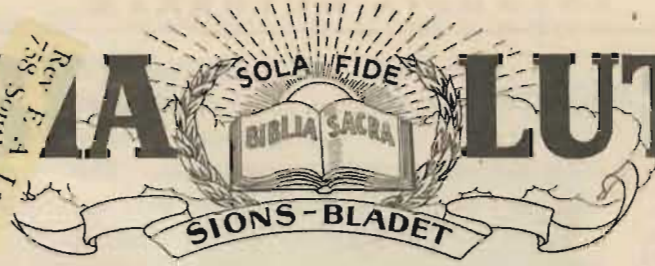


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## From the Synod Sessions

At the meeting of the Augustana Synod at Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., June 6-11 it was mainly a matter of following the ordinary routine as at other such meetings. The usual reports were read. The synodical council had prepared resolutions which embodied everything to be considered, and those resolutions made up the working order for the synod sessions. Resolutions on the president's message were read. The synodical council recommendation that the cross of gold given by the bishops of Sweden to be worn by our synod president be accepted to be thus worn was rejected. A substitute resolution was adopted which simply means that while we keep the cross as a token of friendship between the two Lutheran churches, we do not designate that the president of the synod shall wear the same.

The following can be regarded as an important decision of the meeting:

"Be it resolved that we as a Synod join with the American Lutheran Conference, to go into effect when three or more of the following groups unite, namely, The Norwegian Lutheran Church, The Joint Synod of Ohio, The Lutheran Free Church, The Iowa Synod, The United Danish Church, and The Buffalo Synod.

We also heartily endorse the proposed Constitution and By-laws of the American Lutheran Conference.

That the Synod declares to the Church Unity Committee: The Synod desires that the committee should concern itself with methods of closer cooperation of the Augustana Synod and the United Lutheran Church."

The church unity committee mentioned above consists of members chosen from all the above named synods. Those from our synod are: Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Dr. C. F. Sandahl, Dr. P. O. Bersell, Dr. S. J. Sebelius, Dr. G. H. Schuh of the Joint Synod of Ohio was present and took a very active part in the discussion.

The question of another order for calling of pastor was laid on the table. The recommendations with regard to the pension and aid fund were brought before the synod. Action was deferred till next year. A constitutional change was voted, which, if



Scene at Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., where the recent Synod meeting was held.

carried next year, will admit lady members as legal delegates to synod and conference meetings. Since the laymen usually arrive in time to hold a session while the ministerium meets, it was decided that such a session be held by the lay delegates. The half day immediately preceding the opening of the synod shall be set aside for that purpose. The 18th Sunday after Trinity shall be designated as Brotherhood Sunday. The minutes of the synodical bro-

therhood meeting shall be given place in the printed minutes of the Synod.

The question of permanent place for Augustana Theological Seminary seems not as yet to be settled. The question of having two different boards, one for the seminary and one for the college, came up for consideration. Decided that it be left to the Board of Education further to consider this matter and come in with recom-

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## Editorial

### The Recent Synod Meeting

It was a jubilee convention, held at the  
very heart of our Synod, Rock Island, Ill.,  
where we have our Synod headquarters, its  
college, its seminary and its book concern.  
In many ways this meeting was very in-  
spiring. The delegation of pastors and  
laymen was unusually large. The opening  
service was very impressive. This was es-  
pecially true, as one saw the long line of  
communicants slowly proceeding to the al-  
tar to participate in Holy Communion.  
The writer never before saw such a large  
number coming forward to the Lord's ta-  
ble. One was reminded of the words of  
the psalmist, as he speaks of the tribes of  
Israel, as these come up to Jerusalem for  
their great spiritual festivities. The Synod  
meeting service on Sunday morning was  
also very impressive. Most especially did  
we find this to be true at the ordination  
on Sunday afternoon. The long line of  
procession, as it came down from the sem-  
inary buildings and made its way into the  
auditorium of the gymnasium building,  
where the services and sessions of the con-  
vention were held, was most impressive.  
First came Rev. G. K. Andeen, our Con-  
ference president, who had been chosen as  
the marshal of the procession; then the  
candidates for ordination, then the assist-  
ants and speakers, the officers of the Syn-  
od and the theological faculty. Inspira-  
tional were the sermons preached that af-  
ternoon as well as also the ordination it-  
self. One meeting that impressed us deep-

ly was the one held on Tuesday evening in  
the college chapel, when some of the oldest  
ministers of the Synod reviewed in short  
addresses early pioneer experiences. This  
meeting was held in Swedish, the only one  
held in that language at the convention.  
There were also other convention pro-  
grams rendered, e. g. a Luther League pro-  
gram and a festival commemorating the  
400th anniversary of the Augsburg Con-  
fession.

