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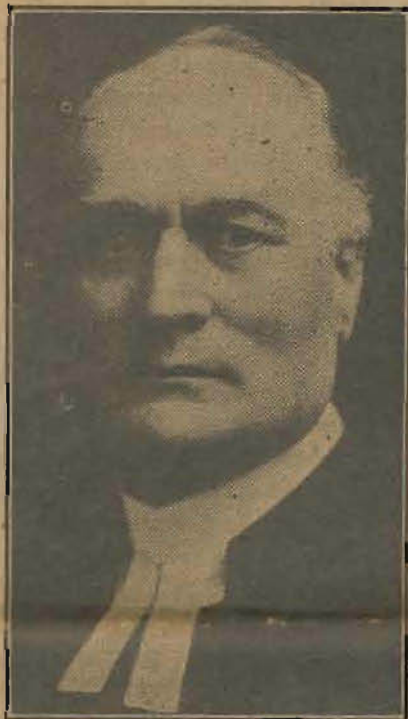
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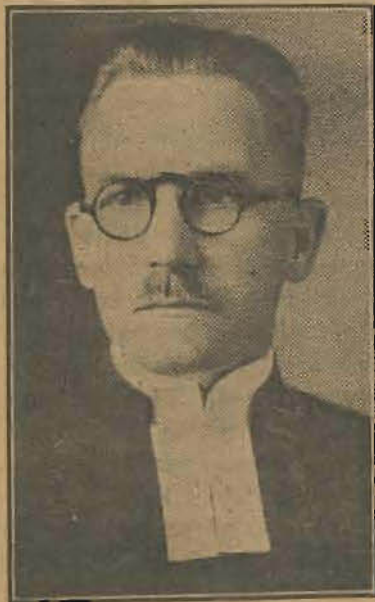
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## Editorial

### Our Conference Meeting

We had prayed that God would give us a pleasant convention, and our conference meeting in the First Church in Tacoma, according to the testimony of many the most pleasant one that the Columbia Conference has held for many years. Naturally different views were expressed on some of the questions discussed. We cannot all of us be on all points of one mind. But a brotherly spirit prevailed in all our deliberations. The different divine services and other moments of devotion brought an abundance of good things for the soul to feed upon. Every sermon preached gave evidence of having been very carefully prepared. Our bodily welfare were also seen to in a very commendable way. Sumptuous meals were served in the church parlors and we were royally taken care of in the homes, where we were guests. The parish secretary, Miss Emma Anderson, deserves special mention. She spared no effort in serving the delegation in every detail in which assistance was needed.

### A Farewell

Rev. Martin L. Swanson made a few remarks of farewell at the closing session of the conference. He leaves in June for his new field in Detroit, Mich. Rev. Swanson has served as treasurer of the conference for a period of six years. He has rendered a good and faithful service and has done highly appreciated work in his different charges. We are sorry to see him leave. The entire conference will miss him greatly. May God bless him

abundantly, as he enters upon his duties in his new field.

### The Conference Meeting

The 37th annual meeting of the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Synod was held April 17-21 in the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Wash., Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, pastor. It opened at 2:30 P. M. on the first named date with a pastoral conference, when two papers were read, one by Rev. Roger P. Oliver on "Rebuilding the Family Altar," and one by Rev. O. W. Westling on "How Can the Church Win the Unchurched?" These papers were both well written and gave rise to many thoughts on the subjects discussed. Rev. Oliver had on his request received written opinions on his subject from several leading pastors and educators of the Lutheran church. This proved very interesting and stimulating. It is to be regretted that time did not permit an exhaustive discussion on the two papers.

Then convention proper began with divine worship on April 17, 8:00 P. M. Rev. G. K. Andeen, acting president, preached the sermon. Rev. C. G. Bloomquist and Rev. M. L. Swanson served as liturgs. Rev. Andeen's sermon on the theme: "Come and See," Joh. 1:38-39 proved a fitting keynote to the work, which we with the beginning of a new conference year go to resume. The local pastor, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, greeted most cordially the delegates and other visitors welcome to the First Lutheran Church and its homes.

The first session of the conference opened on Thursday morning, April 18, with devotion, when Rev. E. H. Wahlstrom preached a short sermon on "Behold the Field," Joh. 4:35. The roll-call showed that 64 pastors and lay delegates were present. The acting president's report was read and left in the customary way to a committee. This committee came in later with resolutions, which were accepted as read. The following conference officers were elected: president, Rev. G. K. Andeen; vice president, Rev. C. J. Renhard; secretary, Rev. C. G. Bloomquist (re-elected); treasurer, Rev. P. H. Nordlander. A telegram had been received from Dr. C. R. Swanson, the former president of the conference, informing us that he expected to go through an surgical operation that very day. Upon request from the chair Dr. Joseph Anderson led in prayer for the sick one. It was decided that a greeting and flowers be sent to Dr. Swanson. The session was closed with prayer by Dr. E. Edman.

The afternoon session opened with devotion, when a short sermon was preached by Rev. Ernest J. Sakrison. Theme: "An

Open Door in Spite of Opposition," 1 Cor. 16:9. It was decided that the conference officers receive salaries as follows: president \$400.00; secretary \$150.00; treasurer \$300.00. The report from the conference board was read. A long discussion followed on the question of an immigrant home in Vancouver, B. C. The general opinion seemed to be, that we cannot as a conference obligate ourselves any further for new institutions, as the financial burdens are entirely too heavy as conditions now prevail. It was decided to re-organize our institutional work in such a way, that each institution of the conference becomes a separate corporation. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Edlund.

