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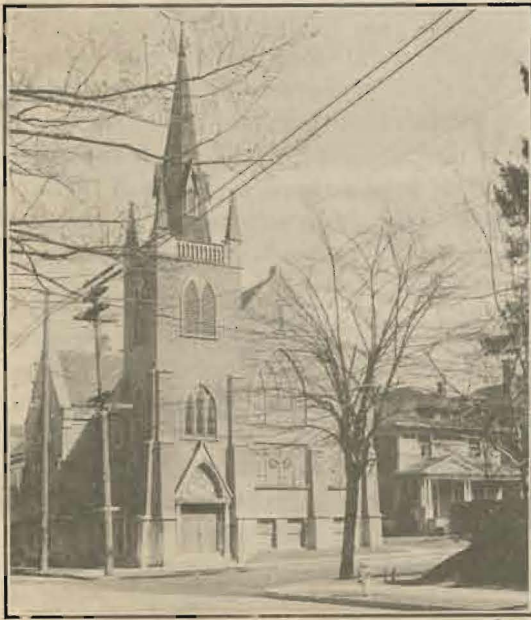


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Where Fiftieth Anniversary will be celebrated
March 16-17

Immanuel Church, Portland, Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

The Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, March 16, the festivities to be concluded with a banquet on Monday evening, March 17. Rev. C. J. Renhard, a former pastor of the church, will preach the anniversary sermon at the opening services. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, pastor of the daughter church, Augustana, Portland, will bring a greeting at the afternoon festivities, as will also Rev. A. M. Green, who has for a decade and a half so willingly served the congregation by filling the pulpit in emergency or when otherwise called upon. A greeting will also be brought by Mr. William Skans, who is a son of the late Rev. J. W. Skans, who for so many years served Im-



IMMANUEL CHURCH,
1883

manuel as its pastor. Greetings from Mrs. Anna Edwin, Moscow, Idaho, will be read. Mrs. Edwin is a daughter of Rev. Peter Carlson, who organized Immanuel. The pastor will read a brief historical sketch. In the evening divine services will be held, when Rev. Eric W. Wahlstrom, president of the Portland district will preach the sermon. The Conference president has naturally been invited to take part in the jubilee. He will appear on the program to be rendered at the banquet on Monday evening. Many other numbers will bring lustre to the festivities of the fiftieth anniversary of Immanuel Church.

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation, Portland, is the oldest in the Columbia Conference. It was organized December 28, 1879 by Rev. Peter Carlson, who served the congregation as its pastor until June 6, 1880. Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, who in 1880 was ordained to the holy ministry, was called to become pastor of Immanuel church after his ordination. A classmate of Dr. A., Rev. J. Vender, had, however, shown himself very anxious to come to the coast, apparently with the idea of trying a better climate, as he was not very strong physically. This led Dr. A. to decline the call in order that the congregation might have the opportunity to call his classmate, if it so desired. Rev. Vender was called and came to the field the same year in July. He stayed in Immanuel only till November 19 the following year, when he left for Colorado, where he, according to



REV. PETER CARLSON,
Who organized Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Portland

a history written by Skarstedt, died three months later. Rev. Peter Carlson returned to Immanuel in May 1882 and served as the pastor here until May 1, 1883.

Rev. J. W. Skans received the call to become successor to the founder of Immanuel. He accepted the call, arrived in Portland August 24, 1883 and preached his initial sermon here two days later, August 26. Rev. Skans served this congregation till his death, July 10, 1904, thus for a period of about twenty-one years. Rev. C. J. Renhard was chosen as successor to Rev. Skans. He accepted the call extended him and entered upon his work in Im-

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Editorial

Children at Divine Worship

How glorious it is to see the children
of the Sunday school remain for divine
worship. The thought expressed by the
psalmist truly suggests itself as you be-
hold such a scene: "The sparrow hath
found her an house, and the swallow a
nest for herself, where she may lay her
young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts."

It is important that the children take
part in divine worship. If they do not
learn to do this while they are young,
when shall they learn it? The child needs
to lift its heart to God in singing, prayer
and meditation, just as well as the older
person. It is a sinner and needs forgive-
ness. It has a soul that needs to be
rightly molded. It has swift feet, and they
need to be rightly directed on the path of
righteousness. It must come to the house
of God for worship, if it is to follow the
example set by Jesus, for He loved to be
in the temple "about His Father's busi-
ness" in His childhood days. The child
cannot be expected to attend worship af-
ter it is confirmed, if it has not become
accustomed to doing so before it came to
the pastor to receive its catechetical in-
struction, for confirmation is not a magic
that transforms in a little while into
churchliness the one otherwise brought up
to be unchurchly. What a tremendous re-
sponsibility the parents thus have as re-
gards the church-going of their children.

Some seem to think that the Sunday
school will supply all spiritual needs for
the child. This is a misconception. The
Sunday school never was intended to serve

as a substitute for divine services. The
former is, as the name implies, merely a
school and must therefore not be allowed
to take the place of the latter. The ses-
sion of the Sunday school is usually very
short. At the best you have there time
for only very limited instruction. It is
therefore discouraging to find that some
take their children home from church at
the time when the services start, which
means at the close of the Sunday school
session. Parents do not realize what judg-
ment of God they expose themselves to, as
they thus teach the children unchurchliness
and deny them the privilege of developing
the habit of coming before God in divine
worship. Statistics show us the danger
of that kind of practice. They show us
that by far the largest number of those
that leave church after confirmation come
from unchurched homes, where they were
not taught churchliness in their childhood.

