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Good Water

By Rev. E. J. Sakrison

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.—John 7:37.

As we travel along certain of our highways we often notice signs that read: "500 feet to drinking water," and a moment later, "Good Water" over a fountain that sends forth a perpetual stream that glitters in the sun like a silver tread. Many stop here and quench their thirst.

Like the travelers on our highways may become thirsty and in need of pure, refreshing water, so will human souls on life's great highway also thirst and need water that satisfies and refreshes. Many desires may burn in the human heart. Those that struggle through briars and thorns on humble, cheerless paths long for better things. Those who look out upon the glory of the world from beneath the ruins of their crushed hopes, ambitions and affections need a refreshing drink, as well as others who have been denied or bereaved of the love and the companionship that their hearts crave. When married life is a misery and home is a barren wilderness to so many, there are hearts that suffer a burning thirst. Many are dissatisfied because of failure or lack of success in their shosen calling.

Again, some seek above all things the good that this life offers, such as, wealth, honor, power, glory, fame and enjoyments. They may succeed in obtaining whatever they imagine shall satisfy their hearts, only to experience an increasing longing and dissatisfaction, an insatiable thirst of the soul.

That is not all. The human soul is capable of longing for something higher and greater than these temporal things. Thus, there is a thirst in many a heart for holiness, purity, righteousness, goodness, that is, a God given desire to be God filled.

Jesus invites every one of the multitude who thus thirst to come to Him and

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Editorial

Our Bible Institute

Our young people have the last few years seemingly become more and more interested in the study of the Bible, and out of this has grown the desire to come together for a week in the summer at some beauty spot in God's open nature for the purpose of studying the word of God and for meditation. Many have also during the past few years attended institutions established especially for the purpose of giving instruction in the Bible.

During July and August Bible Institutes are held in different places of our Synod. Many spend part of their vacation in the very commendable way of attending these institutes. We hope that this manner of spending a season of spiritual upbuilding, rest and recreation, might prove more popular this year than ever before.

Let Us Boost Our Paper

The success of the Columbia Lutheran will largely depend on the willingness of our church people to give it the needed support. In some congregations someone has already been appointed to sponsor on the local field the cause of an increased list of subscribers. We hope that this will soon be true in all our congregations. This is, no doubt, the best way in which to gain new subscribers and to keep alive the subscriptions among those who already have the paper. The subscription price is nominal: only fifty cents a year. There is no reason why every home in our conference should not count the Columbia Lutheran as one of its papers.

No-one can deny the importance of a publication given out by the Columbia

Conference in its own interest. Our Synod papers should be found in every home of our church, but they cannot possibly contain all that should go out as information and publicity from our vast field here on the coast. Let therefore all get back of this enterprise. Let also, at least now and then, each congregation send to the editor some news notes regarding its own work, that might be of general interest. The paper will prove attractive to our people in proportion to the news notes it will contain.

Calendar

July 15—21—Bible Conference by the Federated Lutheran Brotherhood and Lutheran Ministerial Association of Spokane at Loon Lake, Washington.

July 20—28—Bible Institute of Tacoma—Mt. Baker District Luther League at Stafford Park, Lake Samamish, Wash.

Aug. 3—4—Annual Convention of the Portland District Luther League at Colton, Oregon.

Aug. 4—11—Bible Institute of the Portland District Luther League at Colton, Ore.

Aug. 5—11—Boy's Encampment at Camp Seymoure near Gig Harbor, Wash. under the joint auspices of the Tacoma District of the Columbia Conference and the Pacific Synod of the U. L. C.

Aug. 31—Sept. 2—Columbia Conference Luther League at First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington.

High-Lights From the Synod Meeting

Thirty candidates for the holy ministry were ordained June 9th at the Synod meeting in Rockford. One pastor was admitted into our Synod from the United Luth. Church of America, namely Rev. Carl W. Almen, who for some time had served as pastor of the U. L. C. church in Astoria, Ore. Dr. S. G. Youngert of our seminary and Rev. P. O. Bersell of Otumwa, Ia., preached the ordination sermons.

The ministerium discussed at its meeting held prior to the Synod sessions the question of how to combat the evil of sinful pleasure seeking, as it is found in our day, and also the question of how our home mission work might best be taken care of.

The Synod meeting proper began on the evening of June 7th with high mass and holy Communion, when Rev. C. E. Cesander of Taylors Falls, Minn. gave the preparatory address and when Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Synod president, preached the convention sermon.

Among those who greeted the convention was the mayor of the city, Hon. J. Herman Hallstrom.

Officers were elected each for a two year term, with the exception of the president (he is elected every four years.) The election resulted as follows: Vice pres. Dr. C. A. Lund, Escanaba, Mich.; secretary Rev. N. J. W. Nelson, Ballaton, Minn.; treasurer Mr. K. T. Anderson, Rock Island, Ill. All of these were re-elected. The sec. gets a salary of \$400 and the treasurer of \$300.

The president and Rev. P. O. Bersell, Dr. S. J. Sebelius and Dr. C. F. Sandahl were elected as committee to consult with a like committee of the Joint Synod of Ohio regarding pulpit and communion fellowship with that synod.

The motion made last year, that the synod meets only every other year was voted down after only a short discussion. We are told that it met with such general disfavor, that it was virtually "snowed under" with negative votes.

