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God's Glory Declared

By H. P. J.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handy-work. Ps. 19: 1-2.

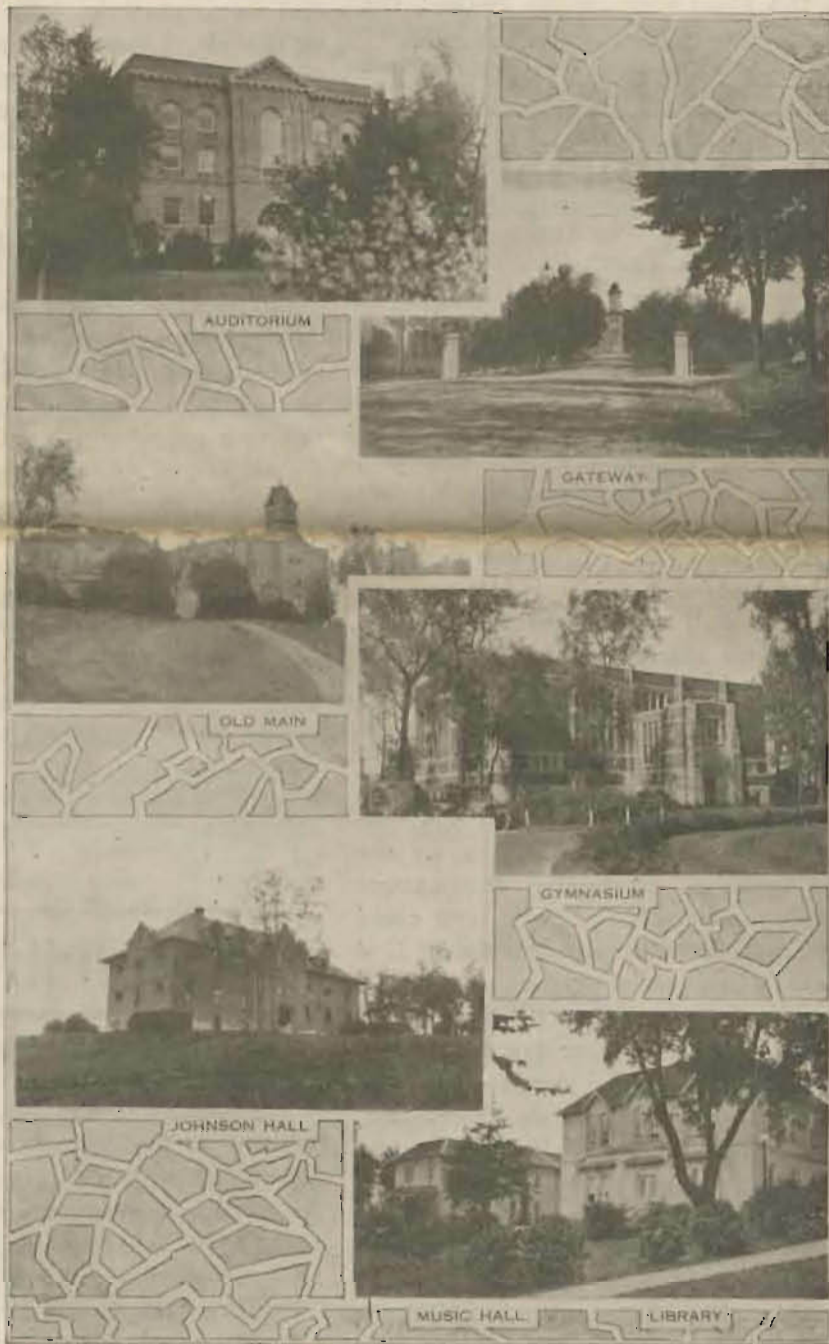
How beautiful, how poetic this word of the psalmist! It inspires us to lift our eyes heavenward. It invites us to behold the grandest of the external revelation of God's glory. It seems as if the psalmist would bid us each morning to go out from under our roofs, or to look out through the windows, if we can do no more, that we may behold celestial wonders of a new day. The sun rising in his glory, spreading out the splendor of his golden beams, making first ruddy the eastern sky, and then flooding the entire heavens with glorious oceans of light—o what wonders more beautiful and sublime could mortals here below ever wish to behold? Or let us gaze into the infinity of celestial space, as the evening shadows begin to lengthen. Behold the coloring on the western sky, the crimson, the purple and the many mixtures of tints and hues, so rich and so beautiful, that only the heavens could show such a spectacle. Or behold the night! How beautifully adorned with sparkling jewels God did make it! And in order that it might be so much more divinely attractive as a haven of rest and delight, God appointed seasons, when the moon should appear on her lofty throne to spread her flood of silvery light both over sky and earth. Such are the scenes that the psalmist invites us to behold. How kindly the invitation that bids us look up into such heavenly splendor! The scene becomes even dearer to our hearts, as we think of the peace that reigns there. O, how beautiful the scenes of the azure blue and of all the heavenly hosts of the spheres of light. O that our hearts and minds could drink of that peace, even as the flower drinks from the flood of light that is poured out each day upon its petal and leaf.

