs. C. O. Hammerlund \$15, Amanda Johnson \$15, A. W. Nelson \$15, C. A. Peterson \$15, J. A. Anderberg \$10, Elmer Franzen \$10, John Johnson \$10, Elof Olson \$10, Frank Peterson \$10, Marie Peterson \$10, S. A. Peterson \$10, Gustav Olson \$10, A. K. Schmidt \$10, Alfred Anderson \$5, Augusta Anderson \$5, August Anderson \$5, Mrs. August Anderson \$5, C. A. Anderson \$5, Mrs. W. Broberg \$5, Alice Carlson \$5, Mrs. Ernest Carlson \$5, Elmer Carlson \$5, Swan Carlson \$5, J. E. Edlund \$5, J. T. Freeman \$5, John Erickson \$5, G. A. Hammerlund \$5, Mrs. A. Jackson \$5, J. Malstrom \$5, Mrs. Marie Nelson \$5, Selma Nelson \$5, Solomon Peterson \$5, Swan Peterson \$5, John Setterlund \$5, F. H. Sandstrom \$5, A. Larson \$1, Victor Sjodin \$5, Dr. O. Stenberg \$5, P. A. Soderberg \$5, Eric Holmberg \$4, Francis Edlund \$3, Ragnar Paulson \$3, Frank Lund \$3, Mrs. Engquist \$3, Andrew Okerberg \$2, Mrs. Gust Beck \$3, Elsie Berggren \$2, James Bergman \$2, C. E. Carlson \$2, Selma and Edna Gothberg \$2, J. Holmgren \$2, Mrs. J. Engdahl \$2, Mrs. Anna Hermanson \$2, Peter Johnson \$2, Theodor Nelson \$2, E. W. Olson \$2, Signe Peterson \$2, Rebecka Sandberg \$2, P. A. Eklund \$1.75, Thosten Franzen \$1, Ruth Danklef \$1, M. Hieber \$1, Selma Johnson \$1, Aron Anderson \$1, John E. Jernberg \$1, Albert Carlson \$1, K. J. Karlson \$1, E. Halstrom \$1, Enge Satterberg \$1, Anna Olson \$1, Mrs. Alfred Olson \$1, and Vera Carlson 25c. Total \$1,035.

Troy, Idaho.—Alfred Ekholm \$100, Lawrence Johnson \$25, Oscar Kellberg \$25, Ole E. Nelson \$25, J. A. Sandell \$25, Alfred Kellberg \$20, Carl Johnson \$15, Elmer J. Johnson \$15, J. H. Anderson \$10, Axel Bohman \$10, John Bohman \$10, Ole Bohman \$10, Clarence L. Johnson \$10, John Smith \$10, A. G. Anderson \$5, Swante Anderson \$5, Clarence H. Anderson \$5, Sophie Anderson \$5, C. W. Borlen \$5, Ivar Dragstedt \$5, Albin O. Swanson \$5, A. Westberg \$5, Victor Johnson \$2.50, Fred S. Swanson \$2. Total \$354.50.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—Swedish Lutheran Ladies Aid \$75.00.

Grace, Spokane.—E. A. Skone \$200, E. H. Johnson \$150, C. J. Hillman \$50, M. A. Johnson \$50, Rev. G. K. Andeen \$50, Robert Anderson \$20, G. E. Berglund \$20, C. W. Erickson \$20, Amy Freeberg \$20, J. W. Nelson \$20, C. F. Johnson \$15, W. T. Grimmer \$10, Gust Benson \$10, Amalia Malmberg \$10, N. E. Olson \$10, Mrs. Carrie Rust \$10, Dorothy Johnson \$5, J. Anselm Johnson \$5, Matt Jensen \$5, August Peterson \$5, Elvira Peterson \$5, Esther Peterson \$5, Folke Malmquist \$5, W. J. Olsen \$5, Martin Westland \$5, C. A. Strand \$5, P. Nordling \$5, Montelle White \$5, Mrs. H. C. Tufts \$5, Ethel Johnson

\$2.50, Mrs. O. M. Lilliequist \$2, Hazel Johnson \$1, Mrs. Aug. Malmquist \$1.

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Up to date, October 25, \$157.00 subscribed. Of this amount \$105.00 in cash. We will continue until our Olympia quota, which is \$200, has been reached. C. Thunberg.

Contributed

Gnistor från Coos Bay, Oregon

Denna gång vilja vi relatera något om Första lutherska församlingen i North Bend, Oregon, som firade sin 20-årsfest söndagen den 19 augusti.