Contributed

President's Report for 1929

To the Woman's Missionary Society of the
Tacoma District.

Dear Co-Workers in Christ: Grace and
peace!

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be
not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will
strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand
of my righteousness." Is. 41:10.

Once again a year has passed and we
are confronted with the same questions
"How many? How much? Have we
gained?" Yes we have been strengthened,
met new opportunities, received generous
contributions and varied blessings during
the past year. All we need to do is to
grasp firmly the promises of God and truly
apply them to our lives and continue to
share willingly and serve joyfully in the
blessed service that we have been permit-
ted to enjoy.

Organization

In the eighteen organized congregations
of Tacoma District, there are fifteen or-
ganized societies, two contributing socie-
ties, two Young Woman's Missionary So-
cieties, and eight Junior Missionary So-
cieties. Elim, Waterman organized in
June with six charter members. We wel-
come this new organization and may God
richly bless their efforts as they continue
to grow and share in this great work.

Membership

The district reports 315 active annuals,
53 sustaining, 49 active life and active
honorary. 26 Young Woman's members,
43 life and honorary life members or a
total of 486 adult members. There are
also 201 active Juniors and 17 Junior life
members. It is difficult to obtain the

actual gain during the year since the
change in records permits no comparison.
However, the increase in dues and the 49
sustaining members and the 40 life mem-
bers who have become active life members
during the year indicate an encouraging
increase over last year. There are 35 more
in total over the total for 1928.

In Memoriams

Five of our members have been called
from our midst. Three have been added
during the year to the "In Memoriam" roll
making a total membership of sixteen.
May we pledge ourselves to more fervent
and consecrated service in memory of
these our departed friends. The income
from this fund is used to increase the Re-
tirement fund for missionaries in the ser-
vice of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Meetings

Meetings are held regularly by most of
the societies with annual meetings in De-
cember or the last meeting of the year.
Try to meet at least six times during the
year and if possible arrange to meet every
month because though your gatherings are
small you will find that a greater en-
thusiasm and interest can be developed by
meeting regularly. Some of the societies
have held special meetings and more than
twelve during the year.

Prayer day was observed by eleven of
the societies. Mission studies were used
in five of the societies. These studies are
very inspirational and stimulating and
therefore I encourage all of you to try
them at some of your meetings.

Mission Tidings

Subscriptions to Mission Tidings have
increased again this year showing a total
of 340. Fifty-four new subscribers have
been obtained but the actual gain is only
37. It creates interest, gives information
and inspiration thereby keeping us alive to
the needs on the mission fields.

Calendars

Calendar No. 9 was distributed and sold
in the district and the treasurer has re-
ceived payment for 184 calendars. The
calendar is very valuable in making the
posters of our workers, our buildings and
our publications. Two calendars are re-
quired to obtain the necessary pictures
and instructions for making them are avail-
able at headquarters. Every society should
make the posters and display them at their
regular meetings.

Home Missions

Our total Home Mission decreased this
year about one hundred dollars which
places our contribution at less than one
dollar per member. We need to put forth
greater efforts so that laborers may be sent
and means supplied. It is well to keep
our goals before us and make our plans
to meet them first.

Our Missionary Nurse

Miss Anna Olson, R. N., has returned to her field of service in China. We rejoice that she has been restored to health and has been permitted to continue her work in Honan among the Chinese women who dearly love her as well as need her loving service among them. We increased our contribution one hundred and thirty dollars over the past year but an equal increase during this year is required to meet our goal for 1930. May we support her earnestly with our prayers and contributions and pray God's richest blessing for continued service for the women of Honan.

Boxes of Blessings

Boxes of Blessings have been used by four of the societies and ten have contributed to this cause, the Woman's Compound, increasing the contribution \$45.00 more than in 1928.

Dr. Betty Nilsson Anniversary Fund

was started at the last Synodical meeting and Columbia Conference pledged \$25.00. Tacoma District has contributed one hundred per cent. to its quota of eight dollars toward this special fund in commemoration of Dr. Nilsson's twenty-five years of medical mission work in India. This fund of a thousand dollars will be used to endow a bed in the hospital where she has labored all these years. Dr. Betty Nilsson was the first woman medical missionary in the Augustana Synod and of all our missionaries she has served the longest. We appreciate the fact that it was possible for us to take part in recognizing the unselfish service of such a consecrated light-bearer and worker.

Building Specials

We are continuing gathering funds for the hospital in Africa and the chapel at Bethphage. We share in a quota of \$1,250.00 which has been apportioned to Columbia Conference. Life and Honorary memberships as well as special contributions are credited to this fund. Forty-nine dollars has been gathered during the year for the chapel and only five dollars to the hospital. We need to put forth greater effort to reach our goal because this is the last year for reaching our quota.

Lutheran Women's Home, Vancouver

The Lutheran Home for Girls in Vancouver was placed on the next building specials program and has been purchased by the Synodical society with borrowed funds. It has been remodeled and is in excellent condition to be used as a home for girls. Mrs. Emmy Evald, our national president, was here assisting with the furnishings, plans and dedication of the home on September 19, 1929. The societies have all contributed linens, supplies or financial support toward this new enterprise. Each local society including the adults, young women and juniors have been asked to contribute a dollar per society.

The contributions received from the Columbia Conference are applied on the matron's salary and the funds received from other conferences are used to pay the furnishings in the home and the interest on the money loaned from the China hospital fund. Our support is needed to continue the work that has already been started and carried on during the year.