The heavens, says the psalmist, declare the glory of God; the firmament sheweth His handy-work. All that we behold, as we look up into the heavens, be it by day or by night, is to declare unto us the love, the wisdom and the majesty of the Almighty. Truly God has not left himself without testimony. The heavens extol Him and magnify Him. All creation praises Him and testifies to His omnipotence. Christ at least once preached a sermon from the mountain. God preaches to us even from the skies. His pulpit stands in the azure blue just as truly as it stands in the sanctuary built by man. It towers above the morning and the evening horizon, where light and darkness meet. It stands among the stars and on the moon. It has been given even a place among the clouds. From this pulpit God speaks. He preaches to us the sermon of the skies, even as Jesus preached the sermon on the mount. As He speaks from this pulpit, He bids us look at the glories of the firmament, even as Jesus bade us behold the lilies of the field and the fowls of the air. He bids

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Gustavus Adolphus College St. Peter, Minn.

A Minnesota Conference Institution



From the college shown above was graduated last spring a class of 107 from the college department, the largest college class of any similar institution in the history of our synod. Gustavus Adolphus College was founded 1863 by the late Dr. Erik Norelius. It comprises a College of Liberal Arts, an Academy and a School of Music, all courses being open to both sexes. Dr. O. J. Johnson has been the able president of the institution since 1913.

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Editorial

On Vacation

The editor and his family spent with Rev. E. J. Sakrison and his family two weeks at De Lake, Oregon, an ocean beach. The scenes near a vast expanse of water like the Pacific are most inspiring. At times they come to the soul with peace that is most serene. At other times they speak most especially of the power of the Almighty and of terrible judgments, as they lastly shall come upon the unrighteous. As we thank God for all that we receive from Him, so do we also as Christians praise Him for quickening days of rest and recreation, as He grants them unto us in the open and vast realms of His free nature.

Should we ever forget God, as we are out on vacation. Naturally the answer must be a most emphatic "no." How could it be possible for a Christian to forget God at a time, when special seasons of temporal blessings are most richly enjoyed. We know, however, that there are those, who sever themselves quite completely from God and the influence of His church during vacation time. Dear fellow Christians, may we never commit so serious a sin. May we always let nature's God keep us close to Him, as we enjoy the nature scenes, that through the ages were enacted by the Almighty, that our hearts might rejoice in their grandeur. Our vacation time is made up of days of grace, which God makes new for us each day. Let us remember that separation from God means spiritual death, whether we are at work or at play.

"The Bible is our first statement of the never-ending problem of man's destiny and God's way with men."—Carlyle.

Let Us Not Needlessly Duplicate

The importance of avoiding duplication in Lutheran church work is becoming among us more and more plain from year to year. We do not believe in amalgamating synods. That would not prove practical. The Lutheran church merged into one body would prove itself too bulky. But we do believe in our coming together as Lutheran groups with the result that, where two or more Lutheran churches are struggling in one little community and each one of them laboring under severe difficulties because of the limited field, these might come together and amalgamate into one. Naturally each synod insists, that its own interest as regards the general work shall be fairly protected, even as the above described policy is followed out. Fairness can, however, find full play if, as a general principle, the rule be observed, that if one synod gives up the field, where the other synod is the stronger and has there the oldest history, the other synod reciprocates in whatever field the reverse would prove true. This has already been tried in several localities, and the results have been most gratifying.

We cannot afford any longer stubbornly to stick to synodical limitations, where this means a senseless waste of mission funds for all concerned. Our congregations are becoming more and more overburdened with conference and synod financial demands. Grumbling is being heard here and there even among those, who are the most liberal supporters of the cause of our church. Wisdom is always a virtue, and greater wisdom than ever will be needed in the arrangement of our work for the future, in order that it may not suffer because of its own overweight in financial obligations unnecessarily imposed upon our people.

Contributed

Warren, Oregon

The Fourth of July was celebrated in Warren in the customary manner with a Sunday School and congregational picnic. A devotional program was held in the morning at 11. Rev. H. P. Johnson delivered a splendid address on the subject: "The Freedom of the Christians." In the afternoon a short program was given by the children. Rev. Johnson spoke on behalf of the Columbia Lutheran, and as a result received many new subscriptions and renewals for the paper. The weather was ideal, the woods beautiful, the eats plenty, and altogether it was one of the best outings that the congregation has had for many years.

E. H. W.

St. Helens, Oregon

July 7 was a festival day in St. Helens. The Luther League had invited the Girls' Chorus of the Immanuel church to give a concert in the First church of St. Helens. They came, together with many other friends from Portland, and gave a wonderful concert under the direction of Mrs. Rudolph Hanson. Rev. Johnson spoke on the text: "Sing unto the Lord a new song." After the concert both the singers and the audience gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Welinder, where the ladies of the church served lunch. A fine social time was enjoyed by all. Both the audience and the singers were agreed on expressing the hope that a visit like this might be repeated in the future.

E. H. W.

A Word of Appreciation

We feel very grateful here in Colton just now. We value the privilege of now being the host of the Portland District Bible Institute very highly. For a long time we have been looking forward to it with interest and anticipation. We are glad that there are many here who look upon the holding of the Bible Institute as the greatest event in the community during the year. We are glad that our Bible Institute may be the big thing in its home.

May it now be true that the interest that is found here in Colton for our Bible Institute also prevails in all the congregations in the Portland district.

A large measure of the credit for what this Bible Institute is goes to its deans, past and present. It is difficult for one who has not had the experience of rendering such service to realize how much work they have done to make this undertaking a success. The sincere interest that the pastors of the district have taken our Bible Institute this year is also of the greatest value. Thus it has received the needed publicity in the congregations and also through our splendid Conference paper, the Columbia Lutheran.

It goes without saying, that we here in Colton gladly do everything in our power in order that the Bible Institute may here have a pleasant and comfortable home.