På sommaren och hösten 1908 engagerades teologie studerande Abel Ahlquist (nu pastor i New Britain, Conn.) av Columbia konferensens missionsstyrelse på North Bend fältet med det resultat, att en församling stiftades den 17de augusti, då 21 familjer och 14 enskilda personer anmälde sig för medlemskap i församlingen. Ordförande vid stämman var pastor B. F. Bengtson och Abel Ahlquist tjänade som sekreterare.

Församlingen antog namnet: Första Svenska Lutherska församlingen i North Bend, Oregon. Sägverksmagnaten, A. M. Simpson skänkte tomt för kyrka. En större subskription upptogs för byggnadsmaterial, som anskaffades för rimligt pris. Den store sägverkskungen C. A. Smith skänkte allt virket för inredning av kyrkan, för bänkar, altare, predikstol m. m. Allt syntes gå som en ljuvlig, harmonisk sång.

Följande vår kunde man bruka kyrkans undervåning för söndagsskola och gudstjänster. Kyrkan är vacker, ljus och rymlig, och är belägen i norra delen av staden nu, men då den byggdes var den mitt i byn. Under de gångna åren har man här haft en präktig söndagskosla under ledning av trotjänaren Matts Kjellman, som för ett år tillbaka avsåg sig tjänsten för att tillvaratagas av yngre krafter. En präktig kvinnoförening har

varit i verksamhet hela tiden och varit ett mäktigt stöd för församlingens ekonomi.

Kyrkan invigdes för sitt heliga ändamål den 10 september, 1911, då pastorerna C. J. Renhard, H. E. Sandstedt, J. Richard Olson och B. F. Bengtson voro tillstädes.

Församlingen i North Bend har under hela tiden betjänats av samme pastor, som betjänat församlingen i Marshfield, som stiftades 44 år sedan. Kyrkorna äro bara cirka tre och en halv mil från varandra och belägna endast några "blocks" från den lugna Coos Bay viken. Namnen på pastorer, som betjänat församlingen äro: J. Richard Olson, John E. Oslund, J. V. Benson, And. G. Anderson och J. A. Edlund.

De som tillfälligt betjänat pastoratet dessa 20 år äro pastorerna B. F. Bengtson och John E. Carlson samt studerandena Abel Ahlquist och John Unis, nu medicine doktor i Seattle.

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Söndagen den 19 augusti i år firade vår församling i North Bend 20-årsfest. Pastor loci höll barngudstjänst kl. 10 f. m., skrift och nattvardsgång kl. 11. På e. m. kl. 2 hölls den egentliga 20-årsfesten, då pastorn uppläste församlingshistoriken och uppläste helsningsskrivelser från förra pastorer.

Kl. 7:30 på kvällen hölls konfirmand-"reunion." Pastorn höll predikan på landets språk över ämnet: "Blessings" med 1 ps. i psaltaren som text. Kyrkan var fullsatt, så när, med uppmärksamma åhörare. Rätt många voro tillstädes vid de övriga sammankomsterna. Vid aftonsången frambar dr. J. E. Snyder från presbyterian kyrkan en hälsning från sin och de övriga församlingarna i North Bend.

Omkring 100 ungdomar ha konfirmerats i denna församling. Många ha lämnat ort och ställe, och andra ha vänt sina faders kyrka ryggen; så är fallet ock med dess "charter members" och andra, som under tiden förenat sig med församlingen, men för allt det så är det en ädel kvarleva, som står kvar inom kyrkans heliga hägn i ur och skur. "De som med tårar så, skola med glädje uppskära."

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På tal om församlingshistoriker, så har undertecknad skrivit ej så få. T. ex.: Första, Astoria, Ore.; Angelica, Los Angeles, Cal.; Elim, Brush Prairie, Wash.; Första (för 15-årsfest), Tacoma, Wash.; Ansgarii, Cannon Falls, Minn.; Trinity, Marshfield, Ore.; Bethel, Tacoma, Wash., och Ansgarii, South Bend, Wash.

Stärk, o Gud! din kyrkas svaga skara,
Att hon ej av satans starka här
Mätte nånsin övervunnen vara
På den stråt, som upp till himlen bär.

Tänk i nåd på dem, som leda striden
Mot förvillelse av alla slag,
Tills vi hunnit till den djupa friden
Uppå Herrens stora, sälla dag.

J. A. E-1-d.

British Columbia

Report to the Board of Trustees from the British Columbia Missionary.

To the President and Members of the
Board:

Our field for church work in B. C. can first of all be divided into two parts. Vancouver and New Westminster are about half of the Province, as far as population is concerned and they may be considered our most important and first field. Secondly we have the immense territory of the Province with the towns, villages, hamlets, camps, farming settlements, etc. This is our second field.

