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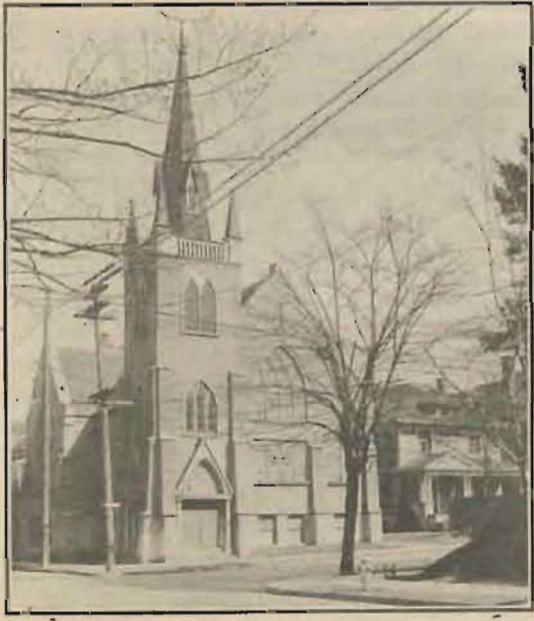
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A Slave of Jesus Christ

Rev. William Siegel

The great apostle Paul in speaking about himself uses a number of terms which are full of spiritual truth. He calls himself, in one of the epistles, a slave of Jesus Christ. This expression seems at first queer indeed. A slave was not one who was highly thought of in the Roman Empire. A slave was considered on the level of an outcast and yet Paul uses, a number of times, this seemingly peculiar word. What does he mean? Did the apostle put into this word some new meaning and some hidden truth which is not immediately seen? Yes, indeed. To be a slave of Jesus Christ was to him the privilege of every Christian.

About the time of the civil war an incident took place which helps to illustrate what Paul meant when he called himself a slave of Jesus Christ. A number of slaves in one of the large slave centers of the South were being sold at auction. It was a most pitiable sight. Families were torn apart; the children sold to one owner and the parents to another. Even the husband and wife were sometimes separated. As this auction was taking place a wealthy man stepped up and bid a certain sum of money for one of the slaves. After the slave had become his own, he turned to him and said, "You

may now have your freedom." The slave hardly dared to believe the words were true and he said to his master, "Do you really mean that I am free to do anything I please?" The master answered, "Yes, you may do anything you please." The slave immediately fell down at the feet of his master and said, "Then I become your slave for life. I will live and serve you all the rest of my days." That should be the experience of every Christian.

The Word of God says, "We have been sold under sin." Through sin man has forfeited any right or privilege that belonged to the child of God. Sin has separated us from God. Through disobedience we have sold ourselves to sin. By nature we are not children of God, for Christ himself has said, "Except ye be born of water and the spirit ye cannot enter the kingdom of God."

In order that we might become children of God we were ransomed by Jesus Christ. The word ransom means to buy back. We were bought back to God through the death of Jesus Christ who fully paid for our iniquity. Now through faith in Jesus Christ we are free from the law of sin and of death. Our former owner has no control over us. Like the slave we are free. It is our blessed privilege to now give ourselves to Him who has redeemed us. It is sad to know that many who know Jesus Christ as their Saviour do not know Him as their Lord. God wants to

be not only our Redeemer, but He wants to be our Lord and Master. He wants us to become a willing slave and to serve Him for the reaching of other immortal souls. Now that we have been redeemed not with silver and gold but with precious blood, Jesus says, "I beseech you, therefore, to present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

A native priest came to bishop Warren in India to ask what this gospel was that he was preaching. For answer the Bishop told him the story of Christ's prayer: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." The priest listened with increasing perturbation, and at the end of the story sprang up and cried: "Get out of here! Get out of India! You will convert all our people if you talk to them in that way. We have in all our religion no story of a love like that."

There is no other story such as that. It is the story which if rightly told will convert the world, for Christ himself said: "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

No bed is ever comfortable for the man with an inflamed conscience.

It is surprising how much merit can sometimes be obscured by one small fault.



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Editorial

Dr. Conrad E. Lindberg

Widespread and genuine is the sorrow
that is felt thruout the Synod because of
the passing of the beloved Dean of the
Theological Seminary, Dr. Conrad E. Lind-
berg. For over half a century he has given
his life in the service of the church. His
prayer had been that he might be allowed
to continue his beloved work until the
end, and this his prayer was granted. Af-
ter a long day of useful and blessed labor
the servant has been called to enter into
the rest of his Lord.

The life-work of Dr. Lindberg was his
teaching in the Theological Seminary, and
as teacher he will be remembered in the
Synod. As teacher he exerted a great in-
fluence on the church. The majority of
the now active pastors have studied under
him and received his guidance and teach-
ing. His passion was to transmit to the
future pastors of the church "the faith that
was once delivered to the saints." His
grasp on the great doctrines of the Lu-
theran church was clear and firm. There
was no wavering or hesitancy in his teach-
ing. Calmly and patiently he set forth
the material of his subjects so clearly and
simply that all could understand. Even
in later years, when sickness and age had
weakened his bodily powers, there was the
same clarity in his presentation and the
same positive conviction in his statements.
As long as he could go on in his own
orderly way in presenting the subject
there was no evidence of weakness.

