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COLUMBIA CONFERENCE CONVENES THIS WEEK

Delegates from all over the conference are at the time of writing on the way to Seattle for the Forty-first annual meeting of the Columbia Conference. Many delegates are expected as Seattle is very centrally located within the domains of the conference.

Conference Organized 1893.

This year, in March, the Columbia conference has completed the fortieth year of its existence. It was organized Mar. 4, 1893, in the Immanuel church, Portland, its first congregation. The first president was Dr. G. A. Anderson and it had at the time of organization eight pastors. It has at present 29 active pastors and 51 congregations. The total membership approaches 7,000.

Gethsemane Is Host.

The church in which the conference is to be held is rich in memories and experiences. It was organized February 4, 1885, by Rev. P. Carlson, the first missionary among the Swedish people of the northwest. As subject for his sermon on the occasion Rev. Carlson used the words: "The mustard seed, which is likened to God's church, can become a mighty tree." This prophetic utterance has already been fulfilled on Gethsemane. From 12 women and 7 men at the first organization meeting, the congregation has grown to about 700 souls. It has been served by pastors of unusual ability, among whom we find P. Carlson, Dr. E. Norelius, Dr. G. A. Anderson, A. Jackson, J. P. Lundblad, A. P. Montén, C. P. Rydholm, Erik Hedeén, Martin L. Larson, and Dr. C. R. Swanson, the present pastor.

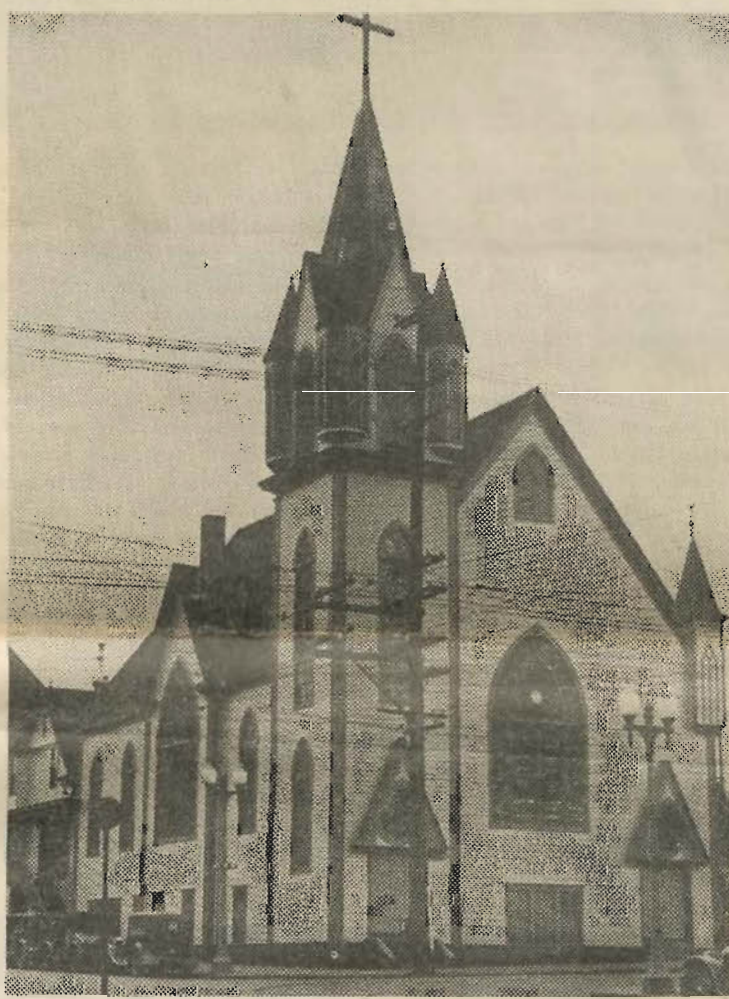
An Interesting Program.

The convention begins on Wednesday, April 26, at 2:30 p. m. when the pastors meet for a pastoral conference. The official opening of the conference takes place at 8 o'clock the same evening when Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, president of the conference, gives his conference sermon. Other highlights on the program is a Missionary festival on Friday evening, a Brotherhood banquet Saturday night, and mass meetings on Sunday.

Theme Well Chosen.

"The Lord's Prayer" is the appropriate theme for the morning and afternoon devotionals and each day will see unfolded the rich thoughts and the spiritual beauty of this wonderful

GETHSEMANE WELCOMES THE CONFERENCE



The Gethsemane Lutheran Church extends a most hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors to the three conventions convening in our midst these days. We receive you as our guests and brethren in the faith, and we share with you, and you with us, a common interest; for we are laborers together in a common cause, the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. As we approach our task, our prayer is that we may more fully realize the rich privileges of Christian fellowship, as co-workers.

There was never before a time when happiness depended so much upon spiritual values, as it does today. So, while we wish you an enjoyable stay in our fair city, our real wish for you is that the convention will bring to you and to us all a new discernment of Christ's will, new courage in meeting life's problems, new joys in fellowship, and new opportunities for Christian service and spiritual growth.