The work that is done for this institution by all interested is such that we are confident that God shall grant to it the all important and vital thing, His blessings. Again permit us therefore, as host of the Portland District Bible Institute to say to all who have in one capacity or another helped to make it what it is our sincere, Thank you!

Ernst J. Sakrison.

We never get poorer by belonging to church, but we do miss out on many blessings by staying outside of God's kingdom.



The New Men's Dormitory, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn

The above building has just been completed at the cost of about \$150,000. With respect to architecture it is said to be the last word in arrangement and appearance.

Highlights from the National Convention of the W. M. S.

The convention was held at the Immanuel Church, Rockford, Illinois, with Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Bloomquist as gracious hosts.

It was inspirational from the very first service attended, which happened to be a 75th anniversary service at the First Church, Rev. Albert Loreen, pastor. It was indeed an inspiration to see that vast auditorium filled with confirmands, each class occupying the pew designated for that year. That gathering was proof of unequalled loyalty. The next evening, Friday, the same church was filled to capacity, this time for the purpose of celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Saturday was a big day. The afternoon was taken up with the Young Women's Congress, with addresses and reports of special interest to our young women. Posters were displayed and Columbia carried off 3rd prize which was awarded the set entered by the Y. W. M. S. of Grace, Spokane.

Saturday evening was the time set for Mothers' and Daughters' banquet. The food was soon forgotten because of the intensely interesting program which followed. All the speakers were women of course and each one in turn vied for supremacy in one's estimation until finally Mrs. Ewald "got up" and "talked up" every branch of our missionary work until we all were so "wound up" and "pepped up" that we felt we could "measure up" to almost any task, even to the request of "matching up" our banquet dollar with a dollar strictly for missions, which would make the sum of \$818. We were given that opportunity at the Mission festival Monday evening.

Sunday morning at the Emmanuel church we had the privilege of witnessing a baptismal service when 52 children were received into the church through Holy Baptism. Also the promotion of the primary department of the Sunday school, which was done before an audience of over 700 children. Then the regular service with Rev. J. W. Johnson, former pastor of the church, in the pulpit.

For Sunday afternoon it was rather hard to choose between the ordination service at the First church or the junior missionary rally at the Emmanuel. Both services were out of the ordinary and inspirational. From the junior reports we gleaned that we have only 400 J. M. S. in 1250 congregations.

Monday evening found us again in the First Church for the Missionary Festival Commissioning service, when three lovely young girls, Dr. Viola Fischer, Miss Ada Kron, and Miss Ruth Safemaster were commissioned to work in their respective foreign fields. At this service an offering was taken for the purpose of endowing a hospital bed in honor of Dr. Betty Nilsson's 25 year service. The goal was not reached at that service but was augmented next day and oversubscribed.

Tuesday evening brot the closing service of our convention. The program dealt with Home and Inner Missions, the main feature being an illustrated lecture "Bethphage," by Dr. C. A. Lonquist. He pictured in such a vivid manner the need for such an institution. In one statement he told of the manner of maintaining it, "God forced the founder of Bethphage down on his knees with an empty upturned hand. We have not been able to improve on that method."

Charlotta Engstrand, for many years a cheerful guest of Bethphage is asking from her friends who have children, to send \$1

for each normal child toward their new children's home. We should all deem it a privilege to be such a friend.

The devotionals during our sessions centered around the keynote "Saved to Serve." Aim: "Serve to Save." "Serve with a willing mind." "For Christ's love constraineth us."

We heard so many splendid messages from visiting missionaries, among whom we must mention the polished winning Dr. Ida Scudder, the unvarnished straight forward Dr. Mary Baer, the vivid greetings from the younger missionaries on furlough, and the simple testimonies of the missionary candidates.

The music during the convention we expected to be of the best of course but in reality it surpassed all expectations, especially to one who is unaccustomed to the devotional tones of the pipe organ.

Business? Yes, I almost forgot, there was plenty! But it will come out in detail in the Mission Tidings and I shall only mention the most thrilling decision of the whole convention, at least the most thrilling to the Columbia delegation. The last hour of the last session a motion was made that our next Building Special be a home for girls in New York City and one in Vancouver, B. C. A unanimous vote was taken, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving by Mrs. Frank Olson, and singing of the Doxology. There was a tear of joy in almost every eye.

The hospitality could not be excelled. Our hostesses with the Rev. and Mrs. Bloomquist at the head had forgotten nothing that could add to our enjoyment or comfort.

May these blessed hours spur us on to greater zeal in our Master's service.

By request,

Mrs. L. Cornay.

Divine Appraisalment

By REV. G. A. HERBERT

Text: Luke 16: 18.

God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

In the world of business there are men called appraisers who estimate the value of goods or property. They are experts who set a price upon the article after having looked it over. In the real estate business the appraiser tells you the value of your property. In the motor car world the appraiser tells you how much your old car is worth and how much you will be allowed for it when purchasing a new car. Many times we think the appraiser is faulty in his appraisals. Most of the time we think he sets the price too low. According to the opinion of many appraisers are far from being perfect.