Decided that a fund of \$100,000.00 be set aside at Augustana College and Theol. Seminary to be known as the Gustav Albert Andreen Fund, in honor of the present rector of the institution, and that the president's salary be taken out of the income from that fund. The remainder of said income is to be set aside for a fund out of which the president gets partly his pension after he has retired. Decided that Dr. Andreen receives a pension of \$1500.00 a year after he has retired as president of the institution. Decided that a president of Augustana College and Theol. Seminary faithfully and efficiently for a quarter of a century, he shall be entitled to a pension of the above named sum, should he choose to retire.

Decided that it shall be mandatory on the part of professors in Augustana Coll. and in the Seminary to retire from their respective positions after they have reached the age of sixty-seven. This is to apply also in the case of professors, who had reached that age before this decision was made. As this implies a constitutional change, it will have to be ratified at the next meeting of the Synod in order to become law.

The Augustana Book Concern had done business during the year for \$397,037.28. Its net gain had been \$9,004.11. New books printed during the year: 175,860 copies. "Augustana" had made a financial gain of \$750.00. "The Lutheran Companion" had been published at a loss of nearly \$9,000.00. A great deal was said about the desirability of closer union between the different Lutheran bodies. The Lutheran Brotherhood as it assembled at the Synod meeting adopted a definite resolution expressing its desire with reference to this subject. The resolution reads as follows: "The Brotherhood believes that the time is at hand, when steps must be taken toward bringing about closer affili-

ation of the various Lutheran bodies in our land." This voiced the sentiment always strongly set forth at Brotherhood banquets the editor attended the years he was in Minneapolis, whether those banquets were held by the District Brotherhood or by the Minnesota Conference organization.

H. P. J.

Mission Meetings

The Portland District held mission meetings in two different places on June 4-5, namely Brush Prairie, Wash., and Ione, Ore. The two places are some two hundred miles apart. Rev. Eric Wahlstrom and Rev. Enoch Sandeen visited the first named place; Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison and Rev. Henry P. Johnson the last named. In the Brush Prairie congregation the pioneer out here on the coast, Rev. B. S. Nystrom, is the pastor. The first evening of the mission meeting Rev. Sandeen preached the word of God in English to an appreciative audience. — The following morning Swedish services were conducted when Rev. Wahlstrom broke the bread of life among the spiritually hungering souls present. In the afternoon a discussion took place on the theme: "Löpen väl" (Run the Race Well.) The topic was introduced by Rev. Sandeen and several of the members of the congregation took part to the edification of all present. The Swedish language was then used. In the evening Communion services were held in English, when Rev. Sandeen gave the preparatory and when a sermon was preached by Rev. Wahlstrom.

At Ione services were held in English: the first evening, when Rev. H. P. Johnson preached the sermon. In the forenoon of the following day Swedish Communion services were held, when Rev. E. J. Sakrison gave the preparatory and when Rev. Johnson preached a short sermon in English. In the afternoon services were again held in English, when both pastors took part with sermons, and when Mrs. E. Johnson sang a solo. The meetings here as well as in Brush Prairie were very well attended. More than thirty went to the Lord's table in Ione, which no doubt meant that this was one of the largest communions in the history of that church. In both places a common dinner was served at the church on June 5, when an abundance of tasty things had been brought together by the good ladies of the respective congregations. May God bless abundantly our people both in Brush Prairie and in Ione.

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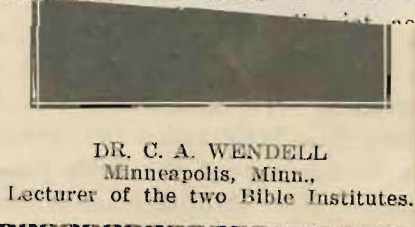
Meeting of Conference Board

The Conference Board of Trustees met at the Old Peoples' Home, Seattle, June 25th. Present were Rev. G. K. Andeen, re-

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Dr. Jos. Anderson, Dr. C. R. Swanson, Rev. H. P. Johnson, Mr. Sherman Nelson, Portland, Mr. Olof Olson, Spokane, Mr. Emil Wersen, Sedro-Woolley, and Mr. Carl Smith, Aberdeen, Wash. Dr. Joseph Anderson opened the meeting with Bible reading and prayer.

Decided that a committee of three including the Conference president and the president of the Spokane District visits the congregation in Troy, Idaho to express to that congregation the wish of the board that a pastor be called to devote his entire time on the field. This step was taken since Rev. Hanson now leaves the congregation at Troy and since the field is regarded by the board as being an important one. Dr. C. R. Swanson was chosen as the third member of the committee.

Decided that since it is the opinion of the board that we should discontinue our work in Anacortes we leave it with a



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drink. He promises to satisfy every one who comes: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give Him shall never thirst." He has provided for us, so that we need neither thirst nor drink out of impure cisterns. He has not left us without water for our souls on life's highway. As we run we may read, "Good Water" at innumerable fountains of living water. Every place where God's word is taught and preached in its purity is such a fountain.

Foolish indeed it would be to disregard and doubt the signs along our highways that direct us to pure water, and instead drink out of contaminated pools. But infinitely more serious is the mistake made by those, who do not accept Christ's invitation to come to Him for what their hearts yearn for, but go to the dry or poisoned wells of the world, the devil and old Adam.