There is always something discordant in  
whatever man does. The jubilee festival  
of the Augustana Synod also sounded some  
discordant notes. Sometimes an individual  
will in the ordinary routine of life be-  
come nervous and irritable. That kind of  
a temperament came to the fore at differ-  
ent times during business sessions of the  
Synod, among a larger or smaller portion  
of the delegation. Why a larger or smaller  
group should by interruption try almost to  
call a halt on a speaker just because it  
does not agree with his views, we never  
could understand. Why not let the speaker  
first get through and then meet him with  
argument, if one differs with him. The  
"cross episode" threw many discordant  
notes into the meeting. We do not criti-  
cize the idea that different views were ex-  
pressed on that question. Each one had  
a right to his own opinion even on that  
subject. But we do criticize the idea that  
personal reflections were allowed to find  
their place in such discussions. The last  
session of the convention had a disturb-  
ing closing as the 'cross episode' then came  
up for a second consideration. This was  
unfortunate. A jubilee meeting of such a  
large church body, and it must close al-  
most in a nervous turmoil! We felt it  
was a tragedy, something entirely unneces-  
sary. We have indeed a long lesson of  
self-control still to learn.

The Lutheran Brotherhood banquet held  
at the U. S. arsenal, Rock Island, was a  
fine success. The attendance was good,  
nearly a thousand being present. The pro-  
gram was excellent. Dr. Pihlblad, presi-  
dent of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan-  
sas, gave an address which was one of  
the best we ever heard. Dr. Frank Nelson  
also spoke in his eloquent way. It was  
indeed a treat to come back to Augustana.  
It was heart-warming to meet the friends  
scattered over the entire vast area of our  
beloved Augustana Synod.

### Bible Institute at Colton

The Bible Institutes of the Columbia  
Conference are now also for this year a  
matter of history. This year the institute  
was held first in Colton, Ore., the dates  
being July 13-20. We desire to speak  
only about that institute at this time. We  
hope someone else will in the next issue

give an account of the institute held at  
Stafford Park.

"The same 'chapel' and 'cathedral' were  
used this year as in previous years. These  
are temples not erected with hands. God  
was the architect and builder. Their col-  
umns and colonnades consist of the straight  
and stately trees, that stand there in such  
rich abundance. The crown-work of these  
trees makes up the ceiling of these tem-  
ples. The morning exercises and pro-  
grams were given in the "chapel," a place  
further into the forest, where the cleared  
area is the smaller and around which the  
trees stand the more congested. There the  
morning sun would send his beams through  
network of branches in the most idealistic  
way. Yea, beams were there actually vis-  
ible in definite shape and form, as the  
sunlight made its way among trunks and  
branches. The ceiling seemed to have win-  
dows of deepest blue, with panes that were  
shaped according as the branches were ar-  
ranged. Yea, the branches of the tall  
tree tops made up the framework of those  
azure blue windows.

The "cathedral" can be described pretty  
much like the "chapel," only that, as we  
have said before, it is larger. The forest  
does not there appear quite as dense, and  
that makes a difference in the artistic play  
of the sunlight. We did not meet there  
in the morning except on the last Sunday  
of the institute, when Sunday school was  
held and when morning service with holy  
communion was conducted.

It was indeed very inspirational to meet  
for meditation, Bible study and worship  
out in the temples of the forest. The  
Bible study proved instructive, the lectures  
and sermons edifying. The program was  
printed in the last issue of this paper. We  
shall therefore not repeat it here. Singing  
was liberally interspersed among lectures  
and sermons. Besides talents from the  
district congregations appeared also Mrs.  
Conrad Bergendoff of Chicago with several  
vocal solos. The congregational singing  
was led by Rev. Samuel E. Johnson.

It was inspiring to see so many present  
at the communion service held on Sunday  
morning, July 20. It was impressive in-  
deed to see so many come forward to the  
Lord's table in that forest "cathedral." A  
large number attended the closing program  
in the afternoon. One feature of the  
institute week was the pageant "The Tri-  
umphant Church." Rev. Enoch Saudeen,  
the author, was present and gave explana-  
tion of the pageant. The group singing  
for the pageant was in charge of Rev. S. E.  
Johnson. Mr. Adolph Nelson took the  
part of John the Baptist, which is carried  
out entirely by singing, which he did very  
creditably. The church plays naturally in  
this pageant the head role. Mrs. J. Sture  
carried out that part in a very commend-



able way. A large number of others took part, too numerous to mention by name here. The pageant was given in the "cathedral" on Saturday evening. A large number was present.

Each evening, except Saturday and Sunday, the closing event was a bonfire gathering held across the creek from the "cathedral." There a short program was rendered consisting of impromptu talks and singing. The day's lessons and experiences were there briefly reviewed, as each one stood looking into the fire.

The afternoons were usually spent in leisure. Some played horseshoe, others tennis. One afternoon was spent by a large number in hiking over a high hill. Supper was that day enjoyed at the foot of the hill by a murmuring brook, under tall, shady trees.

On Friday afternoon we gathered by the cottage for girls, just erected on the grounds owned by the district Luther League. It all turned out to be a "surprise" on Rev. and Mrs. Sakrison. The Bible Institute had meant a great deal of work for them. Rev. Sakrison was during the entire week of the institute the errand boy, the information bureau, the all around handy man for the assembly. Never did we hear him complain and never did he become irritated in the least, no matter how exacting the demands. The "surprise" was to prove that all this was appreciated. Words of appreciation were spoken by Rev. G. K. Andeen, Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom and Mrs. S. E. Johnson. Coffee with what thereto belongs was then enjoyed. A large cake also figured among the good things. On this appeared the words "Hearty thanks to Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Sakrison."

