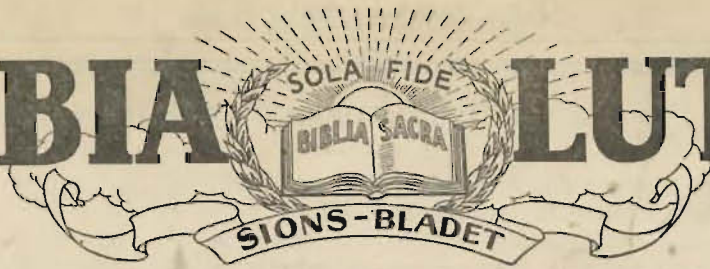


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Farewell Festival at Bethany, Seattle

A beautiful farewell reception was held at Bethany, Seattle, July 30, in honor of Rev. C. G. Bloomquist and family on the eve of Rev. Bloomquist's departure for McPherson, Kansas, where he will become the pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

The church had been appropriately decorated with huge baskets of lilies and greens and the appearance of the House of God was that of exalted beauty. Touching song was rendered by the singers of Bethany and talks were offered by various pastors present. At the conclusion of the program, Mr. Carl Johnson, president of the board, and Mrs. C. Anderson, president of the Ladies' Aid, spoke briefly and presented Rev. and Mrs. Bloomquist each a gold watch. Refreshments were served after the program.



The Luther League convention at Hoquiam, Sept. 1-3, promises to be of special interest to all the young people of the conference. During the last two years, the Puget Sound has been the scene of convention boat excursions and many delegates, young and old, from all parts of the conference have taken part in these pleasant hours. This year the delegates are offered even greater variety and for many it will be a singular occasion. The Hoquiam leaguers have set as their goal the best outing possible at a conven-

tion. They are so close to the ocean so that the waters sometimes seep into the streets—at least so they say! Now they invite the leaguers to their own wonderful ocean for an all day outing! And according to reports from the various districts, towns and cities, Hoquiam is going to have a crowd. The convention program includes inspirational music, talks and discussions. Among the speakers are men of the type of William Siegel, pastor of the Grace Church, Spokane, J. A. Martin, pastor of the Trinity Church, Asto-

ria, Paul Randolph, pastor of the Augustana Church, Portland, Harry Lundblad, pastor of the First Church, Bellingham, E. A. Larson, pastor of the Bethel Church, Tacoma, Conrad Hoyer, student pastor of First, Tacoma, and Lawrence Holt, student pastor of Gethsemane, Seattle.

And yet, the cost is only \$2.25. This includes the banquet on Saturday evening, meals on Sunday, room, outing etc.

Our young people are indeed headed for an interesting convention.



REV. C. G. BLOOMQUIST
Seattle, Wash.

Rev. Bloomquist came to this conference in 1923 as pastor of the Augustana Church, Portland. He moved to Seattle in 1927 to succeed Rev. O. B. Hansen, who had resigned in favor of Chicago. During his labors in the Columbia Conference he has shown great interest in various undertakings of the conference. His first official position outside of his own congregation was tendered him shortly upon his arrival in Portland, when he was elected member of the Emanuel Hospital Board of that city and also Secretary of the board. Later he succeeded Rev. G. K. Andeen as Secretary of the conference, a position which he held until the resignation a few days ago.

In the resignation of Rev. Bloomquist the conference loses one of its best known pastors. Having been a member of the conference board for these many years, Rev. Bloomquist has had ample opportunity to make his influence felt, and it is not more than

just to him to state that most of the measures taken by the conference during these years have had their beginning with Rev. Bloomquist. It is impossible to know how many calamities actually have been averted by his skill and self-sacrificing endeavors. That his absence in the conference will be very much felt is obvious.

A call has been extended to Rev. Roger P. Oliver of Moscow, Idaho, to become Rev. Bloomquist's successor. In the meantime the work will be carried on under the leadership of Rev. Enoch Sandeen of Bethel, Seattle, who has been elected the vice pastor.