On a bleak winter day the wheat country in Eastern Oregon may appear barren and desolate to a stranger who looks out over its wide expanses. He sees only a few human dwellings and little else to cheer the heart. He is not aware of the numerous canyons that run through the land and the many sweet homes that nestle in these dales; nor does he see the golden harvest, that these fields forth. One must live in this country to know that there is found in abundance all that cheers and gladdens the heart.

To come to Christ and drink of the water He offers is to turn to Him for what we need, to seek our satisfaction in Him: it is to live a Christian life. The Christian life may appear like a desolate cheerless country to one who views it from the outside as a stranger. But any one who dwells there knows that there, and only there, is found all that is needed to satisfy his heart and to quench the thirst of his soul for time and eternity.

Contributed

What Do Ministers Believe?

It is perhaps a sign of the times that such a question could be asked seriously. It may well be asked, for "in point after point of belief greater differences are shown between individual ministers of the same denomination than between totals for the different denominations." This is one conclusion reached by Prof. G. H. Betts of North Western University in his book: "The Beliefs of 700 Ministers," Abingdon Press. Professor Betts sent a questionnaire to 1200 ministers asking 56

doctrinal questions as to their beliefs. Of these 700 answered, and their answers are tabulated in the book.

Professor Betts is interested mainly in Rel. Educ., and the purpose of the questionnaire was to find, if possible, a basis for a general outline of religious beliefs to be taught to the children. The conclusion which he reaches, and which seems inevitable from the returns of the questionnaire, is that "no denomination, except perhaps the Lutheran, has any right to demand that fixed creeds be taught to the young. For the clergy of any denomination themselves do not subscribe to a common creed beyond belief in the existence of God." Another conclusion is: "Denominational disunity cannot be defended on the basis of differences in beliefs."

We are naturally most interested in the standing of the Lutherans. There were 104 Lutherans responding. They agree 100 per cent on the following out of the 56 items: Do you believe: 1) That God exists? 2) That God is omnipotent? 3) That after Jesus was dead and buried he actually rose from the dead leaving the tomb empty? 4) That Jesus was seen ascending into heaven? 5) That Jesus is now interceding with the Father for us? 6) That there is continuance of life after death? 7) That forgiveness of sin is essential and required for one to be in right relationship to God? 8) That God now acts upon, or operates in human lives thru the agency and person of the Holy Spirit? On these 8 out of 56 items all the Lutherans agree. Not so good. But wait. On 31 additional items the percentage of agreement among the Lutherans is above 90. On 6 items the Lutherans divide about half and half. These are: 1) That the idea of evolution is consistent with belief in God as Creator? 2) That pain and suffering were provided by God for our good? 3) That the principles of criticism and evaluation applied to other literature and history should be applied to the Bible? 4) That in his life upon earth Jesus met all his problems and difficulties using only those powers and resources available to other men? 5) That Jesus, when upon earth was subject to limitations of knowledge about the earth and scientific facts in general, characteristic of his day? 6) (Do you believe) In a visible bodily second coming of Jesus to establish a reign of righteousness on earth? Some answers were given with qualifications, but these naturally do not appear in the tabulated results.

Of the other denominations 100 per cent agreement is registered by the Baptists on 2 items, Congregationalists 1, Episcopalians 5, Evangelical 4, Methodists 3, Presbyterians 1, and All Others 1. Of the 56 items the number on which 80 per cent or over of the ministers agree is given as

follows: Lutherans 46 (given as 44 in the book, page 42, but that is a mistake according to the large table where all results are given), Episcopalians 25, Evangelicals 21, Presbyterians 16, Congregationalists 14, Methodists 11.

On the basis of these returns we are inclined to agree with Prof. Betts that "the Lutherans are the only denomination which makes a definite showing for a unified position on creed." The conclusion, as far as we are concerned then, is that we have a right to demand that the Lutheran children shall be taught the doctrines of the Lutheran church, and that as yet we are practically in agreement as to the great doctrines of the Bible and the confessions of the church. It seems that nearly all of these 104 Lutherans would be able to subscribe to the Catechism as the doctrinal text-book for the children. May God help us to keep the unity of the Spirit.

Eric H. Wahlstrom.
The returns are the Misses my
a Pearson and Anna Anderson
as school teacher

Portland District Juniors Meet

The Junior Missionary Society of the Portland District held its semi-annual meeting at Colton, Oregon on Sunday, June 16th, at 3 p. m. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of a song by all the Junior Bands present, scripture reading and prayer by Clara Carlson, a violin solo by Carl Anderson accompanied by Albert Anderson, a piano solo by Marie Axelson, (all of which were from the Augustana Band, Portland), a song by the Augustana Juniors. The Immanuel Junior Mission Band, Portland, was represented on the program by a dialogue by Evelyn Anderson and Dorothy Johnson, and a piano solo by Mildred Fahlen. A selection, "Living for Jesus," was given by the Colton Band. Following a song by all the Juniors, Rev. A. M. Green of Portland gave an interesting talk on Luke 2: 40, "and the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." An offering was lifted for the administration fund after a few remarks by Rev. E. J. Sakrison, the Colton pastor. The meeting was closed by the singing of the doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Sakrison.

The Colton Band was present one hundred per cent. Let us all be 100 per cent. at the fall meeting. All were invited to the church parlors, where refreshments were served by the Colton J. M. B., and a social time was enjoyed by all.