Mrs. Evald's visits

During the past year we had the honor and privilege of receiving two visits from our national president, Mrs. Emmy Evald. She attended the Conference meeting at Tacoma in April and the dedicatory service of the Lutheran Home for Girls in Vancouver during September. During her visits several joint meetings and banquets were held in her honor. Her inspiration and enthusiasm for the cause of missions are largely responsible for the increase in sustaining membership and subscribers to Mission Tidings. In a recent report forwarded to Mrs. Evald, the Tacoma District reported 49 new sustaining members, 10 new annuals and 33 subscribers to Mission Tidings in six societies. Mrs. Evald asked that we obtain five new members and five new subscribers for every society she visited. We have gone above her expectations, one society obtaining 21 new sustaining members, four new annuals and six subscribers to the Mission Tidings. Mrs. Evald responded to the report with these words, "I feel so inspired by this fine report that I could start out again."

Jubilee Work—Fortieth Anniversary

During the year, Mrs. Conrad Carlson, of Tacoma, was elected Jubilee Secretary. Our goals are 50 per cent. adult membership, 50 per cent. Mission Tidings subscribers and 50 per cent. Junior membership. The Jubilee period dates back from January 1st, 1928 and extends to December 31st, 1932. In order to reach our goal we need 275 more adult members, 340 Juniors and 420 more subscribers to Mission Tidings. We need to begin this work in earnest to reach our goals and truly celebrate a jubilee at our fortieth anniversary.

Junior and Young Woman's Work

will be reported on by the respective secretaries.

Other Activities Supported Through the Channels of the W. M. S.

The local societies have contributed toward Africa, Bethphage, Christmas Cheer, Columbia Conference Home for the Aged, Deaconess work, Dime books, Jewish mission, Lutheran mission, Misisonary home and Literature fund. The financial support has increased \$132.00.

Your reports indicate that you have worked earnestly for the various activities. We need but continue with the same enthusiasm and return to the respective societies with renewed vigor to reach the

various goals during the coming year. The year is full of opportunities with new endeavors which require daily meditation and steadfastness of purpose. These aims can be achieved through earnest and hard work with consecrated lives to the cause which we represent.

Our Savior said, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN W. UNIS,
President Tacoma District W. M. S.
Seattle, Wash., January 29th, 1930.

Young People's Rally, Portland District Luther League

The Portland District Luther League will hold a rally service in the Augustana church, Portland, on Sunday afternoon, March 9, beginning at 3 o'clock. Delegates from all the local leagues are invited to attend. Come as many as possible. The main address of the program will be delivered by Rev. Leonard Ludwig of the Peninsula Peace Lutheran Church. His subject will be: "The Martyr Church of the 20th Century." Musical numbers will be furnished by the Immanuel, Gresham, Colton, Warren, and St. Helen's Luther Leagues. Several topics of interest and significance for the work of the District Luther League will be presented and discussed, although no action can be taken at this meeting. Remember the day, Sunday afternoon, March 9, at 3 o'clock. This is the first meeting of the Luther League this year. Let us make it big, both in numbers and in spirit.

E. H. W.

Schedule of Mission Meeting, Portland District, 1930

Saron, Gresham, March 25—26, all pastors present.

Carlsborg, Colton, May 21—22, all pastors present.

Elim Brush Prairie, July 8—9, Rev. E. J. Sakrison and H. P. Johnson.

Valby, Ione, July 8—9, Rev. A. G. Anderson and S. E. Johnson.

Bethlehem, Mist, August 10, Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom and G. K. Andeen.

Bethany, Warren, September 16—17, all pastors present.

Trinity, Marshfield and First, North Bend, date to be set later, Rev. G. K. Andeen and S. E. Johnson.

Eden, Elgarose, date to be set later, Rev. G. K. Andeen and S. E. Johnson.

Trinity, Astoria, Nov. 11—12, all pastors present.

Bethany, Skamokawa, date to be set later.

ANDREW G. ANDERSON,
District Secretary.

Think for a moment of the earthly life of Christ, and you will see that it was designedly linked with all the common, and the commonest things in life.

Immanuel Church, Portland, Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

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manuel that same year. Rev. Renhard served this congregation till 1910, when he resigned to take up the work of establishing a new hospital in Portland, the now well known Emanuel Hospital. Rev. J. R. Olson was called to succeed Rev. Renhard. In the early part of 1917 Rev. A. V. Anderson received a call to become pastor of Immanuel. He accepted the call and entered upon his work here in the early part of the summer that same year. He remained in Immanuel till in 1927, when he left to take up the work as founder and superintendent of Columbia Hospital, Astoria. In April that same year Rev. Henry P. Johnson, the present pastor of Immanuel, received a call to become pastor of the congregation. He accepted the call and arrived on the field September 2, 1927. He preached his initial sermon here September 11, 1927.



REV. J. W. SKANS
1883—1904

The first church built by the Immanuel congregation was erected at Burnside street between 9th and 10th streets. The ground for this, 50x96 feet, was purchased the year before for \$1,500. The dimensions of the church were 50x36. Rev. Peter Carlson conducted the dedication services April 8, 1883, assisted by Dr. J. Telleen. In 1905 the congregation sold its property on Burnside street for \$8,500 and bought lots for church and parsonage on 19th and Irving streets. Parsonage was built without delay, the construction work being well under way already in September. The work on the new church was begun about a month later. On April 1, 1906, the congregation held its first service in the basement of the new structure. On Pentecost Day the first service was held in the new church. Dedication of the sanctuary took place September 2, when the conference president, Rev. M. L. Larson, officiated.

