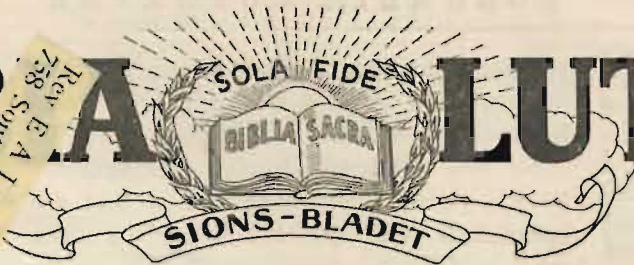


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## The Triumphal Entry



## The Prelude to Christ's Suffering



The triumphal entry which Jesus made into Jerusalem, perhaps some five days before the Paschal Lamb Feast, stands in close relation to the history of His suffering. At this entry it was put up to the people to make a definite choice. They now were compelled either to accept or reject Jesus as their King.

Jesus was indeed hailed with gladness as the Son of David, who came in the name of the Lord. But they misunderstood His entry. He did not come that

He might be a king of this world. He came that He might be the King in a kingdom, that is not of this world. His scepter was to be truth and righteousness. He came to bestow life and salvation upon His subjects. Blessed is therefore all who yield themselves to Him, that they might be subjects under Him in His kingdom.

Since Jesus did not want to be a king on the people's terms they chose to bring

Him as a malefactor before the Great Council and before Pontius Pilate. In their wrath they soon began to cry "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" And so they brought Him upon the cross. Did this mean defeat. No! The triumphant entry led to a triumphant departure from that same city. Jesus rose again. He came forth the glorified Saviour. This all means, that we may finally make a triumphant entry into the heavenly Jerusalem.



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### What Shall We Preach?

There are many opinions as to what we should preach. If we doubt this we need only examine the church announcement page in our dailies. What strange subjects we there may find announced! Not long ago this theme was announced, "Long Beds and Short Covers." This was another one: "Does a Hen Sit or Set?" It is a common thing that moral or political subjects are given. Some have what they call pulpit editorials, when they give as an introduction to their sermon a resume of current events and comment upon them.

Many of these things may be commendable in their proper place, but do not fit into the pulpit on the Lord's day as food for immortal souls. In divine worship no theme should be used except what we might gather from the word of God and what might be properly fitting in the house of God. We are to preach the law and the gospel. Jesus is to be our model even when it comes to preaching. Repentance and faith is to be our aim. "Faith is by preaching and preaching by the word of God" says the Bible. Our people are to be instructed in the word of God, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We believe that that is the only kind of preaching our people want.

### Our Freedom

Many boast of their freedom, as they are abusing it. It is a common thing that they under such circumstances make an assertion something like this: "This is a free country, and in this matter I am

privileged to do as I please," and so they desecrate the Lord's Day and stay away from divine worship.

No one will question the fact that we have a right to do many things that are harmful to our spiritual life. We even have a right to harm our bodies, if we so chose, for instance, by overindulgence in smoking or eating. There is no law against such practices. We may indulge in pleasures to the ruin of our bodies, if we want to. No man-made law will ever in such things try to interfere.

With a Christian the question is not merely what we have a right to do under the civil law. The most important question with him is what he has a right to do under God's law. He must at all times have it as his highest aim to please God. The true Christian is willing to say with the Master: "Thy will, not mine, be done."

Let us thank God for the freedom we enjoy. Let us thank God for the glorious liberty our dear country grants us. But let us never use that freedom as a cloak for evil design. Let us use it in the fear of Him before Whom we shall render our final account.

### Program for Conference Meeting Immanuel Church, Portland, April 15-19

Wednesday, April 15—2:30 p. m., pastoral conference. Paper, "How Can We Best Serve the Newly Confirmed." Rev. John Billdt. Paper, "A Pastor's Personal Work as a Soul Physician." Rev. N. William Anderson.

7:45 p. m.—Opening service, communion address, Rev. P. H. Nordlander; conference sermon, Rev. G. K. Anden; liturgy, Rev. C. A. V. Lund and Rev. C. G. Bloomquist.

Thursday, April 16—8:45 a. m.—Morning Devotion, "The Risen Saviour Revealing Himself in a Moment of Anxiety," Joh. 20:10-18, Rev. David E. Engberg.

9:30 a. m.-12 m., business session.

2 p. m.—Devotion, "The Risen Saviour Interpreting the Scriptures," Luke 24:25-27.

2:30 p. m., business session.

7:45 p. m., Divine worship. Sermon, "The Importance of Family Worship," Deut. 11:18-21, Rev. Luther Cornay, sermon, "The Importance of Attending Faithfully Divine Worship," Heb. 10:24-25, Rev. Ernest Svenson. Liturgy, Dr. C. R. Swanson and Rev. John Billdt.

Friday, April 17—8:45 a. m., morning worship, "The Risen Saviour as the Fountain of Life," 1 Cor. 15:20-23, Dr. Joseph Anderson.

9:30 a. m.-12 m., business session.

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2 p. m., devotion, "The Risen Saviour

and His Commission," Joh. 21:15-17, Mr. Gustav Oberg.

2:30 p. m., business session.

7:45 p. m., program by the Woman's Missionary Society, Rev. William Siegel, speaker.