In Vancouver we have the First Swedish Lutheran church with Rev. O. R. Karlstrom at the head. In New Westminster, Rev. O. W. Westling. The population of greater Vancouver is about three hundred thousand, that of New Westminster about twenty-five thousand.

We have in British Columbia about 20,000 of Swedish birth or descent. The census of 1921 reported 9,666 persons born in Sweden. Since that time there has been heavy immigration from Sweden to the province. Some have left and some have died but we have gained a considerable number. Then there is a large body of Swedish speaking people, namely the Swedeng speaking Finns. Unfortunately they are listed in the government reports as "Finns" when it comes to racial origin. Then we have the first generation and even some of the second of people who have come from Sweden or Finland. Rev. E. J. Thompson writing in a church publication for the United Church says, concerning this field: "There are a great number of Scotch people, some English and outnumbering all these are the Swedes." (Rev. E. J. Thompson in Miss. Rev. "The Church in the Big Woods.") We can confidently say that we have 20,000 of our own kin here. Some thousand of these are found in and around Greater Vancouver and New Westminster. The rest are scattered everywhere in the province.

I rejoice that the church in Vancouver has secured a permanent pastor and that the board felt able to call a man for New Westminster. But, speaking of this our first and biggest field, there is still need for a man to care for the hundreds and hundreds of our people that come and go. A few little incidents from many show the need. Early in the summer, two girls were left on my hands after I had buried their father, brother and mother. I went to the police station to get them and to take them to our home. Half the summer they have lived with us. I just got a letter from a man in Sweden, who does not know anyone here, that he is coming to our home. The man is a total stranger except he wrote and asked for informa-

tion. Last winter there were hundreds that had to be aided or advised in one way or another. Shortly there will be a stream of men coming into Vancouver from the prairie provinces and many from the woods and fishing places. It would pay to get a man to minister to them and take care of such work. This man could also serve perhaps as missionary in outlying parts or places of greater Vancouver to establish Sunday schools with the view of getting churches started.

A suitable lot a block away from the Norwegian four story building or Mission could be had for \$4,500 at the present time. Another one a few doors away could be had for \$6,000 and an old building opposite the Norwegian Mission containing over twenty rooms for \$7,500, if I remember correctly. If the Board could see its way to aid in getting a man to serve he could perhaps be able to get enough money together to get hold of one of these lots and build a mission station. It would make a fine headquarters for carrying on the work here and to outside points. I would most strongly recommend this. If we could get such a place started I believe it would be possible to get a "hospice" for the men that would be a paying proposition in time. That hospice for men and immigrants and travelers to be located somewhere else in the city than where the "mission" would be located.

It would be possible to gather thirty or forty young men for a shorter term of school during the winter months and a couple of rooms in the mission hall, if one were secured, could be fixed up for these men as a school room. It is hard to say but in all probability it would be possible to develop some of these men as helpers fitted to do personal work for the extension of the Kingdom. Of course if anything in this line is to be done this year it must be done immediately.

In West Vancouver (pop. 5,000—6,000) and North Vancouver (pop. 10—12,000) there are no Lutheran churches. It is practically impossible for people that live there to come to the Lutheran churches in Vancouver proper. I have looked over the field hastily but have not been impressed by the possibility of building up a church there. At the present time the municipalities are not built up very much and the townsites are laid out on an enormous scale. If a "mission hall" were established Sunday school might be carried on from there—or workers from there.

Last winter the board of deacons of the First church expressed themselves as in favor of Sunday schools in outlying districts. I do not know what attitude the First church would take now. In general the Lutheran churches in Vancouver are located quite centrally or far in towards the center. Our church is located in the very center almost. I Point Grey and

South Vancouver and what may be called for convenience in this report East Vancouver at a distance of between four and five miles in a straight line from our church and at a very great distance from any other Lutheran churches there might be possibilities of establishing work. For my own part I believe most firmly that the fields mentioned should be thoroughly investigated and the possibilities discovered. If there were chances of gathering in a considerable body of Sunday school scholars and a number of people of Lutheran faith were found I believe property should be secured and chapels erected in time if suitable quarters could not be rented cheaper. There should not be a quibbling as to who should do the work.

I do not believe for a moment that a man should be called to devote his time to any of the places mentioned above until we found out if there was "ore" there. For this reason I suggest that it could well be done under the direction of the missionary in charge of the "mission headquarters." It means more or less "prospecting" at first and this could well be done in spare time of the missionary.