C. R. SWANSON,
Pastor, Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

prayer. Besides this special theme April 29, beginning at 6 o'clock, when there will be other subjects on hand three pastors will give short talks on for the enrichment of the soul. One of the unusual features of this meeting will be a radio broadcast in the Swedish language on Saturday, auspices of the Lundquist and Lily

Company, Seattle and Tacoma. The speakers are Rev. Carl S. Odell of Portland, Ore., who speaks on "The Risen Lord," Rev. Carl A. V. Lund of Mount Vernon, who speaks on "They Rejoiced," and Rev. N. Wm. Anderson, Spokane, whose subject is "They Beheld Jesus." The station is strong enough to be heard in most parts of the conference.

Brotherhood Banquet Saturday.

"Development of Energy," will be the subject of a talk by Rev. Carl H. Norgaard of Everett at the Annual Brotherhood Banquet Saturday evening at 6:30. Other talents on the program include Walter Sundsten, violinist, and Eugene Koll, soloist. The festive meal will be the best that the ladies of Gethsemane have ever cooked—which means something. President of the Brotherhood is Dr. Julius Sture, Gresham, Ore. Dr. Carl W. Stouberg, Seattle, is vice president, Mr. Robert C. Stone, Seattle, secretary, and Mr. Thorne Grimmer, Spokane, treasurer.

THE TACOMA MOUNT BAKER DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENES AT TACOMA IN MAY

The annual convention of the Tacoma Mount Baker District Luther League will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 20th and 21st, at First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Rev. E. G. Svenson, pastor. The convention theme is: "The Bible, the Fountain of Youth." The program in brief is: Saturday, 7:00 p. m. Banquet, followed by business session; Sunday, 10 a. m. Church School, 11 a. m. Morning Worship, 3:00 p. m. Rally Service and Concert; 7:30 p. m. Closing Service.

At the banquet on Saturday evening we anticipate a capacity attendance as we are to have the special privilege of having as our guest speaker the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, Judge Walter B. Beals. Judge Beals will deliver an address on the origin and history of our English Bible. He is an authority on this subject. In his office in the Temple of Justice at Olympia he has undoubtedly the largest collection of Bible manuscripts in western United States. He will display many of these at our convention. No one can afford to pass up this opportunity of hearing Judge Beals in this most interesting subject.

At the Sunday morning service the (Cont. on page 6, col. 1.)

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The hospital service of the conference has been brought up to the highest honors thru the Emanuel hospital in Portland and the Columbia in Astoria. Emanuel is now more than twice the size as represented in this picture. For Columbia see page 7. Both are rated as first class hospitals.

EDITORIAL

The crucial moment has come. The conference shall have to decide the future of **The Columbia Lutheran**.

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the magazine. Few periodicals have had more varied experiences than this one. It has gone thru all the symptoms of infant maladies including infantile paralysis, but every time it has come back again with renewed vigor. Once it was practically dead, but was revived while on the way to the cemetery. First it served as a parish paper, we believe. Then it became a conference organ, then a private undertaking, then again the official organ of the conference. This information might not be quite straight, but comes close to being accurate. If it is not correct, we blame it on the lack of official information.

The important matter is, however, that the conference decided to take the publication over when Rev. E. C. Blomquist left Tacoma for Rockford. At that time it was published in the Swedish language and was known mostly among the older members of the church. When the conference took it over it became a yankee in manner of speech—at least officially. Since that time it has changed color completely. First of all it lost some four hundred of the old subscribers—most of them by grace alone. That loss helped to clear the ground for a stronger structure. When the present manager and editor took over the publication, the acceptance of the appointment was made on the condition that the editorial policy would be changed—either for good or bad.

At once the paper became a newspaper in support of the churches within the conference instead of being a magazine for literary perusals, such as long, heavy articles, etc. The devotional spirit has been kept, however, and will be more stressed as time goes on. The contents were divided into

News, Devotionals, Conference History and Societies. Every division within the conference has had every opportunity to use its pages. Where no news have been carried from individual organizations, the fault lies with the organization itself. The Young People department has been especially effective. Its editor has spared no time to gather news and to assist in the increase of subscriptions. Since that arrangement was made—and thanks largely to the young people of the conference—the subscriptions have climbed away from the unknown state to about eight hundred.

We repeat that the young people have shown a great interest in the C. L. We are proud over their support. It has even been suggested that the paper become the organ of the Conference Luther League. That, however, should not be necessary. The conference as a whole needs publicity. It should have more of it. It is our opinion that all the organizations within the conference should be represented in one publication.

What shall be done now? The conference board has put the matter before the conference. Shall we quit the publication now when the subscription field has been established? When 800 families are reached by the publication (not counting group subscription to the churches—that would mean 1500)? Does it pay to stop just as things begin moving?

