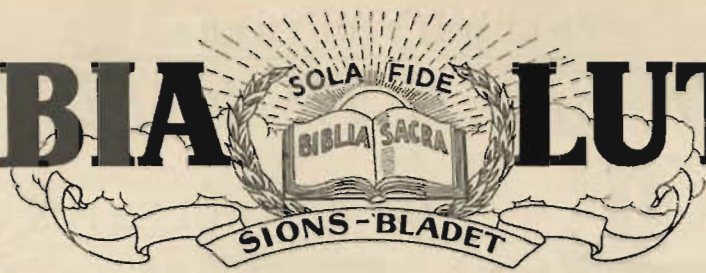


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CONFERENCE CONVENTION AT SEATTLE

A convention of young people of the Columbia Conference will be held Sept. 3, 4 and 5 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Seattle. Enoch Sandeen, pastor. The conference opens Saturday night with devotionals and business transactions.

Sunday morning the president of the Conference Luther League, the Rev. Carl A. V. Lund of Mount Vernon, will deliver the sermon. The speaker for the mass meeting to be held in the afternoon is Rev. Carl J. Olson of Central Lutheran Church, Seattle, and Dr. C. R. Swanson of Gethsemane Church.

An oratorical contest between the three districts of the conference is scheduled for the evening. A boat excursion is planned for Labor Day. A splendid musical program is being planned consisting of numbers in the morning by a mixed chorus from Spokane, in the afternoon by a united chorus of representatives from all conference choirs, and in the evening by a chorus from Portland.

The united chorus is under direction of Professor Karl E. Weiss of Tacoma. Local leaguers are busily engaged in finding lodgings for the guests, who are expected to gather in great numbers.

SPOKANE DISTRICT HAS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

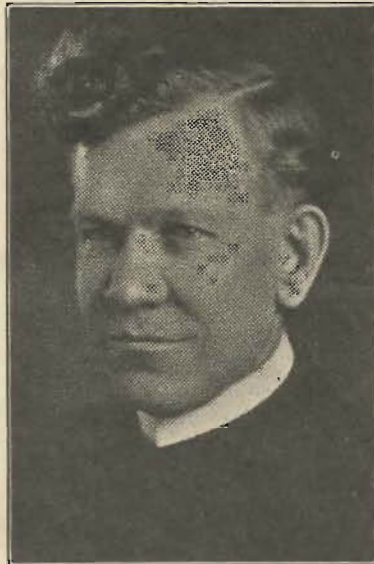
The twenty-third annual meeting of the Spokane District Luther League convened at Troy, Idaho, August 6 and 7. The convention opened with swimming and a picnic dinner at the Leonard Nelson place on Little Bear Ridge.

The business meeting was also held at the Nelson farm. Delegates from the four churches of the district responded to roll call as follows: Westdala, Troy, Idaho, 5; Grace, Spokane, Washington, 6; First Lutheran, Moscow, Idaho, 4; and Salem, Spokane, Washington, 6.

A new element was introduced in the Spokane District for the year 1932-1933. Laymen were elected to the offices of president and vice president. The officers elected were: Edwin Ostroot, Moscow, president; Elsa Bergren, Salem, Spokane, vice president; Corine Swenson, Grace, Spokane, secretary; and Arthur Johnson, Troy, treasurer.

Spokane District's major project for the next year will be the sponsor-

REV. S. E. JOHNSON LEAVES THE CONFERENCE



REV. S. E. JOHNSON

The good services rendered within the conference by the Reverend Samuel E. Johnson of the Augustana church, Portland, were terminated last week when the pastor and family packed up their belongings and set out for the new field in the Kansas Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson have been a great blessing to the work here on the coast and their departure for the middle West is a great disappointment to the conference. They began their labors in Augustana only three years ago, succeeding Rev. C. G. Bloomquist on his removal to Seattle. During their brief stay they have proved themselves efficient workers in the kingdom and have left many a monument of friendship behind them and fruits of labor that last.

In the more general work of the conference both Rev. and Mrs. Johnson have held positions of trust, the pas-

ing of a summer Bible camp. Our group has never sponsored a Bible encampment, but we are all praying that next summer will see the fulfillment of the plans discussed at our 1932 convention.

Sunday school and communion services were held in Westdala Church Sunday morning and the communion address was delivered by Rev. W. E. Siegel, Grace Church, Spokane.

The program which was presented by representatives of the four churches on Sunday afternoon was indeed inspirational. The theme of the program was "Our Conference," and short discussions were given by League members of the three visiting churches



MRS. S. E. JOHNSON

for being member of the conference board of trustees and Mrs. Johnson president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The family left on Wednesday, a week ago, in their automobile for Asaria, Kansas. A few stops were made on the road and the arrival at the place of destination is timed for the second week of September. The introductory sermon will be held the 11 of September.

The Augustana church has called Rev. C. G. Anderson of Sacramento, California, to succeed Rev. Johnson, but has not at the time of writing received an answer. In the meantime the church is served by Student Samuel E. Edwins, who is on a visit to the conference in the interest of the mission field in China, where his father spent a number of years as a missionary.

on the aims, purposes, and attainments of our conference yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Vocal and instrumental numbers were also rendered by members of all four Leagues.

Rev. N. William Anderson, Salem Church, Spokane, was the main speaker of the evening meeting. His message was augmented by musical selections, both vocal and instrumental.

SINGERS, ATTENTION!

The anthems to be sung by the Conference Chorus are: "The Heavens are Telling" (Haydn) and "Gloria" (Mozart). Please bring as many extra copies as you can get hold of as we have only about sixty copies on hand.

PORTLAND DISTRICT HOLDS CONVENTION

The 25th Portland District Luther League Convention was held at the Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland August 6th and 7th.

The business session was held on Saturday evening with a large number of young people present. Albert Anderson of Immanuel was re-elected President; Rev. J. A. Martin of Astoria Vice President; Miss Lillian Lekander of Gresham, Secretary; Ray Widen of Augustana, re-elected Treasurer; Rev. E. J. Sakrison of Colton as Dean of the Bible Institute; Rev. C. S. Odell, Assistant Dean.

It was decided to hold a Spring Rally in 1933 at a date to be decided later. Appropriations were voted to Home and Foreign missions, and it was decided to ask other Lutheran bodies to attend sessions of the Bible Institute next year.