After the above described hour of fellowship the grounds were viewed. These have, as has been stated before in this paper, been donated to the Portland District Luther League by Miss Hilma Olson of Colton. Two creeks run idealistically through the grounds. The one runs into the other just about in the center of this area. The grounds consist of about nine acres. Large trees give opportunity for a good size natural "cathedral." It is a beauty spot, well adapted to be used for the purpose for which it was given.

The Colton people showed us fine hospitality. Meals were served in the basement of the church. The committees who had charge of that work deserve our heartiest thanks. We were well fed to our bodies, as we also were fed abundantly to our souls.

The Bible continues to be the best seller of all books ever printed. This proves that the word of Jesus is true: the gates of hell shall not be able to overpower the church of God.

### Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Swanson Honored



The Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle, was the scene of most pleasant festivities on Saturday evening, June 21, the occasion being the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Swanson. A very large number of congregation members and other friends of the pastor and family had assembled. Mr. Oscar Swanson, president of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Gethsemane church, led the program. Dr. and Mrs. Swanson together with their two sons were escorted to their places in the church by Dr. G. A. Magnusson, the well known secretary of the Conference Lutheran Brotherhood. Rev. Enoch Sandeen read a portion of God's word and led in prayer. Rev. C. A. Bengtson gave the welcome address in behalf of all present. Dr. G. A. Magnusson gave the address in behalf of the congregation congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Swanson upon

having reached on their journey together the 25th milepost. He also gave expression to the high esteem in which the pastor and family are held among the members of the congregation, which Dr. Swanson has served as pastor for more than fifteen years. Dr. Magnusson also presented to the pastor and family a sterling silver service set and a gift in money. Both Dr. and Mrs. Swanson spoke briefly assuring the congregation of their deep appreciation of the festivity and the gift. Rev. J. Truedson closed the program with prayer and the benediction. All were now invited to the church parlors, where dainty refreshments were served. The Columbia Lutheran wishes to join those assembled as mentioned above in congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Swanson and in wishing them God's richest blessing for future days and years.

### From the Synod Sessions

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mendations next year. Decided that the seminary professors automatically go on the list of retirement at 67 years of age; that new seminary professor be elected by the Synod when a vacancy occurs. The faculty is to recommend to the board candidates for such professor position and board recommends to the Synod. A theological professor can remain on the faculty after the age of retirement if the board sees fit to reengage him.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"That the Synod expresses its gratification over the encouraging showing made by the Budget system during the first year of its operation, in that, in spite of various handicaps it has had to contend with, out of a total of \$377,100 apportioned, all but \$29,614.68 has been collected.

That, since we realize that this success is due in a large measure to the energetic work of the Finance Committee, and particularly to the unflagging efforts of the Secretary of Stewardship and Financial Secretary of the Synod, Mr. Otto Leonardson, the Synod hereby expresses its grateful recognition of the services of these men.

That, whereas the need or advisability of maintaining the office of Stewardship Secretary under our present budget system has been seriously discussed and questioned in our church press, be it therefore resolved, that it is the sense of the Synod that this office is necessary as per plan already inaugurated, and that results attained to date justify its continuance."

Offerings for the American Bible Society, for Zion Society for Israel and for the Swedish National Sanatorium in Denver were authorized. The usual resolutions



were offered with reference to foreign missions.

"Resolved, that we learn with satisfaction that the following persons have accepted calls to our mission fields: Rev. C. Vernon Swenson and Mr. Elmer A. Quist to Africa; Misses Alice C. Anderson and Agnes Hoglund to the American School in China; and that the following have returned to China: Anna Anderson, Ebba E. Person, Ethel Akins, Esther Anderson, Rev. Mauritz Hanson, Minnie Tack, and Rev. David Vikner and family. The following have sailed for Africa: Rev. A. C. Zeilinger and family, Rev. N. L. Melander, Edyth Beck, R. N., and Ruth Safemaster."

On Church Extension and Home Mission the following was adopted:

"Resolved, that inasmuch as the Synod is of the opinion that there will not be sufficient time at this synodical convention to properly consider so important matter as this, the same be referred to a committee to prepare a definite plan for the co-ordination of the various home mission activities, this committee to consist of the President of the Synod, one representative from each conference and one from the Association of English Churches."

At the meeting of the Synodical Lutheran Brotherhood the following officers were elected: president, Gust Olson, Chicago; 1st vice president, C. E. Sjostrand, St. Peter, Minn.; 2nd vice president, J. G. Youngquist, Rock Island; 3rd vice president, H. L. Benson, Kansas City, Mo.; secretary, Judge Eskil Carlson, Des Moines, Ia.; treasurer, J. A. Swanson, Rockford, Ill. The first one elected as president was Otto Leonardson, Minneapolis, but he refused to serve in that capacity, as he felt it would mean too much work together with his position as the Synod Secretary of Stewardship.

It was decided that the Synod meets next year at Jamestown, N. Y., an invitation having been received from the First Lutheran Church of that city to hold the 1931 convention there.

