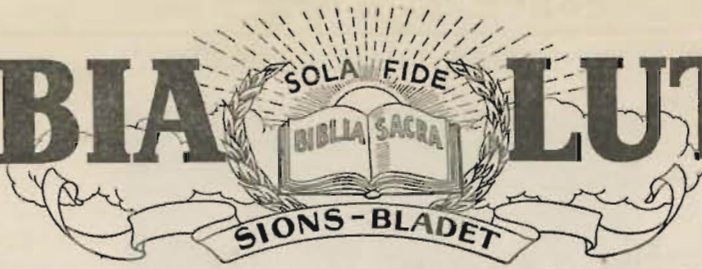


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Church Paper Week Held October 14 to 21

Financial Rewards Offered

According to words from Rock Island, the Board of Directors of Augustana Book Concern has designated October 11-21 as Church Paper Week, when an effort will be made thruout the Synod to gain thousands of new subscribers to the official papers of the church. In order to stimulate interest, the board proposes to use each local congregation as a unit of information and offers any organization or individual willing to sell subscriptions a liberal reward.

Sixty Cents Commission

The local church organizations conducting the Church Paper Week will receive 30% commission on every new subscription and 10% on every renewal. Thus the income from each new subscription—which is \$2.00—will be sixty cents. A congregation selling 50 new subscriptions earns \$30.00.

\$130.00 Cash Prizes

In addition to these liberal commissions the Book Concern offers the following cash prizes:

\$10.00—To church earning largest number of subscription credits regardless of communicant membership.

\$30.00—To church of 150 members or less earning the largest number of subscription credits in proportion to communicant membership.

\$30.00—To church of 151 to 325 members earning the largest number of subscription credits in proportion to communicant membership.

\$30.00—To church of 326 members and up earning the largest number of subscription credits in proportion to communicant membership.

How Credits Are Earned

The above prizes will be awarded on the basis of subscription credits earned, which gives all organizations an equal opportunity to win whether they represent a congregation with a large or small membership. The credits will be given as follows:

Two credits for each renewal subscription.

Three additional credits for each subscriber renewing subscription for two years.

Two credits for each new subscription for one year.

Three additional credits for each new subscription for two years.

Note: Same number of credits for new and renewal subscriptions.

Columbia Lutheran and Lutheran Companion

Special mention is being made of the club price offer of the Columbia Lutheran and the Lutheran Companion. The former sells at the regular price of \$0.50 and the latter for \$2.00. The Columbia Lutheran serves this conference with local news, while the Lutheran Companion brings news from the entire Synod. In order to insure perfect publicity service in the conference, the management of the Lutheran Companion and the Columbia Lutheran have agreed to sell both at the price of one—\$2.00. In this case the subscription should be made at the office of C. L. and the local church not receive the commission.

Special Offer

In order to stimulate the interest in The Lutheran Companion the Columbia Lutheran offers all new subscribers of the Companion a free subscription of the Columbia Lutheran irrespective of prize arrangements. Thus the local organization selling a new subscription on the L. C. receives its sixty cents commission, retains its chance to win the special cash prize and receives the C. L. free of charge for a year. All renewals can be had at \$2.25 for both, the 25 cents to be sent to the Columbia Lutheran. (A saving of 25 cents).

Individuals, who are not taking part in the contest may have both papers as stated above by sending \$2.00 to the manager of the Columbia Lutheran.

A NEW CHURCH EDIFICE DEDICATED IN OLYMPIA

Open house and dedication of the new house of worship was held Aug. 12 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Olympia, Wash., — formerly the Bethesda Lutheran Church.

The program was well planned and was impressive in its simplicity and directness. The dedicatory address was given by Rev. William Anderson of Spokane, president of the conference, who also dedicated the new structure to the holy purpose for which it was intended. Assistant pastors were C. R. Swanson and Carl A. Bengtson of Seattle, E. Arthur Larson of Tacoma and Carl J. Renhard of Aberdeen. Rev. Elmer M. Johnson, pastor of the church directed the general arrangements. Beautiful music was rendered by the Gloria Dei Choir and by Mr. Thorild Swanson, guest organist from Seattle. Greetings were given by Dr. C. R. Swanson, President of the Tacoma district, and by Rev. W. G. Comin,

President of the Olympia Ministerial Association.

Since May 1 the old building has undergone a rebuilding and renovating process that has left only the front shell remaining — everything else is completely rebuilt.