Communion was held on Sunday morning. Rev. Arthur Pierce preached the preparatory sermon. Rev. J. A. Martin gave the regular morning address. A Rally was held in the afternoon at which time Rev. A. G. Anderson and Rev. E. J. Sakrison took part; an oration was given by Harold Benson of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Rev. Charles Epple of Faith Lutheran Church of Portland gave the afternoon address. In the evening the closing session, Rudolph Burke, student pastor of Immanuel Church, gave the evening address. Beautiful and well rendered music was given at all the sessions.

The convention was well represented by the different Leagues in the District, and God's presence was felt at each of the sessions.

PRESIDENT CALLS MISSION SUNDAY

It has already been brought to the attention of our pastors and church people, through our Synodical Church papers, by an article written by our Synodical president Dr. G. A. Brandelle, that September 25th be set aside as a special Home Mission Sunday. The pastors of our Conference are asked to present the cause of Home Missions in their sermons on that day. The text for that day, the 18th after Trinity, will readily lead itself to this exposition.

We often hear the remark that "Home Missions is the most important work of the church." None can sur-

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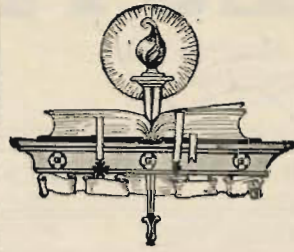
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THE BIBLE TEACHES:



THAT GOD RULES HIS WORD BY PROVIDENCE

Ps. 121:2-4. Acts. 17:24-28. Hebr. 1:3.

Therefore the Lutheran Church Teaches:

THAT GOD IN HIS PERFECT LOVE AND CARE FOR HIS CREATION CARES FOR ALL THINGS AND THAT ALL MAY REST SECURE IN THE EMBRACE OF HIS ETERNAL GOODNESS.

EDITORIAL

LUTHER LEAGUE SONGS

In order to encourage the literary qualities of the young people of our conference the Columbia Lutheran has decided to print in each issue one or two poems, which can be used as songs at special meetings of the young people, such as "pep" meetings, social programs, etc. These songs are in no way to take the place of hymns found in our regular hymnbooks, but are to serve as an incentive to young people of poetical and musical inclinations. The hymns of all ages have been written by somebody — why could not our own members be somebodies? Poems, which have been printed from time to time in this paper, have proved that there is a talent within our conference for this kind of literary work that is not to be sneered at.

What the young people need is an avenue of expression. They are the future leaders of our church, and if they are given the opportunity to begin now, they will be better leaders then.

In this respect the Bible Institutes have served as a great incentive during the years that have passed. No one can truly estimate the value of these meetings to the young people, and no one can say what the Luther League work would have been today without them. Programs and activities, planned by the young people themselves and realized thru the kind and understanding co-operation of the pastors, have done much to save the youth for the church.

It is in the hope that these ties between the church and its youth may be strengthened that we invite the leaguers to use the columns of the C. L. for their poetical endeavors. You will find a corner set aside in "Our Young People" department, edited by Miss Margaretta Grant, who by the way, is very much interested in this line of activity.

May then other young people learn to sing in these columns as did our gifted Elma Danielson some time ago:

"I like to think that as the sun
Is just behind the grey,
So stands the Sun of Righteousness
In glorious array."

OUR CONFERENCE TODAY

(This splendid speech was made by Miss Ruth O. Peterson of the Salem Luther League, Spokane, at the recent Spokane District convention. We would be glad to have more such articles from our young people. Miss Peterson graduated last year from Washington State College.)

Three! That number has an interesting meaning in biblical writings. Just as seven is recognized to have somewhat of a holy significance, so does three. There is the triad in the spiritual division of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and in the three commandments concerning our relationship to God. It has been characteristic of man also to divide into three; for example, his concept of the dimensions of space — length, breadth, and thickness and his idea of time — past, present, and future. These notions of man can not stand alone. We can not have breadth without length, nor future without present. But we can consider the one division separately and make an intensive study of it. We have the interdependence of time: the present cannot be except that it is the outgrowth of the past and the forerunner of the future.

Although it is always a pleasure to think back in memory to the past and to look forward and speculate as to the future, it is the present that is confronting us now. Here it is! What are we going to do with it? In the study of the present of our own Columbia Conference, we have singular and momentous problems. Every generation has felt the same, but surely from our review of the past, we can see that we must stop abruptly and seriously consider our foothold.

DEPRESSION! To each one of us that word suggests a wealth of ideas. As soon as we think of present time in any situation, this little word of three syllables comes to the foreground. Everyone of us may treat it differently — by talking continually about it, by worrying over it, or by ignoring it, if possible. But there it is — in politics, in industry, in society, and even in the religious realm.

Facing reality has always been one of our most difficult tasks. Psychology tells us that we are running away from real life as never before. Practical experience concurs. We complain and rail against a fate who would put us in such a plight, but we forget that there is a God, an omniscient, omnipresent, loving, yet righteous God who must in all fairness punish us who have permitted the greatest of sins, pride, greed, worship of the golden calf, to enter the heart and to take the place of humbleness before man, generosity toward others, and adoration of the Lamb of God. We complain, but we cannot face the reality of our wrong doings; and in a spirit of sorrow, turn toward that Saviour who so lovingly and kindly would shoulder our burden.

Even though there are all the phases — economic, social, and political — of our three-syllabled word, there is one aspect we often ignore. That is its spiritual significance. President Hoover is reported to have said, "This civilization, this great complex which we call American life, is builded and can alone survive upon the translation into individual action of that fundamental philosophy announced by the Saviour nineteen hundred years ago. Part of our national suffering today is from failure to observe these primary yet inexorable laws of human relationship." The President of the United States has found the situation in a nutshell. God is a God of law as well as of love, and when we deliberately break his laws, dire consequences are bound to result.

This afternoon we shall consider five sides or needs of the present time — especially as they face us in Columbia Conference.

First, the need of today in a simple yet satisfying word is the cross, the cross of Jesus to whom sin-sick souls may come. This is the hour of grace. We need a spiritual awakening right here at home in Columbia Conference. We are yearning for that call, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Our Lutheran church, which purely stays by Christ's teachings and which does not permit the pulpit to become a lecture rostrum, should open her arms to the "laden" world. And we Leaguers can help.