In the evening a festive program was given by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Emmy Evald, president of the Synodical organization, gave an illustrated lecture on her trip to India.

On Friday morning a short service was conducted by Rev. Enoch Sandeen, who spoke briefly on "Go Forward," Exodus 14:15. During the session that followed telegrams were read from the following conferences, who held annual meetings simultaneously with us: Iowa, Illinois, Red River Valley and Texas. It was indeed inspiring to listen to the greetings of these delegations, in convention assembled in different places of our great land. It made us feel, that though great distance separate us, we are nevertheless one in doctrine and in fellowship. The customary reports were read. Those from Columbia Hospital occasioned lengthy discussion as to what the future might be for that institution. The patronage is still not what it should be for the size of the hospital and the area of the field, and the financial burden is tremendous. It was however admitted, that if any blame was to be placed on anyone for involving the conference so heavily in a place not larger than Astoria, the conference could only blame itself. It seemingly had sanctioned every move that had been taken by committees in charge and had given such committees full power to act in the matter of erecting the hospital. The discussions progressed in a very friendly and brotherly way. Every angle of the perplexing questions, with which the hospital confronts us, was thoroughly analyzed. The session closed with prayer by Rev. O. W. Westling.

Friday's afternoon session began with a short devotion, when Rev. A. G. Anderson delivered a brief sermon on "Be not Weary in Well-doing," Gal. 6:9. The discussion on Columbia Hospital was continued. Hope was expressed that the Synod might soon come forth with the \$30,000 promised for our aid in taking care of notes and other obligations. The





MRS. EMMY EVALD,

who was guest speaker at the Columbia Woman's Missionary Society meeting at Tacoma. Mrs. Ewald is president of the Augustana Synod Woman's Missionary Society and resides in Chicago, Ill.

Synod committee has named certain conditions on which that money shall be handed over. It is hoped that those conditions may considerably be lightened. Let us hope that the coming synod meeting will bring us good news in that respect. Rev. G. K. Andeen informed the conference that he will resign from his church in Spokane, that his entire time might be given to the hospital and the congregation in Astoria. This gave courage to the delegation assembled at this session. It was decided that with faith in God, we take hold of the Columbia Hospital problem with new enthusiasm with the aim in view of strengthening as far as possible the position of our institution in Astoria. The conference felt that this was the only thing it could do in the matter. To declare bankruptcy or sell would mean greater obligation in paying notes due or own people than this conference could carry. It was hoped that the congregations that have not as yet reached their quota in the Columbia Hospital campaign will do their best to reach that mark as soon as possible. The Astoria people will also be expected to continue their subscription till they have reached the goal of \$40,000.00, though this may have to be extended over a longer period of time. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, president of the Pacific Theological Seminary, Seattle, brought a greeting. Rev. Luther B. Deck of Vancouver, Wash. appealed to the conference to appoint a committee to sit in with the board of some committee at Pacific Seminary for what he called "point of contact." Evidently the Pacific Synod would like to

have us come in closer contact with the educational work of said institution. The board was authorized to select such a committee. Dr. C. R. Swanson and Rev. C. G. Bloomquist were later appointed by the board. The following were now elected to serve on our conference board of trustees: Dr. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Carl Smith, Aberdeen, and Mr. Emil Wirsen, Sedro-Wolley, all three re-elected. The session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. Truedson.

A concert was given in the evening by the church choir. A great variety of vocal and instrumental numbers were rendered. The First Church has apparently a number of fine musical talents. The different selections were artistically given and were no doubt greatly enjoyed by all present.

The morning session on Saturday opened with a devotional period, when Dr. Joseph Anderson spoke on "Encouragements of the Past," Heb. 12:1. Delegates to the Synod meeting in Rockford, Ill. were elected as follows: Pastors A. G. Anderson, J. A. Edlund, P. H. Nordlander, O. W. Westling. Alternates: Pastors Fred W. Hanson, Roger P. Oliver, N. Wm. Anderson, Eric H. Wahlstrom. Lay delegates: Portland district, Albert Anderson, Warren, Ore.; Alternate Carl Oberg, Astoria. Tacoma dist., Dr. Ralph Ostrom, Seattle, alternate Carl Erickson, Aberdeen. Mt. Baker district: Conrad Selander, Bellingham; alternate J. Mandahl, Sedro-Wolley. Spokane dist.: C. B. Greene, Moscow; alternate Lawrence Johnson, Troy. Synodical Council: Dr. E. J. Vickner, Seattle; alternate Claus Peterson, Everett. Mr. Rudolph Peterson was chosen as member of the board for the Old Peoples Home, Seattle. Dr. A. W. Magnusson refused to be re-elected as member of the board and treasurer of said institution. This was deeply regretted by the conference. It was decided that the Columbia Lutheran be edited entirely in the English language, and that the size of this paper be the same as hitherto. Rev. H. P. Johnson, 150 N. 19 St., Portland, Oregon, was chosen as editor. The matter of financial management of the paper was left with the conference board of trustees. The board later elected Rev. E. A. Larson, 758 So. 48 St., Taioma, Wash., as manager for Columbia Lutheran. The following were elected as members on the board of trustees for Emmanuel Hospital for three years: Rev. H. P. Johnson, Sherman Nelson, Portland, Anton Henrikson, Portland and Paul Palmblad, Gresham, Ore.