We are all appraisers, more or less. We are appraisers of human character, of men's reputations, of clothes that other people wear, of the wealth one possesses, of each other's abilities and talents and accomplishments. We appraise the value of almost everything in life. And our appraisals differ. We appraise the worth of a concert, a sermon, a lecture, a painting, a solo, etc. To one it may be considered to be great and of the highest value; to another the same thing may be deemed inferior or even worthless. With reference to a certain individual one will tell you of the awful reputation of this same person. What one considers superior is inferior to another; what is great to one is nothing to another. It shows, after all, that our appraisals are faulty. We are far from being expert appraisers. There is only one who is a perfect appraiser. "God knoweth your hearts." What men may consider to be great and of the highest value may be inferior or worthless in the appraisal of God, who sees, knows and understands all things. "That which is highly esteemed among men may be an abomination in the sight of God." This is to say that our appraisals are often faulty. We do not consider the real and lasting values of life. We are deceived by appearances or by the flattery and opinions of men. What appears to be great and valuable may not be so if looked upon in the Divine light. To determine the greatness and value of things we must consider them in terms of eternity.

The common notion is that money is the most valuable thing there is. It is true that we all need money and cannot get along without it but is it the highest good? A man who acquires a lot of money is considered great. We do not stop to consider how he got his money or what kind of a character he has. The man who is poor is considered a failure in life. Mankind does not honor him but rather looks down upon him. A poor man is usually not popular. We seek the companionship of those who have money. The wealthy are classed high in society. But is this a right appraisal? Is money the highest good? A multi-millionaire died a few years ago. A newspaper man who furnished material for a syndicate of papers wrote an article on the life of this man. A number of the newspapers refused to print the article. One paper stated the reason for this action in the following statement: "The man was merely rich; that was all there was to his life." This approaches more closely to a correct appraisal than the usual ones. Riches are corruptible; they can be destroyed; they can be lost. Riches cause worry and many times riches tempt to dishonesty and other grievous crimes. "What can a man give in exchange for his soul?" "Lay up for

yourself treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal."

One who has acquired a great deal of property is also considered great in this world. There is no wrong in holding much property but is this only the highest good? Nations are considered great who acquire the most territory. That is considered a great national honor. But the land can be lost and this earth will be destroyed and the nations of the world will have their end sooner or later. "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul?" "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you." To have a share in the heavenly kingdom is the sign of real greatness. Have you ever appraised the value of heaven? It is worth more to you than all your property on earth.

Among men it is considered great to be a victor in war, to make an oceanic earo-plane flight, to win a boxing match, to reach the North Pole, etc. And they are great but not the greatest. A man may have the applause of the world for his achievements but if he leaves God out of his life then he has not attained real greatness. "Whosoever shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

It is deemed great in this world to be elected or appointed to a federal, state or municipal office. And it is really great. To serve the country, state or municipality is a great and laudable service. "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." A public servant would not forget that the greatest honor and privilege is to be a servant of Jesus Christ and of his fellow men. Let us consider in the divine light what is really the greatest. May God make us divine appraisers.

What is your life, your soul worth? How much would you sell your life for? The way many live life is worth nothing or very little. Many give very little attention to their soul. It is not fed with that which can sustain it—the Word of God. The appraisal of the human soul is faulty with many. But God is a perfect appraiser. Just think of it; He appraises your soul as being worth more than all the riches of the world. "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Do not sell your soul. Let God take care of your soul.

"Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration" in 1933 will make religion a prominent feature by including in its program a "Parliament of Religions."

Items of Interest

Dr. Emil Lund, pastor of our synod and editor of Minnesota Stats Tidning, St. Paul, Minn., sailed from New York July 17th for a visit to Sweden. Mrs. Lund accompanied him.

Rev. C. J. Renhard, vice president of our Conference, paid, with Mrs. Renhard, a visit to Portland, July 9th. They also extended the trip to Colton and were again in Portland July 10 on the occasion of the reception held in Augustana Church for the new pastor. While in Portland Rev. Renhard investigated the possibilities of procuring art windows of preferable style for his church in Hoquiam, which he now has under construction.

Rev. G. K. Andeen, Conference president, spent July 2nd in Portland consulting with such as hold notes against Columbia Hospital. He was the following day in Warren, Ore., on the same errand. To Portland he came from Seattle, where he had been assisted by Rev. C. G. Bloomquist in his efforts in the interest of above named institution. Later he also visited Gresham and other places in the errand.

Rev. Enoch Sandeen has, on the occasion of the Bible Institute in Colton, Ore., issued a twenty page booklet with cover design representing Christ teaching from the boat. The publication abounds in pictures. Some of these represent biblical scenes. Others are those of speakers, soloists, choirs and choruses, committee members and officers; the picture of the local pastor and one of Miss Ruby Lekander, who is in charge of the confirmation class encampment of the institute. The booklet also shows nature scenes, as they may be beheld at Colton and its vicinity. Each Luther League of the district paid for its own cut and made donation for the space used. Rev. Sandeen is the dean of the Bible Institute.

Prof. S. J. Sebelius of our seminary quotes in The Augustana Quarterly Dr. J. Haussleiter, noted theologian, as having made the statement, that no one should be called to become professor of theology, who is not at least fifty years old. The remark was made at a coffee party at which Prof. Sebelius was present in Eisenach, Germany, 1923. Dr. Haussleiter was professor of theology at the University of Greifswald, Germany. He died November 2, 1928, at the age of 78. The above remark by the noted professor gave evidence of the high regard for ripened experience and maturity of mind, that is prevalent in the old strongholds of culture and learning.

The first English sermon as an opening message to an annual convention of the Mission Covenant of America was preached at the last annual convention of said religious body, held in Princeton, Ill. last June. The opening convention sermon had each year up till that time been given in Swedish. At this convention the Covenant decided to make English its official language.