Let me give you some surprising statistics which should arouse in you the sense of the need of spiritual revival — not revival in the emotional camp-tent meaning but in the true awareness of Christ. We have in the state of Washington alone over 450,000 Lutherans outside the church. In Idaho, Idaho there are around 600 Lutherans. Yet in our Spokane district in 1930 we had but 1,390 members, and in our Mullan congregation, there are none. Probably appalling statistics like that can be found in many other communities. Of course, we could not call these people truly Lutheran, but they have had some connection either remote or strong, that has brought them in contact with the church and thus has made them consider themselves as such. Remember that these numbers include the Lutherans alone. Is not that a challenge to our Home Mission work, which needs a directing and unifying influence? Are you Luther Leaguers going to face it as a slacker or as a true worker of the Lord.

Personally it has always seemed to me that to come to God in time of Trouble and hardship is a cowardly and cheap way to treat a friend who has done so much for us. When the way is materially easy, God is just

aside; but when fallen stock market, bank failures, and unemployment lie across that road and hinder our material comfort and progress, that friend is sought. However, such means may be but one of God's unspeakable and wise ways of gathering in his stray sons and daughters. Was it not the Prodigal who turned homeward when life was against him? Possibly we are going to learn to pray in times like these, and prayer is a wonderful tonic for world-weary and worried folk. The fields are whitened unto harvest, and we as Columbia Luther Leaguers have it in our power by our faith through Jesus Christ, by our own lives, and by our extension of Christian fellowship to help bring that home mission field unto the Master.

The second need that Columbia Luther Leaguers are facing is that of abolishing fear — fear in our own hearts. This monster is abroad in the world today, and it has even come to the fold to whom Jesus said, "Fear not." It does not have a place in the hearts of us to whom God has given a great work. We are to be anxious for nothing, and don't forget those ever-abiding promises. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Just turn to your Bible and meditate on these comforting promises. Yield your problems, material as well as spiritual, to Him who will give you that peace which passeth all understanding.

The third need that Columbia Luther Leaguers must remember is that Christian training is necessary to build up any youth into a right citizenship with God and with government. If the young are to be turned back in their present reign of law-breaking, the church and its educational influence must have a chance. The Lutheran church has always been a staunch advocate of educating the young to work and leadership in the Kingdom. It believes that Christian life is a result of growth and not of an emotional upheaval. Can not you hear that challenge, young Luther Leaguer in teaching Sunday School? It is one of our greatest privileges to be a teacher of children, of anyone for that matter, for there it is that we rise to become co-workers with God. Do you not receive a humble but blessed joyous sensation from that thought? A co-worker with God!

We young people need to give an opportunity for constructive Christian education in our Luther League program; and gloriously fortunate is the League who has an executive committee with such an outlook on its years program. We need the League as a social influence, but first and foremost it should help in making life more worthwhile and happy for the individual by furnishing food for the mind and soul.

Also we should encourage our young people in our own conference study. We can only do as we are interested. And we are interested only as we have knowledge. Young people should be urged to read religious publications of our Synod as well as other recognized church papers. But we of Columbia Conference should especially remember the Columbia Lutheran, the main source of conference news which does not usurp on synod events but tells of home happenings. We should know our conference and that we support hospitals, Emmanuel in Portland, and Columbia in Astoria and that we have an old people's home in Seattle, and that we have a Lutheran Brotherhood, a Woman's Missionary Society, a Junior Mission Band, and that we have about thirty pastors who are working. This is the knowledge which will give a goal to our work.

Our Columbia Conference is seeing the need of giving the right impetus to the finer type of higher education by helping support Parkland College. This year we are giving \$3,500 while Augustana Synod itself is aiding with another \$3,500. Also student work is being done in university and college towns by Lutheran churches of other synods. Moscow Luther League has an unusual opportunity to become a church haven for four years to Lutheran young folk away from home and under new and interesting, though somewhat trying, circumstances.

The fourth need of Columbia Luther League is to realize our responsibility to the upbuilding of the church — not only in a spiritual but in a financial way. The church itself should not retrench too far in its spiritual activities because it does not have money. She should maybe come closer to shore and not mortgage its future, but she should have faith that Christ will help in the work and not allow the church to fail. We young people have our financial obligation to the church just as much as the older folks who have sacrificed and sacrificed. We often forget that. As soon as we are earning our way, we should remember that "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" and "It is more blessed to give than to receive." God is making the church poor materially, but good Christians everywhere are hoping and praying that the final result will be a greatly enriched church spiritually.

The fifth and last need which we shall consider is the need of our Columbia Luther Leaguers to receive the vision and have the knowledge that our Lutheran church has a special place in the world today. In all times of distress we look toward leadership and it is my firm conviction that our beloved church with her pure doctrines, her steadfastness to the Saviour has a special commission to "go forward" today. Great men have always pulled the world out of times just as hard as these — Moses, Mar-

tin Luther, Gustavus Adolphus, whose three hundredth anniversary of his death we celebrate this year; George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Peter Peterson in a most inspiring sermon compared the present world situation to the children of Israel before the Red Sea. He says, "The results of their sinning have fallen heavily upon the nations of the world." We are having our day of reckoning. "When the Israelites found themselves in the desperate situation between the army of Pharaoh and the Red Sea, they wished they were back in the abject slavery from which they had recently accepted divine deliverance with gratitude and joy. Do not front pages of our great dailies flash wishes and desires of that sort? A large and apparently growing number of Americans are longing back to conditions that prevailed before the eighteenth amendment was adopted. — Then Moses prayed, yea he cried unto his God and the people cried unto their God and their God heard them. — A church devitalized and despiritualized through rationalism and modernism cannot lead men to repentance. The church that still believes God's eternal truths and has the courage to confess it before the world must lead the way. "Speak to the people of Israel that they go forward." Speak to the Lutheran Church of America that she goes forward; speak to the Augustana Synod and (the Columbia Conference young people), that they go forward, for God and salvation and the saving of a lost race, in this day and age."

Our Lutheran church unity is not in organization. She has never been strong in that, but she has been a united power through her faith as set forth in the Augsburg Confession. There has been more union in the Lutheran church in the last ten years than ever before. Even in Columbia Conference the synods work together in spirit and in doing.

It is as Reverend Ralph Long of the National Lutheran Conference said, "There is no other agency in the world that can accomplish this (Name-ly freeing mankind of its burden) save the church of Jesus Christ. March on, then Oh, church of our fathers to storm the chadel of selfishness and greed, to take the hearts of men captive in the bonds of sacrificing love and usher in a new day of equity and justice."