The organization meeting held December 28, 1879, was conducted in "The Trinity Church Chapel," 5th street between Oak



REV. C. J. RENHARD
1904—1910

and Pine streets. It was as stated before, led by Rev. P. Carlson, who had on Sunday, September 14th that same year held his first service in Portland. He had been sent to the coast by the Augustana Synod Mission Board to labor among our people here for one year. At the organization meeting on said December 28, 1879 Sw. psalm 325: 1-2 was first sung. Rev. Carlson read Ps. 122 and Ex. 20: 24 and led in prayer. The following signed their names as charter members for Immanuel Church: Swen Anderson, C. L. Rosander and wife, Martin Larson and wife, J. A. Allmen and wife, H. Franks, Johanna Carlson, Johanna Swenson, Carolina Peterson, M. Lundberg, Carl Peterson, J. M. Peterson, Albert Johnson, Christina Westman, John Larson and wife, Oscar Peterson, Nikolus Benson, Sarah Thomson, C. P. Nelson, Hilda Sofia Carlson.

J. A. Allmen served as secretary at the organization meeting. C. L. Rosander served as the first treasurer of the congregation. First deacons: C. L. Rosander, M. Larson and Swen Anderson. First trustees: M. Lundberg, C. P. Nelson and Oscar Peterson. The only one of the charter members that still remains in the congregation at the time of the fiftieth anniversary is C. L. Rosander.



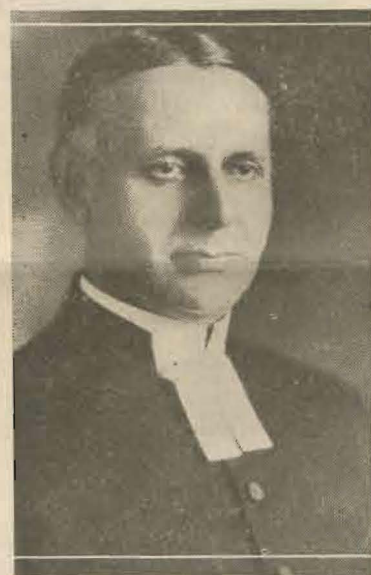
REV. A. V. ANDERSON
1917—1927

Program

for the fiftieth anniversary jubilee of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., March 16-17.

Sunday, March 16:

10:30 A. M.—English Services. Prelude, Prof. Charles Swenson, Organist and Director. Psalm 150—Wennerberg—the choir. Jubilee Sermon by Rev. C. J. Renhard, former pastor of Immanuel. Anthem: "Come Holy Spirit"—Scott—by Quartet: Mrs. F. H. Hammond, Soprano; Mrs. David E. Lofgren, Alto; Mr. H. J. Anderson, Tenor and Mr. A. C. Bowman, Bass.
3:00 P. M.—Anniversary Program: Andante—Prof. Charles Swenson. Greeting—Rev. A. M. Green; Greeting—Rev. Samuel Johnson. Psalm 137—Wennerberg—Quintet: Mrs. F. B. Hammond, Soprano; Mrs. D. E. Lofgren and Miss Kathryn Johnson, Altos; Mr. H. J. Anderson, Tenor and Mr. A. Bowman, Bass. Historical Sketch by Rev.



REV. H. P. JOHNSON,
Present Pastor of Immanuel Church, Portland.

H. P. Johnson. Greeting—Mr. William Skans. Reading of letter from Mrs. Anna Edwin, daughter of Rev. P. Carlson, founder of Immanuel. Greeting from representative of the Portland Lutheran Ministerial Assn. Anthem, "Were You There"—Chorus.

7:45 P. M.—English Services. Cantabile, Prof. Chas. Swenson. Jubilee Sermon, Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom, Dist. Pres. Anthem: "Sun of My Soul"—Marzo—Girls' Chorus, Mrs. Rudolph Hanson, Director. Vocal Solo, Mrs. William Skans.

Monday 6:30 P. M.—Banquet.

Violin Solo—Mrs. Julia Helene Swenson. Address—Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conf. Pres. Vocal Solo—Mr. Elmo Brous. Address by Rev. Samuel E. Johnson. Greeting—Rev. C. J. Renhard. Vocal Solo—Mr. Brous.

There are no detour signs along the straight and narrow way.

Woman's Missionary Society Report

To the Woman's Missionary Society of the Portland District:

Grace and peace!

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation."—Mark 16: 15.

This was the Lord's command to His disciples. It is also His command to us. He wants us to go and tell of His love not only here in our own church or community, but also to all the world.

Not all of us can go out and proclaim the good tidings, but we can help. We can give of our means, so that others can go out in our place. We can pray for those who have gone out as missionaries and we can pray for more workers.

It is by working together in a big body such as our Women's Missionary Society that we can do much more effective work. Therefore let us all be missionaries and do all we can to further God's kingdom here on earth.

There are several questions that arise in our minds as we begin to review the work of the past year. We wonder where we have failed, what our gain might be, and how we can improve in the new year.

Taken as a whole we think the Portland District has done fairly well, when we consider the fact that only two churches are self-supporting, the other congregations depend more or less on the support of the Home Mission treasury.