Saturday, April 18—8:45 a. m. Morning devotion, "The Risen Saviour and His Peace," Joh. 20:19-23, Rev. Enoch Sandeen.

9:30 a. m.-12 m., business session.

2 p. m., devotion, "Christ Risen Unto Our Justification," Rom. 4:23-25.

2:30 p. m., possibly a short business session.

3:30 p. m., an outing, sponsored by the local Lutheran Brotherhood.

Sunday, April 19—0:45 a. m., Sunday school. Brief talks to the children by Rev. O. W. Westling and Rev. E. Arthur Larson.

10:30 a. m., divine worship. Sermon over the text of the day by Rev. C. J. Renhard. Liturgy, Rev. Roger P. Oliver and Rev. O. R. Karlstrom.

2:30 p. m., Luther league rally. Address, "The Purpose of our Luther league," Rev. Carl A. Bengtson. Address, "The Need in the Church of a Consecrated Youth." Rev. Elmer Johnson.

7:45 p. m., divine worship. Sermon "God's Wish That We Now May Continue in the Footsteps of Jesus." (Epistle for the day), Dr. C. R. Swanson. Liturgy, Rev. Enoch Sandeen and Rev. David E. Engberg.

### The Sixth Annual Banquet and Business Meeting, Columbia Conference Brotherhood

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore.

Saturday, April 18, 1931, 6:30 p. m.

John W. Unis, M. D., President

Invocation.....Rev. S. E. Johnson, Portland

Dinner

Business Meeting.

Community Singing.

Greetings.....Rev. H. P. Johnson, Portland  
Theme, "The Fourfold Brotherhood Plan"  
Discussion—"Here We Are; What Can We Do"

Musical Selection.

"The Devotional Department and Its Aims".....Rev. C. A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon  
Discussion by Dr. Carl Blade, La Conner, Washington.

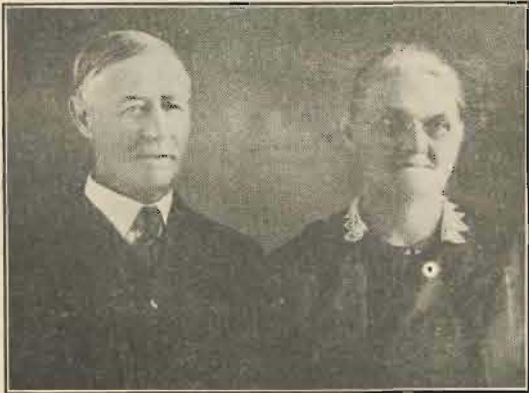
"The Fellowship Department and Its Aims".....Rev. Roger P. Oliver, Moscow, Idaho.

Discussion by Mr. E. H. Johnson, Spokane  
Musical Selection.

"The Educational Department and Its Aims."—Rev. G. K. Andeen, Astoria, Oregon.

Discussion by Dr. Adolph Benson, Portland  
"The Benevolence Department and Its

Aims".....Dr. C. R. Swanson, Seattle, Discussion by Mr. Vincent Thoren, Tacoma Musical Selection, announcements, doxology.



MR. AND MRS. BACKSTROM

### Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Backstrom, members of Immanuel Lutheran church, Portland, for more than twenty-five years, celebrated on February 20 their golden wedding anniversary. On the occasion of this event festivities were held in the evening of said day in Immanuel church. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated. A festive program was rendered. The couple marched in to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, escorted by Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson. Mr. Edward Liedberg and Mr. Fred Olson served as ushers. Rev. Johnson spoke words of congratulation and well-wishes in behalf of all present. A gift of gold coin was also presented to the honored couple, who responded in a fitting way. Rev. A. M. Green gave an address in Swedish. Mrs. William Skans sang two beautiful solos.

After the program a reception was given in the church parlors, which also were attractively decorated. Here an exceptionally large wedding cake graced the table. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Skans sang again two solos. Mrs. A. C. Malmquist sang as the closing number "The End of a Perfect Day." A very large number had assembled to celebrate with Mr. and Mrs. Backstrom in this fitting way their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was brought to and from church by Mr. Arvid Carlson in his automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Backstrom were married in Ostersund, Sweden. They came to America in 1890, to Aitken, Minn., where they helped found our Lutheran church of that place. They moved to Salem, Oregon in 1901 and to Portland in 1906, where they have resided ever since.

Boost your church in every way possible.

### Announcing the Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Columbia Conference

The 39th annual meeting of the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Synod will convene in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Nineteenth street at Irving, Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday evening, April 15, and will continue over the following Sunday. All matters to come before the Conference must be in the hands of the president, the Rev. G. K. Andeen, Astoria, Oregon, in ample time, according to constitutional provisions in the matter; all parochial reports are to be sent to the respective District Secretaries in ample time to enable them to report to the secretary of the Conference at least three weeks before the convening of the Conference; and all pastoral reports are to be sent in at once to the President of the Conference. All delegates to the Conference are to make requests for accommodations thirty days before the opening of the meeting and each request is to be accompanied by the \$5.00 registration fee. All such requests are to be made to the Rev. Henry P. Johnson, 150 No. 19th Street, Portland, Oregon, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church.