Out from Vancouver we have several places at some distance that should receive occasional visits. It will not pay to put a man to care for them exclusively. The missionary stationed in charge of the mission headquarters could keep an eye on them for the present and at seasons when the work was not pressing pay them a visit. (The Norwegians have called a man to sail up and down the coast of Alaska to look after the people. Here the United church and Anglicans have several such men with boats ministering to fishing settlements, loggers, etc.. We may be able to do that in time but not now of course.)

Secondly we have the field outside of Vancouver and its neighborhood. I refer to the province in all its extent. Our people are widely scattered. There is no place outside of Vancouver and New Westminster with enough of Swedes to establish a self supporting church. Even in places where there are numbers of them they are not willing to be gathered into the church.

Speaking generally the people will not break their necks in trying to get to hear the missionary. As far as some are concerned he could much better stay home and earn his bread in the sweat of his brow than to come and talk about spiritual things. But again there are many that do care. Many are glad to have a missionary come.

I wish to record my strong conviction that we should carry on work if it is at all possible to do so. If we can get the men and the means by all means let us go out and minister to our people everywhere. Our own future growth and existence will depend upon this.

We were the first on the field. Unfortunately we laid down the work in Prince Rupert and the Pacific Synod stepped in and now has the field and the future. In Nelson we were working but laid down and the Norwegians now carry on there. In Rosslund the congregation died because we did not minister to it. In some places as for instance Marble Lake where we had a congregation the United church has taken the field during the course of years. The Missouri Synod has stepped in and is laboring almost everywhere among our people. They have forty or fifty preaching stations. One of their men said to me: "You have the field; there are many more Scandinavians here than Germans for people of German descent." I had to reply: "We have not the men or means to care for it." But if it pays for them it surely will in time pay for us if we can carry on.

The work has its drawbacks. The United church missionary quoted before writes concerning the work: "There are many, many problems here. This is work to test a man physically, mentally and spiritually but it is worth while. There is an open door." A young man travelling from church to church stated that he found the work very hard. There is no comparison travelling from church to church, being received at the station in an automobile taken to the home of the pastor or some good member, all arrangements for the evening meeting made, etc., and that of travelling from preaching place to preaching place on the field. There is no one to meet the missionary at the station. There is perhaps a walk of several miles thru slush and snow in winter and thru heat and dust in summer. The luggage has to be carried and oftentimes the bag of hymnals. Arrived the meeting place has to be swept and warmed up in winter time. Then one must get out and rustle an audience walking from house to house. After the meeting is over one has the privilege of retiring to an unheated room quite often in winter time with 10, 20 or 30 degrees of frost outside. No, personally I have nothing to complain of. I take off my hat to the pioneers of yesterday when I think of their experiences. It might be hard to get college men and university trained men to shoulder the pack sack and rough it on the field. Unless we are willing to do this we can not carry on. The wife, if there is one, has to be left home alone; if there are children at least half the time or more. Does it pay? Yes it does pay. Other churches have found it pays. It has paid in the past and it is paying other churches now.

It pays in the spiritual good that is accomplished. The results may be are not very great but there are a number of people who have thanked God that we as a conference have been able to send someone

to minister to the scattered sheep. A few have been brought to Christ, and many have been strengthened spiritually. Yes the occasional visit does pay. Testimonies given by people on the field and some letters now in my possession tell that the work is not in vain.

How should the work be carried on. I believe along the same line as in the past. It is not always, very seldom indeed, possible to organize a congregation right away. There must be visit after visit. A society can after a while be organized. Perhaps another society be organized. Then a lot or lots should be secured for a little chapel as a meeting place for the people. In some places a few hundred dollars is sufficient, in others a few thousand—at most four or five thousand could well be expended. A chapel tells that one is there to stay. It is a constant standing ad that one is there carrying on the work. It is a rallying place for the people. It is an "altar erected to the living God." I worked with this end in view when I was travelling. A stranger in strange places one can not go ahead without any means at ones disposal very rapidly. In a couple of places lots were offered that now have trebled. Unfortunately I could only nibble without taking them in my own name for the people on the field. The missionary will feel when the time is about right to organize a church. And surely they need the means of grace in little places that in the very nature of the case can never be self supporting as well as in the places where the communities are larger. It is the little places that help to create the big.

The economical question is the big, pressing question I realize full well. I would suggest that missionaries be called at a salary say of \$2,000 and living quarters. This would in time save considerable money for the missionary can gather money for a parsonage and mission station but not for his own private dwelling.

As the work expands we will need more men of course. We would need one now for the eastern and one for the northern if the field has not changed greatly since a year ago. Let us fix on a definite sum to spend on the field for a number of years. If the missionary or missionaries are able to gather money on the field use this to expand the work.