Prof. A. A. Stomberg of the University of Minnesota visited the editor at Portland July 11 together with his son Carl, who practices medicine in Everett, Wash., and with whom Prof. and Mrs. Stomberg are spending a portion of the summer. In the last issue we made a mistake in stating that Prof. and Mrs. Stomberg were visiting with their son Dwight. The latter is practicing medicine in Duluth, Minn.

Rev. J. Levin, Portland, is about the same as he has been for some years. At times his ailment causes him a great deal of pain and discomfort, especially at night time. He assures us, that God is his comfort and strength and that his hope is firmly anchored in Him, who died that we eternally might live.

Three deacons of Immanuel church, Portland, conducted the services in said church during the absence of the pastor July 14 and 21. The three were: Mr. Adolph Benson, treasurer of the Conference Brotherhood, Mr. Eric Ulin and Mr. F. O. H. Sundbom. The first named conducted the English services and the other two alternated in conducting the Swedish worship.

Dr. H. P. Linnér, a physician and surgeon in Minneapolis, prominent in his profession and also prominent among the laymen of the Minnesota Conference, submitted to a surgical operation some time ago. He is now rapidly convalescing. Dr. Linnér is a member of the Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and has for many years been very active in church circles of his city and conference.

Rev. P. H. Nordlander, Conference treasurer, has sent to the pastors and also to the treasurers of the different congregations of the conference an appeal for installments due on the regular appropriations to the conference and synod. With the appeal was enclosed a statement showing how each of the conference congregations stands with the conference treasurer. According to this statement very little has as yet come in on the conference and synod budget. Rev. Nordlander pleads for a speedy response to his call for funds and makes it plain, that, if the congregations ignore his plea, he will be seriously handicapped in meeting the urgent obligations of the conference.



Rev. Samuel E. Johnson and family.

Rev. Johnson has recently taken up his work as pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Carl J. Silversten of Duluth, Minn., has been spending a portion of the summer on the coast visiting different congregations in an effort to gather material for a history of the Swedish Finns of this country. Some years ago he visited Finland and wrote at that time a book on his observations there. Rev. Silversten is well qualified as an author and has written many fine selections of poetry.

Dr. C. A. Hemborg writes in a very novel and interesting way about the different migrations he has made, which have always been westward. The first one was from Sweden to Chicago. His first move from the college and seminary in Paxton, Ill., was, after his ordination in Rockford, Ill., to Gowrie, Iowa, his first charge — a westward move. He also served in Dayton, Iowa, for 18 years. After having served for some years as pastor of First Lutheran Church, (Moline, Ill., a call came to him from the more extreme west, from the Eden congregation in Riverside, California. Then, after some years, the call came to go a little farther west, namely to Los Angeles, where he served temporarily the Angelica church. In his article, which appears in the July issue of The Augustana Quarterly, he makes quite a play on the westward trend, which has characterized his life throughout. Dr. Hemborg was ordained 1874 and belongs thus to the pioneers of our synod. Besides being a theologian he has specialized extensively in astronomy.

Rev. E. C. Bloomquist, former pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, visited his former charge and took part in services there on Sunday, July 14th. Mrs.

Bloomquist accompanied him. Rev. Bloomquist was on the coast as a speaker at a Bible Institute conducted at that time at Loon Lake, near Spokane, Wash.

Pastors visiting Seattle in July were Rev. C. O. Lundquist, San Francisco, Cal., Rev. G. W. Henry, Pasadena, Cal., Rev. E. C. Bloomquist and Mrs. Bloomquist, Rev. C. J. Silversten.

Skagit County Brotherhood met on Sunday, July 14th in our church at Sedro Woolley, Wash., Dr. Jos. A. Anderson, pastor. On invitation Rev. C. G. Bloomquist was present and addressed the meeting on "Christian Men." Rev. Bloomquist describes the brotherhood as being very much alive. Men from all the Lutheran churches of the county constitute the membership of this organization.

Mr. C. E. Johnson of Wausau, Wis., has since early spring been visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Eric H. Wahlstrom, the latter being his daughter. He returned to his home July 31. Before leaving for the East he made with Rev. and Mrs. Wahlstrom a trip through the McKenzie Pass, Grants Pass and up to Crater Lake.

Mr. John Luther Anderson, brother of the late Rev. A. V. Anderson, made a trip to the East, where he visited among other places his childhood home community in Pennsylvania. On June 26th he was married to Miss Amanda Gemilla Johnson. The ceremony was read at the home of the latter's brother in Rock Island, Ill. Mr. Anderson has for several years been engaged in the jewelry business in Hillsboro, Ore., and is a member and a deacon in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore.

Two pastors of our synod have passed away, since the last issue of our paper reached its readers. Rev. J. A. Wagner, pastor of our church in Cokato, Minn., died suddenly from heart failure on Tuesday, July 9 at the age of sixty years. Funeral was held July 12. Rev. Carl H. Rask, a seminary classmate of our conference secretary, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, and pastor of our church in Kane, Penn., passed away July 16 at the age of forty-five years. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 18 at Kane and Friday, July 19 at Grassflat, Penn.

Rev. Carl A. V. Lund was given a farewell reception by the pastors of the Western Chicago District at the Nordic Country Club June 28 before moving to Mt. Vernon, Wash., to take up his work at Salem Lutheran Church as successor to Rev. M. L. Swanson. We have not at this writing been informed as to whether or not Rev. Lund has as yet arrived at Mount Vernon.