Respectfully,

C. G. BLOOMQUIST,  
Secretary of Conference.

### Annual Convention Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference will hold its Seventeenth Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon, upon invitation from the Immanuel Lutheran church, Rev. H. P. Johnson, pastor, April 16th to 18th, 1931. All the business sessions will be held at the Swedish Mission Tabernacle, 17th and Glisan streets. Morning sessions will begin at 9:30 and afternoon sessions at 1:30.

The Missionary Festival will be held Friday evening in the Immanuel church, when addresses will be given by Rev. William Siegel of Spokane, Washington, and Miss Louise Godfrey of Portland, Oregon, missionary in India for eight years. On Saturday afternoon the Junior Mission Band and the Young Women's Missionary Societies will hold their rallies.

May we not have a representative from all the local societies throughout our Conference? We pray God for His blessing upon our Convention.

MRS. S. E. JOHNSON.

Give God the honor for health, strength, property, and prosperity. All good things come from Him.

### Bible Conference

The first week in February proved to be a very interesting and inspiring week for the Aion Lutheran league of this church sponsored a Bible Conference which was conducted by Rev. W. Seigel of Spokane.

The book chosen for study was the Book of Revelation. Rev. Seigel, who is a very able Bible teacher, pointed out many facts hidden in this book. As there was not time to study the whole book, the most outstanding chapters were studied and outlined. We had very good attendance which shows our people are interested in the study of God's word. Special music was furnished every evening by the different Lutheran churches of the city and Hartford.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Seigel spoke to the Sunday school and preached the morning sermon on the subject "Christ at the Door."

When the conference closed on Sunday evening all were wishing it would continue for another week. Yet we are thankful for this one week in which we were brought closer to God's word through meditation and prayer.

ELEANOR ANDERSON.

### Brotherhood Convention

The Tacoma District Lutheran Brotherhood will meet for its annual convention Saturday, March 21, in Tacoma. The Brotherhood of the First Lutheran church has invited the district to hold its meeting there. It is planned to meet for business and election of officers at 4 p. m., Saturday afternoon, and around the banquet table at 6:30. Musical numbers will be furnished by the various brotherhoods. The Rev. E. M. Hegge, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, and just recently moved here from Moscow, has been invited to be the speaker at the banquet.

The executive committee is going to visit all the brotherhoods and personally seek to interest the men to turn out in good numbers and make it one of the best meetings the men have ever held.

V. E. THOREN, President,  
Tacoma District Lutheran Broth.

### Luther League Rally

The annual spring meeting of the Portland district Luther League will be held at the Immanuel church on Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 3 o'clock. There will be no delegates elected, but every Luther Leaguer in the district is a delegate and urged to attend. We had a splendid attendance last year at Augustana from every local league, and we hope that the attendance this year will be even larger.

Come and bring your friends, both old and young.

The program will consist of musical numbers by representatives from the local leagues, two ten-minute papers by Guhli Olson from Augustana and Edith Olson from Immanuel, report from the Christian Conference in St. Peter by Rev. Wahlstrom, and a report on the plans for the 1931 Bible Institute in Colton by the dean, Rev. S. E. Johnson. Rev. Sakrison will also report on the progress of the work on the Luther League Park. This meeting is held for the purpose of making the plans for the Bible Institute known to the members of the Luther League of the district. Rev. Johnson has some very interesting plans and important information to announce at this meeting, so be sure to attend. Remember the date and place of this Luther League rally, Sunday afternoon, March 15, 3 o'clock, in the Immanuel church, Portland.

ERIC H. WAHLSTROM.

### Resolution

Resolution drawn up and unanimously adopted by a rising vote on the withdrawal from active work in the ministry of Rev. B. S. Nystrom, Brush Prairie, Washington.

WHEREAS, Rev. B. S. Nystrom of Brush Prairie, Washington, has, after a long and fruitful ministry in the Portland District, withdrawn from active service, we, pastors and lay delegates assembled for the Annual District Meeting hereby express our gratitude to God for the work that Rev. Nystrom has been permitted to do in the Portland District and our sincere thanks to Rev. Nystrom for his untiring efforts to bring the Word of Life and Salvation to his congregation. The people in the communities served cherish in their hearts the memory of the blessed ministrations that Rev. Nystrom brought to them, and thank God for his work among them.

Portland, Oregon, January 28, 1931.

(Signed) ERIC H. WAHLSTROM,  
President,

ANDREW G. ANDERSON,  
Secretary.

### Schedule of Mission Meetings of the Portland District, 1931

Sharon Gresham and Elim Brush Prairie, Wash., March 24, 25. All pastors attend.

Valby, Ione, Oregon, May 26, 27. Rev. H. P. Johnson and Rev. A. G. Anderson.

Eden, Elgarose, Ore., May 26, 27. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, Rev. G. K. Andeen.

Bethlehem, Mist, Oregon, August. Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom and Rev. G. K. Andeen.

Bethany, Warren, Oregon, September 22, 23. All pastors present.

Carlsborg, Colton, Oregon, October 13, 14. All pastors attend.

Marshfield, Oregon, and Trinity, North Bend, Oregon, November 3, 4. Rev. A. G. Anderson and Rev. E. J. Sakrison.

Trinity, Astoria, Luther League Convention with pastors attending.

ANDREW G. ANDERSON, Sec.