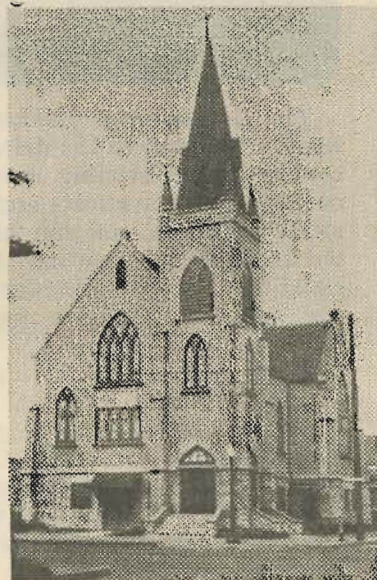
Probably that the present editor has not done so well—although we are glad to refer to many pleasing letters from former pastors of the conference, from some of the leaders in the synodical field, and from many of our lay members, who on many occasions have said: "Do not give up, this is fine!" However, forget the editor. Get another one. But save the paper.

The advertisement and the subscriptions should pay the cost of the publication. The only reason why there is a deficit right now is that the bug bear depression has kept the fifty cent sub-

scription price too far away from the manager's office to do any good. That, however can be overcome. There is no reason why the paper should not pay for itself. If the subscription price does not come our way, we can still get along with four pages a month until times get better. **We have made arrangements by which this can be done and a surplus be made from the present estimation of income of \$270.00.** In other words, even if fifty per cent of the present subscriptions are not paid up next year, the paper can still be published without cost to the conference.

The question should not need to be. Shall we quit the publication? But rather: How shall we save it?

A CHURCH OF THE NEW DISPENSATION



Twenty-five years ago work was begun in Hoquiam by Rev. P. A. Mattson, who was then pastor in Tacoma. Rev. M. L. Larson, Rev. L. D. Hawkins, Rev. N. J. W. Nelson and Rev. C. E. Frisk also visited these parts. In the year 1907 Rev. J. A. Levin was called by the conference to move into the territory and establish congregations. He

preached his first sermon in Hoquiam Dec. 1, 1907. The first organization meeting was held March 18, 1908, and a congregation was organized with 33 communicants and 38 children. The first secretary was John Erickson and the treasurer, Matt Strommer. Ernest Eklund was elected organist and is still continuing in this service.

The first church building was owned and operated in conjunction with the Swedish Mission church, but the members of this church later decided to exclude the Lutherans from use of the church and suddenly threw their property out of the church. Saron then bought a small catholic church for \$1,200 and started out on its own initiative. After a few years of progress the congregation found itself in need of a new church and today, thanks to a great extent to its pastor, Rev. Carl J. Renhard, it has a church worthy of any community. Services were held in the new auditorium for the first time Christmas 1929. The pastor was the architect, superintendent and laborer on the construction. The building cost \$15,000, but its value is much higher. The reason for this low cost was the donation labor and other donations supplied by the pastor, members and friends.

The Tacoma district gathered in this beautiful church the last week of March to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary with the congregation. Rev. J. Truedson of Seattle, formerly a pastor of the church, gave the festival address.

The anniversary celebration in Aberdeen took place at the same time.

We congratulate the congregation at Hoquiam to this beautiful edifice. It proves that progress in the work has been accomplished and that the membership is bent upon still further conquests for their Lord and Master.

On to Tacoma, Saturday, May 20th, for the Annual Meeting of the Tacoma District Luther League.

Gethsemane, Seattle, Object of Splendid Donation



REVEREND N. WM. ANDERSON

the present president of the conference. Reverend Anderson is one of the youngest pastors of the conference. He is pastor of the Salem congregation, Spokane.

Although rather new in executive experiences Rev. Anderson has proved himself of good presidential possibilities. His kind, massuming ways are winning for him a host of friends, and the record of his past year's service is an indication of "what is in the man."



Palm Sunday saw the unveiling and dedication of two massive candelabras and a cross in the Gethsemane church, Seattle, Wash., where Dr. C. R. Swanson is the pastor. The candlesticks measure nearly three feet in height and weigh about 150 pounds. The cross is two feet high. All three pieces are of solid bronze and are made by Florin & Johanson, Gothenburg, and constitute the last word in ecclesiastical art. The set has been placed in the church by Dr. and Mrs. Swanson in memory of their departed sons, Hamlin Rupert and Marens Gerhart. On the same occasion an altar curtain of red velvet was presented the congregation by Miss Anna Johnson, Matron at the Conference Home for the Aged. An altar cloth will later be added by Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Vickner. By these donations the church has received a decidedly churchly atmosphere and spiritual dignity which adds color and strength to the worship. The gift was ordered in Sweden last summer during Dr. and Mrs. Swanson's visit in that country.



DR. C. R. SWANSON.

host of the conference and holder of the record for long service as president of the organization. His presidency was finally terminated thru sickness. He is at present the treasurer of the conference.