## Contributed

### Talks on Sunday School Teaching

#### IV.

##### Attention.

##### I. The nature of attention.

It will not take much reflection or investigation to convince us of the fact that attention is the central problem in the teaching process. If you can gain and hold the attention of your pupil, then your problem is solved. Prof. James in an ad-



Gymnasium Building, Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill. where the Synod sessions and convention services were held.

dress to the Boston teachers said: "If you can bring the boy in his geography lesson to give the same breathless attention to his lesson that he gives at the critical point to his game on the playground, then the victory is won." That is perhaps an unattainable ideal. We are by nature so constituted that we give attention more readily to certain things rather than to others. And Geography, Arithmetic, and the Catechism are not among those that would be listed as "thrillers."

It is your business as teacher to gain the attention of the class. Parenthetically we may observe that it is the business of the preacher to gain the attention of the congregation. If attention is lacking, better examine the sermon or the delivery. But do not blame the child if he does not pay attention. He will, if he is approached right. Some teachers think like this, if the pupils would only pay attention, what a perfectly wonderful teacher I might be. I could teach them so many things, if they would only pay attention. The plain truth is that if you were only a better teacher, the pupils certainly would pay attention.

The Sunday school is notorious for its lack of attention. We need no proof of that, all we need is a little observation. Look over any ordinary Sunday school on a Sunday and you will find that not over 25 per cent. of the pupils are paying attention to the lesson at any one time. And the pity of it is that the only time the child learns anything is when he is paying attention to the subject in hand.

What is attention? We may define it as the concentration of the mind upon one particular subject or line of thought. It can best be compared to the focus of a camera. When a picture is taken, the object in focus is recorded clearly and all the rest is blurred. Similarly the object to

which we give attention is recorded clearly and distinctly in consciousness; if we fail to give attention the result is a blurred and hazy recollection which quickly will fade from consciousness. In teaching we want the pupil's attention to be focussed on the particular point of the lesson under discussion.

We always pay attention to something as long as we are awake. If the boy in your class is not paying attention to the lesson, he is most likely attending to one of his fellow pupils. But the mind cannot pay attention to an unchanging object. The psychologists speak of the stream of consciousness, indicating the succession of object that engage the attention. If you look at a picture or a landscape intently for a few minutes you will see, not an unchanging picture, but a series of objects. The mind gives attention serially to details of the picture. Attention is always concerned with the borderline between the old and new, the strange and the familiar. As soon as one object is securely impressed in the consciousness, the mind takes up something new that was not noticed before. The skill in teaching is to keep pace with the attention of the pupil, so that you do not go so fast that the subject becomes a series of unrelated incidents, nor so slow that the mind of the pupil is allowed to wander to other subjects away from the lesson.

##### II. Factors that influence attention.

There may be many reasons why the pupil fails to pay attention. Perhaps he is not ready for the subject that you are teaching. Every subject demands a certain foundation of knowledge on which to build. As we said before, the pupil interprets the new in the light of the old. Suppose that his previous religious knowledge is very small, he might not be able to comprehend what you are teaching. Or



he may perhaps be forced to go to Sunday school without wanting to go. If he may have found that it really doesn't matter very much whether he pays attention or not. Nothing has been required of him in the past, and he feels that nothing will be required in the future.

The attitude of the teacher has a great deal to do with securing attention. If you are not interested in the lesson, the pupil is not apt to be either. If you have not prepared the lesson any better than that you have to have your eyes in the book all the time, you cannot expect attention from the pupil. This is by all means the first step in securing attention, give attention yourself to the lesson. You ought also to have some ideas of methods of teaching. There are a number of books that will be of great help in the conduct of your classes. I will list three here: Weigle, Pupil and Teacher; Schmauk, How to Teach in Sunday School; and Hunt, The Sunday School Handbook.

The surroundings of the school may be such as to distract the attention of the pupil. You cannot expect to receive much attention from a class that is reciting together with a dozen other classes in a large room. If you had separate rooms, you could have fewer and larger classes. The standards of the Sunday school are woefully low. Have you ever heard of examinations in the Sunday school? I have not. If the children learn something of the lesson, it is well; if they learn nothing, they get promoted just the same. That's a splendid training for life that the church gives to her children, isn't it? In the public school and in life as a whole you get promoted if you deliver the goods. In the Sunday school you get by whether you do what is required or not. That training will not help to make dependable and faithful Christians.

Eric H. Wahlstrom.

### Portland District Luther League Convention

Warren, Oregon, August 9-10

The annual convention of the Portland District Luther League will be held in Warren, Oregon, on Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10. Each local league is entitled to four delegates. The business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 9, beginning at 3 o'clock. Several questions of importance will come up for discussion, so be sure to have all the delegates present from the beginning.

The convention speaker will be Rev. P. H. Nordlander of Yakima, Washington. He will conduct a Bible study on the Epistle of James on Saturday evening, and will deliver the convention address on Sunday afternoon on the subject, "Marks of

Jesus." The other sermons and addresses will be delivered by the pastors of the district. Music will be furnished by the Luther Leagues.

The Warren Luther League bids you all welcome to this convention. We are making preparations to take care of all delegates and visitors. Meals will be served to all on Sunday. The Sunday services, morning and afternoon, will be held in a beautiful grove just back of the church. Here you will be assured of a cool, shady, and comfortable place with ample room for all. The evening meetings will be held in the church.