### Obituary

Mrs. Ida Oberg, beloved wife of Gustav Oberg, passed away at Rochester, Wash., Sunday, February 8, in her 50th year. She was born in Finland, May 25, 1881. In 1901 she came to America and following year she was united in marriage to Gustav Oberg at Iron Mountain, Mich. She became the mother of seven children of whom three preceded her in death. The remaining four are Vernor of Chicago, Mrs. Martha Chandler of Milwaukee, Rudolph and Carl at home in Rochester. Mrs. Oberg suffered from an increasing affliction of epilepsy which she bore in patience and Christian fortitude. Of her faithfulness and devotion her bereaved husband writes: "Mrs. Oberg was a faithful Christian from her earliest childhood, and was always of a mild and kindly disposition. She seldom complained except of her inability to fulfil her duty as wife and mother. Although her life was singularly blameless she would often acknowledge her sin, and unworthiness before God. Yet she always rested trustingly upon the solid foundation which God has laid for the salvation of sinners, Christ and His meritorious suffering and death." In this faith she fell quietly asleep in the calm that followed upon a week of incessant and severe attacks to be with Him who said, 'Come unto Me, ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

Funeral services were held Friday, February 13, at the First Lutheran church, where Mr. Oberg has served as lay preacher for the last two years, conducted by the president of the Conference, assisted by Rev. E. Arthur Larson, chairman of the Tacoma District, and Rev. Elmer Johnson of Olympia. The remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Greenwood cemetery at Centralia. Peace be unto her memory!

G. K. ANDEEN.

Speak a cheerful word to someone, whenever the opportunity arises, about your church. Invite friends and strangers to your worship.



HILMA OLSON

### Benefactor Gone

On Sunday morning, February 8, a telephone message from Astoria brought us the sad message that Hilma Olson had passed away. She had for some time been suffering from an incurable illness due to apoplexy. Shortly before Christmas she went to Astoria for medical treatment and care. But her physical condition was then such that there could be little hope of her coming back to Colton again.

Hilma Olson was born in Sweden, April 3, 1863, and came to America with her parents at the age of 6. Stanton, Iowa, became the home of her youth and her family. She came to Colton in 1911 and has lived here since then.

Funeral services were held in Astoria, Monday, February 9. The undersigned, her pastor, spoke on the passage: "When have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee. My flesh and my heart faileth; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever." Ps. 73:25-26. Mrs. G. K. Andeen and Mrs. R. W. Kullberg rendered fitting and comforting musical selections. The remains were taken to Stanton, Iowa, where they were laid to rest the following Thursday after impressive services at which relatives and many old-time acquaintances and friends were present. Memorial services were also held in the Lutheran Church here in Colton, Sunday afternoon, February 15. Kind and loving care was given the departed one during her last illness by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Olson from Stanton.

It may truly be said that in the death of Hilma Olson our community and congregation suffered a great loss. She arrived in Colton almost at the beginning of its development from a wilderness to a beautiful little community with homes and schools and churches and modern conveniences. A large share of the credit for this work was hers. Her firm faith in her Saviour, her feeling of responsibility, her love for her church, her intelligence and her dependability made her such a valuable church member. The spiritual welfare of

the youth of our church was close to her heart. In order to promote a deeper study of the Word of God among our young people she donated the best part of her land in Colton to the Portland District Luther League for a home for its Bible Institute. This beautiful natural park with its clear mountain streams and ever-green woods is now being developed by free labor of love, so that it may serve its purpose as soon as possible. This park will indeed be a most fitting monument to the departed one. It is a testimony to her faith in the Word of God and her concern for the eternal welfare of the young people of her beloved Lutheran church. May God's blessing rest upon this monument and the memory of Hilma Olson!

ERNST J. SAKRISON.

### A Visit In Mt. Baker District

An interesting trip was made in the Mt. Baker District, February 9th to 14th, in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society. Visits were made in Everett, Mt. Vernon and Bellingham, Washington, and in New Westminster and Vancouver, B. C. The delightful scenery, together with the springlike atmosphere, made the trip most pleasant.

The Board of Directors of the Girls' Home in Vancouver, B. C., met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Luther Cornay, Bellingham, Washington, on Tuesday, February 10. A delicious luncheon was served at noon by the hostess, who is in charge of the supervision of the Home. Her keen interest in the welfare of the Home is evident. Much of her time is spent for the success of this work. Shall we not encourage her with our prayers that God will give her the needed strength? At the business session encouraging reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. A quite lengthy discussion took place regarding the possibility of creating a fund to be used for charity for needy girls at the Home. A plan was suggested, which will be presented at the Annual Conference meeting in April.

The Girls' Home was visited on Thursday. Mrs. J. E. Carlson, the matron, proves to be very efficient in her work. She is ever busy answering the telephone and the door bell, in response to inquiries about girls who want employment. Here the girls can come whenever they wish, to get away from the daily routine of work, for it is "their home," a place of rest for lonely, homesick hearts, and Mrs. Carlson is there to meet them with a cheerful and hearty greeting. May God bless our Girls' home, and may we consider it our duty as well as our privilege to sup-

port it with our prayers as well as with our earthly goods.

On the return trip a stop was made in Seattle at the Gethsemane church, where the Woman's Missionary Society met on Friday evening. A hearty thank you to all for kind hospitality and friendliness. The writer feels that the visits with you proved beneficial to her in many ways. May we all continue in our great work of love for the Master.

MRS. S. E. JOHNSON.