It is so very easy to say that this depression will soon be over, that times have been just as hard before and that we have recovered. All very well and good! That is in God's hands. However, it is up to us Christian boys and girls to do something constructive for it, and to consider what we can do. Again it is so easy to analyze in the abstract and to say what should be done.

Oh aren't you young folk here this afternoon thrilled and awed by the prospect and challenge that the pres-

ent of our conference and the Luther League of the world holds forth. Glory in it and be gloriously glad that you are alive today to meet the challenge with faith and trust and work in the Lord. For, "God is in His heaven, though all things are not well with the world."



Mrs. Carl J. Renard, Editor.

On Monday afternoon, August 1, the Conference Board of the Woman's Missionary Society held its mid-year meeting in the Emmaus church, Seattle. It was also in a measure of a farewell to Mrs. S. E. Johnson, who at this time presented her resignation as president of the society. The resignation was accepted with regret.

After the meeting a delicious supper was served to the board members and visitors by the Emmaus W. M. S.

A joint meeting had been announced for the evening and was well attended. It was to be "synodical echo" meeting, but as Mrs. W. J. Olsen, one of our delegates to the convention in Fargo, was unable to be present, it fell to the lot of your editor to serve as the rather incomplete "echo" by giving a few of the highlights of the convention.

Special music had been arranged by the local church.

Mr. Burke who is at present serving the Immanuel church in Portland, gave a short but inspirational talk, pointing out the great need for missionary work and urging continued and faithful service in the Lord's Kingdom.

As a token of esteem and remembrance, Mrs. S. E. Johnson was presented with a gift from the members of the Board. Expressing her thanks, Mrs. Johnson assured us that even without gifts she would always remember the conference and have a warm spot in her heart for Columbia.

Likewise will we with appreciative hearts recall the pleasant associations and good fellowship we enjoyed while she was with us.

A hearty thanks to Emmaus for kind hospitality!

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Who is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

We like to think of each member of the various branches of the W. M. S. as a light bearer. The more members, the greater is the light we can send forth. The many lamps together make a great and beautiful light. Dear members, our responsibility is great, there is much to be done. May we hold our lamps high, that many may see the light, and as we are lighting the way for others it will also light up our own path.

As we are now leaving for a new field of labor for our Master, I desire to thank you all for the co-operation and love you have shown while working together for our Missionary cause. It has been a pleasure to serve, the time has seemed only too short. A thank you, to the Conference Board members for the parting gift, it is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless the work that you are so nobly and willingly doing for the Columbia W. M. S.

Farewell, and God be with you until we meet again.

Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson.

The Portland District Woman's Missionary Society held their fall meeting at the First Lutheran Church of St. Helens, Oregon, Thursday, Aug. 18th. Very interesting meetings were held both in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon a short business session was held and roll call was taken with quite a few churches responding. Mrs. S. E. Johnson opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer. A splendid report on the Synodical meeting was given by Mrs. Ida Swanson, and her daughter, who is visiting from Alaska, rendered a beautiful vocal solo. A short talk on Junior Mission Work was given by Mrs. C. M. Franklin, Conference Junior secretary. Mrs. S. E. Johnson sang a beautiful hymn, which we all enjoyed. Rev. Pierce gave a few remarks on Missionary Work and the afternoon session was closed after which we were all invited to the lawn of Mrs. Wellander. There a splendid supper was served by the ladies of the St. Helens Church.

In the evening a very interesting program was enjoyed. Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Martin, and Mr. Arnold Orrin of Astoria, and Mrs. Pierce of Warren. Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Johnson of Portland both gave very interesting talks on Missionary Work. This being the last meeting that Mrs. Johnson will attend of the District before moving to Assaria, Kansas, a very fitting token of our love and esteem was presented her by our District chairman Mrs. H. P. Johnson. We will indeed miss her guiding hand in all our missionary work, but we wish them much success in their new field. The meeting was closed with benediction and everyone felt they had gained much by being present.

ECHOES FROM THE COLTON BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Bible Institute held at Colton, July 17-24 is now added to our pages of history. We are happy to say that this was the best Institute held so far. When we use the word best, we mean that it was greater in attendance, and as far as we can judge, greater in reception of the spiritual power offered by the Lord thru His servants. There

"...forgive us all our sins..."

In our last review of our morning worship we found the contrite sinner pleading at the Throne of Grace for the forgiveness of sin. As the entire Confession of Sin is based upon the vision of Isaiah (Is. 6: 1-7) the answer from heaven comes to the sinner in the absolution, read by the pastor and the congregation after the general confession. In Isaiah's vision the angel of the Lord approaches the prophet with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs off the altar. "And he touched my mouth with it, and said. Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven." It is when the sinner has taken refuge to God's Mercy that God sends his holy angels to cleanse the heart. Forgiveness follows upon sincere confession. God gives, man receives. And the soul of man is filled with feeling of trust and oof joy and of peace.



was an unusual manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit at work thruout the whole week. Old folks and young folks alike, sat eagerly at the feet of Jesus, and with the heart of Mary chose the good part. The enrollment for the week was double that of any previous year, and record crowds were witnessed on the two Sundays.

Dr. S. J. Sebelius conducted a Bible study on the Acts, using as his general theme, "The Work of the Holy Spirit." With his many years of service as a Bible teachers he has developed unusually strong power to captivate his scholar's attention and interest. God used him wonderfully to lead us into the Gospel "which is a power unto salvation." Rev. Maynard Force gave three studies on "The Second Coming," and he too contributed greatly to the spirit that made us all feel that we had come together for Holy purposes, and not simply to be entertained. Both our teachers also gave inspirational addresses in the evenings and on Sundays.

As Dr. Sebelius stated in his closing address, the climax came on Saturday morning at our devotional. While many waited for an opportunity to testify, the Lord lead us into a real prayer and testimonial session. It touched our hearts as we heard the young folks pleading with the Lord that He would, "Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me." Others gave testimonies of having found the Lord and expressed desires to live closer to Him.

We also saw an improvement in our recreational hours this year. Mr. C. Lundstrom proved to be a valuable man in charge of that department. Indoor, horseshoe, tennis, croquet, swimming and hiking was reveled in

to the joy of young and old. Mrs. H. P. Johnson served as dean of the Women and won the hearts of the girls in the cottage. While there were many more than were expected for the whole week, Rev. E. J. Sakrison succeeded in an admirable way in supplying places for lodging. A number of pastors paid us a visit including Rev. Rudolph Bloomquist from Chicago, and Rev. C. S. Odell from Holdrege, Nebraska.