The session on Sat. afternoon was begun with prayer by Rev. H. P. Johnson. It was decided that a conference budget committee be elected in such a way, that a layman and a pastor from each district

constitute its membership. The following were elected on this committee: Portland dist.: Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom and Mr. J. A. Nordeen. Tacoma dist.: Rev. P. H. Nordlander and Mr. Gust Johnson. Spokane dist.: Rev. N. Wm. Anderson and Mr. E. A. Skon. Mt. Baker dist.: Rev. O. W. Westling and Mr. Gust Erickson. The conference treasurer serves as chairman of this committee. The session closed with a short devotion, when Rev. F. W. Hanson preached on "The Hopeful Future," Heb. 12:22-29.

The Conference now having adjourned its final session of the convention, an opportunity was given the Lutheran Brotherhood of the conference to hold its scheduled meeting. The pastors were invited and urged to stay and take part. The following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: Dr. J. W. Unis, Seattle, president; Sherman Nelson, Portland, vice president; Dr. A. W. Magnusson, Seattle, secretary (re-elected); Adolph Benson, Portland, treasurer. Dist. chairmen were elected as follows: Portland dist. Adolph Benson; Tacoma dist. Vincent Thoren; Spokane dist. Eric H. Johnson.

On Saturday evening a conference banquet was held in the church parlors. About four hundred guests were seated at the tables. The local pastor, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson, served as toastmaster. A very good program was rendered. Addresses were delivered by Rev. M. L. Swanson, Dr. J. W. Unis, Mrs. C. J. Renhard, Mrs. Emmy Ewald, and Dr. Julius Lincoln. Miss Hildur Karlstrom played beautiful selections on the harp. Many other selections of song and music were also given.

On Sunday, April 21, Morning services were held, when Holy Communion was celebrated. Rev. J. A. Edlund gave the preporatory and Rev. A. M. Green preached the sermon. Dr. C. R. Swanson and Rev. P. H. Nordlander served as liturgs. In the afternoon a Young People's Rally was held when Mr. Harry Lundblad of Everett spoke on "Temptations Confronting Young People," and when Rev. N. Wm. Anderson gave an address on "Victorious Youth." The convention closed with the evening worship, when Rev. L. I. Cornay preached on "Adding to the Church," Acts 2:47, and when Rev. H. P. Johnson gave a sermon on the evening text using as his theme: "The Hope of our Glory." Rev. E. Arthur Larson and H. F. H. Hartelius served as liturgs. Beautiful singing characterized each one of the convention services.

Christ is not opposed to men making money, but he is very much opposed to money making men.



## Contributed

### President's Report To the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference.

Grace and Peace!

Dear Co-workers in Christ:

"O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."

Psalm 95:1-2.

By the grace of God we have been permitted to assemble at this our fifteenth anniversary as a conference missionary society, and we come with hearts filled with gratefulness and thanksgiving for what the Lord hath done. Looking back over the years we can indeed see how richly the Lord has blessed our efforts. There have been obstacles to overcome, there have been discouragements, and disappointments, but greater than these have been the rejoicing over victories won, aims achieved, goals gained; and thru it all a reverent thankfulness that God has permitted us to have a part in the wonderful work of extending his kingdom on earth.

#### Organization

To those of us who were present at the organization meeting in the old church in Tacoma fifteen years ago, the gathering here today no doubt presents a great contrast. At that time there were two organized local societies, one in Tacoma and one in Seattle, with scattered members here and there thruout the Conference. We now have thirty-eight adult societies and six Young Women's societies. Four more adult societies were reported last year, one in the Portland district and three in British Columbia in the Mt. Baker district; but as these were organized at Mission stations which are not now being served by any of our pastors, they have evidently given up the work, as they have submitted no reports this year. It is to be regretted that we should thus lose what has cost a great deal of work to gain.

#### Membership

At first glance the membership which was reported at the end of the year looked rather discouraging, as it showed a drop instead of the gain we had hoped for; but we think the new statistical report blanks are to a great extent responsible for the apparent loss of members, as they specify that only paid up active members be reported. It has been a general practice to carry members on the books two years before dropping them for failure to pay up their dues, and no doubt there were many who considered

themselves members but were left out of the statistics because of negligence in paying their dues. This should be a warning to us to be prompt in meeting our obligations.

In the hope of increasing our membership, the Executive Board decided last fall to put on a membership drive; and, as an added incentive, a cash prize of fifteen dollars was offered by one of the board members to the local society getting the most new members before April 1, 1929. So we hope the membership secretary has a more encouraging story to tell.

The Young Women's department although comparatively new in our Conference, is gaining in strength and interest shown. Secretaries have been elected or appointed in each district, and we look forward to a steady growth and development of this branch of our society.

The Junior work also is continuing as an important part of our organization and should be loyally supported. God give us leaders who can train these little ones to love and work and give for Jesus' sake.