If we made the mission a faith mission the conference would be relieved of the financial responsibilities. I know the mission is carried on in faith now but I mean in a special sense. The one who sent out the seventy and the twelve without scrip or purse and cared for them would care for His own today. The people on the field might respond better and give unto the Lord what is due and gifts might come from those who are really concerned for the welfare—the present and the

eternal welfare of their brethren for whom Christ also died.

I wish to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve. Only regret a glowing report can not be sent in. I believe the Lord speaks to us today as he did to his early disciples: "Cast the net out for a draught."

Your servant in Christ,

Andrew G. Anderson.

Lutheran Compass Mission

The first annual meeting of the Lutheran Compass Mission which was recently incorporated for the purpose of continuing the work of the missions in Seattle and Tacoma after January 1st, 1929, was held at the mission in Seattle October 9th at 8 o'clock.

There was a very good attendance and all were eager to do all they could to insure the continuance of the mission work in Seattle and Tacoma. Rev. E. Arthur Larson, the temporary chairman, called the meeting to order after the singing of two songs and the reading of scripture and offering of prayer by the Rev. O. R. Karlstrom. All present who had not yet signed up as members did so and the business of the evening was completed as quickly as possible.

The officers elected are as follows: President, Rev. E. Arthur Larson; 1st vice president, Carl W. Johnson; 2nd vice president, Rev. O. R. Karlstrom; corresponding secretary, V. E. Thoren; financial secretary, Mr. John Hedberg; treasurer, Mr. Ad. Johnson, 2035 W. 61st street, Seattle. Nine additional members were elected to the board of trustees making a total of fifteen: for a three year term, Mrs. John W. Unis, Mrs. C. W. Johnson, Mr. Ernest Hedberg, all of Seattle; for a two year term, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, and A. B. Swenson of Tacoma, and Mr. John Hellund of Emmaus church, Seattle; for a one year term, Rev. P. W. H. Fredericks, D. D., of Seattle, Mr. C. J. Lindquist, Tacoma, and Mr. Fred Lindberg, Seattle.

It will fall upon these officers and trustees to see that the work is continued among these men from land and sea, the homeless men, strangers who are journeying on life's way. To accomplish the task before them loyal support is needed. That this will be forth coming is certain from all the reports that have come in to us from a number of places. The Lord will raise up friends to carry on His work writes one prominent church man. The Lord wants to use us all for that purpose, and not only for the mission as such but for the entire program of our dear Lutheran church. As our hearts are touched by the Gospel and we praise God for His love and mercy toward us we shall seek to bring all men we possibly can into con-

tact with that Gospel, that their lives be changed, behoming new creatures, because of a new life that has been born in them.

Make the mission your mission. Make it your representative commissioned to do the will of the Father in heaven, a place where you may entertain the wanderers on life's way. You thereby become the personal representative of thousands of homes over the world, of many mothers who are wondering where their wandering sons are. Let the mission be a means of warming your heart to the needs of fellow men not only as to the material but above all the spiritual need, and having felt the blessing and happiness that comes with giving for Christ's sake you become more concerned about the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in all its branches.

Let us get behind this work and support it, make the missions real service stations from which the love of Christ radiates thru the church into the life of our neighbor on his way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We pray God that our congregations thru the individuals may co-operate with us. We hope to come to you soon to tell you about the work and our plans for the future. We want to be your servants, and show you, as you to the mission are giving of your means, both spiritual and material, one of the secrets of living.

Yours in the Master's service,

V. E. Thoren, Sec'y.

Tacoma W. M. S.

Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. Luke 5: 5.

Fifteen years ago the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Lutheran church of Tacoma was organized. There was great enthusiasm among the little group. They felt as tho a new field had been opened for them. A field to make ready; a field to sow and to plant in. And the organizer, Rev. E. C. Bloomquist, never failed to encourage and inject new interest in the work. At the fifth anniversary he gave the society this name, "Väckuret," a watch to cause an awakening.

Fifteen years seem a long time to look ahead, but looking back they seem very short.

Fifteen years of work, responsibilities, anxiety and joy. Here we gathered in the church parlor to celebrate, to sing and speak of God's wondrous work among us. The following program was given. A hymn sung by the congregation, scripture reading and prayer by our pastor, Ernest G. Svenson. The president, Mrs. Conrad Carlson in her kind sweet way spoke words of welcome. Mrs. Victor Hedberg sang a very appropriate solo, after which Mrs. E. Arthur Larson of Bethel church gave a most interesting talk. Mrs. A. B. Swenson gave a review of the work. The

girls of the Junior Mission band sang their official junior song; they sang it so well, and we were all very proud of them. Last but not least was a talk by the pastor, which was very encouraging. An invitation had been extended to the Bethel and Immanuel societies and a fine representation from both were there to cheer the mother society.

