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## Editorially

## VALUABLE BOOKS

When you want to know how good a book for children is, let a child read it.

"The Silver Goblet" is the name of a book for children just off the press at Augustana Book Concern. When asked to give my opinion on this book, I handed it to my son, eleven years old. Two hours later I found him still pouring over the book, asking if he could please finish it because it was so interesting.

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It is a story of Martin Luther's boyhood. A true story, if you please. At least as true a story as you could make out of the unknown part of his life. The silver goblet is a symbol of the nobility of Luther's inner life—the sum total of his life's achievement. A good book for a Christmas gift.

The readers must be patient. So many news came into the office in the last minute. We have at least six important news articles left over. Interesting weddings, meetings and socials. Look for them next time.

Our next issue will be dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Getsemane church of Seattle and the 15th Anniversary of the Columbia Home for the Aged. Remember: material before Oct. 20.

## The President's Corner

By Rev. N. Wm. Anderson  
Conference President

The month of September brings to us a feeling of renewed enthusiasm within our congregations. Better attendance is evidenced in our Sunday Schools and at our Sunday services. Our choirs, who have enjoyed longer or shorter vacations, again inspire the worshippers by their beautiful song. Within us we feel like saying: "I am glad summer is gone." We are prepared to enter the service of God with renewed inspiration and hope. My sincere prayer is that we as congregations within the Columbia Conference will be able to accomplish great things in winning souls for the Kingdom in the days ahead of us.

I am also writing to you, dear members of the Columbia Conference, with a deep feeling of responsibility, in behalf of one of our Conference Institutions, namely Columbia Hospital at Astoria, Oregon. At the meeting of the Conference Board held at Hoquiam, Wash., last May, we had to face some financial problems which we as a Board felt that the members of our congregations alone could help us solve. For a number of years, outstanding bills have hampered our work at that institution and caused considerable concern to the Hospital management. These bills we believe can be liquidated at approximately 50% if we can get the funds. We, your servants of the Conference, therefore appeal to ALL our members, congregations and friends to receive a generous offering on Sunday October 20th for this cause. We believe that our people will be willing to come with this special assistance and thereby help our Hospital at Astoria to carry on its ministry of healing. We appeal for your very liberal contribution as you take part in this offering. We believe that many of our people can give liberally enough so that this appeal would amount to several thousand dollars. Please do this! Let us remember that no one ever becomes poor because of what he gives for the Lord's cause.



May I therefore ask all our members and pastors to use their influence and good will to help make this offering a success? Those of us placed in the difficult position of responsibility by you, will certainly appreciate your good-will and financial support.

## THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The Every Member Canvass is an important part of the fall activities of our congregations. It is to be hoped that all our congregations will get behind this work in a systematic and sympathetic manner. Often we find that congregations fall in their financial program because little or nothing is done to encourage and enlighten its members of the activities and needs of the church. Certainly the financial program of the church is worthy of more intelligent consideration than many of our congregations have given it in the past. This we must try to remedy.

The Finance Committee of the Augustana Synod brings us the recommendation that meetings be held in all our Districts within the Conference, for the purpose of having the Church Budget presented to the leaders within our churches. This meeting should be held at a central location within the District. Several meetings may be advisable where distances are great. The Boards of Administrations, Every Member Canvassers and our members in general should attend; especially should every trustee within our congregation be present. Three speakers are suggested and at the same time the meetings should not last much over one hour. The presidents of our Districts are responsible for the calling of such a meeting in their respective district.

I sincerely hope that these meetings will prove beneficial and valuable, and that the every Member Canvass within our congregations will be a great success.

**NEW FINANCE**

By Rev. C. Arthur Johnson

Some time ago the writer received a letter from the Publisher and Editor of the Columbia Lutheran asking if he would be so kind as to write an article explaining the New Financial System adopted by the Columbia Conference at its last annual convention.

True, the Conference did adopt a new method of assessment for the Conference and Synodical Budget requirements. However, the writer, if he is not mistaken, understood the Resolution adopted by the Conference was to the effect that the PRINCIPLE of the Resolution proposed was adopted and that a Committee consisting of two members, one pastor and one lay, from each District, together with the Conference Treasurer, work out the details of the system and put the same into effect by January 1936.