May God bless the work the Juniors are doing and grant that many more will join in the good work!

Kathryn Johnson.

Portland, Ore., June 24, 1929.

Lutheran Compass Mission

At the last annual meeting of the Columbia Conference held in the First Lutheran church of Tacoma, Washington, April 17-21 the following resolution was passed:

During the past eight years the Lutheran Sailors' and Loggers' Mission in Seattle and Tacoma under the auspices of the Augustana Synod has carried on a most blessed work among these homeless men from sea and land that are at all times found in our coast cities.

Be it resolved therefore that the Columbia Conference recognizes the good Christian work done by these missions and, be it resolved that the Columbia conference rejoices over the fact that the two missions continue the blessed work under the Lutheran Compass Mission incorporated; and be it resolved that the Columbia Conference recommends the mission to the good will of our people in the Columbia Conference.

The secretary of the Lutheran Compass Mission visited the convention of the Pacific Synod U. L. C. A. held in Longview May 14-17 where he was received very cordially and permitted to tell the convention about the work and plan of organization. The Pacific Synod voted to recommend the work to all of its congregations and members, also invited us to visit the congregations and solicit members. It was further voted to lift an offering in all churches during the year for the missions in Seattle and Tacoma.

The board of trustees and managers of the missions appreciates very much the fine interest and good will shown by both of our Lutheran bodies and especially at this period of adjustment from synodical control and support to that of a local inner mission society. We also appreciate the support we have received from our host of friends over the country who have stayed by us. With a greater support at home and with the help of our friends over the country our work should grow and be of greater blessing than ever before.

V. E. Thoren.

Program

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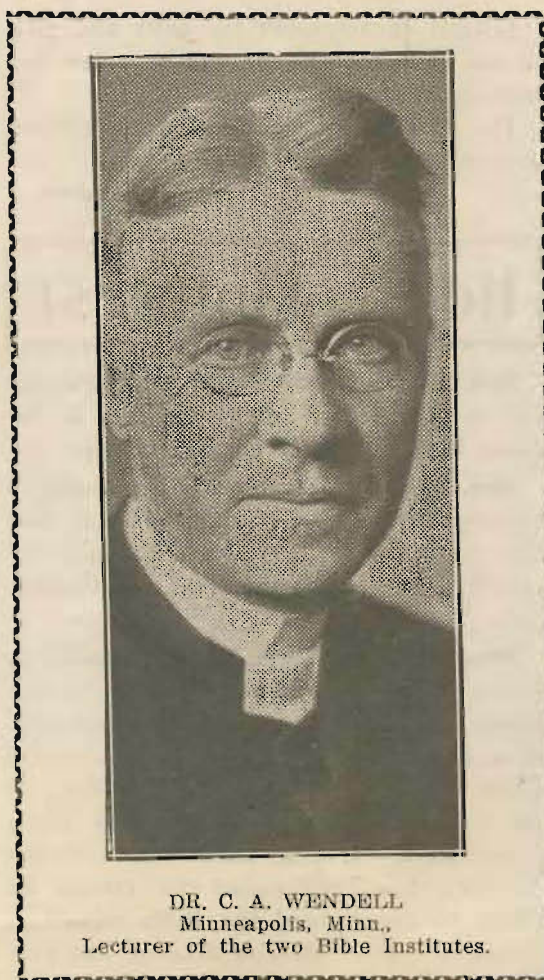
Saturday afternoon: At the Colton Lutheran Church. 2:00 o'clock. Meeting of the executive committee, 3:00 o'clock, business meeting.

Saturday evening, 8 o'clock. Divine service. Convention sermon, Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom. Liturgists, Rev. G. K. Andeen and Rev. Enoch Sandeen. Musical numbers by the Augustana, St. Helens, and Colton Luther Leagues.

Sunday morning: Sunday school, 9:45. Address, Rev. Samuel E. Johnson. Morning worship, 11:00. Sermon, Rev. G. K. Andeen, president of the Columbia Conference. Liturgists, Rev. H. P. Johnson and Rev. Samuel E. Johnson. Music by the Gresham and Warren Luther Leagues.

3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon: Young People's Rally Service; Canyon Creek Cathedral. Convention address, Dr. C. A. Wendell. Subject: "Once There Was a Man." Music by the Immanuel and Astoria Luther Leagues.

Each League is entitled to send four (4) delegates to the convention. Please notice the number of delegates. In the past many Leagues have not been fully represented. Let us have a full representation this year. Rooms will be furnished to the delegates by the Colton Luther League. Meals will be served in the church. A charge of \$1.00 will be made for these meals. However, any delegate who stays for the Bible Institute will not be re-



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7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Majestic Claims," Schoeler.

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a. m.—Devotional: "The Psalm of Nature," Rev. H. P. Johnson.
9:45 a. m.—Bible Study: "The Vine and the Branches," Dr. C. A. Wendell.
11:00 a. m.—Lecture, "The Dawn," Rev. J. A. Edlund.

7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Tempting Questions and Divine Answers," Dr. William Schoeler.

9:15 p. m.—Bonfire Talk, "Under the Almighty's Shadow," Rev. Samuel Johnson.

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a. m.—Devotional, "The Rock that is Higher than I," Rev. J. A. Edlund.
9:45 a. m.—Bible study, "The Branches and the Fruit," Dr. C. A. Wendell.