New foundations, a completely new parish building in the rear of the auditorium, new kitchen and recreation halls in addition to the class rooms and the main auditorium of the church have been built.

The main auditorium has been refinished in shades of brown and tan with plaster tint over the veneer sheets. New windows in the amber glass provide a soft light for the interior decorations. Lighting fixtures, rugs and chancel blend in tone with the beamed ceilings. In the chancel, special lighting effects are thrown on Thorwaldson's statue of Christ. The Weimer pipe organ purchased by the church is now in place and was officially used for the first time during the dedication.

Throughout the remodeled building, veneer sheets have been used and their attractive finish is a feature of the building. New furnace and air conditioning plants have been installed in the building.

Olaf Anderson was the superintendent and architect in charge of the remodeling and the building committee from the church included H. L. Olson, Robert Frederickson, Gust Fant, Oscar Chilen, George Olson, Albert Bragg and Reverend Johnson.

The total valuation of improvement approximates \$10,000. Of this \$2,005 has been donated in form of labor and \$3,134 in material. In this sum is included a gift from Washington Veneer Company through its president, Mr. E. E. Westman, of 15,000 square feet of veneer for wall cover., and the free services of Mr. Olof Anderson, architect and superintendent of the building project.

Other special gifts were: A Thorwaldsen statue of Christ, donated by Mr. John Johnson and his daughters, Miss Vivian Johnson and Mrs. Victor Johnson, in memory of Mrs. Johnson; candle sticks for the altar by the O. M. Olson family in memory of their father; crucifix on the altar by Mrs. Gust M. Carlson; communion linen by Mrs. J. Beira Johnson; baptismal font and communion set by the Junior Mission Band; altar paraments, organ drapes, grapes for social rooms, curtains in class rooms and linoleums by the Sylvia Society; kneeling stool at altar by Mr. H. L. Olson and Mr. Carl Seagren; and piano by the Luther League.

Conference Luther League Convention At Hoquiam Concluded

Great festivities marked the Columbia Conference Luther League convention held at Hoquiam, Wash., Sept. 1-3. The convention opened on Saturday with a banquet in the church parlors, and concluded on Monday with an all day picnic at Copalis Beach.

Professor Arthur Illman of the University of Washington was the toastmaster at the banquet and Rev. Wm. Siegel of Spokane the speaker. Rev. Siegel had chosen "New Worlds to Conquer" as his subject and revealed to the young people the enormous possibilities still untouched in the realm of of the spirit and of the mind. Mrs. John Billdt of Everett favored the delegation with two beautifully rendered solos. Words of welcome were spoken by Mr. Marcus Renhard, president of the local committee. During the business session, which followed the banquet, Augustana, Portland, was chosen as the next convention headquarters and the following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year: Miss Edith Olson of Immanuel, Portland, president; Mr. Marcus Renhard of Aberdeen, vice-pres.; Georgia Johnson, First Tacoma, secretary; Virgil Sutherland, Hoquiam, treasurer; and Eleanor Anderson of Everett, statistician.

The Sunday services were well attended and during the Holy Communion services in the morning nearly all of the delegates were seen communing at the Lord's table. The preparatory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Martin of Astoria and the sermon by Rev. Harry Lundblad of Bellingham. Other speakers during the day were pastors C. R. Swanson, O. W. Westling, John Billdt, Carl A. Bengtson, Paul Randolph, E. Sakrison, Conrad Hoyer and Lawrence Holt. Mrs. J. A. Martin, Ronald Martin, Lawrence Carlson, Ramona Rockaway, Gene Koll the Hoquiam Choir and a mixed quartet took part in the singing, and Hiram Hogberg gave a reading.

The outing at Copalis turned out a novel experience for many. Some of the delegates from the inland cities were quite enthusiastic over the exciting clam hunt early in the morning—in spite of the poor showing they made in actual catches. Baseball games were played during the forenoon and afternoon between Hoquiam and Bethel, Seattle, and between Portland and Spokane. The winners then met in the afternoon for a final match, Hoquiam winning over Portland. The registration this year was the largest since the first convention was held at Portland eight years ago.

Editorial

Why Take a Church Paper?