However, since the Editor has been so kind as to ask for a word of explanation, the writer feels that a presentation of the PRINCIPLE of the system might not be out of place and with the kind permission of the Editor he will reserve the full explanation until the Committee has met.

With your kind permission I wish first to present the RESOLUTION as presented to the Conference, a copy of which was sent to the various pastors and delegates before the Conference meeting. The RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

**BE IT RESOLVED**

That beginning with January 1, 1936 the assessments, for Conference and Synodical Budget requirements, on the various Congregations within the Columbia Conference, shall be made on the basis of the preceding years NET INCOME of the Congregation.

THAT the assessments shall be made on the PERCENTAGE basis.

That the PERCENTAGE ASSESSMENTS shall be applied to the CURRENT YEARS NET INCOME, and shall be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer monthly.

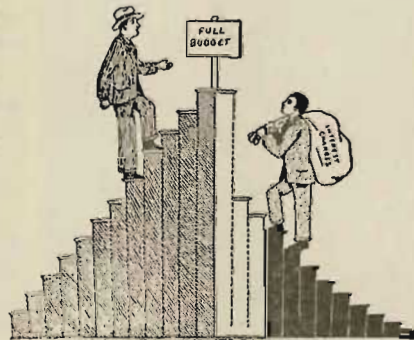
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

THAT the Finance or Budget Com-

mittee, duly constituted and elected by Conference, shall meet annually on a date between January 20th and February First.

THAT it shall be the duty of the Secretary or Clerk of the Congregation together with the Pastor to prepare and submit to the Finance or Budget Committee a complete report of the TOTAL INCOME of the Congregation from ALL sources together with the ITEMS OF ALLOWED DEDUCTION. This report shall be made on a standard form prepared and adopted by Conference for the purpose. This report shall be forwarded to the Finance or Budget Committee on or before January 20th each year.

THAT the duly constituted and elected Finance or Budget Committee shall meet as above specified for the following purpose:



1. To receive and consider all requests from Congregations for mission aid. To receive and consider all other requests for Financial aid from other Conference Beneficiaries. To decide upon the merits of the various requests.

2. After having received and duly considered the various requests they shall formulate a TENTATIVE BUDGET for the current year.

3. To receive and examine the reports submitted by the various congregations, and from them determine the TOTAL NET INCOME of all Congregations within Conference. On the basis of the TOTAL NET INCOME they shall determine the assessment PERCENTAGE for the CURRENT YEAR.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

THAT the following DEDUCTIONS from the GROSS INCOME shall be allowed:

1. Payments in INTEREST on indebtedness.

2. Payments on PRINCIPAL from money raised specifically for the purpose. NOT PAYMENTS FROM CURRENT FUNDS.

3. Women's Mission Society monies.

4. Major improvements in excess of \$150. The report to specify the nature of improvements made.

5. SPECIAL OFFERINGS for Missions, either Home or Foreign.

THAT the Finance or Budget Committee shall have full authority to examine into and pass upon the validity of the claim made in the various reports and requests for aid submitted to the Committee by Congregations or other Beneficiaries of Conference.

I think you will agree with me that the principle underlying the system is very simple and easily understood. The principle is simply this: the Finance or Budget Committee make the assessments for Conference and Synodical purposes on a PERCENTAGE BASIS. Each Congregation will be asked to pay the same PERCENTAGE for Conference and Synodical purposes. The PERCENTAGE RATE for the year will be based on the TOTAL NET INCOME of the Congregations within the Conference.

I would ask you to read and study very closely the RESOLUTION, even though the Committee has not worked out the details and adopted the same. I believe that the principle contained in the same will be beneficial to the Conference as a whole. No system works of itself, however good it be. We must all get back of it and do our part. I invite you to write and ask any question and also to criticize constructively. I shall be happy to answer your questions privately or through the Columbia Lutheran.

May we all unitedly pray for the ones on whose shoulders the responsibilities of the Conference rest. They need our encouragement and our co-operation. We invoke God's Blessing upon the work of the Columbia Conference.

If you accept the invitation to ask questions, kindly send letters to Rev. C. Arthur Johnson, 16 S. 6th Ave., Yak'ma, Wash.