As an anniversary present the president handed Mr. A. E. Dahlin, treasurer for the building fund, a check, this to be used to help purchase one of the big windows for our new church. Refreshments were served and an offering for the Columbia conference home mission was taken.

The last four years have been somewhat trying for the missionary society; two years without a church home; the other two years the congregation's energy and efforts centered entirely on building the church. There have been times when the members of the society have felt like the fishermen on the shore of Lake Genesaret, hanging up the nets to dry for an indefinite time. But from the Master comes the command, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." There can be only one answer, "Lord, at thy word we will let down the net again."

Mrs. A. B. Swenson, Sec'y.

Items of Interest

Gleanings from the Portland District

New Pastor Arrives

We have our pleasant moments even in our district. We have otherwise been accustomed to say nothing but farewells and to part with friends whom we had learned to love. Now we have the pleasure to say "Welcome" and to see our depleted ranks back to order again. Colton, a beautiful village along the Mount Hood range, has at last received a pastor of its own. It took two years to convince our pastors that Colton was a good place to live in but at last Rev. Ernest J. Sakrison of Minneapolis became aware of the fact that "out west" there was a great empire in the making and that Colton was a worthy part of this empire and that Colton must be the place where he ought to live. And so he came. And the congregation was happy. And the pastor himself is happy. And his good wife is happy. And little Earl is the happiest of all, because the west is the best place in the world for a little fellow like that! And so there was a big jolly event planned for the Pastor and family. The church was crowded with congenial people who wanted to greet their new friends welcome. The pastors of the district were also there. And it was a glorious time. Rev. Sakrison received—besides a lot of well meant assurances of

support and fidelity — a sum of money equal to any gift of welcome in the district. But best of all: the folks in Colton are very fond of the family. And that is the best welcome any one of us could ever receive.

There seems to be still others who live in parsonages who are the recipients of love and esteem from their members. The last Columbia Lutheran told you about Rev. Eric Wahlstrom, Warren, how good the people had been to him. Well, Rev. Wahlstrom is one of those souls who deserve a lot of good. We are glad to add in this number that "surprise" is not the only thing brother Wahlstrom gets. His members think that he is the "best there is" — and they didn't miss it much at that.

But the Immanuel of Portland is in no wise behind anybody when it comes to show what they think of the Pastor. Some churches have only one surprise for their pastor—when he begins his work—and at that time they promise so many wonderful things that it would be surprising if they could ever keep it. Well, they forget it and there are no more surprises. But the Immanuel—no! They promised a lot and they are still keeping it. And they even got together on the day one year after Rev. H. P. Johnson's first sermon in the church and utterly surprised him. No, he was not surprised by not knowing anything about it. Immanuel does a thing right. They do things openly. But he must have been surprised that he was as well liked as all that. Of course, he had no reason to think otherwise, but—some congregations forget to express themselves as well as Immanuel did. There was a beautiful program, wonderful sentiment, splendid gift, delicate flowers, tasty refreshments. And then there was a speech by the undersigned, who was supposed to say what the members wanted to say. But he did as he always does—had a lot of fine things he intended to say but found that he couldn't find words to express what he wanted to say. So that part of it could have been much better.

"Where There Is Will!"

Yes, where there is will, most anything can be accomplished. We are referring to the ingathering of funds for the Columbia Hospital. Many thought it would be a hard task to complete—and probably it will be before we get through! But there are bright moments here and there. Our larger congregations, like those in Portland, have, of course, gathered larger sums. They have shown a wonderful spirit. But we should not forget "the little ones." In Elgarose we have a small congregation consisting of members who find very little by which to enrich their pocketbook. It has even been hinted that they were "too poor" to do anything for this cause. But the answer of the congregation was \$140.00 subscribed in about

five minutes after service one Sunday. That shows spirit. "Over the top" — that could easily be the watch word in every place. There isn't a congregation in the conference in as bad a condition financially as Elgarose, but—"we must over the top," they said, and it was done. This is much more remarkable when we take into consideration that during the year this congregation raised another \$250.00 to help one of their poorer members during the long sickness of a young boy. And, lest we forget, the paying of the church lot, which once had been "donated" by the land company and also—mortgaged by the same company and now included with other land to be sold at public auction to pay taxes! Well, the members said: "They shall not pass!" and dug deep into their pockets and saved the church. That is the spirit of the "little ones" out west.