We wish to thank every one for assisting us in making this Institute a success. May the Lord bless the plans for next year, the new dean, Rev. E. J. Sakrison, and his coworkers to the upbuilding and edifying of many souls.

Samuel E. Johnson.

THE CONFERENCE AT WORK

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Editor.

The Luther League Bible Institutes held during the summer in various parts of our Conference are more than pleasant memories. Spiritual powers were released during the same which will operate to the glory of Christ and for the good of his church for a long time to come. The guest speakers at these Institutes were pastors who know how to teach and preach so that their work becomes supplementary to that of the pastors in the congregations. So it should be since every true pastor is an evangelist and invited speakers at Bible Conferences and similar gatherings are to assist them and, if possible, make their evangelistic work more fruitful. And all pastors who have the spiritual welfare of their people at heart will, we believe, welcome the help of men with special

training and experience in the proclamation of the gospel. In case these lines should come to the attention of the men from out of our Conference who assisted us in our Bible Conferences this past summer, we wish to assure them that their work was so well done that their return another year would be hailed with delight by those who heard them this year.

The acting Treasurer of our Conference, Dr. G. A. Magnusson, M. D., sent out financial statements to all the churches some time ago and several congregations responded by paying up to date. There is a very commendable spirit of determination in some congregations not to let the prevailing depression do harm to the work within the kingdom of God. Where congregations as a unit take such a stand in true humility before God and with faith in his promises, the work will be greatly blessed by God. It certainly is needful in our day to heed the injunction: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness." They who do so will find the promise true. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened."

Rev. Samuel E. Johnson and family are getting ready to leave for another field of labor. Their stay with us was not so very long and yet long enough to make them very dear to all of us. Rev. Johnson was elected a member of our Board of Trustees at the recent meeting in Spokane and Mrs. Johnson was chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society. The confidence thus placed in them reveals to some degree the regard Columbia had for them. May God bless them in their new charge at Assaria, Kansas! We thank you for faithful and efficient service rendered among us.

The Commission on Young People's Work of the A. L. C. has recently sent out communications relative to proposed Luther League Rallies in various centers in our land. Three such centers have been designated for our Conference territory: Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. This commission recommends that rallies of all the young people of the A. L. C. be held some time during this fall, possibly on some historical anniversary, such as Reformation Day or Gustavus Adolphus Day, Nov. 6. "The intention is that these joint rallies should be mass meetings of Lutherans belonging to the American Lutheran Conference for the purpose of drawing them together, giving them an opportunity to become acquainted, strengthening their Lutheran consciousness and their feeling of solidarity." The commission has appointed committees in each center to arrange for such a rally. The one for Seattle consists of pastors E. C. Knorr, C. G. Bloomquist, O. L. Haavik and P. A. Strommen. This committee will meet in the near future and take action in the matter, and it is to be hoped that the other committees will do likewise.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

EDITORIAL

I have enjoyed my work as Editor of the Young People's section. Many have asked me why the section is not enlarged. You as well as I would like to see it at least four pages. This is possible only through our continued efforts in securing more subscribers than we had last year. I feel that each Leaguer is keenly interested in seeing the Columbia Lutheran grow.

The support that you and the reporters have given it during the past years serves as a corner stone of our faith in you. Let us all try and work together in making the Columbia Lutheran what YOU want it to be — PROFITABLY SUCCESSFUL.

LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN

In various and numerous passages of the Bible we find verses which show us God's great love for little children. He admonishes us older people that we must be born again to enter the heavenly realm; in other words to become innocent and trusting as small children.

When we look about us we can easily see why we must become as children. In our Sunday school the youngest children always occupy the very front benches. They are so interested in the selection of hymns, they sing with such spirit, and are always so trusting and faithful. They do not grasp everything. Yet they believe. A beautiful illustration of a little girl showing older people her religion and faith was given us the other day when our choir met at the home of one of its members for practice. In the course of the evening refreshments were served and as everyone began eating, a little girl who had accompanied her mother said, "Mamma, shouldn't we say grace?" So she said grace as we all sat with folded hands and bowed heads.

I wonder if we older people couldn't be a little more like these children. Then we would be better examples. God's kingdom would grow and we would all lead better Christians lives. Neither should we question God's

You can never tell when you do an act
Just what the result will be.
But with every deed you are sowing
a seed.

Though its harvest you may never see.

Each kindly act is an acorn dropped
In God's productive soil.
Though you may not know — yet
The tree shall grow,
And shelter the brows that toil.

—Selected.

ways, for they are wondrous, and we have his promise that He does everything for our very best. But as children we should believe and try to apply God's teaching to our daily life.

So when we pray let us pray as children with believing hearts, and trusting ever in God's guiding hand.

Esther Welinder, St. Helens

LABOR IS HONOR

We have little sympathy for the sluggish and inert class of people. They are of more hindrance to the world than good. We have been placed upon this earth by God, to use the talents which he has given us, for the development of His Kingdom and this world. Everybody upon this earth has been given a talent of some kind, and is expected by God to develop and use it. This applies to the idle as well as the alert. By watching some of the as the alert. If we are to be successful in life, we must use the talents given us. Success does not come by chance, but as a reward for our efforts. Therefore, the great men of today have not attained their fame by mere chance, but by their hard and constant work. No honor has ever been awarded loafers and never will be. Remember the consolation that is given in the Great Book, "He who hath, to him shall be given, but he who hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath." You will always be rewarded in some way for your effort so don your working attire and reap a harvest. Idleness is disgrace but labor is honor!

—Lasse J. Stohl.

Mr. Vernon League.

THE TACOMA MT. BAKER DIST. LUTHER LEAGUE INSTITUTE

The great success of this year's Bible Institute may be summed up in the Spirit of the week so inspiringly expressed in the Institute Slogan:

"Faithfulness to God

Consideration to Neighbors

Service with Cheerful Hearts."