**PASTOR'S RETREAT OF THE COLUMBIA CONFERENCE AND THE  
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETHSEMANE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH, SEATTLE, WASH.**

**OCTOBER 23 - 27, 1935**

**General Theme for Pastor's Retreat—"The Christian Pastor"**



**WEDNESDAY**

- 2:00 p. m.** Devotion—Rev. Carl A. Bengtson, Emaus, Seattle  
"The Purpose and Blessing of a Pastor's Retreat"—Rev. J. Billdt  
"The Requirements of the Christian Pastor as a Shepherd  
of Souls" ..... Rev. Reuben E. Norling, Moscow
- 6:30 p. m.** Anniversary Dinner  
Talks by pioneers of Gethsemane  
"Reminiscences of Church Work in the Pioneer Days of  
Columbia Conference".....Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, Sedro-Woolley

**THURSDAY**

- 9:00 a. m.** Devotion—Rev. E. Arthur Larson, Tacoma
- 9:30 a. m.** "What Specific Conditions are apt to obstruct the activities  
of a Christian Pastor in our Day?" Rev. C. Arthur Johnson
- 10:45 a. m.** "What special sins are apt to entangle a Christian Pastor in  
our age of apostacy?" ..... Rev. Axel Berg, Troy
- 1:30 p. m.** Devotions—Rev. C. Arthur Johnson, Yakima
- 1:45 p. m.** "The Christian Pastor and the Charitable Institutions of the  
Church" ..... Rev. Enoch Sandeen
- 3:15 p. m.** Fifteenth Anniversary Program at Columbia Home for Aged.  
1. Address—Rev. E. J. Sakrison, Colton  
2. Address—Rev. J. A. Edlund, Marshfield  
3. History of Home  
4. Greetings—Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, Conference President
- 8:00 p. m.** Organizations' Program  
1. Women's Work—Mrs. Alfred Johnson  
2. Men's Work—Dr. John W. Unis  
3. Children's Work—Mr. A. T. Johnson  
Address—"The Purpose, Methods, and Importance of Organi-  
zations in the Christian Church" ..... Rev. Paul V. Randolph

**FRIDAY**

- 9:00 a. m.** Devotion—Rev. John Truedson, Seattle
- 9:30 a. m.** "Have we as Christian Pastors a true sense of responsibility  
for our high and sacred calling?" ..... Rev. A. I. Pierce
- 10:45 a. m.** "How shall the love and devotion for our Columbia Conference  
and Augustana Synod be awakened and strengthened?"  
Rev. A. G. Anderson
- 2:00 p. m.** Session for Pastors and Laymen  
Devotion—Rev. Roger P. Oliver
- 2:30 p. m.** "How can we foster greater love and devotion among our people  
towards their church?" ..... Rev. E. Arthur Larson
- 8:00 p. m.** Fiftieth Anniversary Program  
1. "Anniversary Sermon"—Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, Conf. Pres.  
2. "Brief History of Gethsemane"—Dr. C. R. Swanson  
3. Greetings and felicitations

**SATURDAY**

- 8:00 p. m.** Sacred Concert  
Address—"Church Music" ..... Rev. Harry Lundblad

**SUNDAY**

- 9:45 a. m.** Svensk Gudstjänst—Predikan, Dr. Axel M. Green, Portland
- 11:00 a. m.** Holy Communion with fall service  
Communion Sermon—Rev. C. A. V. Lund, Vice-Pres., Conference  
Sermon—Rev. John A. Martin, Astoria
- 3:30 p. m.** Luther League Rally Service  
1. Devotion—Rev. Enoch Sandeen  
2. Address—Miss Effie Frisell  
3. Address—Rev. Elmer M. Johnson
- 7:30 p. m.** Closing Service  
"Problems of Life driving us nearer to God" (Psalm 73)  
Rev. C. J. Renhard  
"The Innumerable Multitude before the Throne" (Rev. 7:9-17)  
Rev. O. E. Karlstrom

**HONOR PASTOR AND WIFE AT  
RECEPTION**



A very fine reception was given in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Axel E. Berg at the Westdala church, Troy, Idaho, Sept. 20. A large group of the church membership and other friends were present to welcome the new pastor and his family. A splendid program with J. A. Sandell in charge was rendered.

Greetings were given by Alfred Ekholm, representing the Church Council; Alfred Sandell, in behalf of the Sunday school; Layton Kellberg, in behalf of the Luther League. Mrs. Herman Paulson and Mrs. Albin Swanson spoke in behalf of the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid respectively.