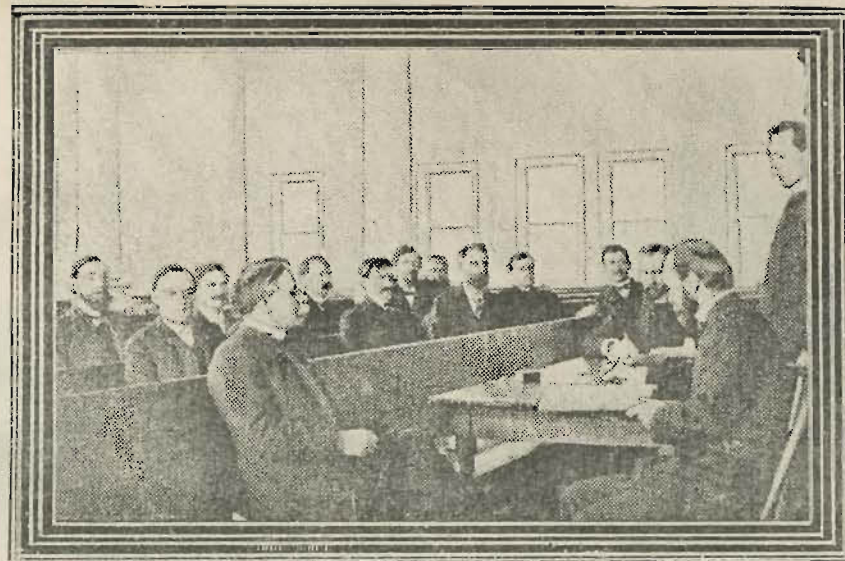
The period in which Dr. Swanson served as president was filled with important transactions. It was the constructive period and Dr. Swanson proved himself equal to the occasion. No one can say but that the president did his duties well and honestly. The future has already begun to show that he knew his business.



DR. G. A. ANDERSON

who was the first president of the Columbia Conference, a position which he held during nine years. He began his work in Tacoma in the year 1884. He is buried in LaConnor, Wash., his last pastorate.

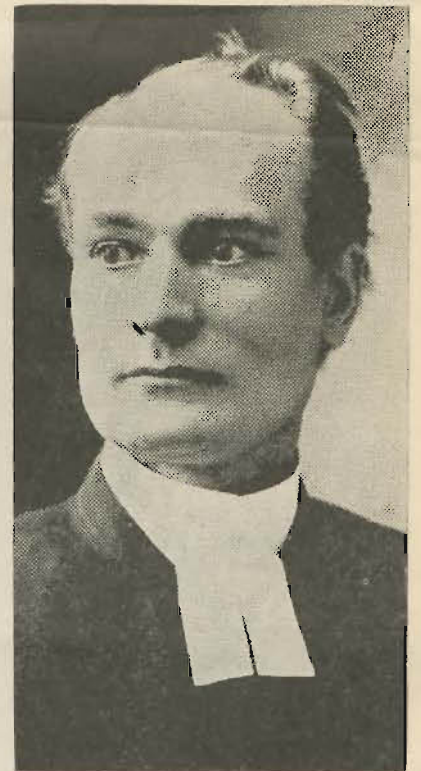
A beautiful memorial altar placed in the Mount Vernon church by his children bears witness to a later generation of the beloved pastor.



BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE CONFERENCE

An early conference meeting in Tacoma before the California and the Columbia conferences were carved out of the Pacific conference, organized 1888 in Tacoma and comprising the entire west coast. Dr. C. M. Esbjorn, one of the founders of the Augustana Synod, is the presiding officer. He was pastor in San Francisco at the time. Rev. M. L. Larson, then pastor in Gethsemane, Seattle, is seen standing near the table. Late Rev. B. S. Nyström is also seen in the background of the picture. The Columbia Conference was organized March 4, 1893, in the Immanuel church, Portland.

The proposed name was "Washington Conference," but the beauty of the river Columbia so inspired the delegates that its name was chosen instead.



REVEREND CARL J. RENHARD

who is the oldest pastor in the conference in years of continuous service. He is now pastor in Aberdeen, Hoquiam and South Bend. Dr. C. R. Swanson, Seattle, is second in number of service years and oldest in the Tacoma District. Rev. Renhard has also been pastor in Immanuel, Portland, and in Colton, Ore.

LIFE AND IMMORTALITY

(Job 14:14; 2 Tim. 1:10)

"The third day he rose from the dead." Such has been the faith of the Christian Church from its first Easter Day until now. Almost universally it has been understood to mean the resurrection of Jesus in such form as to convince his own immediate followers that the risen Jesus was the Jesus whom they saw "crucified, dead, and buried."

"I am with you always"—so spoke Jesus to his disciples. The words were uttered not only for those who heard them at the time, but for all those who come earnestly desiring the companionship and guidance of the Savior of men. The most intimate disciples of Jesus came quickly to believe with absolute confidence that Jesus was not dead but alive. They knew that on the third day He broke the bonds of death and came forth into a new world, there to live forever, and to inspire men by means of real contact with his own personality.

His spiritual presence is still with us. We do not see him in bodily form; we do not hear his voice; but we know his presence in our souls. We realize his presence is one of the deepest secrets of the life of spiritual purpose and meaning. To turn toward him in times of temptation and stress, to form the habit of considering life's problems with him as the companion of our thought, to establish the custom of making life's important decisions, is to accept him as guide and to put ourselves in the way of finding the life that gives to all our powers their noblest exercise and expression. Jesus Christ is a real person. He came into

ONE OF THE OLDEST CHURCHES



The first church building in Astoria, Ore., where the congregation is now erecting a beautiful temple to the honor and worship of God. There is a great progress recorded between the time of such simple structures and those of today.