### Annual Meeting and Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland District held its tenth annual meeting at the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, February 25, 1931, with Mrs. H. P. Johnson, president, presiding.

The meeting was opened by singing of missionary hymns, followed by meditation and prayer led by Mrs. E. J. Dahlberg. A greeting and welcome was extended members and visitors by Fred Olson, to which Mrs. J. G. Sture responded.

To roll call representatives from the following societies responded: Bethany, Warren 5; Bethlehem, Mist, 2; Immanuel, Portland, 21; Augustana, Portland, 18; Carlsborg, Colton, 4; Trinity, Astoria, 3; First Lutheran, St. Helens, 1; Saron, Gresham, 6.

Reports from local and district officers were read and accepted. The district president, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, reported on adult membership of 397, and 130 Juniors. Two new Young Woman's societies, namely those of Immanuel, Portland, and Bethany, Warren, have been welcomed into the district.

The treasurer, Mrs. Fred Jensen, reported a total income for the year of \$1,684.20 an increase of \$238.17 over last year.

Mrs. C. H. Earl, Mission Tidings Secretary, gave a very interesting report and demonstration in costume. After listening to a beautiful solo by Mrs. S. E. Johnson, election of officers followed. All officers of the previous year were re-elected unanimously. They are as follows: President, Mrs. H. P. Johnson; vice president, Mrs. Ida Swanson; secretary, Mrs. David E. Lofgren; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Jensen; Junior secretary, Mrs. E. H. Wahlstrom; Young Women's secretary, Mrs. E. J. Dahlberg; Mission Tidings secretary, Mrs. C. H. Earl; Membership secretary, Mrs. M. Chindgren; Lace and Industrial secretary, Mrs. E. J. Sakrison; Jubilee secretary, Mrs. J. E. Wallin; "My Missionary for a Day" secretary, Mrs. J. G. Sture. Auditors, Mrs. Chas. Carlborg and Mrs. E. M. Erickson.

The Missionary Poster contest was an interesting feature. All the posters were beautifully done and each brought the de-

sired message. The prize winners were: Wm. S. of Augustana, Portland, 1st and 2nd; W. M. S. of Marshfield, honorable mention; Y. W. M. S. of Augustana, 1st, and Y. W. M. S. of Immanuel 2nd; Juniors, Bethany Warren, 1st, and Juniors, Immanuel, 2nd. The judges were Miss Orthschild, art teacher, Couch school; Mrs. Chas. Carlborg and Mrs. Rudolph Hanson.

A beautiful and inspirational tenth anniversary festival was held in the evening. The address was given by Rev. G. K. Andeen. Mrs. S. E. Johnson also spoke briefly. Mrs. H. P. Johnson read an historical sketch. Mrs. A. V. Anderson, first president of the Portland district W. M. S., gave a greeting. A letter of congratulations and well-wishes had been received from Mrs. J. E. Lorimer, Assaria, Kansas, which was read by the chairman. Mrs. Lorimer is a former president of our society. Beautiful musical numbers contributed in a very elegant way to the program. The offering of the evening, amounting to \$25.75 is to be used in furnishing a room in the Girls' Home in New York city. An offering was lifted in the afternoon for the District Contingent fund.

MRS. D. E. LOFGREN.

1233 E. 36th St., Portland, Oregon.

### Historical Sketch

Of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland District, 1921-1931.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name." Ps. 29:2.

Wednesday afternoon of February 16, 1921, the women of the Woman's Missionary Societies and delegates from the different congregations of the Portland District, met at the Immanuel Church Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland District.

Minutes recorded from that meeting state that "after a lengthy discussion, a motion was made, duly seconded and passed that the different Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies organize as "The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Portland District."

The only organized societies within the district at that time were: Bethany, Warren, Bethlehem, Mist, Immanuel and Augustana, Portland, and Trinity, Marshfield. It is interesting to note that Bethany, Warren, was the first to organize a missionary society, which was in 1916. Bethlehem, Mist, was next, then Immanuel with Augustana a close fourth.

The first officers of the society were: President, Mrs. A. V. Anderson; vice president, Mrs. V. G. Ogren; secretary, Mrs. E. Arthur Larson; recording secre-

tary, Mrs. C. J. Renhard; treasurer, Miss Esther Eckberg.

Local societies that have been organized since the District organization was perfected are: Carlsborg, Colton, Trinity, Astoria, First Lutheran, St. Helens, Saron, Gresham, and Valley, Ione. Besides the ten adult societies, we now have seven Junior Mission Bands, four Young Woman's Missionary Societies and one Contributing Society.

During the first year the sum of \$314.75 was gathered. The second year the income amounted to \$916.03. The receipts have increased from year to year as the society has grown. This past year we have gathered \$1684.20 for the cause of Missions.

The total membership at present is: Woman's Missionary Society, 343 members, the Young Woman's Missionary Society, 54, and the Juniors, 130. There are 184 subscribers to the Mission Tidings.

The following have served as presidents of the district: Mrs. A. V. Anderson, 1921—1925, Mrs. J. E. Lorimer, 1925, Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult, 1926—1928, and Mrs. H. P. Johnson since 1928.