Greetings were also given by Rev. J. E. Gibson, Ole Bohman, O. W. Newman, and Supt. of Schools R. N. Peterson.

A vocal duet was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Borlen, and a clarinet solo by LaVerne Kaaen.

A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Berg by Mrs. Albin Swanson in behalf of the Ladies' Aid, and Mr. Alfred Ekholm in behalf of the congregation and friends presented Pastor Berg with a substantial purse of money. Rev. Berg responded with appropriate remarks.

Rev. Berg came from International Falls, Minn., Sept. 1 to take up work on this important field. The C. L. wishes him many happy years in the service.

**BETHEL, SEATTLE**



A Chinese party was given this month by the Bethel league, Seattle. Decorations and refreshments were a la China. Miss Ruth Nystrom, formerly teacher in the American college in China and now connected with the Monroe Junior High School of Seattle, was the speaker. Leonard Swanson received the first prize for being the best handyman with chopsticks, Earl Jensen for solving the most Chinese riddles and Carl Carlson for drawing the best figures in the drawing contest. The next meeting will bring a visit to India.

# LUTHER LEAGUE



## CONFERENCE LEAGUE SHOWS MISSIONARY ZEAL

The convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League is more than a memory. It is an inspiration. It proved among other things that a young peoples' rally in the afternoon can be huge success when left to the young people themselves.

The programs were well arranged and the spirit good. We were happy over the absence of the manifestation of "pep" and other useless slogans. Fun there was, but clean and wholesome. The convention was a credit to the Augustana leaguers and its pastor. One decision in particular is of great importance. It opens a missionary prospect for the leaguers—an aim and an inspiration.

The motion concerning the Mission Project follows: "That we recommend that we have as our aim to raise 5c per member per month for a Foreign Mission Project. That project to be decided upon next year."

We shall have occasion to return to this subject in a future issue. Suffice it to say that hearts are warming up to the proposition.

Marens Renhard of Aberdeen is the youngest president of the league so far. Young he is, but there are ideas in that young man's head. We are going to hear more of him this year. Rev. Paul Randolph was chosen advisor to the board. This marks the fulfillment of the original plans of this organization: A board of young people guided by a consecrated pastor. The new officers are:

Col. Conf. L. L. President, Marens Renhard, Aberdeen, Wash.; Vice-Pres. and P. T. L. Chairman, Georgia Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.; Secretary, Martha Elmer, Tacoma, Wash.; Treasurer, Clarence Nelson, Portland, Ore.; Statistician, Judith Bohlin, Portland,

Ore.; Advisor, Rev. Paul V. Randolph, Portland, Oreon.

You will also be interested in the following resolutions:

### Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that the treasurer of the L. Ls throughout the Conference be congratulated on their cooperation with the Conference treasurer by sending in their dues.



MARCUS RENHARD

2. Be it resolved that each Luther League continue more faithfully in the support of the Columbia Lutheran and Lutheran Companion through subscriptions, advertisements and articles.

3. Be it resolved that the local Luther Leagues continue to encourage Bible Study at their meetings.

4. Be it resolved that a more concentrated effort be made in increase of membership.

5. Be it resolved that the local leagues earnestly support their respective congregations through prayer, financial contributions and encourage-

ment in all matters pertaining to the church.

6. Be it resolved that the local leagues become more mission minded taking a greater interest in both home and foreign missions.

7. Be it resolved that all leagues not having participated in a Fellowship Offering during 1935 do so on Sept. 29, 1935.

8. Be it resolved that the Conference prayerfully support the Pocket Testament League Movement.

9. Be it resolved that the Columbia Conference Luther League extend its appreciation to the Augustana Luther League for its zealous and splendid hospitality, and,

10. Be it resolved that we extend to our officers a hearty thank you; to Edith Winkler, Marens Renhard, Georgia Johnson, Virgil Sutherland and Eleanor Anderson."

The outing at the L. L. Park in Cotton was attended by many. In a ball game the pastors probably surprised the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellingham boys by defeating them by a score of 4 to 1 and the Augustana boys successfully met the challenge of the Salem group from Spokane by defeating them 5-1.