1. If our church papers are read by us it will help our church members, our pastors, and make us all better members.
2. You read newspapers daily—surely you ought to read church papers once a week.
3. You spend about \$10.00 a year for newspapers—surely you ought to invest \$2.00 a year in a church paper. This is less than four cents a week.
4. The church paper brings you news of your own church as well as the whole Christian Church.
5. It gives you the Church's viewpoint on current events.
6. Every Lutheran family should have the church paper on the library table, not only for what the paper brings them each week, but as an example to the children and visitors.
7. It is an appropriate gift. Send The Lutheran Companion, The Columbia Lutheran, or Augustana to your friends and relatives as a birthday or Christmas gift, and they will be reminded constantly of your thoughtfulness.
8. In other words, every member of our church should be a subscriber to either Augustana, The Lutheran Companion or The Columbia Lutheran because

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He owes it to his church**

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9. The Lutheran Companion is well edited. Dr. E. E. Ryden, who was recently elected editor, possesses a thorough training in journalism and has several years of experience to his credit. The paper has already changed completely and is now one of the best edited church papers in the country. Every member of the Augustana Synod ought to feel proud to be a subscriber of this paper.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rev. Carl A. V. Lund of Mount Vernon, Wash., has returned home from a trip to Alaska, where he has spent part of the summer fishing and exploring.

Miss Lydia Stenborg of Emmanus, Seattle, has returned home from an extended trip east, including World's Fair at Chicago.

A well attended mission meeting was held last week in Waterman, Wash., by the Seattle pastors. Similar meetings are being planned for the near future at Bainbridge Island and in Upper Preston.

Miss Alice Liden and Mr. Eric Harold Hurublad of Gethsemane, Seattle, were married at church a week ago Saturday.

Miss Dorothea Lloyd of the Bethel church, Seattle, was married recently to Mr. Ralph Kyler of the same city. They will reside on Sunset Hill, Seattle.



MISS EDITH OLSON

The 50th Anniversary will be celebrated Oct. 12th by the First Lutheran Church of Moscow, Idaho. Rev. Roger P. Oliver, pastor. Former pastors of the congregation and other friends have been invited.

Rev. Roger P. Oliver of Moscow, Idaho, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Bethany Luth. Church of Seattle. Rev. Oliver is expected to take over his new call the last week of October.

A visit to this conference was extended recently by Dr. E. C. Bloomquist of Rockford, Ill., who was formerly the pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Tacoma and for years vice-president of the conference. In Tacoma Rev. Bloomquist was received royally by his former members, remaining after service for a specially arranged reception. Later Dr. Bloomquist was invited to preach at Gethsemane, Seattle, on invitation from the four Augustana churches of that city. A well filled church testified to the esteem still held for Rev. Bloomquist in spite of a long absence.

Gus Isaneson, one of the best known members of the Emmanus church, Seattle, died Sunday, Sept. 9, at the age of 54 years. Mr. Isaneson was born in Finland, but came to this country in his youth. He has been interested in Grocery business in Seattle since 1901. His wife, Anna Isaneson, one daughter, Verma, two brothers, and one sister survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Soderman of the Emmanus Church, Seattle, have moved to Great Falls, Mont. Mrs. Soderman was formerly organist and choir leader at Emmanus and Mr. Soderman one of the most active members of the church.

The new Sunday School system, "The Word of Life Course," is being introduced in several schools in the conference of which Bethel, and Bethany of Seattle and Elin, Waterman, were among the first. The system seems to be the answer to a long felt need.

JESUS IS HERE

And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:20.

Have you heard the blessed tidings,
Whispered first so long ago,
When He said, "I'm with you always"
And, "My fullness ye shall know?"
Take the promise for its message
Fills the heart with life and light,
And its glory has the power
To transform the darkest night.

In the morning, when thou wakest;
Look into His smiling face
With a glad and fervent "thank you"
For His love and wondrous grace;
Fear and doubt will flee like shadows
Disappear at break of day,
And the glory-light of heaven
Will your trusting faith repay.

Take His hand and claim His promise
As your duty you fulfill;
Know the joy of service rendered
In His name and at His will;
Share with Him the joy that meets you
And the trials that oppress;
You will find no friend like Jesus
First to comfort and to bless.

Then while trusting He will fill you
Till His blessing overflow;
And your life will be a river
In this parched vale below;
Reaching out to those who perish
Till they, too, with joy acclaim,
"Wondrous promise. He is with us,
Praise and glory to His name."

Elin (Danielson) Erierson.—

NOTICE

All material for the next issue of the Columbia Lutheran should be on the editor's desk not later than Oct. 10. The present issue is one week late on account of information that did not arrive. If the congregations shall receive proper publicity in their own paper, please send the news—and on time. Please remember also that the news most important to your congregation are the news of "things to come." Do not wait until things have happened. Tell us about before.