A rather unique reception, and no doubt unusual in the case of a pastor, was recently tendered Rev. Walter A. Tillberg, pastor of Trinity Luth. Church, Moline, Ill., when a breakfast was given in his honor at Le Clair Hotel in appreciation of his loyal service in behalf of Moline civic enterprises and as a member of the aviation committee of the Moline Association of Commerce. Rev. Tillman was at the occasion presented with a new automobile purchased with funds contributed by seventy-two persons, who were all present at the festive breakfast. The presentation was made by John Hobbs of Moline, civic leader and manufacturer.

"My Church," an illustrated Lutheran Manual, corresponding in contents to the Swedish publication "Korsbanéret" is to have a new edition. Dr. S. J. Sebelius, professor at our seminary in Rock Island, has been chosen for this important position. This little book, which we so welcome at Christmas time, when the new annual issue first comes out, has in the past been ably edited by Rev. Ira Oliver Nothstein, A. M., librarian of Augustana College and Theol. Seminary. The last one issued was volume 14. Dr. Sebelius announces, that those who desire to have articles appear in this publication should send them to him as soon as possible. Pictures or cuts of newly built churches (exterior only), with descriptive material, will be accepted. All articles must be very brief. Until Sept. 6 Dr. Sebelius' address will be 1602 Hughitt Ave., Superior, Wis.

Sen. Henry N. Benson, St. Peter, Minn., was one of the delegates who attended the Lutheran World Convention recently held in Copenhagen, Denmark. Sen. Benson is one of the foremost leaders among the

laymen of the Augustana Synod. For many years he has been president of the board of directors of Gustavus Adolphus College. He is a very able speaker and deeply interested in the cause of our church.

The Columbia Conference Luther League will meet at the First Luth. Church, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 31—Sept. 2. Jointly with the conference organization the Tacoma—Mt. Baker Dist. Luther League will hold its annual meeting. As to reservations the one who has these in charge, Miss Emma Anderson, writes the following: "Reservations, for yourself and delegates, must be in my hands not later than August 23. We would like to accommodate all our guests, during this convention, but we know that will be impossible, so we are asking for this information. If reservations are not sent in, we can not guarantee that delegates will be taken care of in the homes, but may have to stay at hotels."

Mrs. Carl E. Cederberg of Niobe, N. D., has for the last few weeks been visiting at her parental home in Portland, Ore. Her husband, Rev. Carl E. Cederberg, has accepted a call to the Chisholm—Buhl charge in northern Minnesota. He has for a number of years been laboring on the mission fields in North Dakota with headquarters at Niobe.

Boards meet. The board of the conference Woman's Missionary Society met in Seattle Friday, July 26. The Board of Trustees of the Emanuel Hospital in Portland met at the hospital Thursday, July 11, and Monday, July 29. The Board of the Columbia Hospital met at Astoria in the office of said institution Monday, July 8.

The Bible Institute in Colton promises at this writing to be a great success. The dean, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, has spent a great deal of time in visiting the different Luther Leagues of the district in the interest of the institute. A large number had already a week before the opening of the institute registered for the institute sessions and programs. A large chorus consisting of members from different leagues met in Augustana church, Portland, Friday, August 2nd to rehearse for the part it will take in the institute programs Sunday, August 11.

The Walther League of the Missouri Synod, a young people's organization corresponding to our Luther League, maintains sixteen hospices throughout the land. The roster which follows shows their location: Those for young men and young women: Buffalo, N. Y., Chicago, Ill., Cleveland, O., Detroit, Mich., Edmonton, Alta, Canada, Los Angeles, Cal., New

York City, Omaha, Neb., San Francisco, Cal., Sioux City, Ia., Washington, D. C. Those for women only: Evanston, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., St. Louis, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn. A hospice for men only is maintained at Milwaukee, Wis. Guests must bring credentials from their respective pastors, from which we infer that the hospices are open to Missouri Synod members only.

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom has given negative answer to a call received from our church at Falconer, N. Y.

Mr. Carl Muhr, theological student from our seminary in Rock Island, conducted services Sunday, July 28, in his home church in Warren, Oregon.

Miss Margaret Wendell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Wendell, Minneapolis, is touring the West with her father, the latter being here as lecturer for the Lutheran Bible Institutes.

Mr. Chester Johnson, treasurer of Immanuel Luth. Church, Portland, has with Mrs. Johnson been touring the East. Among other places Mr. and Mrs. Johnson visited Boston, Mass., Washington, D. C., Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., Minneapolis, Minn., etc. Mr. Johnson's parental home is in Boston.

An anniversary social was held Friday, August 2, by the Dorcas Society of our church in Warren, Ore., Rev. Eric Wahlstrom, pastor. The speaker of the evening was Dr. C. A. Wendell of Minneapolis. Rev. H. P. Johnson and family were also present on invitation. Our people at Warren had very generally turned out for this festive occasion. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Rev. A. M. Green, superintendent of Emanuel Hospital, Portland, was on Friday, July 26 pleasantly surprised by the nurses and office personnel of the institution, the occasion being his birthday. Miss Edith Bergquist, superintendent of nurses, spoke words of congratulations and well-wishes in behalf of those assembled. The senior class of the training school sang, as did also Miss Henrietta Johnson. Birthday gifts were also presented to Rev. Green. Pleasant moments were spent around the festive table, which was loaded with many good things, the most conspicuous among them being a large birthday cake.