The society has received visits at various times, from the following: Miss Ruth Nystrom, Missionary to China, Miss Augusta Highland, Synodical Field Secretary, Miss Anna Olson and Miss Anna Anderson, Missionaries to China, Mrs. Frank Olson and Miss Alta Samelson, Synodical Home Missionaries, Mrs. Emmy Evald, president of the W. M. S. of the Augustana Synod, Mrs. Geo. N. Anderson, Missionary to Africa and Miss Agnes Christenson, Missionary to India. These have done much to inspire us and have given us much valuable information about our Missionary work.

The society has been contributing to the following causes: Miss Anna Olson's salary, Boxes of Blessings, Dime books, Lutheran Homes for Girls, (Vancouver and New York), Literature Fund, Mission Home in Chicago, Administration Fund, Africa, China and India Missions, Bethphage, Christmas Cheer, Deaconess Work, District Contingent fund, Home Missions, Conference Home for the Aged, Jewish Missions, My Missionary for a Day, and the Synodical Field Secretary Fund.

We notice by this brief sketch that God has graciously blest the endeavors made by the Portland District Woman's Missionary Society during the brief period of its existence. Our society has gone forward a little each year, and we feel sure that it has been a blessing to the work of our beloved church. We do not, however wish to give the honor to ourselves for anything that we might have accomplished. We rather say with the Psalmist:

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name." (Ps. 29:2.)

Our prayer is that God might abundantly bless us in the future, and that He might give us grace faithfully to continue to labor for His cause, that His name might be more and more widely glorified here at home as well as among the benighted peoples in the far away heathen lands.

### Annual Meeting of the Tacoma District Woman's Missionary Society

Held at First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, January 28, 1931.

The first session was held in the morning beginning at 9 o'clock with Vice Chairman, Mrs. C. R. Swanson in charge. On roll call we found 48 delegates responding with the various societies well represented. The opening service warmed our hearts and attuned our minds to the gracious will of our Master. Mrs. Conrad Haggblom conducting the devotional with John, chapter four, as her text. Mrs. Ernest G. Svenson gave us a very cordial welcome to which Mrs. Carl J. Renhard responded. The choice of recording secretary fell on Mrs. Ernest G. Svenson of Tacoma and in the course of the session Mrs. Conrad Haggblom was elected President with Mrs. John W. Unis, Seattle, as Vice, while Miss Effie Frisell was retained another year as Treasurer. Mrs. High was requested to report the meeting to Mission Tidings, the undersigned to Columbia Lutheran and Mrs. Sandegren to Luth. Companion. Mrs. Enoch Sanden, Mrs. C. J. Renhard and Mrs. Elmer M. Johnson drew up the customary resolutions. Other officers were, Y. W. Sec., Miss Helen Lief; Mission Tidings Sec., Mrs. Young; Membership Sec., Miss Esther Lillquist; Prayer Sec., Mrs. Magnus Johnson; Calendar Sec., Miss Wahlberg.

The duties of the head of our society has fallen on the Vice President, Mrs. C. R. Swanson, during the latter part of the year owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. John W. Unis; and she presented to us an ably written annual report which centered about Matt. 20:4, the theme being, "Christ Gave His Life For Us; We Should In Faith and Love Give Our Talents."

The reports revealed that we have 15 Senior and 11 Junior Societies in the District with 436 members in the former and 268 in the latter. The Senior organizations were outdistanced a little by the Juniors, in net increase in both members and money raised. We noticed that 9 Seniors used the Mission Tidings programs and 12 observed prayer day last fall. Our official

society paper has 391 subscribers among us which is a net gain of 21. One Young Women's Society has been organized during the year and Aberdeen receives the credit for this addition. There are now in our District four such organizations, all of whom use the Treasury Chests. Total receipts for Adults Society \$1409.86.

The Junior work is progressing nicely among us but it was noted that only 5 societies use the Thank Offering Boxes. The Bethany Band in Seattle seems to be the huskiest of them all at present. Mrs. Elmer M. Johnson will pilot this work during the present year. Total receipts for 1930, \$246.50.

Two resolutions were passed that can be classed as strictly "New Business," the one of which delegated to the Executive Committee the task of arranging for proper observances in the various societies of the fifteenth anniversary of our organization and the other created a new office, that of Secretary of the Missionary-for-a-Day movement. Mrs. Bloomquist was elected for this position. She intends to present her cause to the various organizations in the near future.

The afternoon session consisted of a missionary service to which the entire district was invited. Pastors E. A. Larson and C. G. Bloomquist addressed us, the former on Home Missions and the latter on Foreign Missions. The service was enhanced by one vocal solo by Mrs. Ebba Sandeen and two duets by Mesdames Bloomquist and Elmer Johnson.

We did have a very fine meeting thruout and that includes the excellent service of the local ladies. Their wonderful hospitality together with their new church added so much to our stay at Tacoma.

Mrs. C. G. Bloomquist.

### Tacoma District Annual Meeting

The Tacoma District met January 27—28 in the First Lutheran Church of Tacoma, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, pastor.

The meeting was opened in the evening, January 27, with a sermon by Dr. C. R. Swanson of the Gethsemane Church, Seattle. On Wednesday morning Rev. Ernest Svenson, president of the District, opened the business session with scripture reading and prayer. The election of secretary was then completed, the undersigned being duly elected. This was followed by roll call, during which nearly all congregations answered present. The presidents report was then read. This was a well written document, full of interesting information and suggestions. The membership in the district is on the upward trend—that is always interesting to hear—the churches have been beautified, the services well attended, the young people

have been unusually active,—in fact, it has been a good year. Even financially the situation has been good—even better than expected. The treasuries of the individual churches have fully equaled other years and in some churches surpassed them. The mission meetings held in different churches during the year have been fairly well attended—in some places unusually well, and in some not so well.