Complete reports of the work and membership in these two departments will be given by the respective secretaries.

#### Meetings

The reports of the district chairmen show that a number of the societies meet regularly every month while some meet bimonthly, some quarterly, while two or three met only twice during the year. Most of the societies held extra meetings.

Prayer Day was being observed more generally than in previous years, for which we should be truly thankful. The closer we come to God thru prayer, the better will we be able to serve Him.

Mission studies have been used by some societies but not as generally as they ought to be. These studies have been prepared to acquaint us with the missionary work being carried on in the various fields, and the systematic use of them will prove both interesting and instructive, as well as enabling us to carry on our own work more intelligently.

#### Mission Tidings

The report on Mission Tidings subscribers is not as encouraging as it might be. Although the drive we had last year brought in many new subscribers, failure of old subscribers to pay up their subscriptions, has lowered the total. We have hardly half as many subscribers as we have members. There was a time in the early history of our organization when the president reported 165 members and 206 subscribers. What a wealth of information and inspiration our Mission Tidings brings us every month if we would only read it.

#### Home Missions

Home Missions festivals have been held in the majority of the societies with good results. We are happy to note the increased interest in home missions as shown by the treasurer's report.

The Columbia Conference at its annual meeting last year, petitioned the W. M. S. for \$1,000 for its Home Missions. Our society has "gone over the top" by giving \$1,418.00 besides the \$500.00 to the Extension fund and paying our apportionment of \$170.00 to Synodical Missions. Well done!

#### Proteges

Our two proteges, Miss Anna Olson, missionary nurse, and Miss Viola Swenson, bible student at St. Paul, are also being supported. Miss Olson underwent a serious operation last summer from which she has not yet fully recovered. It has also been reported to us that her mother suffered a stroke some time ago. We extend our sincere sympathy to Miss Olson in these trials that have been laid upon her. May God restore them both to health and strength.

Under Foreign Missions comes the new "Building Special," decided on at the last Synodical Meeting, where-by a fund of fifty thousand dollars was started; to be divided as follows: fifteen thousand dollars for a hospital in Africa, and thirty-five thousand dollars for a chapel in Bethfage. \$1,250.00 has been apportioned as our share. All life and Honorary memberships go to this fund, but the money may be gathered thru other means if the local society so desires. Three years were allowed to reach these goals.

#### Field Work.

Our synodical field worker, Mrs. Frank Olson, visited our Conference last September and we feel that her work was a source of inspiration and a blessing to all who had the opportunity of hearing her present the cause of Home Missions. May her work among our sociteies serve to increase interest and love for the work, as our eyes are opened to the great need, both at home and on the foreign field.

#### Lutheran Women's Home in Vancouver, B. C.

At our annual convention in Vancouver last year, a letter from Headquarters was read, recommending that our Society do something to assist and protect swedish young women, and especially immigrant girls arriving in Vancouver, from the many dangers and temptations surrounding them in that city. The lively discussions which followed, showed that our women had the welfare of these young girls at heart. A motion was made and carried that we establish a girl's home in Vancouver, and the Executive Board was given authority to carry out the decision of the convention to the best of its ability.



At a board meeting called to discuss the problem it was decided to petition the Woman's Mission Board that our field secretary, Mrs. Frank Olson, be allowed to spend some time in Vancouver for the purpose of investigating actual conditions among the girls there. Her report impressed on the Board the great need of a home, and after several meetings had been held, some together with the pastor and local W. M. S. members in Vancouver, it was decided to open such a home with temporary quarters in the former parsonage, 431 Princess Ave. As our society had no funds with which to carry on this work, the board had previously petitioned the Synodical society at the convention in Des Moines, Iowa for assistance. This was willingly granted and a promise of sixty dollars a month for rent for one year from the time of opening the home was given. The local church has shown its willingness to co-operate with us by generously offering to pay the matrons salary, and asking our society to furnish the rooms. So, with nothing but one year's rent assured, but with faith and hope that the Lord and Master we are serving will not fail us, on Jan. 1, 1929, our Lutheran Women's Home was opened to any and all young women who desire the security and protection of a Christian home. May it serve to save many young women from the snares and pitfalls of the evil one, and many soul be saved for eternity.

The synodical society further showed its good will and interest in the cause by donating the sum of \$1,500.00 at the nucleus of a building fund for the Home. It is our prayer that some day in the not too distant future God will make it possible for us to build or buy a home in which to carry on the work.

Now that we have set our hands to the plow, let us not turn back, but loyally support this home with our gifts and our prayers, that it may remain a fitting commemoration of our fifteenth anniversary.

For the above mentioned assistance to our girl's home as well as for the \$1,000.00 granted us by the synodical society for our Extension fund, we desire to express our heartfelt appreciation.

The various causes sponsored by our society, both synodical and conference, both home and foreign, have been supported by our societies in greater or less degree. In congregations receiving aid from the Mission Board, some societies have given to the local church, feeling that in so doing they are doing missionary work just as truly as if they send their contribution to some other place.