Warren, Oregon, Mourns the Loss of One of Its Noblest Members

The Bethany congregation at Warren, Ore., has again been visited by the Messenger of Death, and mourns the departure of Charles Johnson, who died at the Emanuel Hospital, Portland, July 7. Funeral services were held at the church July 11 in the presence of a host of friends and relatives. Songs were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. John Israel-

son. Rev. A. J. Pierce, pastor of the church, spoke words of comfort, using Paul's words in I Phil. 21-23 as the text.

The departed friend was born in Korsnäs, Finland, Oct. 23, 1883, and came to America in 1901 and to Warren in 1907, where he has served well the congregation and the community which remained his home until death. He was member of the School Board of Warren for a period of 12 years and of the Board of Deacons of Bethany for 18 years. In all his words, actions and relations he proved himself a Christian gentleman, always ready to do the right thing at the right moment. He is survived by a widow, Mathilda, two children, Selma and Lawrence, an aged mother, Sophia Johnson, and a brother, John E. Johnson, all of Warren.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding bells rang last Sunday in Zion, Everett, where Rev. John Bildt and Mrs. Ruth Engberg of Troy, Idaho, were united in holy matrimony. The act took place just prior to the morning service and was conducted by Rev.

Enoch Sandeen of Seattle, who eleven years ago had a similar favor conferred upon him by Rev. Bildt. The service was preceeded with a song by Miss Ruth Erickson of Troy, Idaho, who also later served as Maid of Honor. Rev. Harry Lundblad of Bellingham served as Best Man and later preached the sermon of the day. The bride was beautifully gowned in white and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. Later reception was held in the church parlors, where a beautiful coffee silver set was presented to the bridal couple on behalf of the pastorate. Mr. Wilbur Johnson made the presentation speech.

A pretty wedding took place Sunday evening, July 29, at Bethany, Seattle, when Miss Dorothy Johnson of Bethany and Mr. Ed. Bjorklund of the Emans church were united in marriage. The young couple intend to make their home in Seattle.

The engagement of Rev. Harry Lundblad of Bellingham and Miss Nell Randolph, sister to Rev. Paul Randolph of Portland, was announced recently.

SPOKANE DISTRICT HOLDS FIRST BIBLE INSTITUTE

By
Alma Lindahl

The First Annual Spokane District Bible Camp was held at Camp Reed, Fan Lake, Wash., during July first to eighth inclusive. The young people from this district came from Grace and Salem churches in Spokane, Wash., and the Lutheran Churches at Troy and Moscow, Idaho. There were forty-five enrolled. A number of visitors worshiped with us on July 1st, 4th, and 5th.

Camp Reed, a Y. M. C. A. Camp located thirty-four miles northeast of Spokane, has marvelous scenery. Fan Lake, so named because of its shape, is entirely surrounded by heavily wooded hills. From the screened dining porch of the lodge one can see across the lake each evening a beautiful sunset. People were housed in comfortable cabins.

Classes were held in an outdoor chapel. This temple of nature is formed by tall slim trees whose branches spread out to form a green canopy. At the side of this chapel a little stream added its obligate to our songs and words of praise to God. In this beautiful setting one could not help but feel the closeness of our maker.

We were fortunate to have on our faculty two spiritually minded men. Rev. C. S. Odell is one of our own pastors and has charge of the Immanuel Congregation of Portland, Oregon. He is a member of the Synodical Lutheran League Council and vitally interested in young people's work.

Rev. S. E. Veldey is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He also has been active in Luther League work and realizes the problems of youth.

Rev. R. P. Oliver of Moscow, Idaho was an understanding dean for the camp.

The Reverends N. William Anderson and William Siegel from Spokane spent most of the week with us.

During week days we were awakened by reveille at six-thirty. From seven to seven-thirty morning devotions were led by Rev. Oliver. Breakfast was at seven-forty-five. At nine o'clock we met with Rev. Veldey for Bible study. His topic was "Colossians, Christ our Life." From ten to ten-fifty were topical Bible studies led by Rev. C. S. Odell. His messages for the week were "God's Plan for my Life", "God's Salvation for my Life", "God's Fullness for my Life", "The Enemies of my Life", "God's Armor for my Life", and "God's Power for my Life." An open forum from eleven-ten to twelve o'clock found many interesting subjects discussed. Among them were "Amusements", "Marriage", "Christianity and Social Problems", "Our League Meetings." Friday and Saturday questions from the Question Box were answered.