"LIVING FOR JESUS"

By Florence Koll

The first Bible Institute of the American Lutheran Conference, July 29 to August 5, was held at beautiful Covenant Beach, Des Moines, Wash. It was indeed a week of recreation, both spiritually and physically. For once and all any doubt was erased from our minds as to whether an institute of this kind would be a success and a warm Christian fellowship and cooperation was apparent from the beginning.

The total registration for the week was 550 with a total of 214 present for the whole week and many visitors present at every meeting. Many came in groups prepared to do their own cooking. Cabins were available as well as several new tents. The addition of a girls' dormitory was a big help in solving the housing problem. We are very grateful to the Mission friends for being able to avail ourselves of these grounds.

We were very thankful to God for the privilege of having as our teachers Dr. B. M. Christensen of Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., who was with us two years ago, and Dr. W. E. Schramm, of St. Mark's Luth. Church, Butler, Penn.

Starting at 8:45 was Chapel with the topics, "Life and Youth," "A Wasted Life," "A Fruitful Life," "A Happy Life," "A Saved Life" and "The Christian Life" were presented by our different pastors.

Dr. Christensen led us in the study of "The Book of Psalms." How applicable to our own lives and lastingly interesting is this Book. "Making the Most of Life," "Is the Lutheran Church Catholic," "The Rabbit's Foot," "The Worst Mischief Maker in the West," "King David's Sunday School," and "The Bright Side" were the topics discussed by Dr. Schramm at the lecture hour.

The afternoons were devoted to sports such as baseball, swimming, horse shoe, tennis and any other form of physical recreation.

Instead of the camp fires after evening services, we met for group conference from 6:30 to 7:30 when Rev. E. C. Kuorr lead those of High School age; Dr. Christensen the Senior Young People, and Dr. Schramm, the pastors and older folks. Here in our respective groups, we felt free to discuss at length those things which were of major importance to us. We could only feel that good must come from such conferences.

"The New World," "Our Great Salvation," "Christian By Choice," "The Face of Jesus Christ," "A Pilgrim's Progress," "Singing to the Lord," and "Name Dimitris" were alternatively presented by our teachers each evening with the Consecration Service

on Saturday night. At the close of this inspiring week, we felt we have been on the high tops and it was for each of us to return to our places and live out our theme and song, "Living for Jesus."

Let us, with a prayer in our hearts, go forth that others may see the "Face of Jesus" and accept Him as their Saviour and Master. Then only will we feel that our Institute was truly a success.

THE COLTON BIBLE INSTITUTE

By Johanna Rasmussen

"A week of communion with God."
"A week in which the true joy was found."

Such are the expressions on the lips and in the hearts of those who attended the Bible Institute in Colton, July 15-22, 1934.

The Holy Spirit was certainly calling unto His people and pleading with them to "Let Jesus enter in." Many there were who heeded that call and resigned their hearts unto Christ. Others were strengthened in faith so they could return to their homes and their congregations to witness for Christ and to reveal the joy that is theirs in Christ.

How sincerely the young people felt the Bible Institute "spirit" can only be realized by those who were present at the evening campfires and heard the singing, the Bible verses and prayers, the resumes and the impressions given there. What a wonderful feeling of Christian fellowship there is at such a gathering—all for Christ and all in Christ.

God has richly blessed the endeavors of those who founded the Colton Bible Institute; for, each year the attendance has increased. The registration this year was 205. 634 worshipped at the Sunday morning service.

The principal instructors were Rev.

C. S. Odell, of Portland, Oregon and Dr. W. S. Schramm of Butler Penn. Rev. C. S. Odell conducted the Bible studies on the Book of Hebrews. He pointed out how helpless we are without Christ. Dr. W. S. Schramm brought inspirational addresses each day. Both pastors stressed the need for more personal work in the congregations. "There is no detour around the door-bell", was Dr. Schramm's statement.

Dr. J. A. Elson of Gustavus College, St. Peter, Minnesota spoke one evening on "Our Heritage—shall we preserve it?" This was a plea for the strengthening of our Lutheran Church by the training of the young people in the church schools.

The practical hour each day presented the work of the church through its organizations and gave the young people definite work to accomplish in their respective congregations.