Welcome to Warren August 9-10.

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom.

### Conference Treasury

The second quarter to the Conference budget is due. We have a large outlay each month. We cannot take care of our obligations as we should unless money comes in regularly from the churches. Please remember us with a check now. Thank you!

P. H. Nordlander, Treasurer.

### Dr. E. Edman, Elgarose Passes

Rev. Emanuel Edman, M. D. of Melrose, Oregon passed away July 2 at his home in Elgarose. His strength had gradually failed for some months previously and a few days before his death he suffered a slight stroke.

Rev. E. Edman was born in Vittaryd, Småland, Sweden, March 6, 1857. He finished his studies at the Augustana College and Theological Seminary 1886 and was ordained a minister in the Augustana Synod. Ever since he was a boy he had felt called to the mission field. Medical studies were pursued at the University of the city of New York. In 1889 the M. D. degree was received. Dr. Edman served for several years as medical missionary on the mission field in India. The failure of the health of Mrs. Edman caused him to resign. For eight years he served as pastor at Cumberland, Wisconsin. On the death of his first wife Dr. Edman married again. In 1910 he again went out on the mission field with his family and served from 1910 to 1914 in Persia. The world war compelled him to leave there and he went to Abyssinia, Africa where he stayed until 1916. Returned to Chicago U. S. and lived there until called to become pastor of the Eden Lutheran church at Elgarose in 1920. Served there for five years during which time a new church edifice was erected to take the place of the old one destroyed by fire. In 1925 Dr. Edman resigned. A nice home was built and here in the beautiful valley with its wonderful

climate Dr. Edman spent the last years of his life. Peacefully, with confidence in the Savior, Dr. Edman passed away and was laid to rest Sunday, July 6th. Rev. A. G. Anderson, pastor of the church, conducted the funeral service. Text for sermon Dan. 12: 2-3. The pastors of the Portland district had sent expressions of sympathy and a beautiful floral offering of a cross. Dr. Edman was laid to rest close to the walls of the church he had helped build and in which he last served. He leaves to mourn him Mrs. Elsa Anderson and Mrs. Willigo Carlson in Wisconsin, daughters in the first marriage and Mrs. Elsie Edman, his wife, and Miss Esther Edman and Rudolf Edman.

A. G. A.

### Conference Luther League Convention

The Columbia Conference Luther League holds its next annual convention at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., corner of 19th and Irving streets, August 30-September 1. The convention opens with a banquet on the evening of the first named date. Communion services will be held on Sunday 10:30 a. m. and a rally 3:00 p. m. Services will again be held in the evening. Monday forenoon a business session will be held. The convention closes with a picnic in one of the city parks on Monday noon. A hearty welcome to this convention!

#### Notice to those who want lodging!

Those who desire lodging during the Conference Luther League convention must notify, the latest August 20, Miss Ruth Swanson, 723 E. 68th St. N., Portland, Ore. We cannot be responsible for the lodging of anyone whose application comes in later than that date.

H. P. J.

### The Next Issue

The undersigned will have to be relieved of all editorial responsibility of Columbia Lutheran for next issue. All the time he can use for literary work he must from now till September 15 spend on the next volume of Korsbanéret, a book of about 300 pages given out each year at Christmas time by the Synod. The next number of Columbia Lutheran will be edited by Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom, Warren, Oregon. All editorial material for next issue should be sent to him.

H. P. J.

Leave God your heart. He can better take care of it than anyone else. He can satisfy your affections to the uttermost. With Him as your portion and part you will always be happy.



## Items of Interest

**First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash.**, has decided to invite the Augustana Synod to hold its annual meeting in its beautiful edifice 1932.

**Central Lutheran Church, Yakima, Wash.**, has held a subscription campaign. The entire debt of \$3,100.00 was covered by subscriptions. About \$1,000 were in addition gathered for repairs of the church building. The plans are to replaster the ceiling, to redecorate the church interior, to lay linoleum, where needed, etc. A two week parochial school was held in Central, Rev. and Mrs. Nordlander conducting that school.

**Skagit County Lutheran Brotherhoods** held an outing at Bingham Park, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., in the afternoon of July 13. The speaker was Rev. C. A. V. Lund. Said organization is made up of all the Lutheran Brotherhoods of Skagit County, Washington.

**The 400th Anniversary** of the Augsburg Confession was observed Sunday evening, June 22, by the Bethlehem congregation, Sedro-Woolley, Washington, when the pastor, Dr. Joseph Anderson, gave an address on said confession.

**Gethsemane Church, Seattle**, added materially to its membership on Pentecost Sunday, when 27 catechumens were confirmed and when 22 communicants were received, accompanied by five children.

**Rev. C. G. Bloomquist** and family are spending their vacation in Des Moines, Ia., and other points in the East. The trip is made by auto. Rev. Bloomquist also attended the synod meeting.

**Rev. O. R. Karlstrom** and family are making an Alaskan trip their mode of vacationing.

**Student Harry Lundblad** will serve Trinity Church, Astoria, during August, while Rev. Andeen is out on conference errands. Up till that time he serves Bethany, Seattle, while Rev. Bloomquist is out on his vacation.