We were allowed to swim from twelve to twelve-forty-five when lunch was served. One-fifteen until two-fifteen was a rest hour. The remainder of the afternoon was free time and boating, fishing, baseball, horseshoe playing and hikes were enjoyed. At four o'clock we had another swimming period. For safety sake we could only swim during supervised periods. Dinner

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God's grace sufficient is for every care,
Omnipotence is present everywhere,
And since this God is mine how can I be
Aught but content, secure and wholly free?

He feeds the sparrow and He watches o'er
Each tiny bird that flutters round my door;
He cares for all His creatures, great and small,
Yet holds my soul far dearer than them all.

I journey on—I'm but a pilgrim here:
My Home is off beyond the starry sphere;
Though dangers lurk around on every side
I fear no foe, His Spirit is my guide.

Some day, perhaps e're I have reached the grave,
My Saviour will fulfill the word He gave—
In clouds return to meet me in the sky,
And bring me safely to His home on high.

I will not sad or discontented be—
Since He is mine I now am saved and free;
E'en here I'll sing His praises—tell His love,
And laud Him evermore in realms above.

Providence, R. I.

—Elna (Danielson) Ericson

was served at six o'clock. Evangelistic services were held each evening during the week days. Rev. Odell spoke on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights on the following topics "We Would See Jesus", "Stand Still Before Jesus" and "Be Transformed by Jesus." Rev. Veldey's subjects for Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings were "A Real Fellowship", "Fellowship with God in Light" and "Fellowship with God in Love." We had a campfire at eight-thirty on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights where impromptu programs were given. Taps were sounded at ten-thirty.

Rev. N. William Anderson gave the opening service at seven-thirty P. M. on Sunday July first.

On Sunday July eighth morning worship was held at eleven A. M. Sermon "Live for Jesus" was given by Rev. Odell. Rev. Veldey's message was "Fellowship with God in Life." While one is able to give a general idea of what we did during the week, it is impossible to relate the wonderful spiritual feeling that existed in the camp. We did get so much good from the messages spoken by these servants of God not only during the meetings, but also during conferences held. At all the meetings many inspirational songs were sung and prayers given. I'm sure none will ever forget this week and all will go out better prepared to meet the problems of the world.

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Notice of Annual Convention.

The 27th annual Convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League will be held at the Saron Lutheran Church of Hoquiam, Washington on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd of September, 1934. We are looking forward to your visit and hope that there will be a large representation from your league.

The Convention will open with a banquet Saturday evening at 7:00 P. M. in the church parlors and the business meeting will follow.

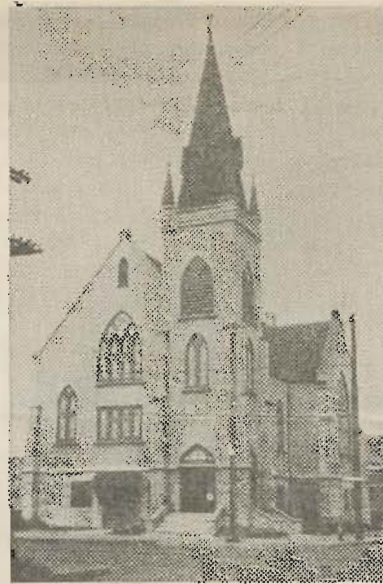
Morning services with Holy Com-

munion will be held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Convention rally is scheduled for 3:00 P. M. and promises to be very interesting.

The evening services will begin at 8:00 P. M.