We have within our district, ten organized adult societies, five junior societies, one contributing society, and a Young Woman's Missionary Society, which was organized in Augustana Church, Portland, December 10th, with thirty-two young women as charter members. We welcome most heartily this new organization into our midst.

The district has a total membership of 357 active adult members and 109 Juniors. Of these sixty-three and six Juniors are life members, nine are sustaining members and one is an honorary member.

There has been an increase of membership in seven of the societies, a loss in two, and one has remained the same as last year. Sixty-six new members have been received, while twenty-three have been dropped, leaving us a net gain of forty-three members. Three of our members have been called to their heavenly home. One member has been added to our "In Memoriam" roll, making a total of six In Memoriams.

The report of the Junior work as well as that of the Young Women will be given by their respective secretaries, Mrs. C. M. Franklin and Mrs. E. Dahlberg.

We have 170 subscribers to the Mission Tidings, twenty-seven of which are new subscribers, but the net gain for the year is only eight. Every member should have the Mission Tidings, as it creates interest

by giving us valuable information about our work, our missionaries and the mission fields.

We will have to work hard the coming year to gain new members as well as subscribers to the Mission Tidings, otherwise we will not reach our goal for the Fortieth Anniversary Jubilee. The aim or goal of the Jubilee is to secure 50 per cent. active adult members, 50 per cent. Mission Tidings subscribers, 50 per cent. Junior membership and 25 per cent. Young Women's membership. Mrs. J. E. Wallin, the Jubilee secretary will give us more information concerning the Jubilee work in her report.

The Missionary Calendars, No. 9, were received, distributed and sold in the district. 125 calendars have been sold. The calendars are full of information as well as interesting, and every member should buy one and read it.

Meetings are held regularly by three of the societies, two societies have met every other month, three have met four times, one three times and one two times. All but two societies have held their annual meeting in December. Some of the societies have held extra meetings during the year. Mission studies were used by only four of the local societies.

Prayer day was observed by five of the societies, and Home Mission festivals have also been held by some of them.

We have had the great pleasure and honor of receiving two visits from our esteemed synodical president, Mrs. Emmy Evald. On her way to the Conference meeting in Tacoma Mrs. Evald visited Bethany, Warren, Saron, Gresham and Augustana, Portland. Last September on her way home from Vancouver, B. C., where she attended the dedication services of the Lutheran Home for Girls, she visited Carlsborg, Colton and Immanuel, Portland. Mrs. Evald is an inspiration to all. If we all would work zealously and wholeheartedly for the mission cause like she does, the Kingdom of God would be sure to go forward both at home and on the foreign field.

We also had a brief but pleasant visit from our missionary nurse to China, Miss Anna F. Olson. We would have been very happy if she could have spent a few weeks with us and visited the different local societies, but Miss Olson felt that she could not stay away from her work any longer. However, Augustana and Immanuel had the pleasure of hearing Miss Olson tell of some of her experiences and work in China. May God bless her and give her strength to do much good as she labors among the heathen Chinese.

Only one society has contributed to the Boxes of Blessings or Woman's Compound. Two societies have used the dime books, while two have given contributions. One society has contributed to the Mission Home in Chicago, and all but two socie-

ties have given donations to the Lutheran Home for Girls in Vancouver, B. C.

If we are to reach our quota for the building specials, that is for the hospital in Africa and the chapel at Bethphage, we must do better than we have been doing as we have only gathered \$32.25 for that purpose the past year.

The local societies have also contributed to the India, China and Africa missions, the Deaconess work in Omaha, the Christmas Cheer Fund, to the Bethphage Missions, Home for the Aged, Seattle, Jewish Missions, the administration and district contingent funds.

"She did what she could," is a beautiful testimony given one of the women workers in the Bible story. Could the same testimony be given concerning us? We realize our shortcomings, but we are also thankful for all that we by the grace of God have been privileged to accomplish. May the ensuing year bring added triumphs for the cause of Christ to the glory of His name and to the salvation of many souls!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. P. JOHNSON,
President, W. M. S., Portland District.
Portland, Oregon, February 19th, 1930.

Annual W. M. S. Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Mt. Baker District was held Tuesday morning, January 28, 1930 at Sedro Woolley.

The president, Mrs. Hawkins, being absent, the meeting was called to order by the vice president, Mrs. C. E. T. Olson.

Mrs. Karlstrom opened the meeting with Bible reading and prayer, after which the president's report was read and accepted. Encouraging reports were also read by the secretary, treasurer, Junior and Mission Tidings secretaries.

All the former officers were re-elected; president, Mrs. Hawkins; vice president, Mrs. Olson; secretary, Mrs. Westling; treasurer, Mrs. Tegelberg; Junior secretary, Mrs. Ostergren; Mission Tidings, Prayer day and membership secretary, Mrs. Henning Carlson; Golden Link secretary, Miss Agnes Lorene, and Jubilee secretary, Mrs. Cornay.

There are eight adult societies, two Young Women's and seven Junior societies or a total of seventeen societies in the district. We have a membership of 217, and 146 subscribers to the Mission Tidings, and the income for the year was \$1,150.53.

The Columbia Conference recommendations for the year 1930 were discussed and accepted.

A missionary program was held in the afternoon. Rev. Karlstrom gave a short talk about the Lutheran Home for Girls in Vancouver, B. C., and about the good work that is carried on there. Over two hundred girls had received employment through the home.

EMMA PUSARD.