Mr. Samuel Edwins, a son of Dr. A. W. Edwins, missionary in China, is spending the summer on the coast as a salesman for Northrup King Seed Co., Minneapolis. His territory covers northwestern Oregon, with Portland as headquarters. Mr. Edwins is a student at the University of Minnesota with the object in view of finally going out to China as medical missionary.

Rev. F. W. Wyman, field secretary of Foreign Mission for the Augustana Synod, will tour the West, beginning his trip in August. The editor is unacquainted with the itinerary of his trip. He will give an illustrated lecture in Immanuel, Portland, August 20.

Supporting the Ministry. The Augustana Lutheran Brotherhood at its meeting in Rockford, Ill., among many other resolutions also adopted the two following: "Resolved, to make effort to interest and support young men in the preparation for the holy ministry, as well as work on the mission field. Also sustain the pastor in carrying on his work."

Board Members Elected. At the synodical meeting in Rockford, the following members were elected to serve on the Board of Foreign Missions: Dr. O. J. Johnson, re-elected; Rev. J. A. Benander, re-elected; Mr. E. E. Renquist of Gowrie, Iowa, re-elected; Mr. N. P. Benson, Minneapolis, Minn., re-elected. For unexpired term: Rev. Albert Loreen, Rockford, Ill.

Minister's Sons Ordained. Of the candidates ordained at the synodical convention at Rockford, Ill., the following are sons of pastors within the synod: Rudolph V. Samuelson, Mead, Nebr.; Clifford A. Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clarence T. Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. Philip Holmberg, Harcourt, Iowa; C. Axel Eriksson, Moose Jaw, Sask., Canada; Vernon E. Ryding, Rock Island, Ill.; Henry Hokenson, Quincy, Mass.; Joseph E. Bergquist, East Orange, N. J., and David Ostergren, of Albert City, Iowa. Lewin W. Yost of Port Byron, Ill., is also a minister's son, and was ordained at the same time. His father was not a minister of our synod.

A Jubilee Edition of Luther's Small Catechism has been issued by a committee consisting of the following, representing synods as indicated: Rev. J. N. Anderson, chairman, Norw. Luth. Church; Dr. E. M. Poppen, secretary, Joint Synod of Ohio; Dr. G. A. Fahlund, Augustana Synod; Dr. S. J. Sebelius, Augustana Synod; Rev. K. M. Mathiesen, United Danish Church; Dr. M. Reu, Synod of Iowa; Rev. J. Bodensick, Synod of Iowa; Dr. J. Sheatsley, Joint Synod of Ohio; Rev. Geo. Sverdrup, Lutheran Free Church; Dr. C. A. Mellby, Norwegian Luth. Church; Dr. G. A. Getty, United Luth. Church; Dr. John C. Mattes, United Luth. Church. The book bears the title: Luther's Small Catechism, 1529-1929. The different chapters bear titles as follows: Ch. 1: "The Origin of the Greatest Small Book in the World"; Ch. 2: "The Victorious March of the Catechism Through the World"; Ch. 3: "The Use Made of the Catechism in the Past"; Ch. 4: "The Excellencies of the Catechism and

Its Significance for the Present." There is a preface to the catechism portion as such, which bears the title "Martin Luther to All Faithful and Godly Pastors and Preachers: Grace, Mercy and Peace, in Jesus Christ, Our Lord." The catechism part is rich in illustrations copied from the original one issued by Martin Luther himself. It is indeed a fitting jubilee book issued on the occasion of the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's Small Catechism. It is published by the Augustana Book Concern and costs, in cloth binding, 75 cents.

The Gethsemane congregation, Seattle, stands ready to begin the erection of a new edifice for worship. The following was received from Dr. C. R. Swanson, the pastor: "At a special congregational meeting, held July 17th, the Gethsemane Church at Seattle, Wash., passed the following resolutions in reference to its building program: 1st) That the congregation withdraw from the market the selling of the lots on Union and Minor ave. 2d) That the congregation uses the lots on Union and Minor Ave. as the site for the new church edifice. 3d) That the congregation commences building and completing the basement and installing necessary equipment, when \$20,000 has been raised and is on hand, same to be occupied until the church edifice can be completed. 4th) That the congregation takes immediate steps to continue the raising of funds for the new church. These resolutions were passed with a majority of five to one, and a fine spirit of unity prevailed. The building committee is now busy preparing plans and specifications to be submitted to the congregational for approval at the earliest possible date, and no time nor effort will be spared in raising the necessary funds."

Rev. V. G. Ogren has with his family made a tour of the coast. Visits were especially made to Spokane, where Mrs. Ogren's parents reside. Some time was spent at Seaside, Ore. A visit was also made to Portland, where Rev. Ogren some years ago served as pastor of Augustana church.

Mr. Carl Moberg, Astoria, Oregon, is now well again after having gone through an operation at Columbia Hospital for sinus trouble. Mr. Moberg is a member of the Columbia Hospital board and a leader among our laymen of the conference.

Dr. H. W. Quist, a well known physician and surgeon of Minneapolis, a member of the medical staff of The Swedish Hospital of that city and owner of the Quist Clinic in Minneapolis, visited together with his son, Henry Quist Jr., the editor and family during the first week in July. They also visited Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., re-

turning home via the Canadian route with stop-off at Lake Louise, Alta, Canada. Dr. Quist is a trustee of Zion Church, Minneapolis, the president of the local Brotherhood, and an enthusiast for our church and its institutions.