The group was exceedingly fortunate in securing such excellent instructors as Prof. B. M. Christensen D. D., and Prof. S. J. Sebelius D. D. Prof. Christensen was intensely, humanly interesting. His general theme "In My Father's House" developed into the most broadening subjects. His lectures on "BOOKS", "IDEAL FRIENDSHIPS and MARRIAGES" and his many other informal talks to and with the Leaguers will always be remembered and referred to. Prof. Sebelius made his Bible Studies unusually inspiring. He presented his text, "I and II Corinthians" in the most attractive

manner. His studies were so personal. Every individual took part in memorizing Bible verses, asking questions and making the hour personally profitable. The young people's Round-table Discussion led and introduced by Leaguers from the various churches solved many problems as well as stabilizing and stimulating balanced Lutheran League programs and developing leaders.

The many sunrise and sunset prayer groups, frequent song harmonizing by the young people, individual discussion groups truly showed "Faithfulness to God."

Courtesy, kindness and consideration for everyone was keenly displayed in the dining hall, social hall, playfield, beach, lecture hall and on the grounds by every leaguer young and old. The saying, "Your friends are My friends and My friends are Your friends," sparkled in every smile and conversation.

Everyone was ready to serve, eager to do his and her bit to make the week successful, assisting the officers, appearing on programs and always entertaining and introducing new faces.

Campfires were held every evening except Friday and Saturday when songs and short talks were enjoyed, after which coffee was served in the Social Hall. The Pageant, "The Triumphant Church", by Rev. Enoch Sandeen, was beautifully presented and enjoyed by some twelve or fifteen hundred guests on Friday evening. The Consecration service on Saturday evening, morning service and rally on Sunday closed a most profitable week spiritually, mentally, physically and financially.

The joy and wish of every leaguer who attended may be expressed in this verse:

Till we meet again we'll say adieu,
I've enjoyed the time I've spent with you.

All my skies will be more blue,
Since I've spent this week with you,
May the days so swiftly passing by
Bring you joy in everything you try,
So here's my hand, Leaguer, good-bye,
Till we meet next year.

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How sweet 'twould be the evening
If you and I could say—

Good Shepherd we've been seeking
The sheep that went astray
Heart sore and faint with hunger
We heard them making moan
And lo, we come at nightfall
And bear them safely home.

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No service in itself is small,
None great though earth it fill
But that is small that seeks its own
And great that seeks God's will.



ONWARD LUTHER LEAGUERS

Air—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Luther Leaguers, working for a goal.

With the Word of Jesus in our heart and soul!

Sound the bugle, Leaguers, on to battle we,

Forward, onward, marching, On to victory.

REFRAIN:

Onward Luther Leaguers forward is our goal!

We shall work together, with our heart and soul.

Onward then ye faithful, join in happy song!

Make our Leagues more useful, loyal, good and strong.

We have made our promise and that cannot fail;

Never shall it perish, but fore'er prevail.

Dorothy and Stanley Thorson.

Bethel League, Seattle, Wash.

NEWS OF NEWS

The last three meetings of the Trinit League in Astoria, Oregon, have been held in the form of outings. The first outing was held at Gearhart on June 30. A large crowd attended and a weiner roast was held later in the evening.

On July 14 the League was entertained by Ethel, Esther and Ebba Wicks at their cottage in Cannon Beach. A bon-fire was built on the beach and later refreshments were served at the cottage.

A potluck supper was held at Seaside on August 4. A large host of Leaguers attended. Plans were made for the moonlight excursion which was held on the 25th of August.

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The Gethsemane League is happy to have Anna Johnson and her mother back in their midst again. They have recently returned from a month's trip to Kansas City, Mo.

Frida Gernson is convalescing at her home from her recent serious operation. Frida is a very active Gethsemanite.

On August the fifth the Gethsemane League held their annual moonlight excursion on beautiful Lake Washington. One hundred Leaguers enjoyed the trip through the Canal Locks and a delicious supper at Fortuna Park.

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English services 10:30 a. m.
Swedish services 11:45 a. m.
Vesper Services 5:15 p. m.
Luther League, 1st, 3rd and 5th Tues-
day at 8:15 p. m.
Syskonringen, 2nd and 4th Tuesday
at 8:15 p. m.
Brotherhood, 3rd Wed. at 8:00 p. m.
Ladies Aid, 1st Wednesday, 2:00 p. m.
Woman Missionary Society, 2nd Wed-
nesday.

Young Woman's Missionary Society,
3rd Friday at 8:00 p. m.
Junior Mission Band, 2nd Saturday
afternoon at 1:30 p. m.
Confirmation class Saturdays 10 a. m.

Salem Lutheran Church

Corner Broadway and Walnut
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N. William Anderson, pastor
W. 1424 Broadway Ave.
Tel. Broadway 1298

Order of Services:

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
English service 10:30 a. m.
Swedish service 11:30 a. m.
Vesper 5:00 p. m.

Trinity, Astoria, Ore.

16th and Franklin Ave.
Astoria, Ore.

Rev. J. A. Martin, B. D., pastor.
Res. 561 Kensington Ave. Ph. 1392-L

Order of Sunday Services:

Sunday School and Bible classes 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Luther League "Round Table" 7:30
Evening Services 7:30

Calendar:

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Dorcas 1st Tuesday 7:30
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed. 2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30
Birth Day Social last Friday 7:30
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat. 2:30
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Choir Wed. evening each week 7:30
Confirmation Class Sat's. 9:30

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GOOD BOOKS

A book that is worth reading is Samuel Miller's "Love That Lasts." The C. L. always ready to support anything that is good, brought this book along to the Bible Institute at Draper's Park in order to show the young people what wonderful books our Book Concern at Rock Island is publishing especially for them. We were surprised — to say the least — at the readiness of the young people to realize the great value of the book, and to judge by the eagerness of their questions as to where the book can be had, we take for granted that the Book Concern by this time has had several new orders.

"Love That Lasts" is a splendid presentation of the marriage problem as it confronts the young people today. It is the old story of love — love in its many-colored appearances, love in all its spheres — that is here presented. Guidance and advice is one thing the young people need, and Rev. Miller gives it. We recommend this book to every father or mother, who is eager to help their sons and daughters, and we urge every young man and every young woman to send for this book at once — there are things on those pages that might be just the thing to create your happiness.

The book is to be had at the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill. for one dollar.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tacoma Mount Baker District Luther League will sponsor a special meeting and rally service Sunday afternoon and evening, September 25th at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Seattle. Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, pastor. Each Luther League in the District is requested to be represented at this meeting by its pastor and its full quota of delegates.