THE COLUMBIA HOME FOR THE AGED



The conference does not yet own a Children's Home, but it does pride itself over a Home for the Aged. This home is located in Seattle at 405 North 48th Street near the Woodland Park. A branch of this home is found near the Volunteer Park at 1731 Thirteenth Avenue, Seattle. Both are well equipped with steam heated, modern rooms, and all the things that tend toward a comfortable living. The honor of the establishment of this home goes largely to Dr. C. R. Swanson, who pressed on with the project until it became a success. The conference delegation would do well to visit these two homes.

the world to accomplish a real mission. He lived and still lives with the power of the endless life. If he had never come, we should not to-day know God as our heavenly Father nor know the way to life here and hereafter; we should not realize that sin is the one force in the hearts of men and in human society which prevents us from finding and possessing life in its fullness. Moreover, we should not know, as now we do, that sin may be forgiven, that its power may be broken, and that the soul may escape from the death grip of that bondage. There is no one closer than Christ, our risen Lord, to inspire with his friendship, and to guide, by his own vision, truth, and love all those who desire the divinest fellowship that life offers. His supremacy is that of character, love, and sacrifice. His death did not end his blessed ministry. His disciples soon after the resurrection began to discover and to feel his presence amongst them. They found him on the highway; they saw him as they sat at meal; they talked with him and began to understand that his death was not the end of their hopes. He became not only their leader but their daily companion, with whom they could share their joys and their sorrows and upon whom they could lean when the trials of life compelled them to turn from earthly friends to the great friend of all.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" is not only a statement from Jesus' lips; it is the experience of thousands of his followers to-day.

Jesus lives, and every grace
Comes because he giveth
Life and love in every place.



A MODERN CONFERENCE MEETING

When we compare this picture with the one presented of the older conference meeting in Tacoma some forty years before, we are tempted to exclaim with the psalmist: "Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy loving kindness, and for Thy truth's sake." This picture was taken at the Immanuel Church, Portland, three years ago.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

MARGARETTA GRANT, Editor

EDITORIAL

The editor regrets that it was impossible for several articles and additional news to be published in this issue. We extend the privilege to all Leagues to send notices and news for the May issue before the eighteenth of the month. Publicity chairmen for the Institute are urged to cooperate in this respect.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The official Bible Institute Poster Contest honors were awarded to Mr. Arthur Abramson, Bethel, Seattle, at the meeting of the Judging committee on April 17. A large number of posters were submitted which were both beautiful in color and workmanship. The winning poster was judged upon its adaptability to be used as a cut, originality and powers to appeal. In as much as only one poster could be chosen, second and third prizes were eliminated. However the committee took upon themselves to award honorable mentions to Mr. Leslie Peterson, Our Saviors Lutheran church, Bellingham; Mr. Paul Elmer, First church,

Tacoma; and Mr. Lasse Stohl, Salem, Mr. Vernon.

The Silver Loving Cup was won by the Ruston League in Tacoma for submitting the most posters. Sorry Bethel—Congratulations Ruston!

NEWS OF NEWS

The Yakima League sponsored a Pageant entitled "Triumphant Gladness" on Sunday evening, April 16. The Pageant characterizing the Resurrection of Christ was enacted by Misses Rose Lundquist, Alice Dean, Helen Samuelson, Alpha Lund, Margaret Lee and Messers, Arnold Reitz and Edward Lund. The choir assisted with several beautiful and appropriate selections.

The Immanuel Lutheran League were hosts to the Augustana and Gresham leagues on April 4th. Musical numbers were given by both leagues and brief addresses were made by Rev. A. G. Anderson of Gresham and Rev. C. S. Odell of Immanuel. The meeting was very successfully conducted by Miss Judith Bohlin, president of the host league. After the program refreshments were served and a social hour

was enjoyed by all. These joint meetings have become an annual affair and are proving very successful in bringing the young people together and acquainting the various leagues with each other.

Miss Anna Elmquist, member of the Immanuel League has been transferred by her firm to Oakland, California. The league wishes her success in her new location.

The Immanuel Girl's Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Rudolph Hanson presented a concert at the Y. W. C. A. on Easter Sunday. They have also given a program recently at the Emanuel Hospital.

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The Bellingham League has invited the Clearbrook League to join with them in entertaining the Columbia Conference Luther League. The groups have already made some definite plans for the Labor Day Convention.

The Clearbrook entertained the Bellingham League with a St. Patrick Party on March 17. Both Leagues report a very jolly and interesting evening.

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IN HIS LIKENESS

I pray for faith; I long to trust;
I listen with my heart, and hear
A voice without a sound; Be just,
Be merciful, be true; revere
The word within thee, God is near.

Oh, joy supreme! I know the voice,
Like none beside in earth or sea;
Yea, more—O soul of mine, rejoice—
By all that He requires of me
I know what God Himself must be!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Broken stone for statue rare,
Broken flowers for perfume sweet,
Broken ore for gems we wear,
Broken corn for the bread we eat,
Broken earth for the field of grain,
Broken banks for the mighty river,
And broken hearts for our endless gain,
Pour their love on the world forever.