**Trinity Church, Astoria**, is reconstructing a building which stood on one of the lots acquired recently by the congregation as location for a new church. Said building is being reconstructed into a parish house. It will serve as place of worship until a new church can be built. The lots are located opposite Columbia Hospital grounds.

**The Board of Trustees** of the Columbia Conference held a meeting at the Confer-

ence Home for the Aged, Seattle, Tuesday July 8. While there we met Rev. J. Truedson, the chaplain of the home. He looks strong and healthy and his characteristic smile was even now on his face. Among those attending the board meeting was one of the newly elected trustees, Mr. Sven Goranson of Vancouver, B. C. The board will hold its next meeting September 16 at the same place.

**Luther Leaguers as guests.** The Aberdeen-Hoquiam Luther Leaguers had invited the Luther League of First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, to a rally, which was held at the Hoquiam church, Rev. C. J. Renhard, pastor, Sunday afternoon, June 22. This meeting proved a real treat to both hosts and guests. An inspirational program was rendered. A social hour around heaps of refreshments proved naturally also a pleasant feature of the rally.

**Mr. Carl O. Muhr**, student at our theological seminary in Rock Island for the past two years, was called to his home in Warren, Oregon, immediately upon the close of the spring semester, on the occasion of the death of his father, Mr. August Muhr. He has since stayed home with his mother, who has been of ill health. The Gethsemane church, Seattle, has now engaged his service till about Sept. 1.

**A cottage for girls** has been erected on the Portland dist. Luther League grounds in Colton. The dimensions are 20x24 with an 8 foot front porch. On June 14 a clearing party was held on said grounds to clear paths through the wooded area and to build a bridge over the creek, which so idealistically runs thru the entire grounds. 16 were present from Augustana church, Portland, 14 from Immanuel Church, Portland and 20 from Colton. The Colton Luther League served refreshments. It was a busy crowd and a great deal was accomplished during the hours spent there. It was a "picnic" to do the work in that way. The cottage was built by donated labor. It will accommodate 15 girls.

**Dr. C. A. Wendell**, who two years in succession served as Bible teacher and lecturer at our Bible Institutes in the Columbia Conference, served also in similar capacity at a Bible conference held at Idaho Falls, July 20-27.

**Rev. C. J. Renhard** and Mrs. Renhard were visitors at the Bible Institutes held recently in Colton. Rev. Renhard spoke in a very interesting manner at one of the campfire gatherings of said institute.

**Dr. G. A. Brandelle**, the president of the Augustana Synod, left for Sweden the same evening the Synod closed the last session of its recent convention in Rock Island. The occasion of the trip was the

eleven hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Ansgar at Birka. Ansgar was, as we remember, the one who first introduced the Christian doctrine in northern Europe. Said anniversary was celebrated Midsummer day. The 400th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession was celebrated in connection therewith. Those expected to attend were the bishops of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland; the president of the Augustana Synod, Dr. Brandelle, the president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and the president of the Danish Lutheran Church of America. Dr. Brandelle expected to stay in Europe only a month or six weeks.

**At the Synod meeting** the following were present from the Columbia Conference: Pastors G. K. Andeen, H. P. Johnson, J. A. Edlund, Ernest G. Svenson, C. J. Renhard, C. G. Bloomquist, N. Wm. Anderson, Wm. Siegel, Roger P. Oliver, Dr. H. F. H. Hartelius. Lay delegates, Attorney David E. Loigren Portland (Synodical Council), Edward Young, Tacoma, Alfred Ekholm, Troy, Idaho, Mr. Renblom, Seattle.

**A List of Pioneers** within the Augustana Synod was printed in the jubilee issue of the Augustana, the official Swedish organ of our Synod. Ninety-six pictures of such lay people, men and women, appear in said issue, which bears the date of June 5, 1930. Among these appear the pictures of three from our coast territory: Mrs. Christine Dahlin, Eugene, Ore., who has read Augustana for 42 years; Mrs. Clara Peterson, Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, who has read Augustana since 1891, thus for 59 years; Mr. P. N. Almquist, Warren, Ore., who has read Augustana for 56 years. Doubtless there are many others within our conference who have a like record in reading the said Synod organ.

**Mr. Otto Leonardson**, Secretary of Stewardship of the Augustana Synod, is at this writing a patient at the Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis, having suffered a nervous breakdown. The editor paid him a visit just before leaving Minneapolis on July 1. Mr. Leonardson is without question the most outstanding layman of our Synod today, an untiring worker for the church and an able man in handling finances. While there have been differences of opinion with reference to the advisability of a stewardship office within the Synod, all have with one accord given Mr. Leonardson the credit of being an outstanding financier for the church, and a faithful and wise worker.

**The Congregation at Mist, Oregon**, has repaired its church, decorated its interior and put in a new altar painting.



**Mission Meeting** will be held in Ione, Ore., September 2-3. Rev. G. K. Andeen and Rev. S. E. Johnson have been chosen to conduct that meeting. Mission meeting will be held in Astoria September 23-24. All pastors of the district are expected to attend except Rev. Edlund. The latter is excused from attending because of the cost of traveling from Marshfield to Astoria, which would be prohibitive.