The opening session will begin at three o'clock at which a short inspirational program will be given after which the District will discuss plans for the Luther League Bible Institute for 1933. At the annual meeting of the District in Mount Vernon in April a decision was made to defer further action regarding our future policies in conducting the Bible Institute until the next annual business meeting. The Luther Leagues of the other synods of the American Lutheran Conference were invited to attend the past Institute at Des Moines as our guests. They accepted and came in great numbers. This gave our Augustana Leaguers the new experience of the value and contribution which come from fellowship with the Luther Leagues and pastors of the Norwegian, Lutheran Church of America, the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Free Church, an experience which we had not had at the time of our 1932 annual meeting. Many new possibilities of procedure have arisen

and therefore the executive committee desires that the District express itself at the special meeting on September 25th.

The evening service will be an inspiring Luther League rally of song and an address by an invited speaker. We expect to see a full delegation of Luther Leaguers at Bethany, Seattle, on Sunday afternoon, September 25th. Elmer M. Johnson, Pres.

*For the information of those who were not present at the meeting referred to we wish to print the motion as it was presented by your editor:

"Due to the fact that the management of the 1932 Bible Institute has already invited co-operative activities for this year, we move that the district approve of this action and that the district withhold decision as to such co-operative efforts for 1933 until the new executive board has had an opportunity to study the developments at this year's institute and formulated its recommendations to the district."

This motion was made and adopted with the understanding that a special meeting was to be called at the first opportunity, and we are glad that the new board is prompt in its action and is willing to permit the young people to decide their own destiny at this time. —Editor.

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL Astoria, Oregon.

This year is the fifth anniversary of the hospital. It was in August, 1927, that the Columbia Hospital opened its doors for the sick, with Reverend A. Anderson, as superintendent. Rev. Anderson, through overwork and worry, became himself a patient in the hospital he had worked so hard to organize, and from this illness, he never recovered, but passed away almost before the hospital had fully started.

That the hospital has been able to weather the storms throughout these years is something to be proud of, when we consider that the construction of the building, as well as the equipment, was all accomplished with borrowed money, amounting to \$240,000. This debt has now been reduced to \$67,000, mostly by donations by local people and friends throughout the Conference. There have been many difficult problems to overcome and many reverses. At times, obstacles have appeared that seemed insurmountable, but they have been overcome through the grace of God.

Our competency, who led the field so long alone, is not to be belittled. They have a powerful organization back of them, far more powerful than ours, but what we have been lacking in wealth, has been made up in loyalty by our many friends.

There have been many improvements in the organization, as well as service, by the Board of Trustees, and through the untiring efforts of these men, the expenses have been cut down to more

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Sunday School 9:45

Morning service at 11:00

Service in Swedish second and

fourth Sunday at 12:15 p. m.

Missionary Society 1st Thurs. 8 p. m.

Brotherhood 1st Thursday 8 p. m.

Junior Missionary Society Second

Saturday at 2 p. m.

Luther League Second and Fourth

Thursday at 8:15 p. m.

Alkha Society 2nd Thursday 2 p. m.

Ladies Aid 3rd Thurs. 2 p. m.

Choir every Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Girls' Club 3d Thurs. at 8:15 p. m.

Bethel, Seattle

West 64th & 22nd Ave., N. W.
 Enoch Sandeen, B. D., pastor.
 2048 W. 64th St. Tel. HE. 1549

Services.

Bible school 9:45 a. m.
 Worship 10:45 a. m.
 Vesper 5:00 p. m.
 Service in Swedish Fourth Sunday
 at 10:45 a. m.
 The Ladies Aid meets the First
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 the last Thursday, the Priscilla So-
 ciety the first Friday, the Luther
 League the fourth Friday, the
 Brotherhood the second Wednesday.

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 First Sunday, Swedish
 Sunday school every Sunday...10 a. m.
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 Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

FROM BRUSH PRAIRIE, WASH.

Editor Columbia Lutheran:

Members of the Elin congregation here intend to erect a monument to the sacred memory of their departed pastor, Rev. B. S. Nyström. It may be only a rather small and simple headstone by his grave in Elin cemetery at Brush Prairie, Wash., unless some of his many friends and admirers not only in the Portland district but in the whole Columbia conference and Augustana Synod wish to help make it larger and more appropriate. In fact we dare not proceed in this matter without letting friends and sympathizers know, as we are certain good many want to lend a hand in raising a fit memorial.

These few lines will be the only "soliciting" done, directed to individuals. No big sum expected from anywhere but any gift will be received, accepted and applied in the same spirit as given. But send in your contribution before the 1st of November either to the undersigned, or to Rev. A. G. Anderson, Gresham, Oregon.

Very respectfully,

A. Charleston.

Rt. 2, Box 326, Vancouver, Wash.

Can meet the income, without lessening the efficiency of the service that must, at all times, be kept up to as near perfection as possible, but there is yet much to be done; new ideas and new plans to be carried out, and so it must go on and on, and our goal is to continue and increase our efforts until the entire debt is eliminated and the hospital is owned by our Conference, free of debt.

We have experienced many disappointments during this time. The Board has tried every means to start a Nurses Training School, but without results. We are still hoping to be able to effect a training school in conjunction with the Emmanuel Hospital.

Our staff doctors have proved their loyalty in many ways, and we recommend these doctors to our many friends, as very skillful in their profession.

The Hospital Auxiliary gave an Anniversary Silver Tea on the 5th of August, and the proceeds from this affair were donated to the hospital.

On July 11, a staff meeting was held and was attended by Dr. C. W. Moots of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Moots, in a talk at a luncheon which was given in his honor by the hospital, expressed himself as well pleased with our hospital and the service, and informed the staff meeting, and also the Board, that he would recommend a full standardization of the hospital.

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cessfully challenge this statement. It is no doubt the practice of our pastors to keep the people of their congregations posted on the Home Mission problem. Still it is no doubt true that much of the indifference towards Home Missions can be traced to lack of information. Our Columbia Conference is a vast Mission field, and there is much work to be done. Our pastors, knowing the field as they do, should be able to give our people a message that shall be an irresistible challenge for them to pray and work for the ingathering of souls in our respective cities and communities.

On this occasion our congregations are asked to lift a special offering for Home Missions. We ask our people and pastors to make definite efforts to secure as large an offering as possible. This offering is to be sent to the Conference treasurer, and will be applied on the congregations share of the budget to the Conference. The Conference in turn will send part of the money to the synodical treasurer and will apply on its share to the budget of the synod.