E. Sandeen.

Tacoma District

The Tacoma District has held two mission meetings recently. The first was held September 25—26 at Bethany, Green Lake, Seattle. The meeting opened on Tuesday evening with two sermons; the one on "What I May Expect from Christ" by Rev. E. A. Larson; the other, "What Christ Expects of Me" by Rev. P. H. Nordlander. Services were also held at Upper Preston and Bothell the same evening. At Preston Rev. C. J. Renhard and Mr. Adolph Nelson preached, both on the Gospel lesson for the previous Sunday. At Bothell Revs. C. Thunberg and G. A. Herbert were the speakers. The first spoke on the Epistle lesson for the Sunday before and the second speaker had chosen the same text but changed to another text and theme after hearing the first speaker.

The business session was held on Wednesday forenoon. Revs. C. G. Bloomquist and Ernest G. Svenson as well as Mr. Adolph Nelson were welcomed to the district by the president. The field at Rochester was discussed at length. The budget for 1929 was taken up for consideration and recommended to the several congregations of the district as well as the every member canvass and duplex envelope system. Rev. G. K. Andeen presented the needs of Columbia Hospital, Astoria. Rev. P. H. Nordlander was elected vice president to fill the vacancy caused by the moving of Rev. O. R. Karlstrom and Mr. Adolph Nelson was chosen secretary to succeed Rev. B. T. Erholm.

On Wednesday afternoon a discussion was held in Swedish on the theme, "Föreningen med Gud och alla helgon." The subject was introduced by Rev. Renhard. A helpful and blessed discussion followed.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, Rev.

C. G. Bloomquist was officially installed as pastor of Bethany by Rev. G. K. Andeen, acting president of the conference assisted by the pastors of the district. After the installation the Bethany choir sang very beautifully and appropriately "My Task" and Rev. Ernest G. Svenson spoke on the theme, "What We May Expect in Fellowship With Christ." The congratulations and best wishes of the district were offered by the president, Rev. G. A. Herbert. This service was certainly impressive and inspiring. May God bless Pastor Bloomquist in his new pastorate. He has had a most wonderful and auspicious start there.

The other meeting of the district was held October 21-25 at Hoquiam and Aberdeen. The meeting began on Sunday afternoon, October 21, at Hoquiam with the laying of the cornerstone for the new Saron church. Rev. G. A. Herbert, president of the district, officiated assisted by Rev. Cral J. Renhard, local pastor, and Rev. J. Truedson, a former pastor there. Rev. Herbert delivered the festival address on the theme "The Church's One Foundation." The twentieth anniversary of the Saron congregation was also observed at this time. Rev. Renhard read the history of the congregation. It was organized March 1, 1908 by Rev. J. A. Levine with 33 charter members. Revs. J. Truedson, O. W. Westling and C. J. Renhard have served this congregation the longest. The Hoquiam congregation will soon have a very stately and serviceable church under the able leadership of its pastor. Rev. Renhard is the designer and builder of the church. He has done it almost single handed. This building will be a monument to his great work.

On Sunday evening Rev. Truedson spoke at Hoquiam and Rev. Herbert at Aberdeen. On Monday evening at Aberdeen Rev. Nordlander spoke on "Glädjens budskap för de fattiga" and Rev. Thunberg on "Helgonen, vilka äro de?" At Hoquiam the same themes were used with Dr. Hartelius and Mr. G. Oberg as speakers.

The business session was held on Tuesday forenoon. The Rochester field was again discussed at length. It was reported that Mr. G. Oberg, a lay preacher, is now in charge of the Rochester congregation with Rev. Thunberg as vice pastor. Mr. Oberg was present and received into the district. The next meeting will be held January 22-25, 1929. This will be the annual meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon a discussion on the theme, "Vad är så kallad 'Liberal Christianity?'" was held at Hoquiam, introduced by Rev. Herbert. Dr. Hartelius, Revs. Truedson and Thunberg took part in this service.

Closing services were held at both places on Tuesday evening. At Aberdeen Mr.

Adolph Nelson spoke on the theme, "The Cross" and Dr. Hartelius on "The Crown." At Hoquiam Mr. Vincent Thoren spoke on "The Cross" and Rev. Herbert on "The Crown." Services were also held at South Bend the same evening with Rev. Nordlander and Mr. Oberg as speakers.

At Hoquiam the field seems very encouraging. It takes time and money to build a church but in the near future the Saron congregation will be in good working order and all will be happy and reunited. At Aberdeen the church property is well located. It is very valuable. We have only a basement at present there. May the Aberdeen folks spurt up and erect a church in the near future. May God prosper our work in the Grays Harbor field.

Brevities

Rev. J. Helmer Olson, Great Falls, Montana, has declined the call to Augustana, Portland.