11:00 a. m.—Lecture, "Nebuchadnezzar's Dream," Dr. William Schoeler.

7:30 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "The Sea Hath Spoken," Dr. C. A. Wendell.

Friday, August 9

9:00 a. m.—Devotional: "Cleansing in God's Water," Rev. Luther Cornay.

9:45 a. m.—Bible Study, "The Fruit and the Winepress," Dr. C. A. Wendell.

11:00 a. m.—Lecture, "Gaining Spiritual Knowledge," Rev. Eric Wahlstrom.

7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Diverse Manners," Dr. William Schoeler.

9:15 p. m.—Bonfire talk, "Light Bearers," Dr. Wendell.

Saturday, August 10

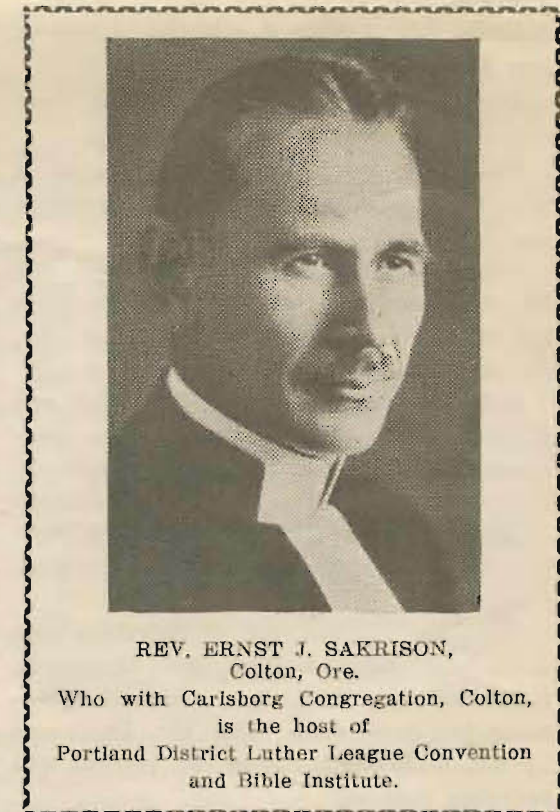
7:30 p. m.—Bible Institute Pageant. Address, "The Greatest Book," Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Sunday, August 11

10:00 a. m.—Preparatory sermon, Dr. William Schoeler.

10:30 a. m.—Sermon, "Which of the Two are You?" Dr. C. A. Wendell.

3:00 p. m.—Institute mass meeting. Address by Dr. C. A. Wendell. Singing by the Augustana Lutheran Choir. Solos by professional singers. Selections by a Master Quartet, singing of "Gloria in Excelsis," "Lover den Herren," and "Beautiful Saviour" by a joint chorus of the district, beautiful processional, etc. Offering for the Institute.



REV. ERNST J. SAKRISON,
Colton, Ore.

Who with Carlsborg Congregation, Colton,
is the host of
Portland District Luther League Convention
and Bible Institute.

This is your program for the 1929 Institute. Think of its advantages to you! Can you afford missing this? No! Then come to Colton. It is your program. The greater the crowd, the better the Institute. Make it a success!

The Bible Institute is happy to announce a musical program for the Institute week of the finest contents. We realize that

music is a fundamental part of man's happiness, that without its ennobling qualities we could not fully appreciate the Beauty of life.

But music must be real, it must express the very best; and if music is to express the best, the best must express it. We present today a list of musicians and singers who have spent days and years in preparing themselves for their task. They bring with them an atmosphere of real art: Mildred Anderson Hult, soloist and chorister; Hilda Lindborg, concert soprano; Vivian Woodside Hult, soprano; Ebba Sandeen, soprano; William Elliot, lyric tenor; Fred Horner, barytone; and others not yet selected; Myrtle Johnson, violin and piano; Esther Johnson, piano; Margaret Inwood, violin; Hildur Karlstrom, harp, etc. These are only a few, however. We hope to have with us still many more. And then don't forget the musical organizations of the quality of the Augustana Chorus, the Immanuel Girls' Chorus, the Master Quartet and the United Chorus, consisting of singers from all parts of our district.

Attention, Singers! The United Chorus will sing at 3 p. m. August 11. Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult will be the director. Leave all your plans for other things behind and come out to Colton for this occasion. Let us have a chorus of one hundred voices for once in our district! Make it the supreme day in the history of our district.

Please respond when the call for practice comes! Make our Institute big.

The Cost. — Nothing, except what it would cost you at home! No registration fee.

Meals. — Do your own cooking. Or buy your meals at the church. Eight days for \$7.00. Single meals: breakfast 25c, dinner and supper 50c each.

Rooms. — Single bed \$1.50; double bed \$2.00 for the week. Camping free, provided you bring your own tent. Please reserve room at once as we do not wish to order more tents, etc. than necessary. Order from Rev. Enoch Sandeen, Gresham, Oregon.

Camping Supplies, etc. — Anything you desire can be had from Mr. Danielson, home merchant at Colton. Special agreement has been made with Mr. Danielson by which all our needs in this respect will be taken care of.

Roads. — The old bug-bear "bad roads" will be forgotten this year as the county is now active in the construction of hard surfaced roads from Mulino to the church. This job is to be completed before the time of the Institute. Thus there will be pavement all the way from Portland.