That, of course, is the usual story, and needs looking into. The mission meetings as held in the past are undoubtedly not quite up to the standard in regard to modern requirements. Such a statement might sound irreverent to some of the older generation, but has proved true. Evidently something must be done.

Here is the experience of this district in this respect: Meetings have been held in all congregations, one at a time. All pastors have been requested to be present. In one of these congregations there are less than thirty members. Thirteen pastors would visit this one place, travel all together about 1,300 miles, pay about \$35.00 in traveling expences, spend 780 hours, and leave 13 important fields without pastors for two days. In this particular place only one service could be held. Only two pastors spoke. Thus thirteen pastors had traveled 1,300 miles in order to deliver two sermons of half an hours duration. And, mark you, only two pastors out of thirteen had an opportunity to appear. Now, this is, of course, an extreme case. Nor were all pastors present, but they should have been, according to the old system.

Enough. A new system is now in vogue. We are no longer meeting because of custom. And when we meet, we divide ourselves up into teams of two and visit all the congregations within reach of a central city. Thus on March 17—19 the pastors are invited to a series of Lenten Evangelistic meetings to be held among the congregations in Seattle. Two and two they will go. All the congregations will thus have meetings every evening. Each pastor will have the opportunity really to preach. He is not put on the program in order to fill a place. He is there to preach the saving gospel.

One more thing ought to be mentioned in this respect: the idea of the new order is not a meeting for the pastor but for the congregation. Even if there are two pastors, or three present, usually only one gives the main sermon. The other one or two take part one evening by some brief testimony, and on the next evening he gives the main sermon, etc. Thus all have the opportunity to give his best. The meetings are, furthermore, entirely evangelistic in its best sense.

But this report is becoming too long. Thus we shall make it short at once by stating that further business was transacted but was of such a nature that by reading any report from a similar meeting you have read ours.

Pastors E. A. Larson and C. E. Bloomquist spoke in the afternoon on missions. Rev. Elmer Johnson, our new pastor in Olympia, spoke in the evening at the Young Peoples Rally.

And so this meeting was over, and we are sure that it has made history for itself, especially in its important decision in regard to the mission meetings.

The following officers were elected: President, E. A. Larson; vice president, C. A. Bengtson; treasurer, Elmer Johnson. Enoch Sandeen, Secr.

#### Fourth Christian Conference

The fourth Christian Conference of the young people of the Augustana Synod was held at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. Feb. 11—15. Every Conference Luther League was represented, and some over 700 delegates were registered. At the communion service on Sunday morning in the college chapel about 715 partook of the Lord's Supper. The principal speakers on the program were: Dr. Conrad Bergen-Joff, Dean S. M. Miller, Dr. S. J. Sebeius, Dr. Gustav Andreen, Dr. Paul Andreen, Rev. C. O. Granlund, Rev. Joshua Nelson, Rev. Malvin Lundeen, Dr. Mary Markley, and Rev. N. M. Ylvisaker. To Dr. Joshua Oden and Rev. P. N. Sjogren goes the credit for the splendid arrangements of the whole of the conference. The days were filled with devotional exercises, Bible study periods, and addresses. The program began at 8 A. M. and continued until 12. Even at that some of the Bible studies and other groups who did not finish in the morning, met in the afternoon for further study and discussion.

The theme of the conference was: "Called with a holy calling," based on 2 Tim. 1:8—9. That is a theme that embraces the whole of life and every single individual. The subject of "Life's Calling" was dealt with in so many ways, and the instruction and appeals were so varied that it is difficult to summarize the whole. Perhaps some general summary as the following might give an idea of the treatment of the theme: Be a Christian, Be a praying Christian, Be a working Christian. The call from God is to each individual to become a Christian, a child of God. The challenge to accept Christ, to decide definitely for Him, and to let Him determine our life, was constantly before us during the conference. Many were enlightened and grounded in His way, and

not a few accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. But to be a Christian means to live in fellowship with Christ, and that demands a prayer-life. Daily devotion and constant prayer are the conditions for a large and spirit-filled army of young people. And finally, the call from God is to labor, to work, to make actual the motto of the Luther League, "One Won One." Every Christian has received a call to work for Christ, to testify of Him, and to win others to His cause. We are called with a holy calling.

The synodical Luther League Council met in connection with the conference. Reports were read by the president and the executive secretary, reviewing the work of the past and outlining the work for the future. A proposed constitution for the local league was adopted, and various recommendations were made for the work of the Luther League. A "Findings Pamphlet" was prepared by the executive committee. This contains a digest of all the addresses and discussions. A copy of this will be provided for each local league. The officers of the Synodical Luther League are as follows: Dr. Joshua Oden, pres.; Rev. Gideon Olson, v. pres.; Miss Signe Anderson, secretary; Rev. C. S. Odell, treas.; and Mr. Ernest L. Sandes, statistical secretary. Mr. Arthur Linn of Tacoma and the undersigned acted as delegates from the Columbia Conference Luther League. The next conference, in 1933, will be held at Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey.