Our ranks have been thinned to an unusual degree during the past year. One of our board members, Mrs. G. Almquist,

who served as corresponding secretary, has left us since our last conventions, and we understand that another board member, our M. T. secretary, Mrs. M. L. Swanson, will leave in the near future. Three other pastor's wives, Mrs. O. B. Hanson, Mrs. B. T. Erholm, and Mrs. G. A. Herbert, all of Seattle, have also moved away. They have been loyal workers and we shall miss them greatly; but we thank them for what they have been to us and wish them God's richest blessings in their new fields in the east.

The Lord of the harvest has seen fit to call to their eternal rest, twenty-five of our faithful workers. We extend our sincere sympathy to their loved ones and pray that their memory will be blessed among us.

To the members of the Board who have so willingly given their time and service, I wish to express my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks. To the district officers, local presidents and leaders, to each and every member who by their loving service and willing co-operation have made the good reports possible, and for their kindly forbearance with my many shortcomings, I say again, a hearty Thank you!

And now that we have turned our fifteenth milestone, let us look forward with new hope and courage, determined to, — —

"Work a little harder, Love a little more, Pray a little oftener, than the year before."

Yours in the Master's service,

Mrs. Carl J. Renhard,

President, Columbia Conf. W. M. S.  
Tacoma, Washington, April 18, 1929.

### Report of the Conference W. M. S.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Columbia Conference was held April 17—21, 1929, at the invitation of the First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington, Rev. E. G. Svenson, pastor.

The convention opened Thursday morning, April 18th, nine o'clock at the St. John's Lutheran Church, where all business sessions were held. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. J. Renhard. A few minutes at the opening of each session were given to devotion and prayer, the main theme being "Service in Love Because of Love." Mrs. W. J. Olsen opened the first session with scripture reading and prayer.

After roll call, a hearty welcome was extended to all the delegates and friends by Mrs. Ernest G. Svenson to which Mrs. Luther Cornay of Bellingham responded. At this convention we had the great pleasure of having with us the dearly beloved synodical president, Mrs. Emmy Evald, who was present at all our sessions and

gave us valuable information and help, and who was a great inspiration to us all.

The president's and treasurer's reports and the reports of the different department secretaries were read and accepted with thanks. Letters of greetings were sent to the conferences convening in Iowa, Red River Valley and Texas, also to officers who were unable to attend. A membership contest had been held in the Conference from November 1, 1928 to April 1, 1929, the W. M. S. of New Westminster, B. C., winning the prize of fifteen dollars for gaining the largest percentage of new members.

As it was fifteen years since the W. M. S. of the Columbia Conference was organized an anniversary program had been arranged for Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Conrad Haggbloom conducted the devotionals, after which the following program was rendered; anniversary hymn by all present, greetings from district chairmen and former presidents.

"Why are we members of the W. M. S.?" Mrs. John W. Unis; "Opportunities for Service in Our Missionary Society," Mrs. H. P. Johnson; "Privileges and Blessings in the Service of Our Missionary Society," Mrs. W. J. Olsen; "Looking Forward," Mrs. Luther Cornay; "Greeting from Our Lutheran Women's Home," Miss Hannah Ostrom. Letters of greeting from Mrs. E. C. Bloomquist, Miss Anna Olson and Miss Viola Swenson were read.

Mrs. Evald gave a short talk, showing pictures of the forty-seven buildings the synodical W. M. S. has built and paid for. At the close of the program a reception was given the delegates and friends by Mrs. Ernest G. Svenson and the Tacoma W. M. S. at the parsonage.

The missionary festival was held Thursday evening, when we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Evald's illustrated lecture, "Glimpses of My Trip in India," which was very interesting as well as instructive. Other numbers on the program were: Song, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," ladies' octette; duet, "He Knows It All," Miss Esther Gorenson and Mr. Arthur Swanson; "The Fifteenth Anniversary of the W. M. S.," Rev. C. J. Renhard; song, "Going Home," ladies' octette.

Friday morning, after devotionals led by Mrs. John W. Unis, the resolutions for 1929 were discussed and accepted. The afternoon session was opened with scripture reading and prayer by Miss Effie Frisell. The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. J. Renhard, president; Mrs. C. R. Swanson, vice president; Mrs. Conrad Haggbloom, recording secretary; Mrs. Luther Cornay, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. F. Carlborg, treasurer. The department secretaries elected are: Mrs. Alfred Johnson, membership; Mrs. R. P. Oli-



ver, young women; Mrs. O. R. Karlstrom, junior; Mrs. C. E. T. Olson, Mission Tidings; Mrs. A. B. Swenson, calendar; Mrs. Conrad Carlson, industrial, and Mrs. Arthur Larson, exhibit.

Saturday afternoon a splendid junior program was given. Several of the juniors took part in the program, and Mrs. Evald gave a very interesting talk to the children.

The convention was not only a most inspiring one, but also a most blessed one. Mrs. Evald's presence inspired us all, and we pray God to give her health and strength to continue in the work for many years to come, and that we may have Mrs. Evald with us again at some future time.

May God bless the results of this convention and increase the number of workers, and may He continue to bless our efforts the coming year.

Mrs. H. P. Johnson.