Recreation. — Plenty of swimming, hiking, tennis, baseball, horse shoes, etc. will be offered.

Special encampment for boys and girls in the Confirmation age will be a new feature this year.

For further information see future announcement.

Enoch Sandeen.

Items of Interest

Rev. Enoch Sandeen has accepted the call to the Bethel charge, Seattle, to become Rev. G. A. Herbert's successor.

Rev. Eric Wahlstrom has answered in the negative the call he received some time ago to return to China. He has also received a call to our church in Falconer, New York.

Miss Anna F. Olson has been called to return to China, where she before has labored on our mission field. Others that have been called to return are the Misses Ebba Pearson and Anna Anderson, to serve as school teachers, and Miss Hilda Anderson to serve as nurse. Rev. Anton Lundeen has been called to return to China to superintend the Bible school in Hsuechow. Rev. Mauritz Hanson has promised to return with family to China this coming fall. Dr. C. P. Friberg has been asked to take a furlough. He stayed in China all through the revolutionary upheaval, all alone on the mission field. Dr. Arthur Colberg will return to China the coming fall.

Two Chinese Christians who had served as lay preachers and who had received special training for the ministry in China, were ordained at the tenth annual meeting of the Central Honan Synod, in Hsuechow, Honan, China, March 10, 1929. Their names are G. S. Wan and S. S. Ai. These are the first Chinese to be ordained to the holy ministry on our field in China.

Mr. Otto Leonardson, Secretary of Stewardship of the Augustana Synod, has sent out to all pastors a questionnaire requiring names and addresses of all the trustees of their respective churches, and also inquiring as to how many copies of folders, to be issued for publicity, each church may need in order that each family may receive a copy.

Dr. G. A. Brandelle, president of the Augustana Synod, left for Copenhagen, Denmark, shortly after the synod meeting, to attend the Lutheran World Convention, which begins June 26. Dr. and Mrs. Oscar N. Olson, also left for said convention. Dr. Olson is one of the professors in theological seminary.

Dr. Gustav A. Andreen, president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, is with Mrs. Andreen on a journey that will take them approximately fifteen thousand miles before they reach home again. They spent about ten days in Eng-

land, attended the Lutheran World Convention in Copenhagen and will proceed from there to Norway and Sweden. About September 1 they will continue their journey toward the Mediterranean and tarry for a while in Greece. From Constantinople they will go by rail to Jerusalem. This road will take them through the mountain passes through which Darius and Xerxes once brought their armies, where later Cyrus and Xenophon marched to Babylon, where Alexander the Great hurried his armies to gain victories in the East, and where Paul, the great apostle, made his journey with the gospel of salvation. From Palestine they will go to Egypt, Rome, Switzerland, France. They expect to be back in Rock Island about Christmas time.

Rev. Martin L. Swanson has now left our conference for his new field in Detroit, Mich. As a farewell for him and his family the young people of Mt. Baker District held a rally at Mt. Vernon June 9. Rev. Swanson was the vice president of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League.

Rev. John E. Nelson of Waltham, Mass., has been called to become pastor of the Bethesda Luth. church at Olympia, Wash.

The Lutheran Ministerial Association of Spokane held its annual picnic at Liberty Lake on Monday, June 17th. The Lutheran pastors of that city gather once each month, with the exception of July and August, to discuss the problems that confront the church and its pastors. Rev. N. William Anderson is the president of the association.

A farewell reception was held on Friday evening, May 24th by Grace Lutheran Church, Spokane, for Rev. G. K. Andeen and family, who soon were to leave for Astoria, Ore., where Rev. Andeen has begun his work as superintendent of Columbia Hospital and pastor of the local congregation. Theol. student Karl Mattson spoke in behalf of the congregation expressing deep appreciation of the work done by Rev. and Mrs. Andeen in Spokane. Deep regrets were also expressed because of the decision the pastor had come to that he would leave Grace church. In remembrance of the occasion Rev. Andeen received a beautiful Hamilton watch and chain. Mrs. Andeen was also royally remembered with a gift from the congregation.

Rev. Fred W. Hanson, pastor of our congregation at Troy, Idaho, has resigned and leaves his charge about July 1st.

The Federated Lutheran Brotherhood and the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Spokane, are sponsoring for the sixth time a summer assembly or Bible Conference, at Loon Lake, Wash. The interest in this undertaking is growing from year to year. The speakers for this year are

Rev. Ernest C. Bloomquist of Rockford, Ill., and Dr. Charles W. Weswig, professor of church history at the Norwegian Lutheran Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. This assembly convenes July 15—21. All the Lutheran synods, with exception of Missouri, take an active interest in this undertaking.

The Spokane District Luther League held its annual District convention at the Grace Lutheran Church on June 29-30. Theol. student Karl Mattson of the Grace Church together with the officers of the district league had arranged a fine program. The leagues of Grace, Moscow, Salem and Troy, sent delegates and representatives who took part in the Sunday afternoon and evening programs.

Mr. Bertil Johnson, Tacoma, Wash., president of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League, has travelled about thirteen hundred miles on speaking engagements presenting the appeal of the Lutheran Bible Institute, which will be held by the Tacoma-Mt. Baker Luther League at Stafford's Park, Lake Sammamish, Wash., July 20-28. On these trips he has also looked after other Luther League interests. This travelling he has done, we are told, largely at his own expense.