Eric H. Wahlstrom.

#### Lutheran Welfare News

January 30th the Federated Lutheran Brotherhood of Tacoma sponsored a banquet for the Lutheran Welfare Society which is being organized for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Lutheran Compass Mission and doing a general Inner Mission work in the city of Tacoma and vicinity. The meeting was held in Luther Memorial Church at 6:30. The basement was packed and a splendid program and dinner enjoyed by all. The Federated Lutheran Brotherhood Chorus rendered several numbers which showed the possibility for a real splendid male chorus. The ladies announced that the profit from the dinner was to be given to the Lutheran Welfare Society for the Mission. Several instrumental numbers were rendered by Mr. C. A. Pellett and Carrol Svare.

Rev. Ambrose Hering, D. D., executive secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Society of the Twin Cities was the speaker at this meeting and at an 8 o'clock meeting. At the dinner Dr. Hering spoke about God's time clock, showing us how His

clock was working and showing us the progress being made in our Lutheran church, the understanding between synods that is being reached. National differences and alignments having had their place in the time clock but now a new time has come when the old borders of the pioneer days must be pushed back and our vision enlarged. A new spirit in our Lutheran church ushering in a new day for our church when Lutherans will be united as never before in the common task of spreading the Gospel and working for the good of His kingdom. Synods may remain with us for yet a long time but the spirit of co-operation in the Master's service will make our church one in spirit and action. Dr. Hering pictured in a most vivid manner what our church could accomplish, if this spirit of cooperation would prevail.

At the 8 o'clock meeting Dr. Hering told the audience what Lutheran welfare work really is. This address was taken down by the secretary of Luther Memorial, and we hope to have copies of it ready for distribution to all who desire to have it. For better than an hour Dr. Hering held his audience in a spell as he was accompanied in his activities as head of a great big city welfare and inner mission work, and as he told them of the possibilities in Tacoma and vicinity. Too long people have felt that the Lutheran Mission in Tacoma was only an agency for transient men, floaters, and the like. Year by year the work has gone out to men and women of all walks of life. But with a budget for only homeless man work, it has been hard to do the inner mission work necessary. We feel that Dr. Hering succeeded in picturing the work of Lutheran welfare societies over the country to our people so that we will have the support needed to take care of the field.

The superintendent of the Mission is now making a survey of the institutions of Pierce county. We have the county hospital, the sanitarium for the tubercular, the county farm for the aged, the veterans' hospital, state hospital, and just across the bay the federal penitentiary, also the local hospitals. Just today arrangements were made to conduct services every Wednesday at the county farm. The superintendent stated "they will be glad to hear you are coming," and "you will be surprised to see how many know you out there." For five years we have visited the farm off and on, bringing some out there, looking after certain ones but never had things lined up so we could hold services.

With the Welfare Society relieving the superintendent of the worries of finances, the institutions can be taken care of and visitation and services be conducted in a systematic manner.

As we enter the broader program outlined by Dr. Hering we find in our territory a great need and a wonderful opportunity for service. We have a charge to keep, and by the help of God we will measure up to the task before us to the best of our ability. We know God has funds for His work, and His stewards will not withhold it, when they realize the need and opportunity for service.

The cheerful personality and the child-like faith of Dr. Hering inspired every one, and we are indeed grateful that he took a week off to visit our city helping us to a greater vision and a better concept of the work of the Church of Christ among the unfortunate in our community. His visit marks the striking of a new hour by God's time clock: the uniting of some six or seven synods to service in the Master's name.

V. E. Thoren.

## Items of Interest

Gethsemane Church, Seattle, has been decorated to its interior.

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Immanuel Congregation, Portland, has had the upstairs, the kitchen and one room downstairs, of its personage renovated. It has also renovated the basement of its church.

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Miss Emma Peterson of Ione, Oregon has taken up work at the Deaconess Institute in Omaha preparing for the deaconess calling.

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Mrs. August Elmquist of Immanuel, Portland, has been sick for some time, confined to her bed. Mrs. Elmquist is the treasurer of the Ladies' Aid in Immanuel and the vice president of the local Woman's Missionary Society.

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Rev. G. K. Andeen visited Elgarose Feb. 26. He reported a very large attendance at a young people's service he conducted in the evening.

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Rev. Eric Wahlstrom is back from the Christian Conference held in St. Peter recently. He speaks very highly of the convention there.

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Another Clearing Party was held in Colton March 3. A great deal has been done in clearing the acreage given by the late Miss Hilma Olson as Bible Institute grounds for the Portland District Luther League.

It has been reported from various congregations, that substantial collections were lifted for the Columbia Lutheran. Those who have not as yet taken up that collection are asked to kindly do so as soon as possible.

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Rev. David E. Engberg is setting forth special efforts in gaining new subscribers for the Columbia Lutheran. We hope many others will have a campaign for the same cause.

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Those who want lodging reserved for the Conference meeting must have application with a \$5.00 check in the hands of Rev. H. P. Johnson, 150 No. 19th street, Portland, the latest April 1.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die!  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes,  
To see the approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die!  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

As you think of Jesus, do not forget to emphasize that He is the great High Priest, which means that He died for our sins upon the cross, thus offering Himself for us.

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