Dr. Lindberg loved his students. Due
perhaps to his natural reserve and the
pre-occupation with his own important du-
ties, this love did not always appear as
personal interest in the affairs of the stu-
dent. It might be said that he was less
interested in the personal fortunes of the
student, than in the student as a future
pastor for the church. The great love
of his heart was the Lutheran church and
its doctrines. Everything was to him sub-
servient to the church and its interests.
For that reason he gave his life to pre-
pare the young men who came to the
seminary that they also might give their
best to their Master and the church. His
aim in teaching was, therefore, not so
much to reach the individual and impart
the true Biblical doctrines to him, as to
prepare the future pastor to be a safe and
true leader for the church entrusted to him.
But in doing this he reached the indi-
vidual also. Many a student has found
his own spiritual experience deepened and
clarified as he followed the clear presenta-
tion of sin and redemption that Dr. Lind-
berg gave.

For forty years Dr. Lindberg has taught
the doctrines of the Lutheran church to
succeeding generations of students. With-
out being a fanatic he was a true con-
servative and clung to the old dogmatics
of the Lutheran church. Without paying
much attention to the new currents in
theology, he went right to the root of the
matter and presented the fundamentals of
the teaching of the Bible. And hosts of
his former students remember gratefully
the thoroughness of his teaching and the
soundness of his theology. He laid a
foundation which has helped to keep the
Synod as a whole within the folds of
conservative Lutheranism.

A long life of service is ended. If we
were to characterize Dr. Lindberg's life
very briefly, we could find no better word
to describe him than this, that he was
"faithful and true." He gave himself
completely to the duties that were given
him. Well may we reverently quote the
words of the Saviour as we recall to our
mind the labors of Dr. Lindberg: "Well
done, thou good and faithful servant."

China

The missionaries from China, past and
present, have a "Round Robin" that makes
occasional visits and brings news from
each one. This bird on his trip around
the world just visited the present editor.
He brought many interesting news of the
mission work in China under the present
conditions.

Our field has again been the scene of
terrible fighting. The northern faction, led
by Gen. Feng Yu Hsiang, held the city
of Hsuechow, where the headquarters of
our mission are located, and the southern

or nationalist troops were attempting to
capture it. Most severe fighting took
place all around the mission station where
Rev. and Mrs. Svenson, Dr. and Mrs.
Arthur Colberg and family, Miss Anna Ol-
son, Sr. Thyra Lawson, and Ebba E.
Pearson are stationed. The fighting last-
ed for three weeks, from May 25 to June
14. How near the battle line these our
missionaries were and in how great danger
they must have been during these anxious
days is apparent from some of the state-
ments that are made in the letters of the
"Round Robin." I shall quote some of
the statements made in a diary written
by Miss Ebba Pearson during these three
weeks.

"This is a time when we love to think
about you folks back in peaceful U. S. A.
We are having a real lively time. It is
not yet 11 o'clock and this is the third
time the aeroplanes have been here to
drop bombs. The first time they dropped
about 15. We could hear everyone of them
and see them drop. They also have ma-
chine guns on the planes. The soldiers'
barracks are on the other side of the wall
from us, so we are right in their path."

"Just as I was writing this they came
again, and all the Chinese came running
into our basement. I was supposed to
give Miss Tack's test in Exodus to the
girls who are here, but just then we heard
that the soldiers who had been fighting to
the south of us had been defeated and
were coming this way. Fighting began
outside our West gate. No one wanted
to take the examination, so we all went
up on the porch and saw them coming
head over heels."

"All day we have been pestered with
soldiers wanting to come in here to live.
We are digging a bomb-proof cave. Yes-
terday the soldiers jumped over the wall
and came to look at it. We feel by the
time we get our cave ready the soldiers
will be here to crawl into it."

May 27

The interrupted examination of yester-
day was given today. When the shooting
started we all moved over into our house.
The students were pale with fright. I
suggested that we have a prayer session.
After that they settled down and took the
examination. I went to sleep last night to
the tune of the shooting and it seemed
to me that we were having a most ter-
rible thunderstorm, the cannon balls sound-
ed like thunder and the rifle bullets like
hail stones. The fighting stopped about
6 o'clock, and it has been quiet all day
except for the planes that have dropped
bombs at least six times. Just as I was
sitting writing a bomb or a cannon ball
struck our kitchen and tore out one cor-
ner of it. A woman was sitting on the
steps right under the corner that fell. Two
other shells have struck, one near the front

door, one at the steps of the servant quarters. It is nothing short of a miracle that no one was injured.

May 29

Another awful night. The North produced an armoured train and placed it on the tracks about one block from Dr. Colberg's house. From this there was a constant booming of cannon, so terrible that it shook our houses. Some soldiers came today and demanded that Dr. Colberg go with them into the city. They were armed and wanted to tie his hands. We went over to Mrs. Colberg to comfort her. While we were praying upstairs, we heard the voice of Dr. Colberg below telling us that he had returned. We do not yet understand what it was all about.

May 30—June 3

The reports for these days are very similar. Shrapnel flying all around the mission compound during the nights and the planes dropping bombs during the nights. Miss Pearson continues: "Perhaps you wonder why we are staying on here when things are so terribly bad. In the first place I believe the safest place is the place of duty. Secondly, there has been war and troop movements all since I came back and before too, so if we should move every time, we would be moving constantly. As it is we have been able to carry on our work and keep the mission station from being occupied by these destructive soldiers. We have been working a year now to get this place fit to live in, and we feel it is God's will for us to stay and that we do what we can to care for the wounded and comfort our Christians. This evening the shooting is beginning again. It is so near now that even the small bullets fall in our compound."