A soft answer turneth away wrath;
But a grievous word stirreth up anger.



A TYPICAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

A gathering like this is now a common sight in our conference on Labor Day, when the Conference Luther League holds its annual convention. This picture was taken in Portland three years ago when the conference idea was still new among the young people. Since then the attendance has gone

steadily upwards and this year, when the convention is held at Bellingham, twice the attendance is expected. The young people organizations are at present the most inspiring signs of life within the church, and a good future for the church seems well assured.

president of the District will deliver the convention sermon.

On Sunday afternoon we hope that the Luther League Rally will be one of the largest, if not the largest, rallies in the history of our District. The excellent program in store for us warrants it. Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, president of Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, will deliver the address on the convention theme: "The Bible the Fountain of Youth." We shall also have the great pleasure of hearing a sacred concert by our famous Lutheran Choir of the West, Pacific Lutheran A Cappella Choir from Pacific Lutheran College. This choir of 43 voices is the pride of our Lutheran Church on the west coast. Let us fill the auditorium of First Church to overflowing for this great occasion.

At the evening service we hope to have Rev. C. Arthur Johnson, pastor of Central Church, Yakima, give the closing message. Rev. Johnson is a young people's man who can captivate the attention of our youth. Various Luther Leagues are being asked to contribute special music at the sessions.

How much are all these wonderful events going to cost you? Their value is inestimable—but the actual cost will be only one single dollar which will include: registration, banquet ticket, lodging, Sunday breakfast, dinner, and supper. You say: "Incredible." Yes—but just the same it is a fact.

We request that every Luther League in the District send a full quota of delegates. But don't limit your number only to the elected delegates. Kindly notify Rev. E. G. Svenson, 811 S. 8th Street, Tacoma, in advance as to the number who plan to attend.

Elmer M. Johnson, pres.

Trinity, Astoria, Ore.

16th and Franklin Ave.
Astoria, Ore.

Rev. J. A. Martin, B. D., pastor.
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Order of Sunday Services:

Sunday School and Bible classes 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Luther League "Round Table" 7:00
Evening Services 7:30

Calendar:

Board of Administration 1st Mon. 7:30
Doreas 1st Tuesday 7:30
Ladies Aid 1st and 3rd Wed. 2:30
Luther League 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7:30
Birth Day Social last Friday 7:30
Junior Miss. Band 3rd Sat. 2:30
W. M. S. 2nd Wed. every other month 2:30
Choir Wed. evening each week 7:30
Confirmation Class Sat's. 9:30

Salem Lutheran Church

Corner Broadway and Walnut
Spokane, Wash.

N. Willara Anderson, pastor
W. 1424 Broadway Ave.
Tel. Broadway 1298

Order of Services:

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
English service 10:30 a. m.
Swedish service 11:30 a. m.
Vesper 5:00 p. m.



REVEREND J. A. EDLUND

who is the oldest pastor in the conference in years of service except for occasional terms elsewhere. He first came to this conference in 1894 as pastor at Astoria. He is at present pastor in Marshfield and North Bend, Ore.

TRINITY, ASTORIA, TAKES POSSESSION OF NEW EDIFICE

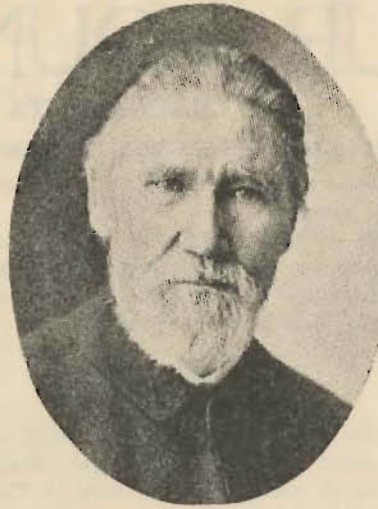
The Trinity congregation of Astoria, Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor, enjoyed its first service in the new church March 12. The service was held on the ground floor, the main auditorium not yet having been completed. Holy Communion was attended by 135 members and 17 persons were received into membership. A festive song service was held in the evening with record attendance. Total attendance during the day is said to have been a little more than 700.

March 28-31 Rev. Carl S. Odell from Immanuel, Portland, conducted Bible studies under the auspices of the local Luther League. The leagues of the Finnish, Norwegian and the Lutheran Free Church were also in attendance as invited guests. A large number of the people enjoyed the studies, which centered around the topics "God's Plan For My Life," "God's Control Of My Life," "God's Salvation For My Life," and "God's Power For My Life."

A Mass Meeting of the same leagues was conducted on Palm Sunday in the Trinity church, when Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, President of the Pacific Lutheran College of Parkland, Wash., was the guest speaker. Two sessions were held, one at 2 p. m. and one at 7:30 in the evening. About 450 people crowded into the church for the evening session.

April 5th the Ladies' Aid sponsored an "Open House" tea party, when about 250 women were present.