The recreational features of the institute were very ably directed by Mr. Herman Chindgren and proved that swimming, baseball, kitten-ball, horse-shoe pitching, hiking and horse back riding are very popular sports.

Rev. E. Sakrison, Dean of the Institute, deserves untold credit for so capably arranging everything for the Institute. The Luther League Park has the cathedral theme in its architecture and immediately upon entrance to the park one reads, "This is truly God's wonderful outdoor tabernacle."

Immanuel League News

By Edith Olson

A group of seventy Luther Leaguers from Immanuel gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brydon Johnson in Oswego for their social meeting. Refreshments were served and games were played out on the lawn. The garden had been all electrically lighted so that leaguers could enjoy themselves outdoors.

Recent visitors to the Immanuel Church of our former league members were: Kathryn, Ruth, and Dorothy Johnson of Tacoma, Lillian Swanson of Petersburg, Alaska, Mrs. Ruth Franz of Spokane and Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Hendrickson of St. Peter, Minnesota, and Miss Anna Wicklund of San Francisco, California.

Romance has again entered in the midst of the Immanuel Luther League and the following young couples seem to have succumbed for they have recently announced their engagements: Miss Viola Hultgren announced her engagement to Mr. Ossien Noren and Miss Myrtle Johnson became engaged to Mr. Albert Anderson. All are active league members and the league joins in hearty congratulations.

Mrs. C. S. Odell and son Sammy have visited Mrs. Odell's parents in

Minnesota. Mrs. Odell also visited their former home in Holdrege, Nebraska, before returning to Portland. Mrs. A. V. Anderson and son Arnold are also in the east visiting Mrs. Anderson's parents in Illinois.

Things We Noticed at Colton

The Luther League Cottage very full of girls—Augustana league with the largest attendance for the full week—Much rivalry between the tent girls and the cottage girls, not to forget the dormitory girls also.—Mrs. Sture still working hard on the menu for her group that were always hungry at meal times.—Harvey Bates of Astoria receiving lots of attention. Was it your voice or just your pleasing personality, Harvey?—Herman Chindgren busy supplying riding horses and even riding habits.—Laura Chindgren receiving callers from Portland.—Agnes Anderson getting lots of attention from certain Silverton people.—All the men forgetting to attend the Cotage Girl's Open House.—Rev. Knorr, dean of boys being kept up late the last Saturday night of the Institute.—Ronnie Martin, Donna Glarum and Daniel Odell the swimming champs.—The early morning horseback rides.—Mae Anderson very much occupied.—Thirty one visitors from Astoria.—Edna Peterson's coffee party with Lillian Lekander, Ruby Lekander and Edith Olson helping to eat the cheese crackers.—Hilma Peterson's regular correspondence kept the Colton Post Office busy.—Irene Odell getting up early.—All in all the Institute was a success. Over 630 in attendance the closing day and over 200 registered for the week.

Portland District L. L. Convention

By Lyla Earl

The Portland District Luth. League Convention was held in Trinity Luth. Church, Astoria, Oregon, on August 11 and 12.

The convention opened Saturday evening with the annual banquet and the business session. Mr. Arthur Hemmingson acted as toastmaster during the banquet and a most enjoyable program was given.

The business session was called to order by Miss Edith Olson, president, after which reports of the various officers were read and accepted. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Edith Olson; Vice-President, Lillian Lekander; Secretary, Edna Peterson; Treasurer, Clarence S. Nelson; Stenographer, Lilly Linder.

Augustana League, Portland, invited the District to hold its Spring Rally at their church and the Immanuel League, Portland, invited the Dis-

trict to hold next year's Convention at their church.

Rev. Sakrison's report on the Bible Institute showed that the Bible Institute was successful both spiritually and in the number in attendance during the week and on Sundays. The Portland District leaguers certainly want to thank Rev. Sakrison for his untiring efforts and for all the work he has put in to improve the joy of service rendered.

Following the banquet a two hour ferry ride on the Columbia River was enjoyed by all. This was arranged by Arnold Oren, President of the Astoria League.

Sunday was a day of many spiritual blessings and we all left the convention with the desire to live up to the convention theme of "Christ for all, all for Christ." Rev. A. G. Anderson gave the communion sermon in the morning and musical numbers were given by Mrs. Kullberg, Mrs. Martin, and by the Augustana Luther League Choir.

The afternoon Rally service was inspiring and interesting with numbers from the different leagues of the district and the address "Our Vision" given by Pastor Ludwig Melander, a missionary to Africa.