June 4

"I went over to the hospital today. It is such a mess of dirty people, most of them wounded soldiers. They are mostly robbers. One of them did not have a bed to sleep in, so he went up on the second floor where Miss Olson has the women and lifted an old woman right out of her bed and laid her on the floor and walked away with the bed. Miss Olson made him bring the bed back to the old woman however."

The diary continues for the rest of the time recording experiences similar to those already mentioned. Most of the fighting seems to have been done at night, and some nights are recorded in the diary to have been particularly bad. The noted robber leader Fan Lao Er, who has been operating in central Honan for years was killed by a bomb dropped from a plane. The diary closes with the news that the southerners had retreated 120 li south. (One li is one-third of a mile.) The men had gone out to look over the battle field.

They had found a trench dug to the south of the city. Behind this trench they had made holes in mud walls to shoot thru or dug smaller trenches behind embankments of earth. Barbed wire entanglements had also been used. Miss Pearson's diary closes with this statement on June 14: "We had a wonderful night, not a shot was heard and a cool breeze from the north added to the comfort of the night."

Our missionaries are not out of danger, however. The battle is still going on in Honan and Shantung, and only God knows when it will finally end. We ought to remember our missionaries during these days in faithful prayers before the throne of God.

During this time of fighting the work goes on. Rev. Swenson writes: "Do not think that we are disheartened. The joy of victory is ours. Last Sunday (May 18) 61 people were baptized at Yuchow. Some weeks ago 52 people were received into the church thru baptism at Yensih. About a month ago more than 80 souls were baptized at Juchow. Here in Hsuechow a few were baptized Sunday and more will be when this war is over." It is also reported that over 700 people attended the service in Yuchow at which the candidates for baptism made their confession of faith.

All the fighting equipment and all the soldiers of China will never bring peace to that country. There is only one who can do that, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our missionaries are risking their lives to bring Christ to the Chinese people. What are you doing to help them and make their task possible?

Temporary Editor

This issue was edited entirely by Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom of Warren, Oregon. The undersigned was unable to edit it because of editorial work he had to do for the Synod publication "Korsbaneret."

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H. P. JOHNSON.

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Tacoma—Mt. Baker Bible Institute and Luther League Convention

The eighth annual Bible Institute of the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District was held this year again at Strafford's Park, Lake Sammamish, July 20—27. With the improvements on the place since last year the park was a wonderful place to spend one's vacation. It was a great joy to sit and listen to the able Bible teachers we had. Dr. Bergendoff delivered some wonderful lectures on the subject: "The House of

Many Mansions," and Rev. Siegel gave us a very interesting study in the Gospel of John. These lectures and studies, and the singing of our beautiful hymns were truly inspiring. We also enjoyed musical numbers from the various Luther Leagues at the evening services. Then each evening we gathered down by the water for the bonfire, and many inspirational, interesting and humorous numbers were given. The day's thoughts and deeds were reviewed as we stood looking into the dying embers of the fire. The afternoons were spent in swimming, boating, and other recreational activities. The meals, which were cooked by Mrs. Bean of Seattle, were indeed the very best.

On Friday evening the pageant "The Church Triumphant" was given. This pageant is written by Rev. Enoch Sandeen and was given under his direction. Mrs. Ralph Ostrom of Seattle took the part of the church in a very able and dramatic way. Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult assisted as soloist. The orchestra was led by Mildred Johnson and the chorus by Rev. Nordlander. The other parts, too numerous to mention, were taken by members of the different congregations. The pageant was given on the hill back of the dining hall. The scene was beautiful. A large crowd witnessed this pageant and all were very well pleased.

On Saturday evening the 24th Annual Convention of the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District, which was held in conjunction with the Bible Institute, began with a business meeting at 6 o'clock. The meeting opened with a song. Rev. H. P. Nordlander led in Scripture reading and prayer. The following officers were elected:

President, Bertil Johnson, Tacoma (re-elected); vice president, Rev. Carl A. V. Lund, Mt. Vernon; corresponding secretary, Effie Frisell, Seattle (re-elected); recording secretary, Helen Lief, Tacoma; treasurer, Martin Johnson, Auburn; dean of Bible Institute, Rev. E. G. Svenson, Tacoma; publicity secretary, Margaretta Grant, Seattle; superintendent of grounds, Thorild Swanson, Seattle.

Sunday morning a sunrise service was held at 7 a. m. conducted by Mr. Vincent Thorene of Tacoma. Rev. Carl Bengtson gave an inspirational talk. At 10:30 the morning service was held at which Rev. E. Arthur Larson of Tacoma served at the altar and Dr. Bergendoff preached the sermon. A very large crowd attended this service. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the convention rally was held at which Dr. Groth, professor in the University of Washington, spoke on the "Quest of Truth." Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Soderman of Emmaus, Seattle, and Rev. Nordlander of Yakima. This great service was a fitting climax to the great convention. The wonderful Bible studies

and lectures of the Institute and the fine spirit of the convention made this week a memorable event in the lives of those who attended. We all were enriched by being there.