The Conference Mission Board at its meeting in Portland recently, decided unanimously to recommend to all our congregations that they enthusiastically support this program. May I now plead with our faithful pastors and church people to do all they can to make this undertaking a success. We

are as a people put to a test. Do we love Christ and His Kingdom? If we do we shall work and pray for success, that souls may be won for God. Blessed be the ever faithful servant.

Yours, in the Masters service,
 N. William Anderson,
 Pres. Columbia Conference.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A beautiful wedding was celebrated in the Bethel church, Seattle, August 20 when Miss Emma Lindgren, financial secretary of the congregation, was united in marriage to Mr. John E. Anderson. A large assortment of gifts proved the friendship accorded Miss Lindgren.

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Reverend and Mrs. Ernest Svenson of Tacoma were the objects of an enthusiastic reception on their return from their trip to Mrs. Svenson's home in Sioux Falls, S. D.

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Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Swanson are expected home this week from their trip to Sweden. We expect to have more to say about this next month.

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Members of the Bethel church, Seattle, have painted their church in pearl gray. The work was done by volunteer labor and shows what can be done, when the will is good.

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The Waterman church will be dedicated Sunday Sept. 11 at 3 p. m. by the president of the conference, assisted by the pastors of the district.

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Reverend Carl S. Odell, pastor of the Bethel church at Holdrege, Nebr. has accepted the call extended him by the Immanuel church of Portland. He will take up his duties the second Sunday of September.

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A farewell reception was held in the Augustana church, Portland, August 19, for Rev. S. E. Johnson and family. Brief talks were made by representatives of various organizations of the church. At the close of the meeting Mr. J. E. Wallin presented a gift of money to the pastor and thanked him on behalf of the congregation for what he has meant to the church during his stay in Portland. Both Rev. and Mrs. Johnson thanked the congregation for their kindness and well wishes.

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Prof. Edwin Fairborn will present his pupil, Aiva Moen, in an organ recital at St. Clements Episcopal church in Seattle in the latter part of this month. Miss Moen, who is a member of the Gettsemane League, is an accomplished pianist as well as organist. She will present a program from the great master composers, including the Sixth Sonata by Mendelssohn.

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MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT COLUMBIA LUTHERAN IS DUE: GENERAL ARTICLES, SEPT. 14 AND NEWS SEPT. 21.

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 Morning service 10:45
 Evening service..... 8:00

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9:45—Church School
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Mr. Walter Olson, Fin. Secretary.

Mr. Elmer J. Johnson, S. S. Supt.

Mr. Alf Ekholm, Chairman of Board
 Sunday School and Bible Classes at
 10:00 a. m.

Morning Service at 11:00 a. m. (for
 Sept.). First and third Sundays,
 English; second and fourth Sundays,
 Swedish.

Ladies Aid, Second Thursday of month
 Missionary Society meets quarterly.

Luther League, fourth Wednesday of
 month

Emmaus, Seattle

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 Seattle

Pastor, Carl A. Bengtson, 165 W. 65 St.
 Treas., Frank Lillquist, 1432 W. 61 St.
 Organist, Mrs. Carl Soderman
 9705 14th Ave. N. W.

Order of Sunday Services:

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
 Luther League 6:30 p. m.

Organizations:

Choir rehearsals, Tuesdays, 7:45 p. m.
 Luther League, 1st Thursday of month
 8 p. m.

Tabitha Society, 2nd Thursday of
 month, 2 p. m.

Lutheran Brotherhood, 2nd Friday of
 month at 8 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Soc., 3rd Thurs-
 day of month, 8 p. m.

Young Woman's Missionary Society,
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Junior Mission Band, 3rd Saturday, 2
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Elvira Soderblom, formerly of the Everett League, is a constant visitor at the Gethsemane.

Oliver Akre, of Decorah, Iowa, is a frequent visitor at Gethsemane. Oliver is very much impressed with Seattle and may spend "a little time here."

Catherine Selander and Margaretta Grant celebrated their birthday anniversaries at the Bible Institute. They were hostesses to the whole encampment and report that it was their largest and most successful party.

Rev. O. Karlstrom and Mrs. Karlstrom were host and hostess to the Gethsemane League on August 19. A most enjoyable evening was had at this, "Home on the Sea."

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Ruth McGovern of Tacoma and Catherine Selander of Bellingham have enjoyed visits with one another since the Institute.

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The Hoquiam, Wash. Leaguers turned out in a large number at the Institute. How about some news, Eddie Ericson and Reuben Newman?

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Wilbur Johnson of the Everett League again displayed his unusual oratorical talent when he won the Institute Oratorical Contest. Wilbur has won national recognition and we know there are great things in store for him.

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The Tacoma League is fortunate in having Rev. R. Bloomquist of Chicago as their guest. Rev. Bloomquist became the friend of many Leaguers at the Institute.

The Immanuel Luther League gave a farewell program for Rev. S. E. Johnson and family on August 8th. A delightful program was given by several of the league members. Rev. Johnson gave a short farewell talk. The league presented him with a framed picture of the 1932 Bible Institute. Refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed by all. We shall miss Rev. S. E. Johnson and his family, but we trust they will soon return to our district.

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The Girls' Luther League Cottage at Colton was well filled during the Bible Institute week. There were thirteen girls and Mrs. H. P. Johnson, dean, there for the full week. Then on Tuesday and Wednesday they had the pleasure of having as their guests Miss Eleanor Anderson and Miss Margaretta Grant of Seattle, and on Saturday eight more girls from Immanuel and Augustana churches spent the night there. Miss Minnie Elk of Tennessee, a cousin of Miss Lily Linder of Immanuel, was from the farthest distance of any guest at the cottage. The girls held open house on Thursday afternoon and served about seventy-five guests. It was truly a pleasure for the girls to have Mrs. H. P. Johnson as their dean.

Among familiar faces attending the Portland District Luther League Convention August 7th and 8th were Miss Lillian Swanson of Petersburg, Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elmquist of Olympia, Wash.; Mr. Sam Edwins of Minneapolis, who is son of Dr. Edwins, missionary in China. It is always a pleasure to have visits from former members of our leagues.

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The Westdala League dispensed with their August meetings due to Harvest Time. The League reports very well attended meetings and at their last get-together in July an excellent program was enjoyed.

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