Young Women's Missionary Society Organized

On December 11th, 1929, a group of twenty girls from the Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland, met at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Dahlberg for the purpose of organizing a Y. W. M. S.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Evelyn Dahlberg; vice president, Mae Anderson; secretary, Lila Earl; treasurer, Virginia Ingman.

Subsequent meetings at the home of Mrs. S. E. Johnson in January and Miss Guhle Olson in February, were well attended. We are happy to report a membership of thirty-one enthusiastic workers at this time, and we are sure that under the able leadership of our president, Mrs. Dahlberg and the kind assistance of Mrs. S. E. Johnson, our work will go forward and our aim to become a Gold Star Society be realized.

"If we ask God for guidance we cannot fail."

Mrs. Agnes Baylis, 575 East 8th street North will entertain the Y. W. M. S. for Miss Esther Eckberg, March 14.

ELLA ANDERSON,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

A Letter

Bellingham, Feb. 24, 1930.

Dear Editor of the Columbia Lutheran:

Thanks for the Columbia Lutheran and the faithful work being done. We can not be willing to give up this valuable paper. It is a great help for the individual and the home. May God grant it that there be a way to continue with the same. I think it may be a help if anyone would pay one dollar a year for two years. It would help to make up the balance needed. I am therefore sending two dollars for two years 1929 and 1930.

Sincerely,

MRS. C. O. JOHNSON.

Program

for the dedication of the Luther House, a Lutheran chapel recently erected for the use of the students at the state Normal school, Monmouth, Ore., Sunday, March 30, 1930:

10:30 a. m.

Dedicatory service, Rev. R. Bogstad, Rev. W. E. Brinkman, and Rev. Wm. Schoeler officiating.

Sermon by Rev. W. E. Brinkman, "The Place of the Church in the Community."

Vocal solo by Mrs. Wm. Schoeler, and a number of vocal selections by the McDowell club of the Oregon Normal under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Gaskin.

3:00 p. m.

Sermon by Rev. Alf. M. Kraabel, "A Close-Up on the Lutheran Church."

Words of greeting by Miss Jessita Todd, Dean of Women, and Dr. J. S. Landers,

president of the Oregon Normal. Vocal solo by Mrs. J. S. Landers, and several anthems by the choir of Central Lutheran church, Portland.

7:30 p. m.

Sermon by Rev. H. P. Johnson, "The Soul of the Lutheran Church."

Words of greeting by Rev. L. Ludwig and Rev. Martin P. Olsen.

Appropriate anthems by the choir of "American Lutheran Church," Salem.

An offering will be taken at each service to defray the debt which still remains on the building. A cordial invitation is extended to our people far and near. Visitors are asked to bring their basket lunches along, but free coffee, cream and sugar will be provided in the basement of the "Luther House" from 1:00 to 3:00 and from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m.

Bible Institute

Dr. Conrad Bergendorff, of Chicago, and Dr. G. Bayard Young, of Seattle, will be the principal teachers at the eighth annual Bible Institute of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District Luther League.

Last year's location, Strafford's Park, Lake Sammamish, will again be used. The dates, July 20-27, 1930, include an opening service on the first Sunday evening and the climax on the following Sunday.

We hope that the early planning on the part of the executive committee will be an impetus for unprecedented interest on the part of the young men and women in the district.

The Luther Leagues are being asked to arrange an evening's program featuring the institute. A speaker for the occasion should be secured.

The dean, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, will welcome suggestions for his help in constructing the curriculum. The committee will also appreciate the opinions and comments of any interested.

Plan your vacations early. Plan them to include the institute.

ARTHUR HILLMAN,
Publicity Manager.

306 East 76th Street, Seattle.

Gresham, Oregon

A snowstorm hindered a number of the members of the Saron Lutheran Church at Gresham from attending the annual congregational meeting Wednesday evening, January 8th. 25 were present. The pastor in his report stated that the books showed at the close of the year a communicant membership of 90 and total membership of 140. The enrollment in the Bible school, counting all, was 57. The W. M. S. had 44 members and the Ladies' Aid 31.

English and Swedish are used alternately at the morning services. English entirely at the evening services. All societies use English exclusively.

The financial situation was satisfactory. All deficits had been made up, according to the treasurer's report, all bills paid and dues to Conference and Synod met. The various societies of the church, as the Ladies' Aid, the Luther League and the Sunday school and the building committee had been able to put aside some money for the building fund.

At the joint thanksgiving service the proceeds were donated to the Swedish Sanatorium at Denver. The Sunday school had gathered money and presented the same at the Christmas program for Bethphage and the church has tried in other ways to do good in the same manner.

Among the decisions passed was one to beautify the grounds around the church and parsonage, some time during the winter or spring months.

Officers for the year chosen at the meeting were Bert Olson and J. Lekander, re-elected trustees for three years; Tanney Staffanson, elected trustee for two years; Carl Nelson, re-elected deacon for three years; Dr. Julius Sture, organist; Miss Lillian Lekander, financial secretary and congregational secretary; John Mattson and John Hulander, auditors; Dr. Sture, delegate to Conference, and Paul Palmblad to district meeting. The pastor was elected superintendent of Bible school and Miss Ruby Lekander assistant superintendent.

A. G. A.

The Meeting of the Conference

We are unable to report on the program at this time. The Board of Trustees will meet in the Bethany Lutheran church on Tuesday morning, April 22, at 9:00. The Pastoral Conference will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The opening service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:45.

All delegates to the meeting of the Conference and the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society Conference are requested to mail request for accommodations together with the registration fee of \$5.00 to the pastor of Bethany as soon as possible. We desire very much to know soon how many will attend the two meetings.