ELEANOR ANDERSON,
Everett, Wash.

To the Luther Leaguers of the Columbia Conference

The delights that come with a journey to distant scenes does not end when one alights from the train and exclaims: "Home again." Of just as real a kind as the joy that is experienced when one allows memory's scenes to unfold in one's mind. Then we relive the events and see once more the friends that made the original experience so pleasing.

As the days and weeks which my wife and I spent in the Columbia Conference during July reappear in my thoughts—and that they do times without number—I find them symbolized in the picture that stays with me of the Forest Cathedral in Colton. Who can ever forget those tall, towering pines, rising so uprightly towards the sky, where sunshine fell so gently in thru every opening afforded by the interlacing boughs. Up there the birds sang, while off in the distance the brook ran ceaselessly, musically on and on, day and night. No carpets were needed, for ferns and plants covered the ground, with the delicate Linnea flower as the most beautiful of the patterns in that carpeting.

Yet all this is but the frame of a picture on which my memory fondly dwells. The picture itself centers around an altar, with an uplifted cross. And the foreground is made up of faces—faces in which the light of an unseen world is reflected. For the light in those eyes and the kindness of those lips are the reflection of the truth of the word of God, as that shone forth in sermons, talks, and Bible studies. Within the Forest Cathedral were the temples of the Holy Spirit, the hearts in which the Creative Spirit of God was building a world more beautiful and lasting than the sylvan masterpiece of nature.

This scene became the symbol of my memories from the Columbia Conference, for sometimes the pines and brooks of Colton give way in my mind to the indescribably beautiful vistas of Mt. Rainier, or to the pleasant outlook over Lake Sammamish, or to the waters of Puget Sound at sunset. Roses and dahlias and rhododendrons, like garlands, entwine this wondrous frame of nature's making. For in my mind these are the frame in which warmer memories are set. The center of the entire landscape is a cross, surmounting an open book. And the foreground is filled with countenances of old and young, radiating a glow which no sunset could create and no human affections produce.

The light and life and joy of youth and of older souls was born of a common faith, a common hope, a common love. Yes, the dying embers of a camp fire at night might give cheer and warmth. But the more abiding warmth of heart and light of understanding was that which came from a prolonged communion of kindred souls around the altar of God.

In a large room of my memory I have hung this picture of golden days in the beautiful Northwest. Widening distance has but given clearer perspective. Whatever your memories of these days may be, I doubt they can be compared with what I see of devoted groups around a glorious Cross within a frame of nature's making.

Grateful to God for such memories, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

CONRAD BERGENDOFF,
Salem, Chicago, August 17, 1930.

Everett Luther League Suffers Shipwreck

What proved to be a most thrilling experience was enjoyed by the Everett League at their last meeting, August 15th. The meeting was in the form of a boating made possible through the courtesy of Dr. Carl Stomberg who generously donated the use of his boat. The destination was Hat Island, just across the Sound from Everett.

The trip over proved uneventful. A bonfire, songs, stories, and watermelon were enjoyed. However, when the time came to leave things did not go so well. After rowing everyone to the boat and getting settled for a nice trip home, it was found that the boat was aground. It did not take long to float the boat but when everything was finally ready, the boat wouldn't move—this time it was engine trouble. When this trouble was finally located and fixed, the boat was again hopelessly aground with no tide sufficient to float it until seven the next morning.

It again became necessary to take everyone back to shore where they were destined to spend several hours. Those who work for a living had visions of losing their "jobs" and no one expected to be home before daybreak.

The only inhabitants of the island were fishermen. Since there was no means of communication with the mainland and when it became evident that the boat was out of order, they lent us the use of one of their outboard motors.

Two of the party were sent to Mukilteo, where they notified some of the parents who had already begun to worry about the fate of the League. They also called a tug and by 3 a. m. this tug had reached the island and by and by all members were rowed to safety.

The rest of the evening went smoothly and all were home before 4 a. m., but—if the fishermen had not been there, the Everett League might still be sitting on Hat Island.

Dr. Conrad Emil Lindberg Is Called

After 40 years of faithful service as professor in the Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, and for 56 years a minister in the Augustana Synod, Dr. Conrad Emil Lindberg was summoned to his eternal reward 7:30 Saturday morning, August 2, 1930. Because of ailments that had caused him trouble for some time, he was taken to the Augustana Hospital in Chicago, a week before his death where he found that it was necessary to submit to an operation. At first his case seemed to be successful, but after a few hours it was apparent that he was sinking into the peaceful sleep of another world to be with the Lord whom he had loved so much, and of whom he had spoken so much here.

Dr. Lindberg was born in Jönköping, Sweden June 9, 1852. At the age of 19 he arrived in America where he entered the Augustana Seminary at Paxton, Ill., 1871 and graduated in the spring of the following year. He continued his studies in Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia and graduated in the year 1876. At the Synodical meeting held in Rockford, Ill., 1874, he was ordained having accepted calls to Philadelphia and Wilkesbarre pastorate. After four years of service here he accepted a call to the Gustavus Adolphus church in New York City, where he laid down 11 years of a most successful ministry. The G. A. church at New York City has stood as a beacon light to welcome immigrants into the Augustana Synod, and there is no doubt that much of its glorious history is due to the excellent labors of our departed brother.