The Immanuel Hospital, Portland, is seemingly enjoying an extraordinary spell of prosperity. It has of late been so crowded, that it has been necessary to provide quarters outside of the institution for several of the nurses in order to provide more room for patients. The maternity department has been especially well patronized. The hospital has also proven itself popular in its training of nurses. On June 1st a new class of eight was admitted for instruction and training for the noble profession of caring for the sick.

The Luth. Pastors' Association of Portland held a very successful picnic on the afternoon of Monday, June 17, at Wahkeena Falls, Ore., a picturesque spot on the Columbia Highway east of Portland. Pastors with their wives attended in large numbers.

The Oldest Lutheran in America, and perhaps in all the world, is Mrs. Augusta Kusner, St. Charles, Ill. She will be one hundred and ten years old on August 10. Her picture and a long write-up about her appears in the June issue of the Walther League Messenger, a Missouri Synod publication. She was born August 10, 1819, near Kalisch, Poland. Her mother died when Mrs. Kusner was only ten years old. While she was still a child she also lost her father. She was afterwards brought up by an aunt amid severest hardships. Mrs. Kusner is spoken of as being a devout Christian and a faithful member of a Missouri Synod church in St. Charles, Ill.

Prof. A. A. Stomberg, who occupies the chair of Scandinavian languages and litera-

ture at the University of Minnesota, is, with Mrs. Stomberg, spending the summer with a son, Dr. Dwight Stomberg, who is practicing medicine at Everett, Wash. Prof. Stomberg was at one time instructor in history, psychology and social sciences at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. The academic year 1927-1928 he and Mrs. Stomberg spent in Europe, when he gave lectures at Uppsala University, Sweden. Prof. and Mrs. Stomberg are members of Grace Luth. Church, Minneapolis, Dr. C. A. Wendell pastor.

The Conference Minutes first to be received this year were those of the Red River Valley Conference. Its annual meeting was held in Fargo, N. D. April 17-21.

Rev. G. K. Andeen, our conference president, moved with his family and household goods from Spokane to Astoria June 20-21. The trip was made by auto.

From China have reached us the minutes of the twentieth annual conference of the Augustana Synod Mission in the Province of Honan. The meeting was held in Hsueh Mar. 12-14, 1929. The minutes show that our missionaries have done noble work out there, though they had at times to labor under very trying circumstances. Several lay preachers, taken from the ranks of the Chinese Christians, have, according to the minutes, served to very good advantage at different mission stations.

Missionaries present at the Synod meeting were Rev. J. L. Benson and Rev. Nels Benson, who recently have returned from China. A young Chinese Christian by the name of C. H. Wang also was present at the meeting and brought a greeting expressing his joy in the fact, that he had come in contact with our missionaries in China and through them learnt about Christ. It is said that he made a wonderful impression on the synod. Missionaries from Africa present at the Synod meeting were Rev. Herbert Magney and Mrs. Geo. N. Anderson.

Dr. E. Edman has with wife and daughter moved to Portland. Dr. Edman served in the earlier years of his ministry as missionary in India. For a number of years he has lived on a beautiful orchard ranch in the Elgarose community near Melrose, Ore. In Portland he resides at Villa St. Clair, 203 12th St.

Dr. Joshua Odén has just sent the editor the Silver Jubilee book published by the Irving Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, of which he is pastor. The book is beautifully bound and designed, contains 152 pages, shows an abundance of pictures of individuals and groups within the congregation, and is no doubt one of the finest volumes of its kind ever published by any congregation within our Synod. The jubilee programs were given on succeeding Thursdays beginning with Nov. 1, 1928 to

and including November 22. The church appears to be wonderfully well organized. It has an office secretary, Miss Mildred E. Bogren, on full time. Of her the publication says: "Miss Bogren is an efficient stenographer, able to take dictation in both English and Swedish." The church also has a bookkeeper, Mr. E. L. Atkinson and a parish worker and educational director, Miss Edna V. Magnuson. Irving Park Luth. Church counts as one of its members Mr. Harold F. Johnson, who has served as president of the Augustana Synod Lutheran Brotherhood. He is mentioned in the jubilee book as publicity manager for the church.

Dr. John Nicholas Lenker, church historian and statistician, and a profound admirer of Luther, whose works he had given out in many volumes in English translation, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., May 16th. Dr. Lenker was well known in our synod and throughout the Lutheran church at large. He got married some ten or eleven years ago, and is survived by his wife and a little daughter, whom he named Lutherin. Dr. Lenker must have been in good financial circumstances, as the News Bulletin of the National Lutheran Council informs us, that he had willed to the Rocky Mountain Synod of the United Lutheran Church real estate at Santa Fe, N. Mex., valued at \$50,000. Dr. Lenker had at the time of his death reached the age of seventy.

Rev. E. Aug. Skogsberg, well-known pioneer minister of the Mission Friends in this country, celebrated together with Mrs. Skogsberg, on May 31st the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. A festive program was rendered in the Swedish Tabernacle, Minneapolis, in which city Rev. and Mrs. Skogsberg have their home. The spacious temple was filled almost to capacity. Leaders of the Mission Covenant were present and spoke. A substantial gift was presented to the golden wedding couple. The tabernacle was beautifully decorated with flowers of many kinds, and fifty tall candles were burning on the platform. On the evening of the following day a banquet was held at Donaldson's Tearooms as a part of the celebration.