The evening service concluded the convention, at which time Rev. C. S. Odell gave a very fitting address on "Our All for Christ in Our Daily Living."

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Zuriet Third Friday.....8:30 p. m.

J. M. B., 2nd Saturday at.....1:00 p. m.

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Ruth Elmer, Reporter

On September 25, 26, 27 the Luther Memorial and First Church, Tacoma, are conducting a Bible Conference. Its purpose is to enrich the Christian life of the members of the church. The teaching staff is not definite enough for announcement, but promises to be a capable one. We look for rich returns.

We were happy to welcome into our church, our former pastor, Dr. E. C. Bloomquist. It was good to hear him again, and to talk with him. He was in Tacoma from August 22 to Sept. 3. We hope for another visit from him soon.

The fall League activities will begin with a program and business meeting on Friday, September 14. Miss Edna Iverson is the chairman for the evening, and the theme the program will center on is "Religious of South Asia."

Woman's Missionary Society History Concluded

The fifteenth anniversary of our conference society was held in Tacoma in 1929. We were happy to report that our home missions had been well supported. The goal of \$2,000.00 had been reached. We mention this because it was the first item we had in mind when we were organized. Being a home mission conference may we always remember this part of our work as being the most important. At this convention we had the honor of having with us the synodical president, Mrs. Emy Ewald, who gave us much encouragement and inspiration. She later visited several of our societies on the north, among which was Vancouver, B. C. where she looked over the field in regard to a home for girls. After doing this she returned East and prevailed upon the women there to buy a home for girls in Vancouver. As a result the home was bought by the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod. Mrs. Ewald visited Vancouver again in September when the home was dedicated.

In 1930 our convention was held in Bethany, Seattle. At this time we had reached our quota for the Hospital in Africa, and also for the church at Bethphage. Our next building special was the Girls' homes in Vancouver, B. C. and New York. Mrs. Samuel Johnson was elected president of our Missionary Society at this time.

In 1931 our annual meeting was held in April in the Immanuel Church of Portland. The Portland District celebrated its 10th anniversary the 25th of February in connection with its annual district meeting. Our outstanding feature of this year had been the organizing of six young women's societies: Vancouver, B. C., First, Tacoma; Aberdeen; Augustana and Immanuel, Portland, Oregon, and St. Helens, Oregon. With such a splendid record in organization among our young women we can expect much for the future in our W. M. S. Our Juniors have donated \$225.00 for a window in the new church at Bethphage.

A special gift of \$200.00 was given by the Conference Society for the furnishing of a room in the Girls' Home in New York. The gift was given in honor of two of our pioneers in the Conference, namely Doctor and Mrs. G. A. Anderson.

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During the year our Conference had visits from Miss Agnes Christiansen, one of our missionaries from India; Rev. and Mrs. George Anderson, our missionaries from Africa; Miss Alta Samuelson, who at that time was our synodical field secretary and Mrs. Frank Olsen was here in connection with our Girls' Home in Vancouver.

In 1932 we met at Grace Church, Spokane.

The Tacoma District celebrated its 15th anniversary on the 25th day of October at Bethany Church, Seattle. This was the 40th anniversary year of our synodical society. Qualified workers—Portland district, 7; Tacoma district 6; Spokane district 7; Mt. Baker district 1. Silver star societies: Augustana and Immanuel, Portland; First, St. Helens, Oregon; Bethlehem, Mist, Oregon; Trinity, Astoria, Ore. Honorable Jubilee societies: Bethel, Tacoma, Washington; Ione, Oregon.

Mrs. C. R. Swanson was given the honor of Jubilee member by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference.

We also had the pleasure of having Dr. Betty Nilsson from India, who was home on furlough, with us. This was a most pleasant event as she was with us at our Conference meeting as well as also visiting the churches in our Conference. Mrs. Gus Peterson visited us during the year, making our Girls' Home her special interest.

Our next annual meeting was held in Gethsemane, Seattle, in April, 1933. Mrs. J. A. Martin was elected president.

The reports for 1933 show a membership of 849 women; 185 young women, and 456 Juniors. The treasurers' reports show a total income of \$86, 192.-33 for the twenty years.

Dear friends, may the love of God so fill our hearts that they cannot but overflow with love and blessings to others. May the Holy Spirit work so mightily in us all that we will pray and work and give that God's name may be glorified and His Kingdom advanced to the ends of the earth.

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