The secretaries of the various districts are again reminded of the request of the secretary of the Conference to mail him as soon as possible complete and correct statistical reports from their respective districts.

It will not be difficult to find our church when you come to Seattle. The Green Lake car passes within two blocks of the one railway station and within three blocks of the other, and it takes you within one block of the church, passing thru as it does the entire city and skirting the beautiful Green Lake.

C. G. BLOOMQUIST.

Some Seattle News Items

Mr. Gust Lindberg of Tacoma paid the Home for the Aged a visit in January and left as a gift one box of condensed milk, 10 lbs. of coffee and some coffee bread and cake. The young people of the Trinity Lutheran church paid a visit to the Home on the 5th of January, rendered a program and left several glasses of jelly as a gift. Mr. Swan Felene of the Gethsemane Lutheran church was up the other day and left some beautiful vases and other gifts. He has remembered the home on several other occasions. Mr. Harry Swan has donated a fine piece of furniture. The young people of the Swedish M. E. church rendered a program at the home not so long ago. Two of the aged members of the home family have passed away of late. Mr. John Lenke left in January and Mr. Simon Benson quite recently. There are many applications on hand for the rooms thus left vacant. In general the health conditions have been very good the past winter.

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Rev. Carl A. Bengtson has taken up his work at Emmanuel. He and his family seem to be delighted with their new charge and with our good city. The congregation tendered them a very fitting reception shortly after their arrival. The writer of these notes happened to call at the parsonage in the forenoon of the day of their arrival in Seattle and found furniture all unpacked and placed in order. A fine dinner was in process of preparation and a car stood ready to bring up the pastor and his family from the station. Very fine thoughtfulness, indeed! The Emmaus congregation gave Theol. Student Adolph Nelson a very well attended farewell reception shortly before the arrival of the pastor.

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Orville Sandeen, oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Sandeen, Bethel Lutheran Church, Seattle, has been ill in pneumonia but is at present writing well on the way to recovery.

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The Bethany Lutheran Church has granted its pastor, the Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, leave of absence in connection with his vacation next summer in order to help him fully to regain health and strength after his break-down of last fall.

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Mission meeting was held in Central Lutheran Church, Yakima, on February 24-26. By appointment the following pastors attended: C. R. Swanson, Enoch Sandeen, C. A. Bengtson and Ernest G. Svenson. A Brotherhood banquet was held on Monday evening and regular services the two succeeding evenings. The attendance was very good under the existing weather conditions.

C. G. B.

Astoria, Oregon

August A. Olson, one of the charter members of the First Lutheran Church, and lately of Trinity, passed away at his home, 1805 Duane street, on the 29th day of January. Mr. Olson was born at Misterhult, Småland, Sweden, June 18, 1846. He came to America in 1869 and located in Astoria, Ore. shortly afterwards, where later in the year 1880 he became one of the organizers of the First Lutheran Church. He had no children, and since his wife's death in 1906 he has been rather lonely. Because of this loneliness coupled with much physical distress and weakness death was by him anticipated as a messenger of relief. Funeral service was held at the First church on the first Sunday in February with the pastor, Rev. G. K. Andeen in charge, who spoke on the theme, "When Are We Ready to Depart in Peace" based on the day's gospel text. The remains of the aged pioneer were laid to rest in the Greenwood cemetery. Peace be unto his memory!

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At a special congregational meeting held January 24th the trustees of the Trinity Lutheran Church were authorized and directed to purchase the northeast corner of Franklin avenue and 16th street, 100x125 feet, the corner next to the Columbia Hospital, for the future church. Since there is quite a substantial house on the corner lot the board of administration was authorized and directed to move, alter and renovate said house so that the building can be used for a parish house with suitable Sunday school quarters and a temporary place for public worship. This property has since been purchased and the board is about to carry out the decision of the congregation with respect to the moving and alteration of the house. The new location is most desirable and it is gratifying to know that it has received unanimous approval of all concerned.

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The Columbia Hospital has equipped its laundry at the cost of nearly a thousand dollars. Of this sum the Woman's Hospital Auxiliary has paid \$450 to date. This society with Mrs. M. A. Christensen as president is rendering a most valuable service in the interest of the hospital.

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The hospital staff has been augmented by the arrival of Dr. R. W. Kullberg, who has started practicing as surgeon and physician with offices at 130 12th street. Dr. Kullberg comes well prepared and equipped for his responsible calling and we extend a most hearty welcome to both him and Mrs. Kullberg.

True greatness does not undervalue small things. There is no small task that may not be done sublimely.

Items of Interest

Rev. Luther Cornay made a trip to Holdrege, Neb. in the latter part of Jan. on the occasion of the funeral of a sister, who had for some years made her home in Seattle.

Rev. J. E. Carlson and Mrs. Carlson are spending the winter in Powell Valley, near Gresham, Oregon, where they are making their home with son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Staffanson. Rev. Carlson was till recently pastor in Aitken, Minn. He was at one time pastor in Portland, Ore., having charge of the then existing Tabor church, in the Arleta section of the city.

Rev. J. Truedson, the pleasant and faithful chaplain of our Old People's Home in Seattle, has spent some time in Portland, Ore. On Sunday, Feb. 23, he made a visit to Gresham and attended services in the Powell Valley church. On Tuesday Feb. 25, he submitted to a hernia operation, and is at this writing, Feb. 28, resting nicely. He is a patient at the Emanuel Hospital.