An all-day ocean beach picnic has been planned for Monday. The Conference baseball championship will be



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Where Convention Will Be Held.

decided at that time. Other features of the day will be surf bathing, clam digging and a clam chowder feed at noon. We are glad of this opportunity to invite you to visit the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

The total charge will be \$2.25 for registration, lodging, meals (banquet included) and the picnic. Please send the names of those who expect to attend to Sigrid Renhard, 209 North I Street, Aberdeen, Wash., not later than August 29.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Smed, Secretary

Convention Committee

2707 Cherry St., Hoquiam, Wash.

STALWART MAN OF GOD PASSES TO HIS REWARD

One of the outstanding Lutheran laymen of our Synod, Mr. O. F. Carlson of the Salem Church, Moline, Ill., passed away two weeks ago at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. Enoch Sandeen of Seattle. The cause of death was cancer of the stomach.

Mr. Carlson, whose home was in Moline, has been a leader in his congregation since its organization and was the kind of member who would stand squarely for progress and justice. A man of rugged faith, he was able to support the pastor and pull the congregation out of a pinch if necessary.

Since childhood he has attended services every Sunday and it is doubtful whether he ever failed to attend a prayer meeting, no matter how cold the weather, or hot, or rainy. His undaunted and powerful faith in the mercy of God followed him until the moment of death, when he looked upward toward God and died with a smile on his lips.

The funeral was held Saturday, July 28, in Moline, and was attended by the widow, Mrs. Hulda Carlson, and daughter, Mrs. Ebba Sandeen. Two sons, and one daughter in the east also survive.

First Lutheran, Tacoma.

Mr. Conrad Hoyer, student from Augustana Theological Seminary arrived in Tacoma on June 8 to take up the work of the church. Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, the pastor, is spending a year's leave of absence on a farm near Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rev. C. E. Frisk of St. James, Minn., Rev. C. G. Ahnquist of Elim church, Chicago, and Mr. Wilton Bergstrand, student representative of the Augustana Foreign Missionary Society have been special visitors in the congregation during July. Many other tourists visiting in the city have worshiped with the congregation on Sunday mornings.

Picnics or other out door social events have been much in evidence during the summer months. Immediately after the morning worship on Sunday, July 22, the entire congregation traveled to Jewels Dell for the annual congregational and Sunday school picnic.

The choir of the church had charge of the Luther Welfare Hour over station KVI on the evening of July 20.

A Challenge!

The Hoquiam Luther League extends a challenge to all other leagues in the Tacoma-Mt. Baker district for a baseball game. In the last issue of the Columbia Lutheran, the Augustana League of Portland expressed the desire to play for the Conference championship at the Convention in Hoquiam on Labor Day.

Unless we hear from some other League in the District before August 15, we will take it upon ourselves to defend the honor of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District at the Convention. If you think you can beat us, let us know. How about it, Bellingham, Gethsemane, Emmanus, Bethel, Mt. Vernon, and the rest of you. can you take us?

Hoquiam Luther League,

By Marcus Renhard,

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L. L., 2nd & 4th Thurs. 8:15 p. m.
Althea Society, 2nd Thurs. ... 2:00 p. m.
Ladies Aid, 3rd Thurs. 2:00 p. m.
Choir every Tuesday 8:00 p. m.
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Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Services 8:00

Calendar:

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Doreas 1st Monday 8:00
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed....2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 8:00
Birth Day Social last Friday..... 8:00
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PORTLAND DIST. CONVENTION AT ASTORIA SATURDAY

"Hello there!" "Where do we register?" "Where do I sleep? I want to know where I sleep?" "Didn't I meet you at Colton?" "Say—I remember you from last year's convention."

This is just a sample of what you will hear when you attend the Portland District Luther League Convention at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Astoria, Ore., August 11 and 12. Preparations are already under way and the convention promises to be a big success. Registration will be held all afternoon Saturday. The banquet begins Saturday evening promptly at 6:00, and late-comers will have to eat left overs. The banquet and business meeting are to be over at 9:30 to make way for the big feature of the convention, which is a ferry excursion from 9:30 continuing possibly till 12:00.

Sunday morning everyone meets for an inspirational hour at Dr. Kullberg's residence followed by services at the Trinity Church. Then comes lunch and after that a caravan to the beach. There will be a light luncheon in town at 6:00 followed by the closing church services.