Mr. F. W. Lonegren, editor of Oregon Posten, was for some time unable to be at his office on account of ill health. We are glad to state that his health has of late greatly improved, and that he now is able to be about his work again. Mr. and Mrs. Lonegren are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland.

Rev. Samuel E. Johnson arrived with his family from Virginia, Minn., on July 4 to take up his work in his new parish, the Augustana Luth. Church, Portland. He preached there his initial sermon the following Sunday. On Wednesday evening, July 10, a reception was held in the Augustana Church, for him and his family. The program consisted of a number of very fine musical selections and welcome addresses given by Rev. A. M. Green, who presided, Rev. H. P. Johnson, Rev. C. J. Renhard, Rev. Enoch Sandeen, and Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison. Mr. Sherman Nelson spoke on behalf of the deacons and Mr. J. E. Wallin in behalf of the trustees. The latter also presented to Rev. Johnson a gift in money on behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Johnson received a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Rev. Johnson expressed the thanks of himself and family for the reception and the gifts. Refreshments were served after the close of the program.

Mr. John Olof Nordin, Portland, Ore., died at his home Wednesday, July 31 at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 16 days. Mr. Nordin came to America 1893 and to Portland 1900 from Fruithurst, Alabama. In Portland he joined Immanuel Church June 3, 1900. He joined the Augustana Church, Portland, 1907, where he has been a member of the board of deacons for many years. Funeral services were held in Augustana Church Saturday, August 3.

Bible Vacation School was held at Mesiah, Auburn, two weeks in June. The enrollment was 26. The following two weeks school was held at Bethel, Tacoma, where 28 were enrolled. The pastor had charge. The children were interested and profited by it.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Bethel, Tacoma, Saturday, July 13. The occasion was the 15th anniversary of Bethel. A fine program was rendered, after which a social time was held.

The Home for the Aged, Seattle

By REV. C. G. BLOOMQUIST

Occasion is afforded us about every week and sometimes several times a week to visit the Home for the Aged. It is always a real pleasure to do so. The members of the same are satisfied and happy in every way and that lends an atmosphere of joy to the entire institution. That this attraction to the Home is rather common among people who know the same is attested by the fact that very many people visit it from time to time. On January 23rd, the Ladies' Aid of the Swedish Mission Tabernacle visited it; April 22, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod, Mrs. Emma Ewald of Chicago; on May 16th, the W. M. S. of the Bethel congregation in Seattle; on June 12th, the Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical Swedish Free Church; on June 18th, the church choir of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Seattle; on June 23rd the Girls' Service League of the Lutheran Church at Everett; and on July 11th, the W. M. S. of the Bethany Luth. Church, Seattle; on July 17th, the Gethsemane Church, Seattle, through one of its auxiliaries, visited the same. Appropriate programs are rendered at these meetings, refreshments are served and in many instances collections are lifted among the visitors and given to the Home.

The Home has been filled for a long time and for that reason we are unable to do anything for the many who apply for admission. Mrs. Maria Steenberg passed away on July 8. Anton Carlson and John Lunke have been admitted in recent months. John Johnson is on a trip to Sweden and John Hanson has visited in Minnesota during the summer.

On the Mountain Top

We sure are glad that we went to Lake Sammamish to see and hear. We received so much out of this Bible Institute. We met the young folks, the growing up generation. We heard about the Bible. We got inspiration, understanding, love. We were so to speak led to the mountain top with God to view the wonders of creation, both in a spiritual and material sense. I for one was awake on Sunday morning and saw the sun rise above the hill tops over Lake Sammamish. A little later we saw some of the young folks come right out of bed, from their respective sleeping quarters, and into the lake to take their morning plunge. A little later as the sun was scattering the mist over the lake we were sitting on the hotel veranda enjoying a cup of coffee with some friends, and never has coffee tasted better than it did at Lake Sammamish five o'clock on this

Sunday morning. Again at seven o'clock we heard the singing of hymns ringing through the morning air, from down by the lake shore. The sunrise services had started, and young and old were praising God for this beautiful morning. At the same time motorboats were sputtering in the far distance, and rowboats were gliding lazily over the silvery surface of the lake, in the morning sun.

When do we eat? At eight o'clock the bell was ringing for breakfast, and some more coffee, and I'll say it tasted good. Yes! It was all good. A. G. A.

Lutherans To Build In Athens

Athens, Greece, is soon to have a church building for its German Lutheran congregation, which for one hundred years has worshipped in the chapel of the royal castle. It is said that Athens stands almost alone among metropolitan cities of the world in the absence of a German Lutheran church.

During the past decade and a half of upheaval and unrest, the congregation at Athens has been compelled to depend largely upon its own resources. Two years ago the Gustav Adolph Association, meeting at Graez, voted to donate a site for the building. An appropriation equal to the cost of the site was put at the disposal of the congregation by the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Churches of Germany. Still lacking 200,000 marks of the amount required for the building of the church, the Executive Committee has asked the state churches of Germany to announce a special contribution throughout their congregations for this purpose. The Lutheran Church of Bavaria and a number of the smaller state churches have already approved the plan, and it is believed that it will be successful in securing the needed funds.

In the appeal to the state churches it is pointed out that Athens, where Paul the Apostle stood as a witness for Christ, deserves consideration as a center for the teaching of Lutheran doctrine.

God's Glory Declared

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us, even as He speaks from the heavens above, to lay all our cares upon Him, for He careth for us.

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