## LEAGUE NEWS

The Ruston league chose its new leaders at the September meeting. They are: Ruth Elmer, president; Virginia Johnson, vice president; Myrtle Backe, secretary, and Helen Williamson, treasurer. Seven young people were received as members, making the total membership thirty. Monthly services are held by the leaguers in absence of a pastor.

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Members of the Westdala league, Troy, Idaho, gave a program in the First Lutheran Church of Moscow recently. Rev. Axel B. Berg, recently moved to Troy, spoke.

**APPEAL FOR THE COLUMBIA HOSPITAL**

By Mrs. J. A. Martin  
Pres. Col. Conf. W. M. S.

The week of October 14 - 20 has been set aside as Columbia Hospital week throughout the Conference. The Hospital comes to each of our 37 W.M.S. with an appeal for help. The ways and means for this ingathering is left with each local society to work out according to prevailing conditions—offerings, dinners, teas or programs may be used. Let us all join hands in this appeal and do the best we can financially, taking this united effort to the Throne of Mercy. Send funds through regular channels. Remember October 14-20 is Columbia Hospital week.

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September is the month when our thoughts turn toward the Girls Home in Vancouver, it being the Birthday month of the Home. Women of Columbia, whether you are member of the Woman's Missionary Society or not, let us all pull together and make this Home a "Beacon Light" for the Homeless and Lonesome Girls.

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The Y. W. M. S. of Trinity, Astoria, entertained at a Candle Light Festival Sept. 13th at the home of Lorraine Martin. 13 tables were set with four guests at each table, the 13 members each, serving at her own table. In this way the girls raised their quota for Home Missions.

**PASTORS WELCOMED HOME**

The members of the Carlsborg Lutheran Church of Colton, Ore., recently honored their pastor on his return from vacation. Rev. Carl J. Renhard, having returned to his old home in Colton after serving as pastor in Aberdeen and Hoquiam for a number of years, was also present, together with Mrs. Renhard and daughters Doris and Sigrid. Several speeches were given during the dinner and many beautiful sentiments were expressed to both pastors. After dinner Rev. Renhard administered Holy Baptism to little Sandra Charlotta, infant daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eskil Renhard.

**RECEPTIONS**

A surprise party was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Enoch Sandeen of the Bethel church, Seattle, Sept. 15 in commemoration of the sixth anniversary of their arrival at Betnel. The Priscilla society of the congregation sponsored the event.

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The Aberdeen and Hoquiam congregations recently met to say farewell to their beloved pastor, Rev. Carl J. Renhard, and family. Rev. Renhard took up the work in the field 1922

and has given much of his best years into the upbuilding of God's kingdom in these places. A new and beautiful church in Hoquiam remains a monument to Rev. Renhard for years to come. The building was constructed by Rev. Renhard and his sturdy sons and is one of the few churches in the country that can truly be called "The church the pastor built." 122 children have been confirmed in Hoquiam during these thirteen years of service. Rev. Enoch Sandeen, president of the Tacoma district, is temporarily in charge of the pastorate.



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Fares, Board of Trustees .....	200.00
Printing Conference Minutes .....	250.00
Lutheran Work in Oregon .....	250.00
Sundries and Interest .....	2,500.00
Salaries, Conference Officers .....	975.00
Pacific Lutheran College .....	2,000.00
Synodical Contributions .....	3,300.00
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE CONCLUDED

The fourth annual Lutheran Sunday School Teachers' Institute of South-west Washington was held Sunday, September 15, at Saron Luth. Church, Hoquiam, Wash. Thirty-six Sunday school workers from Centralia, South Bend, Raymond, Aberdeen, and Hoquiam were in attendance.

The afternoon session was opened at three o'clock by Mr. Ernest Eklund, of Hoquiam, vice-president of the institute. Mr. Frank Hill of Raymond led in devotion, and cornet duets were rendered by Miss Ernestine Aldrich and Mr. Howard Fredrickson. Mrs. Clyde Bowers and Miss Bernice Eklund, of Hoquiam, sang a vocal duet.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. A. H. O. Erickson, Aberdeen, president; Rev. Theodore Gulhaugen, South Bend, vice-president, and Miss Cora Lien, Aberdeen, secretary-treasurer.