We are asking for the cooperation of everyone attending because only then will our convention be a success. Trinity Lutheran and Astoria await your coming with anticipation and pleasure.

NEWS ITEMS

The Gloria Dei congregation at Olympia, Elmer J. Johnson, pastor, plans to dedicate its new church building Sunday, August 12. Many of the pastors and other friends of the district intend to be present. Detailed information as to the building have been promised the Columbia Lutheran for the next issue.

Miss Jennie Erickson of Modesto, Calif., niece to Rev. John Billdt of Everett, is visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Billdt.

The Hoquiam Luther League finished the Tennis Tournament of the Tacoma-Mt. Baker District last week on top by defeating the Gethsemane League of Seattle. The finals were played in Des Moines during Institute week.

Mr. Arthur Hillman, associate teacher of Sociology at the University of Washington and President of the Columbia Conference Luther League, is spending his vacation as field worker for the federal government.

The Gethsemane young people were entertained by the Mary Martha Bible Class on July 18 at the home of Rev. Karlstrom on Puget Sound. Swimming and singing around the beach fire terminated an enjoyable evening.

The Bethany Leaguers of Seattle presented one of the most beautiful programs ever heard in Gethsemane on July 20. The visit also was a farewell program for Rev. Bloomquist and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. H. Ahnquist of Chicago have been visitors in Rev. Ahnquist's home in Tacoma and in his former charge in Everett. They were accompanied by their sons, Elwyn, Hubert and Vincent. They intend to leave for the east next week via the Glacier National Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Pierce, June Dahlgren, Helen Josephson, Emmy Kallberg, Edna and Hilma Peterson spent the Bible Institute week at Colton. Several other members from Warren attended the meetings part of the week.

Twentieth Anniversary History of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference

(Cont. from last issue)

In the meantime, before the next conference meeting, our president, Mrs. E. C. Bloomquist, sent out letters to every local society asking them if they were willing to support Miss Olson and also how much they thought they could give annually. Not quite all of the societies responded, but from those who did, we received the promise of \$705.00, and Yakima promised the proceeds of seven apple trees. This was done in order to be prepared and to know how the societies all through the conference felt about this question.

In March, 1921, the conference met in Portland at the Augustana Church. By this time our membership had reached 1,043 with 110 life members, one honorary member, 414 Juniors, and 375 subscribers to "Mission Tidings." The years 1920 and 1921 were also the W. S. S. years, and we had a quota of \$1,000.00 to raise for China. In 1921 the Portland and Spokane districts were organized with Mrs. A. V. Anderson and Mrs. Olof Olson as presidents respectively.

Bethel, Seattle, entertained the conference in 1922. Because of the fact that we were carrying quite a load very few new decisions were made. Every society was working hard in order to gather their quotas. At this meeting Rev. Hoffsten of Chicago presented the building project in regard to the Women's Dormitory at Rock Island. The women were very enthusiastic, and decided to raise the quota immediately, but it took some time to do so. Mrs. C. R. Swanson was elected president at this meeting.

In 1923 we met in April at Salem, Spokane. The outstanding report proved to be that of membership which showed a gain of 445 members—160 annuals, 48 life, and 237 juniors. The next year being the tenth anniversary, it was decided that we raise \$1,500.00 for Home Missions.

In 1924, which was the tenth anniversary, the conference meeting was held in Moscow, Idaho. This year we had gathered more money in nine months than in any previous full year, in fact proportionately more than any other conference in the synod, \$1745.85 for Home Missions alone. For some time the synodical society had been sending our conference \$500.00 annually which was used for home missions. At this meeting they requested that hereafter we send this sum of money to the Columbia Conference to be used for the Extension Fund, which request was granted. In addition to this, we decided to also give \$500.00 raised within our conference, making a total of \$1,000.00 to be paid to the extension fund annually.

At the convention in Astoria in March, 1925, we felt we had much for which to be grateful. Our quota for the China Hospital in the W. S. S. work was raised while we were over the top with 109 W. S. S. At this time we were glad to extend to the conference the first \$1,000 for the extension fund. At this convention Mrs. C. J. Renhard was elected president and Miss Alice Lund, treasurer.