**Dr. C. R. Swanson** underwent an operation at the Swedish hospital in Seattle on Wednesday, July 9. The operation was successful and the patient was doing well from the very start. Mr. Muhr, who substituted for Dr. Swanson, wrote under date of July 15: "If the present rate of improvement continues, he hopes to be able to leave the hospital within ten or twelve days." Dr. Swanson was present at the meeting of the conference board of trustees the day before the operation was performed. Said board met at that time at the Home for the Aged, Seattle.

**Mr. Samuel Edwins**, a student at the university of Minnesota, is spending the summer on the coast in the employ of Northrup King & Co. of Minneapolis, a seed firm. A year ago he spent his vacation here in the employ of the same firm. Mr. Edwins is a son of our first missionary to China, Dr. A. W. Edwins. He was one among the many from other states who visited the Bible Institute at Colton.

**Rev. P. N. Sjogren**, field secretary of the Synod Luther League, passed through Portland July 17 on his way to San Francisco. He will return to Portland about August 4 or 5. He is expected to appear at a meeting of the Luther League of Immanuel Church on the evening of the last named date.

**Mrs. Eric H. Wahlstrom** of Warren, Oregon returned home July 25 from an extended visit in the East. She attended the recent convention of the Woman's Mission Society of the Synod at Rock Island and the Synod meeting held there that same week (June, June 6-11). She also visited her parental home at Wausa, Wis.

**Rev. G. K. Andeen** was the speaker at the annual Sunday school and congregational picnic held in Warren on the 4th of July. The meeting was held in Mr. Axel Carlson's grove. A large crowd attended the programs as well as the dinner that was served. It is a beautiful way for a congregation to spend this holiday out in the open in good fellowship and enjoyment of the gifts that God bestows upon us.

**Dr. Conrad Bergendoff** arrived in Portland July 10 in response to an invitation to serve as lecturer at the Bible Institutes

at Colton and Lake Sammamish. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bergendoff. While in Portland they were guests at the Immanuel Church parsonage. A trip was made July 11 around the Mt. Hood loop in company with the dean of the Colton Bible Institute, Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom. Dr. and Mrs. Bergendoff spoke in terms of highest praise about the scenery of said "loop."

**Mission Meeting** was held in Brush Prairie, Wash., Rev. B. S. Nystrom, pastor, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8-9. English services were held in the evening of the first named date, when Rev. S. E. Johnson preached the sermon. On Wednesday 10:30 a. m. at Swedish services the sermon was preached by Rev. Rudolph Bloomquist. A discussion was held in Swedish in the afternoon, when Rev. S. E. Johnson introduced the subject "Followers of Christ." The closing services were held on Wednesday evening, when the sermon was preached by Rev. S. E. Johnson.

**Rev. Rudolph Bloomquist**, ordained at the last meeting of the Synod in Rock Island, Ill., is making a visit in his parental home in Brush Prairie, Wash., and otherwise with friends on the coast before taking up his pastorate in his new field in Chicago. Rev. Bloomquist took his high school course at Minnesota College, Minneapolis, his college course at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and his theological training at our seminary in Rock Island, Ill. Rev. Bloomquist was ordained on a call from Grace English Lutheran Church, Chicago.

**Rev. and Mrs. George N. Anderson**, missionaries from Africa, passed through Portland, Ore., July 4th on their way to California, where they will make speaking tours in the interest of the mission cause, and where they will visit relatives. On Sunday, August 3 Mrs. Anderson will appear in both churches in Portland. Rev. Anderson will appear that same day in Seattle.

**Miss Alta Samuelson**, home missionary of the Augustana Synod Young Women's Missionary Society, will spend her time in the Columbia Conference the first part of August. The first week of that month she will appear in different churches of the Portland district.

**The Pacific Synod** of the United Lutheran Church will conduct a campaign for a quarter of a million dollars equipment and endowment fund, starting on Sunday Sept. 28. The plan is to raise \$100,000 in the city of Seattle for a new building to be erected on the Pacific Seminary grounds, \$25,000 in the congregations of the synod and \$125,000 among friends in the East for endowment fund. The said seminary now

owns, without debt, a valuable 14-acre tract of land in the Laurelhurst district of Seattle not far from the University of Washington. On this are located five temporary buildings none of which is adequate for proper educational work. The present land value is approximately \$100,000 which added to invested securities of \$118,932.71 raises the assets to nearly \$220,000. It now proposes to erect a new building and to add endowment sufficient to increase the faculty.

**Rev. Ernest G. Svenson** attended the Synod meeting in Rock Island. On his return he visited friends in Chicago and also at Sioux Falls, S. D., where Mrs. Svenson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Olander Benson reside. His daughter, Miss Margaret, accompanied her father to her said grand parents. Mrs. Svenson together with Miss Emma Anderson edited the First Lutheran Church paper (Tacoma), the Parish Review, during the absence of Rev. Svenson. The congregation and Sunday school went on the steamer Vashona to Burton Sunday, June 29, where morning service was held and where a picnic was enjoyed during the day.