Mrs. Geo. N. Anderson has with her children returned from the mission field in Africa. Rev. Anderson is still in the service on the field, his attention to the work being regarded imperative until some one is available to relieve him. In the fall Rev. Herbert Magney, Rev. A. C. Zeilinger and Miss Ruth Safemaster will go out to our field in Africa.

The Bethel congregation, Seattle, is putting on a subscription campaign for the purpose of renovating the parsonage and church. The plan is to have this work all completed by the time the new pastor, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, arrives to take up his work there in September.

The Messiah church, Auburn, Wash., celebrated its fifth anniversary on Wednesday evening, May 22. A musical program was rendered with Rev. Ernest G. Svenson as speaker. Miss Esther Gorenson of the First Church, Tacoma, sang, as did also the local church and a male quartet. Refreshments were served after the program. A birthday cake with five candles graced the festively decorated table. Birthday envelopes had previously been sent out through which a special anniversary offering was received. On June 9th a class of ten was confirmed. One member of the class received holy baptism. In the evening of the same day holy communion was celebrated. A large congregation was present at both confirmation and communion service.

At Bethel Church, Tacoma, eight children and one adult were confirmed on Sunday, June 2nd. One of the boys of the class was baptized. The church is at this writing being decorated on the inside and painted on the outside. The roof is also being re-shingled.

The Saron Congregation at Hoquiam, Wash., Rev. C. J. Renhard, pastor, is building a new church. The exterior is nearly finished and the inside is ready for plastering. The dimensions are 84x50, where the building is the widest; otherwise the width is 36 feet. The congregation has for a year worshipped in the basement of the new edifice.

Dr. C. R. Swanson, our former conference president, looks now strong and healthy and is again pursuing his work with vim and enthusiasm. The congregation he serves received a great boost in increased membership during the past fall and winter. Mrs. Swanson looks also now very much improved in health.

The First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Ore., celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary June 2-9. On the evening of June 3 a fellowship program was rendered as part of the celebration. The pastor, Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman, had with him on the platform during the program a Jewish rabbi and a Baptist minister of the African race. The Rabbi, Henry J. Berkowitz, of the Temple Beth Israel, Portland, gave the anniversary address on "The Challenge of Materialism to the Religious Forces of Today." The African, Rev. J. Lyle Caston of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Portland, brought a greeting, as did also several of other denominations.

The "Rose Vesper," held Sunday June 9 at 5-6 p. m. as a part of the Rose Festival at Portland, Ore., was well attended. Dr. W. W. Youngson, a Methodist minister, presided. Dr. O. W. Taylor, an Episcopalian rector, gave the invocation. Van Dyke's "The God of the Open Air" was read by Mr. Marshall N. Dana. Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz was on the program to offer a prayer, but was absent from

the city. Scripture lesson was read from the Psalms by Rev. Harold L. Bowman, a Presbyterian pastor. Short sermon was delivered by Bishop Titus Low, of the M. E. denomination. His text was: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Ps. 53: 1. Dr. T. L. Eliot, a Unitarian minister, was on the program to pronounce the benediction but could not be present. The service was conspicuous to a Lutheran in the fact that the name Jesus was carefully left out, so that it was not mentioned even once. Even the benediction was reconstructed in such a way, that it did not in the slightest suggest the doctrine of the Trinity.

A Boys' Encampment will be held at Camp Seymour, near Gig Harbor, Aug. 5-12 under the auspices of the Tacoma District of our Conference and the Pacific Synod of the U. L. C. The location is ideal, it being one of the most select beauty spots on Puget Sound.

The accommodations measure admirably up to the needs of the encampment. Cabins are fully equipped. Cots and mattresses are in place. Each cabin will accommodate eight boys. For each cabin there is a boat. The cabins are roofed but open on all four sides, thus proving very healthful. Each boy will have to bring his own blankets.

The beach is sandy; there is a lagoon which insures warm water. There are no "drop offs." The boys will be under careful supervision while in swimming.

The program will be: First hour after devotionals, a study of the history of the Synod, and especially the outstanding men and women of the same. The second hour, a study of the heroes of faith. The third hour will be a session designed to interest the boys in the call of Christ to service.

Bible teachers: Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, Rev. E. A. Larson, Rev. Heller, Rev. Deck, Dr. C. R. Swanson and Dr. Bieber. An experienced director will be in charge of the recreational features of the encampment.

Each boy should bring Bible, note book, pencil, post cards that he may write home, suit for Sunday, camp clothes, bathing suit, towels with loops for hanging, soap, comb, tooth brush, two double blankets, pillow, night clothes and sweater. A flash light will prove useful.

You can reach the camp by road or by ferry from Alki, Seattle, to Manchester (cost \$1.00 per car and driver and 20c a passenger) and by road through Gig Harbor. Ferry leaves from Point Defiance, Tacoma, to Gig Harbor. Cost, small cars, 50c, medium cars, 75c, large cars \$1.00, driver included. Single passengers, 10c each way. Ferry leaves Point Defiance 2.30 p. m. Those who can not come by auto the truck will pick up at Gig Harbor

Monday afternoon, Aug. 5. The ferry from Point Defiance will be met.

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