### Notice

#### To the Congregations of the Columbia Conference:

Notice is hereby given to all treasurers of congregations of congregations and societies within the Lutheran Columbia Conference that all money for conference and synodical purposes, as well as special offerings and benevolences, should be sent to Rev. P. H. Nordlander, 8 So. 11th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

May I also call your attention to the urgent need of quarterly remittance of apportionments to the Conference budget. The cause of the Kingdom requires that we co-operate to the best of our ability in faith and hope. We are facing a task which is by no means to be considered lightly, but which, nevertheless, is not beyond our abilities. By the grace of God, whose servants we are, we shall overcome possible difficulties and solve the many complicated problems. Let us therefore "not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Yakima, Wash., April 24, 1929.

P. H. Nordlander, Treas.

#### A Visit to the Compass Mission in Tacoma

It was my privilege recently to spend about a week at the Compass Mission in Tacoma. It is therefore a great pleasure to relate the impressions received during this stay.

In the first place, one gets a better conception of the average laboring man from association with him than from the observations of others or from the imagination. The trails and tribulations of the man out of work far away from friends, (and funds) is part of the ex-

perience of the undersigned, but even the conception so formed must be modified in regard to the class of men served by the Mission. For the greater part, the men are of honest, quiet and law abiding nature; men who thru circumstances and the breaking down of our present economic system, are out of work. While there may be a trace of the typical hobo or tramp, they are so few and so conspicuous as to be easily handled.

That the men are rendered a service by the reading room, the checking of baggage, by meals and lodging is obvious and can be reported in a more intelligent manner by the man directly in charge, Mr. V. E. Thoren, who by the way seems to be fitted for the work.

The main reason for the existence of this Mission is and always should be, the bringing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these men. And here the results are most gratifying. The attentive groups which daily hear the Word would compare most favorably with the once a week attendance at many of our churches, in point of numbers. The testimony is being delivered, the seed is being sown. The growth, and the harvest as well, are in the hands of the Creator whose ways we do not always understand. May God bless the work of the Compass Mission.

Carl E. Nystrom.

Rt. 1, Brush Prairie, Wash.

### Program

Tacoma District Mission Meeting, May 28 and 29, at Olympia and Rochester.

#### OLYMPIA

Tuesday, May 28, 2 p. m.—Swedish.

Discussion. Topic: Sanctification. 1 Thess. 5:23 and catechism. The discussion will be opened by Dr. H. F. H. Hartelius.

What must the believer do to be preserved in true faith?

"He must abide in God's word"—Rev. E. A. Larson.

"Earnestly watch and pray"—Rev. C. G. Bloomquist.

"Frequently commune at the Lord's table"—Rev. C. J. Renhard.

"Walk even as the Lord Himself walked" Dr. C. R. Swanson.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—English.

Sermon by Mr. Vincent Thoren. Theme: "The Heavenly Vision." Acts 26: 19.

Sermon by Mr. Adolph Nelson. Theme: "Who is on the Lord's side?" Ex. 32: 26.

Vocal solos by Rev. P. H. Nordlander and Mr. Adolph Nelson.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Swedish.

Sermon by Rev. J. Truedson. Theme: "A Great Message." 1 Tim. 1: 15.

Sermon by Rev. Ernest Svenson. Theme: "Christ Our Example." 1 Pet. 2: 21.

Meals will be served at the church, 505 Adams street, Tuesday 12:30 and 5 p. m. C. Thunberg.

#### ROCHESTER

Tuesday, May 28, 8 p. m.—Swedish.

Sermon by Rev. J. Truedson. Theme: "The Rock of Salvation." 1 Pet. 2: 4-10.

Sermon by Rev. P. H. Nordlander. Theme: "The Means of Grace and Salvation." 1 John 5: 6-9.

Wednesday, 9 a. m.—Business.

11 a. m.—Swedish service.

Sermon by Dr. C. R. Swanson. Theme: "The way of salvation." Rom. 10: 14-15.

Sermon by Rev. Ernest Svenson. Theme: "The Fruits of salvation." Rom. 5: 1-5.

2 p. m.—Discussion in Swedish.

Subject: "Behold the Field." John 4: 35-38. Rev. C. J. Renhard, leader.

"The Children and the Young People"—Rev. C. G. Bloomquist.

Home and Foreign Mission—Dr. H. F. H. Hartelius.

"Benevolent Institutions"—Mr. Vincent Thoren.

Wednesday, 8 p. m.—English.

Sermon by Mr. Adolph Nelson. Theme: "Joy and Blessings in the Service."

Sermon by Rev. E. A. Larson. Theme: "The Reward of the Faithful Servant." Rev. 2: 10.

Meals will be served Wednesday 12:15 and 5 p. m.

G. Oberg.

#### Tacoma—Mt. Baker District Luther League Bible Institute

In these days when people are known as "air-minded," "eye-minded" or "high-minded," it is fitting, as well as truthful, to say that the young people of the Tacoma—Mt. Baker District Luther League are fast becoming "Bible Institute-minded." They are eagerly awaiting their annual conference to be held this year at Stratford's Park, Lake Sammamish from July 20th to 28th, inclusive.

These young people are working on entries for a poster and a slogan contest now being conducted in the interests of the Bible Institute. The prize for the best



slogan and for the best poster is each a scholarship, covering expenses for meals and lodging, at the Institute. Slogans will be received until May 20, and posters until June 20, by Arthur Hillman, 306 East 76th street, Seattle, and should be prepared according to the rules announced to the Leagues. Get busy!