In the year 1890 Dr. Lindberg was called to the chair of systematic theology in Augustana Theological Seminary, a position which he held the remaining 40 years of his life. It is in the capacity of professor and theological scholar that he gave his synod and the Lutheran church an indelible service. About 90 per cent. of the ministers who are at present serving in the Augustana Synod have received instruction from him while pursuing their theological studies. We do not hesitate to say that all will bear out the statements that he was at home in his subjects, a theological scholar, an able professor, a thoroughly sincere Christian, a sympathetic brother who desired the salvation of all for whom his Christ had died.

In the activities of the Synod, Dr. Lindberg has held many positions. He served as president of the New York conference from 1879 to 1890; was vice president of

the Augustana Synod nine years; vice president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary 1901—1910; dean of the Seminary from 1919 until his death. He has also held a number of other responsible positions such as being on boards and committees both in our Synod and in the General Council. Because of his thorough knowledge, keen insight and determined stand he has been a valuable asset in these places of trust.

In the literary world he holds a position among the front ranks. Not so much because of the many books he is author of, but because of the important subjects he has treated. Possibly the most outstanding is his "Dogmatics and History of Dogma." This has been used, not only as text book in our Saminary, but it is read in many other Synods because of its clear presentation of the Science of Theology. His last contribution to his beloved church is "The Beacon Lights of Prophecy," a book setting forth the second advent in the light of prophecy, a subject on which he has written much and in which he was much interested. This book is just now in the press and will soon be out. We trust there will be many who will avail themselves of the opportunity to read this publication, his last witness to us concerning the eternal home of glory.

Dean Lindberg was a subject for honors at several occasions. In 1893 he received the degree of D. D., from Mullenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and in 1910 the LL.D. degree from the same college; in 1901 the king of Sweden made him "Knight of the Royal Order of the North Star," and later he was decorated "Commander of the Royal Order of Vasa."

Funeral services were held in Rock Island, and Moline on Monday, August 4th. Those who took part in the services were Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Dr. Adolph Hult, Dr. G. A. Andreen, Dr. A. T. Lundholm, Dr. S. J. Sebelius, Rev. J. P. Milton and C. L. E. Esbjorn. The remains were shipped to New York City and laid to rest in the Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, after a brief service was held in the Gustavus Adolphus church. Here his body will rest to await the dawn of resurrection morn. Peace be over the memory of this beloved brother. Well may we say of his life: "He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him at that day."

S. E. J.

The Conference Luther League

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League will be held in the Immanuel church, Portland,

Oregon, on Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day, August 30-31 and Sept. 1. At the present writing it is doubtful whether this issue of the Columbia Lutheran will reach the subscribers before the convention or not, but in case it does, we want to say that you are all cordially welcome to Immanuel. The Luther League meets for a high and holy purpose. It meets to lift high the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the ancient prophecy might be fulfilled: "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." It meets in order that its members, the young people of the Conference, may dedicate themselves anew to loyal service in the church of Christ.

The motto of the convention is: "Christ, the sole foundation of the whole of life." This motto is based on the text in 1 Cor. 3:11: "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Christ Jesus." The foundation is laid, it remains to build upon it. Christ is the foundation of the church, the Luther League, the home, and of our hope of personal salvation. Our life work, if it is to endure, must be built on this foundation. Your knowledge and experience must be determined by its relation to this foundation. In fact, you cannot do anything in life that is not in some way related to Jesus Christ. If you are a Christian, your every act is a Christian act. Christ is the foundation of the whole of life. But you will hear more of this in the address and sermons that will be delivered at the convention.

The Immanuel Luther League with its pastor, Rev. H. P. Johnson, has made every preparation to receive the delegates and visitors, and to care for their comfort and enjoyment. On Monday a fellowship gathering and picnic will be held in one of the parks in Portland. The fares are reasonable on the railroads and stages, the highways are in excellent condition, and this is the last opportunity for a trip that you will have this summer. Come!

Program for Conference Convention.

Saturday, August 30. Banquet.
Orchestra Music.
Address of welcome, Rev. H. P. Johnson
President's address
.....Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom
Address, "Christ the Foundation of
Knowledge".....Rev. J. P. Pflueger
Sunday morning, Communion service:
Preparatory address.....Rev. John Bildt
Sermon, "Christ, Your Teacher and
Master"Rev. G. K. Andeen
Altar service.....Rev. E. Arthur Larson
Rev. Roger P. Oliver
Sunday afternoon, Y. P. Rally:
Address, "Christ, the Foundation of
the Home".....Rev. Ernest G. Svenson
Address, "Christ, the Foundation of a
Career"Rev. Enoch Sandeen
Sunday evening, closing service:
Sermon, "Christ the Foundation of our

Salvation"Rev. Wm. Siegel
Altar service.....Rev. Carl A. V. Lund
Monday morning:
Morning devotion, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist
Business session,
Monday, 11 a. m.: Fellowship gathering
and picnic.

The 23rd Annual Convention of the Portland District Luther League

The Portland District Luther League met at the Bethany church, Warren, Oregon, August 9, 1930, for their 23rd annual convention.