The 1926 convention was held in April at Everett, Washington. During

the past year a great change took place in the Tacoma district. The northern part of the district, beginning with Everett, was organized into a new district, taking the name of Mt. Baker. This change in the conference naturally affected the Woman's Missionary Society, as it did the conference. The Tacoma District greatly missed the sisters of the north, but at the same time

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it was a step forward in extending God's Kingdom and we wished them God's blessing in their new district.

Salem, Mt. Vernon entertained the conference in March, 1927. At this same time our protegee, Miss Anna Olson, arrived in this country, on furlough. Although she went directly home to Illinois, she visited us a little later. We were very happy to have her visit our conference, and many met her for the first time and she was truly an inspiration to our societies. We were also glad to have Miss Augusta Highland visit our conference at this time. During the past year the Young Women had organized and were added to our conference, with Mrs. W. J. Olson of Spokane as the first Young Woman's secretary. Our first essay contest was held at this convention with Miss Ruby Loreen winning the prize with an essay on "Youth's Share in World Service."

With the 1928 convention held at Vancouver, B. C., we were happy to report that our apportionment for the Deaconess Institute was raised. Miss Anna Olson again returned to China. During her stay here at home she had much sickness, but we rejoiced that God restored her health and strength so she could realize her cherished wish to go back to the work she loved so much. At this time and for some time previous there were coming in to Vancouver, B. C. many immigrant girls from Sweden and Finland. This had meant much work concerning their welfare, especially on the part of the pastor's family. The W. M. S. felt that something should be done for the welfare of these girls. Nothing was decided at this meeting, but during the year a part of the parsonage was rented as the beginning of a home for girls with Miss Hanna Ostrom as matron. Many were the girls who here found a haven of rest and a home which they welcomed.

(To be continued)

FROM THE CONFERENCE

The executive committee of the Conference has accepted the resignation of C. G. Bloomquist as Secretary of the Conference and member of the Board of Trustees to take effect August 15th, and Rev. Carl A. Bengtson, 165 West 65th St., Seattle, Wash., has been appointed to fill the vacancy. All communications intended for the secretary of the Columbia Conference should be sent to Rev. Bengtson.

The undersigned is very grateful to the Conference for the confidence reposed in him ever since his arrival in the Conference 13 years ago. To all the pastors and churches we say: Thank you and God bless you all in Christ Jesus. And to the officers of the Conference, past and present, we are sincerely grateful. Your wonderful fellowship shall be sorely missed. May God grant you grace and strength to carry on. The burden you carry is great but He is greater whose servants you are.

AN APPRECIATION

As we stand ready to leave the Conference we are humbled by the expressions of love and appreciation literally showered on us by the pastors and churches in Seattle and the members and friends of the church we have been privileged to serve the past six years. We are especially mindful of the "farewell party" of the Bethany church held on Monday evening, July 30 and the precious gifts given us at that time. May the God of all grace richly reward you all.

C. G. Bloomquist and family.

NEW CHRISTMAS BOOKS

From the Augustana Book Concern are being issued three new books suitable for Christmas gifts for children. The books are intended first of all as gift books for the Sunday School program, but can be used for other purposes as well. The first book is called "Little Folk's Hour, Book III," and is a continuation of a series of books for little folks by Edith Cling Palm. This volume has fifteen stories in all and all as interesting and as fascinating as any story written by this popular writer. Which is a compliment.

Next we have "Christmas Gold" by Julia L. Glover, who always remembers the true meaning of Christmas when writing for children. Ninety-six pages of interesting reading. When you read the story, you will know more about the true meaning of gold—the kind of gold you find in the Christmas spirit.

But don't forget "The Long Road" by Blanche Bayliss. "As Little Folk's Hour" is for children of 4 to 9, and "Christmas Gold" for children 8 to 13, so this one is for young people 12 to 17 and shows you in an interesting way how an unimportant boy from the slums becomes a hero. There is much humor in this book as well as pathos and you will be glad to see your boy with that book in his hand.

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