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The Saron Lutheran Church, Powell Valley, Oregon, has decided to build a new church in the city of Gresham. Preparations are now going on. Hope to begin next spring, if possible.

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Rev. G. A. Herbert is considering a call to Augustana Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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The council of First Lutheran church of Tacoma has decided to invite the Columbia Conference for the 1929 convention. The new church is nearing completion. A campaign for the refinancing of the church building project will be put on in the near future.

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Rev. G. A. Herbert has declined the call to Bethel, Omaha.

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Rev. E. J. Sakrison was last week installed as pastor at Colton, Oregon, by Rev. G. K. Andeen, acting president of the conference, assisted by pastors of the Portland district.

Thanks!

We wish to thank all those who helped to make the twenty-second annual Luther League convention a success. We especially thank the executive committee for their kind cooperation, Rev. M. L. Swanson who served as our advisor, and all those who appeared on the programs.

It is our hope and prayer that all who attended this convention had a pleasant visit in Everett and that this meeting may have been a blessing to all who were present. Very sincerely,

Everett Luther League.

Designs and Builds Own Church

Twenty years ago Rev. Carl J. Renhard designed the Emanuel Swedish Lutheran church, Portland, Ore. Early last year the same plans were used in beginning the construction of the Swedish Lutheran church of Hoquiam, Wash., his present charge. Due to difficulty in financing, the construction work has been slow, and the pastor, who learned carpentry in his youth under his father's instruction, has done single-handed a great deal of the work on the building. The basement, which is of concrete, is now complete and decorated. The second floor, which will house a large auditorium will be completed within another year, and at present Pastor Renhard, aided by his two sons, Waldemar, eighteen, and Bertil, sixteen, is building the steeple.

Many a pastor has turned his hand to designing churches. Few can point to churches which they have constructed almost single-handed, by their own labors.

—(N. L. C. News Bulletin.)

More About Columbia Hospital

The Columbia Hospital of Astoria is at zero hour. The next couple of weeks will decide whether it is going to continue to serve suffering humanity or be hampered in its mission by financial difficulties.

Its History

In pre-war days the citizens of Astoria began to feel the need of a first class fireproof hospital. On this account the Fraternal Hospital Association, Incorporated, was effected. Money was raised and the present location was secured. The war and the fire interfered in the carrying out of the project. Hampered by lack of funds and realizing the need of experience in hospital building and operation, the association through its representatives appealed to the Columbia Conference at its convention in Astoria in 1925 asking said body, because of its successful hospital work in Portland, to carry out the enterprise. The Conference considered the matter reluctantly, realizing that it would be a difficult task. It yielded, however, a year later to the continued request and on the assurance that the undertaking would be given the wholehearted support of the local citizens.

The Case Stated

A campaign for funds should have been put on that time but was postponed. In August, 1927, the present hospital had been completed and equipped at a total cost of a quarter of a million. A subscription campaign was then contemplated and partly planned by the Superintendent, Rev. A. V. Anderson. His untimely death

and the consequent lack of proper management made a campaign at that time impossible. The financial situation became more and more serious until it became necessary to appeal to the national body, Augustana Synod, of which the Columbia Conference is a part, to come to the rescue. Although this body has never before assisted any local hospital enterprise, it realized the urgent need and promised \$30,000.00 on the condition that Astoria and vicinity raise \$40,000.00 and the Columbia Conference \$20,000.00. Thus will be guaranteed the financial stability of this great institution which the citizens of Astoria can be truly proud of and cherish as a haven of rest and refuge in time of sickness.

Various Items

Twenty-four Doctors of high standing and ability, and nineteen Graduate Nurses, capable and experienced, make up the Staff and nursing force of Columbia Hospital. They are all ever alert active in the fight against sickness. 2600 patients have been cared for in Columbia Hospital to date though the Institution has only been in operation fourteen months.

Few people realize that a hospital is one of the greatest financial assets that a community can have. Columbia Hospital has already brought into the regular business channels of Astoria over \$100,000.00. It has required a good share of this to operate the Institution, not counting the many other ways in which it brings resources to the community. The cost of construction and equipment was nearly \$250,000.00.

The Management

Arrangements have been made whereby Rev. A. M. Green, Superintendent of Emanuel Hospital, Portland, will also act as Superintendent of Columbia Hospital. We are very fortunate in securing his services for Columbia.

Miss Ann Honkanen, the Superintendent of nurses, is one of Astoria's most capable nurses. She is well known and highly respected by the doctors and citizens of Astoria.

We hope every one in Astoria and the Columbia Conference will do his or her very best for this institution.

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