The session opened at 3 p. m. with a prayer service conducted by Rev. A. G. Anderson of Gresham, Oregon. Twenty-eight delegates were present, representing the Augustana and Immanuel Luther Leagues of Portland, and the Luther Leagues of Astoria, Colton, Graham, St. Helens, and Warren. The president's report was presented based on the theme, "Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be," from Genesis 49: 10. Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom was re-elected president; Mr. Albert Anderson, vice president; Miss Edith Olson, secretary; Mr. Raymond Widen, treasurer; Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, dean of Bible Institute; Rev. E. J. Sakrison was re-elected as assistant dean of the Bible Institute. As a result of a motion, the dean and assistant dean became members of the executive committee.

The tract of land, donated by Miss Hilma Olson of Colton for the purpose of a Luther League park, was formally accepted. The president and secretary were authorized to sign the trust agreement with the Colton church board in relation to the Luther League park property donated by Miss Hilma Olson. The Colton church board as an incorporated body will hold the deed to the Luther League park property in trust until such a time as the Portland District Luther League becomes incorporated.

The building of the new Luther League cottage was approved and Rev. E. J. Sakrison was chosen custodian of same. The executive committee was authorized to incur reasonable expenditures in connection with the Luther League park.

Delegates were elected to be in attendance at the convention of the Columbia Conference Luther League to be held August 30-31 and September 1 at the Immanuel church in Portland. The budget for the coming year includes \$100 for home missions and \$50 for foreign missions.

The evening session opened at 8 p. m. by congregational singing of hymn 218 followed by scripture reading and prayer by Rev. S. E. Johnson of the Portland Augustana church. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Alice Nelson of Gresham and a violin solo by Miss Esther Wicks of As-

toria. Rev. P. H. Nordlander of Yakima, Washington, directed a Bible study, using the epistle of St. James as the basis of his treatise. The service was concluded by congregational singing of hymn 456, followed by the benediction.

The Sunday morning session and the convention rally were held within the bounds of a little forest about one-fourth mile from the church. Those that have been in attendance at the Bible Institute at Colton were agreeably surprised to find themselves in a beautiful forest cathedral, an almost exact replica of the forest cathedral at Colton. The morning session consisted of a full high mass service. Revs. S. E. Johnson and E. J. Sakrison conducted the altar service. An impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. H. P. Johnson. Vocal solos were sung by Miss Alma Elmquist and Dr. J. G. Sture.

Sunday afternoon, the convention rally was opened by congregational singing of hymn 416 and scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. K. Andeen. An anthem was rendered by a mixed quartette of Colton and a violin solo by Miss Esther Wicks. The convention address was delivered by Rev. P. H. Nordlander, using as his subject, "Marks of Jesus." An impressive missionary address was rendered by Miss Alta Samuelson. A reading by Miss Marina Johnson was well received.

The evening service was held in the church. Rev. A. G. Anderson of Gresham conducted the altar service. Impressive sermons were delivered by Rev. E. J. Sakrison of Colton and student Harry Lundblad of Astoria.

There was a large attendance at each of the services. The Warren Luther League served meals to all visitors, and every one was well satisfied.

JULIUS G. STURE.

Spokane District News

In May this year, the Spokane Leagues came by motor caravan to Moscow, where the two leagues, Westdala Luther League of Troy, Idaho, and the First Lutheran Church League of Moscow, entertained at a "visit meeting" of the district leagues.

The visiting leagues furnished the program and the Troy and Moscow groups entertained.

This goes down as one of the most successful, and withal inspirational days to all. Most of the visitors came shortly after dinner on that Sunday, May 4th, and the big program was held at 3:00 p. m. After the program, refreshments were served and a "getting acquainted hour" followed. The visitors (over 50 from the Spokane Leagues), left Moscow about 7:00 p. m. for Spokane.

The two leagues here on this end of the district, expect to visit the Spokane leagues

this fall in a similar occasion as the above mentioned one.

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We held a beautiful convention here, with much spiritual good coming to all who attended. We were honored and helped in our convention, by the happy presence of the Synodical executive Luther League secretary, Rev. P. N. Sjogren. Also, at this time, Rev. David E. Engberg, recently arrived pastor of the Westdala Lutheran church, appeared on the program. We extend a sincere welcome to him, as well as his good wife to the district. Mrs. Engberg is the daughter of Dr. Bergin of Kansas.

Rev. Engberg preached his first sermon at Troy, August 3rd, 1930 to a large audience.

ROGER P. OLIVER.

Spokane District L. L. Convention

The Spokane District Luther League held its twenty-first annual convention in the First Lutheran Church, Moscow, Idaho, on Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10. The business meeting was held on Saturday evening. Rev. William Siegel of Spokane was elected president. Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday morning. The preparatory address was delivered by Rev. William Siegel. On Sunday afternoon the convention program was held. Ten minutes papers were read by Francis Edlund, Salem, Spokane; Eva Hellberg, Troy, Idaho; and Caroline Claesson, Grace, Spokane. At the evening service, Rev. David E. Engberg, pastor of Westdala church, Troy, Idaho, preached the sermon. The theme of the convention was "Christ, Yesterday, Today, and Forever," and all the sermons and papers dealt with some phase of this theme.

Mt. Baker District News

The Northwest is popular for summer vacationing. And rightly so. Perfect days and cool nights. Woods, mountains, lakes, rivers, beaches, almost without number.

Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult has spent more or less of the summer with her relatives in Mt. Vernon and vicinity. We have appreciated her attendance at the services and especially the vocal solos rendered. She has now left to take up her work as vocal instructor in the music department of the Augustana Conservatory, Rock Island, Ill. Her brother, Prof. Rupert Anderson of Yale University, has also spent a few weeks in his old home town and visited his uncle, Dr. Jos. Anderson. He is now doing research work in California for the university.

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At the Mount Vernon parsonage have been visitors from Chicago. Mrs. J. A. Berkland and her son John; and also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carlson. Mt. Baker proved interesting. So also the lifting of the fish traps. The pastor and wife together with the Carlsons took a trip to Victoria and north thru Vancouver Island. Perhaps the most beautiful sight we saw was the Burchard gardens.

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Mrs. Minnie Hanson-Swanson, a Mt. Vernon-Chicago lady, is spending the summer with her parents and other relatives here.

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New Westminster and Vancouver Luther Leagues met at Vancouver, B. C., Sunday evening, August 17. Rev. C. J. Renhard of Aberdeen was the speaker. The subject of his address was "Marriage."

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Rev. Cornay and family will spend two weeks with friends and relatives in Oregon, ending up their vacation with attending the Conference Luther League Convention in Portland.

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The Mt. Vernon ladies served meals at the Skagit County Fair recently. They report clearing \$428.00 on the venture.

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The Luther League of Mt. Vernon recently added \$2,500.00 to the pipe organ fund, making at \$3,500.00. We are aiming at \$5,000 in cash and pledges before we place the order.

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Rev. Bildt is about ready to have the renovated church at Hartford re-dedicated. New interest is evidenced in this congregation.

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Two pastors of the district with their respective wives visited the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle one Sunday evening in August. They heard Dr. Matthews deliver an old-fashioned gospel sermon to a full house. It is the same old Gospel that you can hear in any of our Augustana churches at any service.

REV. C. A. V. LUND.

Some News Items from Seattle

Dr. C. R. Swanson, pastor of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, has been confined to a local hospital for some weeks, where he submitted to a surgical operation, but he is now well on the way to completely restored health and strength. All our people in Seattle, not to say over the entire Conference, rejoice of his recovery. Theol. Student Carl Mahr is in charge of the work in his church during the absence of the pastor.

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist and family returned on August 1st from an extended trip thru the Middle West. Many of the centers of our church work were visited and among them the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha. The trip made by automobile was pleasant and profitable thruout.

On their return they were greeted by the congregation with a very lovely welcome-home-again reception when a package of "forget-you-nots" was presented to them by the acting vice-pastor, the Rev. Enoch Sandeen. The occasion was made all the more happy by virtue of the presence of the pastors of the other Augustana congregations in Seattle.

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Mrs. Enoch Sandeen, wife of Pastor E. Sandeen, Bethel, Ballard, has just returned home from one of the local hospitals where she went thru a serious surgical operation some weeks ago. The Bethel congregation and the host of other friends are happy with the Sandeens over the prospects of her full recovery in a short time. Her mother, Mrs. Carlson, Moline, Ill., arrived for a visit with her daughter and family some time before the illness of Mrs. Sandeen and she found it possible to remain with them thruout these anxious weeks.

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It would seem that many other homes in our various congregations in the city have been visited by serious afflictions and sorrow during the summer.

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Miss Anna Johnson, the beloved matron of the Home for the Aged, is at this writing on a well-earned vacation. While visiting the home a few days ago, many of the members of the home spoke of the lonesomeness when she is not about as usual.

Applications from truly needy folks are received every week and at times several in one week. We were called out the other day to one of the neighboring cities to see an aged lady about entering the home. The sad part of it is that we must turn most of them away because of lack of room. What a blessing it would be to have it so arranged that the size of the Home could be doubled! You folks who have money to spare can do a great and noble work by providing means for the enlargement of the Home.

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Several pastors of our Synod have paid us a visit of late. We recall Dr. Peter Peterson, president of the Illinois Conference; Rev. P. N. Sjogren, executive secretary of the Synodical Luther League; Rev. C. A. Julius, Burdick, Kans., and Rev. E. K. Jonson, Chicago, Ill. They all seem

to think that we have quite a city up here and at times they remind us of Rome built on seven hills.

REV. C. G. BLOOMQUIST.

Items of Interest

Editor honored. F. W. Lonegren, editor of the Oregon Posten, was the guest of honor at a reception held in the Immanuel Lutheran church in Portland on Wednesday evening, August 13. The occasion was the celebration of the 70th birthday anniversary of Mr. Lonegren. All the Swedish congregations in Portland and vicinity and their pastors, together with the Scandinavian Salvation Army Corps, had been invited. Rev. H. P. Johnson had charge of the program. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson of Augustana led in Scripture reading and prayer. Words of congratulation and appreciation were spoken by Rev. E. J. Sakrison of Colton, Captain H. Anderson of the Salvation Army, and Mr. Theodore Young from the Swedish Mission church. Rev. C. J. Renhard from Aberdeen and pastor Gideon T. Sjolander from Great Falls, Mont., both former pastors in Portland and friends of Mr. Lonegren, were present and in their addresses recalled memories from the early days of Mr. Lonegren's work in Portland. Musical numbers were rendered by a male quartet from the Mission church, a duet by two ladies from the Swedish Methodist church, a solo by Mrs. Christine Olson-Skans, and violin solos by Mr. Lawrence Carlson. Several friends who were unable to attend had sent telegrams and letters of congratulations. At the close of the program Rev. H. P. Johnson expressed the appreciation of the churches and people of Portland of the work of Mr. Lonegren and presented in behalf of those present a gift of money for a remembrance of this day. Refreshments, including a great birthday cake, were served after the program. Mr. Lonegren has served all the churches in Portland and vicinity for many years thru his paper and has been an active supporter of the church work in the city. We wish to extend to Mr. Lonegren our sincere congratulations and hope that he will continue for many years more his work in support of the church work and Swedish culture among us.