Mrs. H. P. Johnson was by the Immanuel congregation, Portland, pleasantly remembered on her birthday, Sunday, Feb. 9, when, at the close of the vesper program, a real surprise was sprung on her. After the benediction concluding the vesper had been pronounced, Mrs. David E. Lofgren arose and addressed those assembled, explaining the purpose of the addenda to the afternoon program, and expressing beautiful sentiments of well-wishes and congratulations. In behalf of the assembled she presented to Mrs. Johnson a liberal present in ready cash. Little Marjorie Malmquist presented her with a beautiful flowering plant. A group of children sang a song improvised for the occasion: "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Johnson." Dainty refreshments were served on a festively decorated table. Prominent among the delicacies was an unusually large birthday cake. Mrs. Johnson spoke briefly expressing sincere thanks for the gifts, for the kind words spoken and for all that was being done to make the occasion so happy.

Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conference president, left Astoria Tuesday, Mar. 4 to be present at a meeting of the synod budget committee in Chicago. On the way he stopped off at Port Blakely, Wash. where he conducted a meeting on Wed. evening, March 5. Rev. Andeen expects to be back on Mar. 17, when he will appear on the program of the banquet held in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, as the concluding feature of the 50th anniversary celebration of that congregation.

Rev. L. B. Deck, treasurer of the Pacific Synod and pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran church at Vancouver, Wash., is seriously sick with internal cancer. In commenting thereon the Pacific Lutheran says: "Neither science nor loving hands can help, but he awaits the healing touch of the Great Physician." Rev. D. D. Kistler, Everett, Wash., is acting treasurer of the Pacific Synod in his stead. Rev. Deck is widely known in the Columbia Conference, and his many friends within that body will learn with sorrow of the serious physical condition of this good and faithful brother.

Rev. Carl A. Bengtson was installed as pastor of Emmaus, Seattle, on Tuesday evening February 18th. The installation was conducted by the Conference President assisted by six of the pastors of the Tacoma District. The Conference President, G. K. Andeen, addressed the pastor on the theme, "The Pastor as an Ambassador of Christ," and the District President Ernest G. Svenson, addressed the congregation on the theme, "The Spiritual Priesthood of the Believers." Dr. C. R. Swanson brought a hearty and inspiring greeting to the new pastor and his family from the brethren and sister congregations in Seattle. The Conference is happy to have received another splendid pastor as an addition to its ministerium, and Emmaus is indeed fortunate and is also as we have reasons to believe, both joyful and appreciative in having received an able and consecrated shepherd. Rev. Bengtson is the seventh pastor to be installed in our small Conference within a year, and thus has been filled nearly every gap in our depleted lines of last year with a group of able and enthusiastic pastors for which we have ample reason to thank and praise the Great Shepherd of the Church.

St. James English Lutheran Church, Portland, a U. L. C. church, celebrated its fortieth anniversary Sunday, March 2. Anniversary services were held 11:00 a. m. A fraternal fellowship service was held 3:00 p. m., when representatives from different Lutheran synods spoke. Rev. H. P. Johnson brought greetings on behalf of the Augustana churches. A Luther League service was held 6:45 p. m. Rev. W. E. Brinkman is pastor of St. James Lutheran Church.

The Carlsborg Congregation, Colton, Ore., is repairing the roof and ceiling of its church and decorating the interior. The labor is all donated. The Colton people are going to have their church property "spick and span" for the district meeting in May and for the Bible Institute in July.

Rev. Andrew Engeset, a Pacific Synod pastor, who for some years has had charge of the Redeemer Luth. Church, Portland, has been called to become pastor of the Zion Luth. Church, Camas, Wash.

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Tacoma

Rev. Mark O. Heller, pastor of St. John's Church, Tacoma, a Pacific Synod congregation, has accepted a call to Oakland, Calif. Pastors and delegates attending our conference meeting last spring in Tacoma will remember Rev. Heller as one of those who brought fraternal greetings to our conference in session assembled.

Officers Elected at the annual meeting of the Portland Dist. Woman's Missionary Society, held in Augustana Church, Portland, Feb. 19: Pres., Mrs. S. E. Johnson; Vice Pres., Mrs. H. P. Johnson; Sec., Mrs. D. E. Lofgren; Treas., Mrs. Fred Jensen; Junior Sec., Mrs. C. M. Franklin; Y. W. Sec., Mrs. E. Dahlberg; Mission Tidings Sec., Mrs. C. H. Earl; Industrial Sec., Mrs. E. H. Wahlstrom; Jubilee Sec., Mrs. J. E. Wallin; Membership Sec., Mrs. M. C. Lindgren; Calendar Sec., Mrs. A. V. Anderson.

Religious Training

George Washington's father died when he was only twelve years old, and thereafter his religious training was received from his pious mother. Irving says it was her daily custom to gather her children about her and read to them lessons of religion and morality out of some standard work.

Well does the monument erected to the memory of this mother contain the simple but affecting words, "Mary, the Mother of Washington." "The mother of such a son and the son of such a mother!"

Washington was a genuinely religious man during all his public life. He took the time to pray in the morning when he was an officer in the war with the French and Indians, and later, when he was commander-in-chief of the American Revolution he offered up petitions at the throne of grace. When president, it was the custom of Washington to go to church regularly Sunday mornings, and in the evening he read a sermon aloud to Mrs. Washington or a portion of the Scriptures. Thus he kept up his spiritual strength.

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