As was promised, the cost of the Institute per person will be moderate. The schedule of charges is as follows:

Lodging—\$3.00 per week.

Meals—\$7.00 per week.

Camping privileges—\$2.00 per week for each tent.

Registration—25 cents.

The cabins are electrically lighted, and equipped with electric stoves, cooking utensils, and dining service, and are roomy and comfortable. The campers will have the use of an outdoor stove and tables, as well as all the privileges of the grounds for the price they pay.

The daily schedule calls for rising at 7:30 a. m., breakfast at 8:00 a. m., morning devotion and singing at 8:30 a. m. At 9:00 daily, Dr. C. A. Wendell will discuss "Great Moments in a Great Career," being discourses on the life of Peter. Rev. Wm. Schoeler will have the period beginning at 10:00 for studies of the following subjects: The Biblical Account of Creation, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream, Man's Place in the Universe, Christ in Prophecy, The Unknown Quantity in Jesus, Unique Characteristics about the Bible. The period beginning at 11:00 will be used for group discussions of current problems and practical subjects, led by pastors, Luther Leaguers, and others. The afternoons will be reserved for rest and recreation. Inspiring addresses in the evenings and special services on the Sundays are planned. A pageant will probably be presented on the final Sunday evening. A more detailed program will be announced later.

Strafford's Park is approximately 30 miles from Seattle, and 35 miles from both Tacoma and Everett. The park is almost new, beautifully situated, and excellently equipped. There will be fishing, boating, and swimming, for those who like the water, and tennis, croquet, baseball, horse-shoes and other games on land.

Mr. Bertil Johnson, district Luther League president, is presenting the appeal of the Bible Institute to the individual leagues. Those who have not scheduled him for an address will kindly arrange to have him speak at one of their meetings. Arthur Hillman.

Said a pastor to his congregation: "I advertised that the poor were made welcome in this church, and in the offering amounts to 99 cents, I see they have come."

## Program

Mission Meeting of the Portland District at Colton, May 13—14, 1929

General Theme: PRAYER.

Monday, May 13

7:45 p. m.—Service in English. Sermon: "Lessons in Prayer." Luke 11: 1-13. Pastor Henry P. Johnson. Liturgy: Pastors Eric Wahlstrom and Enoch Sandeen.

Tuesday, May 14

10:30 a. m.—Service in Swedish. Sermon: "Vad vill det säga att bedja i Jesu namn?" Text: John 16: 23, 24. Pastor Eric Wahlstrom.

Liturgy: Pastors Henry P. Johnson and Enoch Sandeen.

2:30 p. m.—Samtal. Ämne "Hinder för bönhörelse."

1) "Själviska avsikter." Jakob 4: 3. Pastor Axel M. Green.

2) "Oförlåtande sinne." Markus 11: 25. Pastor Henry P. Johnson.

3) "Avgudar i hjärtat." Hesekiel 14: 3. Pastor Enoch Sandeen.

4:00 p. m.—Business Session.

7:45 p. m.—Sermon in Swedish. Text: Apostlagärningarna 1: 14; 2: 1-4, 41, 42. Pastor Enoch Sandeen.

Sermon in English. Text: Ps. 85: 6, 7. Pastor Eric Wahlstrom.

Liturgy: Pastor Henry P. Johnson.

The pastors and their families are cordially invited to supper at church, Tuesday at 6 p. m.

## Items of Interest

Rev. Enoch Sandeen has received a call to become pastor of Bethel Luth. Church at San Francisco and also to take charge of the seaman's mission at that place.

Bishop Hjalmar Danell of Skara, Sweden, is now in this country touring the East filling pulpit appointments in leading centers and also visiting our different institutions. He will be the official representative of the Swedish state church at the 70th anniversary meeting of the Minnesota Conference, which meeting will be held in Center City, Minn., May 7-14.

Rev. P. N. Sjogren has accepted a call to become Luther League executive secretary of the Augustana Synod.

Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D. D., the editor of Augustana, is now touring the Holy Land. He will also visit different countries of Europe and attend the Lutheran World Convention in Copenhagen.

Rev. John Bildt has accepted the call to the Everett-Hartford charge and will preach his initial sermon there the second Sunday in September.

The Augustana Church, Portland, gave a very fine concert Wednesday evening, May 1st. The church was filled to its capacity. Rev. S. E. Johnson of Virginia, Minn., will take charge of the work there in June.

A petition is forthcoming from the Illinois Conference asking the Augustana Synod to change its constitution to the effect that women of its congregations may serve as delegates to conference and synod meetings. Under the synod's present constitution, as it was amended 1915, women do not legally enjoy those rights.

Bishop Danell. According to International Lutheran News Service: "Bishop Danell, who now visits this country, was formerly professor of dogmatics and ethics at the University of Upsala and for many years has been prominently connected with the Board of Missions of the Swedish church, having twice visited its mission fields in South Africa and South India. He was made Bishop of Skara in 1905. Bishop Danell for many years has been active in the work for Lutheran unity, through the Allgemeine Konferenz, centering in Germany. He was a delegate to the First Lutheran World Convention at Eisenach in 1923 and is again a member of the Swedish delegation to the Second Lutheran World Convention to be held in Copenhagen next summer."