Centralia and Grand Mound will entertain the institute next year at Grand Mound, Washington. The program committee will consist of the executive committee and the local pastor.

Rev. T. T. Ove, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, spoke on "Why Do Children Who Readily Enroll in Public School Often Need Considerable Persuasion to Enroll in Sunday School?" Topics discussed in connection with the question-box conducted by Rev. Gulhaugen were: "How to Grade the Sunday School Classes;" "How to Interest the Children in Old Testament Bible Reading," and "How to Approach Unchurched Parents in Order to Win Them and Their Children for Sunday School."

Rev. Fred T. Lucas, of Immanuel English Lutheran Church, Centralia, as principal speaker at the evening session, chose as his topic "Learn of Me." His address was centered around the three factors: "On account of whom He is, On account of His words, and On account of His character."

The session was dismissed by Rev. Gulhaugen, and it was felt that this year's institute was a success and an inspiration to the attending delegates.

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### CONFERENCE HISTORY

By Rev. J. A. Edlund

(Rearranged from last issue)

Pastors like L. Sällergren and Per Nyman in Småland, Hoov in Västergötaland, shortly after the death of Schartan, preached so gloriously that people came several Swedish miles to hear them. In Northern Sweden people had, at this time, the habit of coming together in smaller or larger groups on Sunday afternoons to read the works of Luther, Norberg and other good books as dessert to the dry sermons heard in their parish churches in the forenoon. In Stockholm, later on, a Methodist lay-preacher by the name of Scott, who had learned Swedish, came from England, and made quite a stir. Baptists came into Dalarna and other provinces and disturbed the people by disbelief in infant baptism. Their mission was to turn people against the state-church and its articles of faith. Here and there in Sweden people began to withdraw from the services of the church and met in smaller and larger groups to show their disapproval of the state church. Some went so far as to burn up their didactic books at public gatherings, as was the case with Erik Janson and his followers in Hälsingland and nearby provinces. For this they were prosecuted by the state. This they repeated time and again and their leader was in jail more than once. Finally he was able to sneak out of the country and came over to

U. S. and with his enthusiastic following in Henry county, Ill., in the year 1846. Four years later there were nearly a thousand of his followers at said place, but his course was soon run for he was assassinated in 1850. Their headquarters was at Bishop Hill, where the descendants of this false prophet are still living. The Swedish Methodists did all in their power to encourage the emigrants to join hands with them in organizing M. E. congregations in this new land instead of Lutheran.

To aid the Methodists in capturing the Swedish newcomers they bought an old ship, which lay at anchor in New York harbor, equipped as a chapel, where they gathered our people in large numbers, when they landed, and told them that the real, living Lutherans were the Methodists. And, mind you, this bore fruit in a greater degree than we are willing to admit and made it a difficult task for those who first came out here to gather our people into Lutheran congregations. For instance: When the Swedish Lutheran congregation in Moline, Ill., was organized in 1856, it was stipulated, that no one could become a member unless he or she was a living Christian. The Baptists and Methodists laid such stress on a living church, but they were not aware, that it was a sin to sail under a false flag and say the most unkind things about their fellow men and their church in the country they had just left.

The people in Sweden at this period got news about this country in the

Letters from those already here, thru Newspapers and Literature such as "Hemmen i Nya Verlden" by Fredrika Bremer. Last but not least through an Emigration Club in Stockholm, which sent out information about America. This was not in vain.

People got ready to leave their native land which, I fear, they had never loved and they turned their backs on the church of their fathers as if it were a worn out garment. The most of them came out here to reap a fortune. They never came to give their life and all for the upbuilding of a grand nation for themselves and their children.

I mention this to show what elements our pioneer pastors had to deal with. Greed was the outstanding passion of these newcomers and their religious fervor, in most cases, was at zero. But in this motley mass were a few souls, who had not yet turned their backs upon God, nor their church. And when they came to this country they sustained great losses. Many did not even reach their destination alive. Rev. L. P. Estjörn lost two of his children on this venturesome trip. During 182-1856 ever so many lost their lives to cholera in Chicago and other points. At Andover, Ill., so many died that they had to use a good deal of the lumber for the new church for coffins. "Death and decay all around I see." But I assure you, that hundreds, if not thousands, that had never before bowed before God in humility discovered this: "Man doth not live by bread alone."

(To be continued)

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