The success of the congregation at Astoria is an object of great rejoicing in the entire conference. After all, the fusion of the two churches and the erection of the Columbia Hospital has been for the best. Faithful work by pastors and members also has done its part to bring about this happy situation.



REVEREND P. CARLSON

who was called by the Augustana Synod to organize congregational work on the West Coast. He arrived in 1879 in Portland, Ore., where he organized the Immanuel church. Rev. Auslund och Rydholm had done the preliminary investigation three years before. The First church of Tacoma was organized in 1882 by Rev. Carlson, Gethsemane, Seattle; Salem, Spokane, and First, Bellingham were also organized thru Rev. Carlson's efforts.

Rev. Carlson was born in 1822. His childhood was spent in much poverty, which, however, helped to strengthen him for his future work. His experience out West were many and varied. On one occasion he tells of how the church was "nailed closer than a cask" when he came to preach on Christmas morning, and on Easter Day "it was rolled down the hill." But his power and patience saw the birth of the Columbia conference.

IMMANUEL, PORTLAND, SEES PROGRESS

Palm Sunday was a day of great importance to the Immanuel congregation, Portland, as it proved to the world that Immanuel is still on the onward march. The cause for rejoicing was found in the fact that 18 people were received into communion with the church. Rev. Odell's sermon centered around the subject "Last Will and Testament of our Saviour." The choir added to the festive spirit by rendering the well known composition "Were You There, when they crucified My Lord?" and Mr. E. P. Erous sang "It was for Me." The Junior Choir had decorated the church beautifully in palms and lilies.

The sudden death of Mr. Herman Olson March 31 was a shock to friends and members of Immanuel. He passed away at the Emanuel Hospital after a very brief illness. He had attended services the previous Sunday and was suddenly taken ill on Monday. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Edith, and son Douglas. The burial took place from the church on April the 3rd and his memory is holy among the members of the church which he so faithfully served.

PIONEER CHURCH WORKER PASSES

Mrs. Brita Tollber, who was a beloved friend to both old and young throughout the churches of the Tacoma and Mount Baker Districts, was called home to the heavenly mansions on Monday evening, March 20th, at Olympia, at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 28 days. Mrs. Tollber, nee Nordling, was born in Finland. Arrived in America 1902. In 1910 she was united in matrimony with Mr. Charles Tollber, who departed this life in 1913. On her arrival in Seattle Mrs. Tollber became a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Seattle. Later she became a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Seattle, where she remained as member until her death. To the credit of the departed, it can be said that she was continually and enthusiastically engaged in the business of her Master. Her happy Christian disposition endeared her to all who met her. The youth of the Church was her special concern as is shown by the fact that she attended all but one of the Bible Institutes held in the Tacoma Mount Baker District. Funeral services were conducted in Olympia, Friday morning, March 24th, by Rev. Elmer Johnson, and in Seattle at the Emmaus Church, Friday afternoon, by Rev. Carl Bengtson and Dr. C. R. Swanson. The body was interred at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Seattle, to rest until Resurrection Morn. Surviving are: Andrew Nordling, Shelton, brother; Margaret Nordling, Shelton, niece; Victor and Vivian Johnson, Olympia, nephew and niece; Mrs. Ida Finholm and Mrs. John Finholm, Mt. Vernon.

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Junior Missionary Society Second Saturday at2 p. m.

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Vesper 7:30 p. m.

Service in Swedish Fourth Sunday at10:45 a. m.

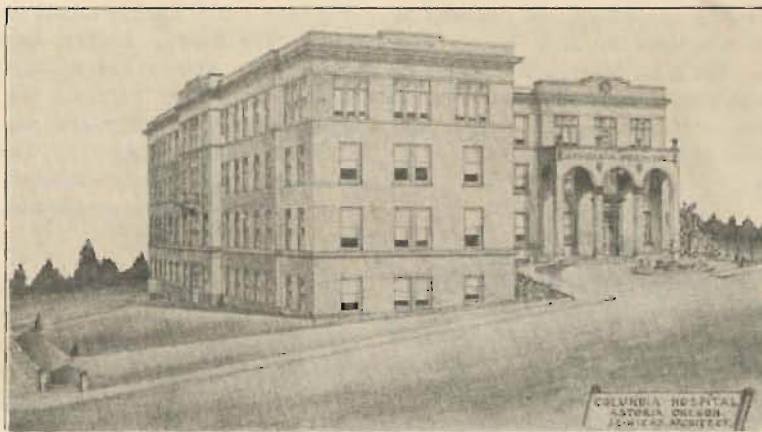
The Ladies Aid meets the First Thursday, the Missionary Society the last Thursday, the Priscilla Society the first Friday, the Luther League the fourth Friday, the Brotherhood the second Wednesday.

COLUMBIA HOSPITAL GIVEN DISTINCTION

An eight month's program of redecorating, in conformity with the latest hospital ideas and standards, has recently been completed by the Columbia Hospital, according to information from C. O. Moberg, hospital superintendent.

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ders should be of the plain white wall type but this has been recently abandoned in favor of a development in hospital thought in keeping with modern psychology. The Columbia Hospital has been redecorated so that its rooms and corridors present a variety of shades and colors calculated to suit the tastes and frame of mind of the patients.