## G. A. C. Banquet

Many former students and graduates of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota were present at the conference meeting at Tacoma. Rev. Ernest G. Svenson served as chairman. On his suggestion Dr. E. J. Vickner, professor at Washington state university, Seattle, served as toastmaster. The following were present besides those already mentioned: Rev. and Mrs. Luther Cornay, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O. Swenson, Mrs. Bertha Almen Vickner, Rev. Axel M. Green, Rev. and Mrs. Henry P. Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Ernst J. Sakrison, Mrs. Ernest G. Svenson, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Unis, Ellen M. Lundeen, Harry W. Lundblad, Adolph W. Nelson, and a prospective student for G. A. C., Arthur Linn of Tacoma. Reminiscences of college days were reviewed and a genuinely good time was enjoyed.

## Take Notice!

The manager of the Columbia Lutheran is now Rev. E. A. Larson, 758 South 48th street, Tacoma, Wash. All communications regarding subscriptions and advertising should be sent to him.



### State of the Polish Church

Recent figures from Poland indicate that there are about 500,000 members in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession of whom about 90,000 are in the province of Warsaw, 180,000 in Lodz and about 50,000 in Wolhynia, 42,000 Lutherans in Teschen, District of Silesia, 18,000 in the city of Warsaw and 50,000 in the city of Lodz. The church is governed by a consistory, or executive committee of which the bishop is chairman. Under the supervision of the executive committee the ninety individual congregations in forty-three districts are organized on a synodical basis and manage their affairs independently. Throughout the country services are held in both Polish and German.

The Polish church as such maintains no educational institutions. However, congregation in Warsaw carries on a junior college for boys and girls, and a congregation in Bielsko maintains a normal school. German societies indirectly connected with the church maintain private junior colleges in Lodz, Pabianice and Zgierz Sompolno. Religious instruction of school children is obligatory in Poland and is given by teachers, pastors or special religious instructors.

The church maintains 11 orphanages, 9 old people's homes, 2 hospitals—1 in Warsaw and 1 in Lodz—and 4 deaconess homes the oldest of which is in Warsaw. In addition, ladies' aid societies in most congregations provide relief for the poor.—"News Bulletin" of April 11.

### Mother's Day

It is befitting a great and enlightened people, to set aside one day in honor of the mothers of the nation, and in commemoration of the part good mothers have had in the making of our republic.

There are two words in human speech that are wedded to each other. As long as they remain in their God-appointed relation each glorifies the other, when divorced each loses its significance and glory and a world goes to ruin. They are: Mother and Home.

"Home, than which there is no sweeter name save one, that is the name of Mother." Home is the earliest world we entered, and Home will remain the loveliest world we knew. Home is not a house out of wood, or stone and bricks and mortar. It is not a place. It is not a collection of pieces of furniture, objects of art, automobiles and luxuries; somewhere one is born and dwells. Home is a condition, an atmosphere, a fragrance that radiates from the inner being, from the heart and soul. Without this a home remains a house despite most lavish furnishings, and life is bleak and cold within. With it the

humblest fisherman's cottage, on the barren rocks by the windswept sea, or the grayest adobe hut in an Indian village, is transformed into a glorious bit of heaven where hearts are kindled into a glow that warms ambition, lights the taper of hope and stimulates the faculties—reverence, faith, confidence—out of which grow the sweetest fruit and loveliest flowers in life—the virtues of a noble character.

Every condition has its creative cause. A glorious summer day has its birth in the sun. So home is born in a good mother's heart, and is maintained by the continuous radiation of a love that transcends selfish desire and finds happiness in loving and serving others. A life lost to self, but found gloriously and abundantly in others, is the greatest power in the world. It is radiant light lost in the dark humus of the field, to return triumphant and transformed in the golden ear of corn, the blush of a rose, the glow of an orange, or in the rainbow of the waterfall. That is the life of a Mother. Through her and the medium of the home, the best our civilization boast, has been secured.

There is no field of human endeavor untouched by her influence. Art, literature, commerce, industry, science, politics, our entire social fabric is woven out of the dreams, loves and ideals of the home of which Mother is the inspiring center. The most important institution in the world, the home, is founded in the hearts of Mothers. God grant that these hearts may not falter, but may they be sustained by His power and indwelling wisdom and love. Should these hearts fail the home will crumble to ruins and our republic totter and fall. "Tell me not who was his father," said Napoleon, as a stranger was introduced to him as the son of a distinguished father, "Tell me, who was his Mother." The same Napoleon cried out, "The need of France is good Mothers!" and likewise gave us this often repeated phrase, "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." As our Mothers, such our homes, and as our homes, such the generation of tomorrow. May we reverently pray, God bless our Mothers, God protect our Home.

Ernest G. Svenson.

The Lutheran Church of China is the youngest of the various racial groups which form the Lutheran Church of the World. Though her beginnings go back a hundred years, it is only since 1920 that we can speak of a Lutheran Church of China, or a Chinese Lutheran Church. Up to that time more than twenty different Lutheran missionary societies from Europe and America had carried on independently of each other, and the resultant native churches were almost wholly under missionary control and dependent upon foreign funds and foreign leadership. Though

this is largely true even today, there has been a marked development during the past few years of indigenous growth in the Lutheran as well as in other Protestant communions.—(From "News Bulletin," National Lutheran Council.)

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