**Al Elgarose**, near Roseburg, Ore., mission meeting was held July 22-23. Those conducting the meeting were the pastors Ernst J. Sakrison, A. G. Anderson and H. P. Johnson. The meeting opened on the evening of the first named date with English services, when pastors Sakrison and Johnson preached the sermons. On the following morning services were held in Swedish, when the regular morning order of worship was used. The same two preached. At 2:00 p. m. a Swedish service was held, when the same two again spoke. In the evening of the last named date English communion services were held, when Rev. Sakrison preached the preparatory and Rev. Johnson gave the sermon. The central theme for the meeting centered around the believer and what he must do to continue in true faith. All the services were well attended. Rev. A. G. Anderson, pastor of Gresham-Elgarose congregations, presided. It was a joy to see so many kneeling that evening at the Lord's table. A memorial service was held at the grave of Dr. Edman at the close of the afternoon worship. Each one of the three pastors present spoke and appropriate hymns were sung.

**Beneficiaries.** Mr. Andrew J. Staffanson, Colton, Ore., who died recently, left in his will one hundred dollars to Carlsborg Luth. Church, Colton, and a like sum to Saron Luth. Church, Gresham. Mr. Per Erik Ostrom, Colton, whose demise also recently occurred, left in his will two hundred dollars to Carlsborg Luth. Church, Colton. He also remembered in his will the Beth-



phage Mission, Axtell, Neb. and the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society.

Mr. Arnold Nelson, of Fremont, Neb., who served as radio man in the U. S. navy for four years, is now employed by the Mackay Radio Co. in Portland. Mr. Nelson is a nephew of the Rev. Dr. Axel N. Nelson, pastor of our church in Center City, Minn.

Miss Lillian Swanson of Petersburg, Alaska visited her home in Portland during a portion of the past month, arriving there in time to be present at the Bible Institute in Colton during its closing day. Miss Swanson is a leading factor in the musical activities of the Lutheran Church in Petersburg.

Mrs. S. E. Johnson, Portland, president of the Columbia Conference Woman's Missionary Society, attended the meeting of the Synodical Woman's Missionary Society, Rock Island and the Synod meeting held at the same place June 6-11. On her trip she made a visit in Minneapolis and also in the former congregation of Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Johnson at Virginia, Minn.

Rev. J. A. Edlund is making a prolonged stay in the East in connection with his visit to the Synod meeting in Rock Island. His plan as he left Marshfield was to be gone two months.

Rev. H. P. Johnson arrived in Portland July 5 after having attended the Synod meeting in Rock Island. After said meeting he visited a brother in Chicago, his former congregation in Minneapolis and the community of his childhood, St. Hilaire, Minn. He also spent a little more than a day with friends at Center City and Chisago City, Minn. Sunday, June 22, he conducted services in the church of his childhood, nine miles west of St. Hilaire, Minn. Midsummer day he spoke at a church picnic east of St. Hilaire. Sunday, June 29, he preached at English and Swedish services in his former church in Minneapolis. The return trip was made through the Canadian Rockies via the Canadian Pacific, going by boat from Vancouver, B. C. to Seattle. He was accompanied as far as Minneapolis and back by his oldest daughter, Kathryn.

Father summoned. Sorrow claimed its part in the trip that your editor made to the recent Synod meeting, in that his father, Nels Johnson, passed away unexpectedly June 17 at his home in St. Hilaire, Minn., at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 26 days. Father was up and around in the day as usual. Shortly after midnight he suffered a heart attack and died in about an hour. He is survived by his wife in second marriage, by three sons, Rev. H. P. Johnson, Portland, Hjal-

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mar Johnson, Chicago, J. Edward Johnson, Wylie, Minn., and by a daughter, Miss Anna Johnson, Minneapolis. All were present at the funeral, which was held June 21. Father was born in Asarum parish, Blekinge province, Sweden. He was confirmed by Rev. O. C. T. Audren, the pious pastor, who, on leave of absence from the state church of Sweden, was for a while pastor in Moline, Ill. On his return to Sweden he became "kyrkoherde" in Asarum parish. There father was by him confirmed. Father came to America 1880. In 1882 he settled on a homestead about 325 miles northwest from Minneapolis. There he lived till he about fifteen years ago moved to St. Hilaire, about seven miles from the farm. He joined with his family the Swedish Lutheran Black River Church, July 30, 1882. The youngest son, John Edward bought the farm two years ago from his father after having taken care of it as renter for some years. Father is also mourned by a sister at Wylie, Minn., a sister and a brother in Sweden and a brother, Mr. August Elmquist, in Portland, Ore. Father was a faithful church member. We can not recollect an instance, when father did not attend services, when sickness did not make it impossible. He was a devout believer in Christ as his personal Saviour and had been so as long as our recollections go back. Almost all the 48 years he lived in the Black River—St. Hilaire parish he served as deacon of his church.

Abode of peace, my Father's home forever!  
 My weary soul in faith doth yearn for thee.  
 I homeward look to Thee, my Lord and Saviour,  
 To Thine abode of peace, eternally.  
 There is on earth no peaceful rest;  
 Our faith is weak, our souls oppressed,  
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