A pleasant visit. At the convention held in Warren recently an invitation was extended to the Portland Luther Leagues to be present at the meeting of the Warren League on Friday evening, August 15. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Thyra Rylander. About 25 Leaguers from Portland accepted the invitation. After a short program a social time was held and

refreshments served. Both hosts and visitors enjoyed the meeting. Come again.

Vacations. Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. Ernest J. Sakrison, together with their families, spent a few days vacationing at Delake. Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Wahlstrom spent a week at Cannon Beach, Ore. The seashore is fine during August. It is free from the heat, dust, and smoke of the interior.

New Seminary Professor called. At a recent meeting of the Board of Augustana College Dr. Conrad Bergendoff was called to succeed the late Dr. Conrad E. Lindberg as Dean of the Theological Seminary and teacher of dogmatics and ethics. The Lutheran Companion also carries the news that Rev. J. Vincent Nordgren has been elected to succeed Dr. Fahlund as Sunday School secretary. Both of these selections will meet with general approval thruout the Synod.

Astoria, Ore. Mission meeting and dedication of the recently constructed Parish Hall will be held in Astoria on September 23-24. All the pastors of the district will be in attendance. The parish hall has been built from an older structure formerly used as a school building, and has been remodeled so that it will serve as Sunday school hall and also for the services.

Miss Alta Samuelson visited the conference during August. While in the Portland district she spoke in Augustana, Colton, Immanuel, Gresham, and Astoria, and also at the Luther League convention in Warren. Miss Samuelson also visited Spokane and Seattle.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Renhard have been spending their vacation in Colton. While there they also attended the Convention in Warren as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Larson.

Mrs. Margret Johnson of Salem, S. D., daughter, Mrs. Samuel E. Johnson during the last few weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Jones from Butte, Mont., and their children spent part of their vacation at Seaside, Ore. While there they visited the Columbia Hospital and other places of interest along the coast.

Rev. G. K. Andeen made a trip to Prince Rupert, B. C., recently. He went there to investigate the field in the interest of the Conference. We have a church building in Prince Rupert, but no organized congregation. At present the church is used by the U. L. C. for services. Rev. Andeen also plans to visit southern Oregon in the near future, especially Klamath Falls. This is a large and growing city and the interest of our church should be looked after there.

Professor and Mrs. E. J. Vickner of the University of Washington went thru Portland some time ago on their way to Seaside, Oregon, where they spent part of their summer vacation.

Rev. P. N. Sjogren of Chicago, executive secretary of the Synodical Luther League Council, visited with Rev. H. P. Johnson on August 5. Rev. Sjogren spoke on "The Meaning and Purpose of the Luther League" at the Luther League meeting in the Immanuel church. Several visitors from the Augustana League were also present. Rev. Sjogren went to Seattle from Portland, and then to the Spokane district, where he spoke at the District Convention in Troy, Idaho.

Rev. and Mrs. George Anderson, returned missionaries from Africa, spent some time in the Conference during August. Mrs. George Anderson spoke in the Augustana church in Portland on Sunday morning, August 3, and on the same day she also delivered an address at the vesper service in the Immanuel church. In both of these churches large audiences had gathered for the occasion. Rev. Anderson spoke the same day in Seattle. In Spokane a large outdoor meeting had been arranged the following week, at which both Rev. and Mrs. Anderson were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sullivan and Miss Esther Lind from Stronghurst, Ill., visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wahlstrom during August. After having seen the Pacific at Seaside Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan returned to La Grande, Ore., where Miss Lind joined them later for the return trip to Illinois.

Farewell Party at Augustana church. At the vesper service Sunday afternoon Aug. 17th, Mrs. Mildred Anderson Hult was made the honor guest when the meeting was turned into a farewell party. Mrs. Hult, who has for some time been choir director at Augustana church, has accepted a position in the Conservatory of Music at Augustana College. She left Monday for Mt. Vernon, Wash., where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Chas. E. T. Olson, before going on to Rock Island. A program was given during which Mr. J. E. Wallin, Rev. Theo. Seashore and the undersigned gave short talks. Refreshments were served in the church parlors where an opportunity was given to extend greetings and well wishes to Mrs. Hult. We congratulate her on having received this position and wish her God's richest blessings in the field of labor.

The Augustana Luther League had an outing in the Riverlot Park Friday evening, August 2. The Leagues of the Immanuel church, Portland and Bethany, Warren were guests.

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"Back of all the robbing and banditry of today lies the lust for gold, and all the crime commissions in the world will not improve the conditions of affairs one whit until there goes forth a strong preaching to children in the school, and through the press, and in the homes, that the great objective is the development of character and the contribution to life of something that is wholesome and sweet and constructive, something that will be abiding."—Rev. Edward Charles Russell.

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