During the month, the hospital was visited by Dr. C. R. Swanson and Reverend C. G. Bloomquist. The management of the hospital is always glad to receive visitors and invites anyone of our people, who happen to come to Astoria, to visit the hospital

YOUNG PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL TO PORTLAND

According to words from California, Rev. Paul Randolph, pastor of our church at Long Beach, Calif., has recently resigned from his pastorate in that city to become the pastor of Augustana, Portland, to which he was called a while ago. The message does not mention, however, how soon the pastor intends to take up his duties on the new field.

Rev. Randolph is well known among the younger set of pastors, having held several high positions in the Luther League work of the California conference, having served as president of the conference league, we believe, and now being the dean of the Bible Institute at Mount Hermon. He is also editor of the official organ of the conference and ranks as one of the best singers among the clergy in the conference. He has been in the ministry about eight years. The congregation at Portland is to be congratulated upon its choice of pastor.

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Organizations

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Luth. L. 1st & 3rd Tues.....8:00 p. m.

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Tuesday 7:45 p. m.

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Organizations:

Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:45 p. m.

Luther League, 1st Thursday of month

8 p. m.

Tabitha Society, 2nd Thursday of

month, 2 p. m.

Lutheran Brotherhood, 2nd Friday of

month at 8 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Soc., 3rd Thurs-

day of month, 8 p. m.

Young Woman's Missionary Society,

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L. L. (Cont. fr. page 5)

The Bethany Luther League held a successful and profitable meeting on April 7. The topic of discussion "What Christ Means to Me" was ably debated by a promising adolescent, Robert Carlson Jr. The Leaguers also enjoyed many beautiful musical selections.

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The Gethsemane League met on the evening of April 7, in the church parlors. Rev. Enoch Sandeen gave a most interesting talk which was followed by vocal selections by Mrs. Enoch Sandeen. The Mary-Martha Trio rendered several numbers accompanied by Mae Bernth on the harp. Miss Bernth also favored the League with harp selections.

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April 21 a confirmation reunion was held by Salem Luther League of Spokane in the church basement. J. Wal-fred Nelson was chairman of the class of 1924, which had complete charge of the entertainment and refreshments. It is safe to say that the program was one of the most elaborate ever produced at a Luther League meeting. Musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, were interspersed with several one act plays which kept the large audience of confirmands interested from the time the group convened until they adjourned.

The choir of Salem is planning a Seth Parker program to take place on a Sunday evening in May. Since most of the singing aggregation consists of Luther Leaguers, the program will be much similar to a Luther League gathering instead of Seth Parker and his neighbors.

On the twenty-eighth of April, the members of Grace Luther League were present at our meeting. The other organization presented a splendid program during the evening in return for the one we recently performed at one of their meetings.

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The Trinity Luther League of Astoria, Oregon, was entertained on March 23, by Ruth and Evert Konkkanen at their home. Rev. Martin opened the meeting with devotional. During the business meeting plans were made for the Pot-luck supper to be held the last of this month. Several committees were installed by the League.

On April 6, the Leagues enjoyed a Pot-luck supper in the new church basement. Jig-Saws and Ping Pong furnished the entertainment for the evening. Later a business meeting was held to discuss the mass meeting to be on the ninth of this month. Dr. Ting-elstad was to be the guest speaker for this occasion which included the four Luther Leagues of the city.

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The Emmaus League in Seattle are very much enthused over their "Bible Institute Rally" to be held on May 5. The Leaguers have invited the Everett Auburn Leagues to participate.

On April 6, Dorothy Johnson and Walter Hansen, of the Bethany League entertained the Emmaus League with numerous musical selections at their monthly meeting.

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Mr. Leonard Wesson, treasurer of the Tacoma League, has departed on an extended tour with The Pacific Lutheran Choir.

The Tacoma League sponsored a concert given by the Choir on April 9, at their church.

We have a new League to add to our column—The Ruston Luther League. Many well known First Church Leaguers have been carrying the responsibilities of the successful Sunday School in this township and now a promising League is in the making. We extend our best congratulations for your progress, Ruston.

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Members of the Zion Luther League of Everett were guests of the Norwegian Danish M. E. church in Everett in March. The visiting League rendered the program after which an enjoyable social hour was mutually accepted.

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On March 17th the Augustana Luther League had a Bible study meeting. The subject discussed was the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer. At the meeting of April 7th, Dr. Earl Anderson gave an interesting lecture on medical drugs, also demonstrating the crude form of them.

The Gresham & Augustana Leagues were guests of the Immanuel League on April 4th. The program was given by the visiting leagues, and Rev. Anderson and Rev. Odell were the speakers. Refreshments and social hour followed.

The Augustana League had a skating party the last of March which was well attended and everyone had a good

time. Afterwards they went to a sandwich shop for refreshments. They also had a hike along the Willamette River which all enjoyed in spite of the damp or rather wet paths taken.

The League chorus is still in charge of the evening song services and a special program was arranged for Easter.

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