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SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
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All the way my Saviour leads me,  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial.  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me,  
O the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way.

Hymnal 464.



MR. AND MRS. S. P. OLSON,  
Mt. Vernon, Wash.

An article appears on page 3 of this issue on the Golden Wedding Anniversary, celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Olson, in Salem Church, Mt. Vernon

## A Great Faith

By REV. LUTHER CORNAY

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O, woman, great is thy faith: Be it done unto thee even as thou wilt.—Mt. 15:28.

### I. Faith On Trial.

It is near the borders of Tyre and Sydon. A Canaanitish woman meets Jesus. The little knowledge she has about him impels her to come. She does not wait for an introduction. Listen to her: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David: my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon." The Saviour seems indifferent to her crying. As we read the story, we see her twice repelled and twice she returns and renews her plea for help. She says briefly: "Lord, help me." Her entire soul's desire is put into those words. And finally she humbly admits her worthlessness and says: "Yea, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters table." Look at her in her matchless humility! She is satisfied with crumbs, if the Lord will only heal her daughter. If He will give her just a crumb of mercy for her sin-troubled heart, she will be satisfied.

This mother knew what she needed and what was wrong with her child. She knew also that nothing on earth or in heaven could help her but Jesus only. She will not give up for she is positive that He can heal her. Her prayer is an unyielding faith, even tho it is tried to the limit. Her soul will not yeild to despair.

tho she has little knowledge. This is a powerful lesson to us. Unlike her we may be said to have a great knowledge of spiritual things. But what about our faith? She was a gentile. We are gentile. We are gentile Christians. O, how this Canaanitish mother puts us to shame! When we are down in the dumps, where is our faith? Our faith backed by a great knowledge of salvation in Christ. Do we sense our own deep need, and that of our near and dear ones as we ought? There is none in heaven nor on earth who is able to help us in our helpless condition but Jesus only. It is a trial of faith. But it is said that the darkest hour is just before dawning. Then the soul may look for a

### II. Faith Victorious:

I believe it is Browning who says: "Faith is the strong thing." And a voice over the centuries says: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." We would reverently add that it is our God-given faith, as it is Jesus. And because this mother did not give up in despair, the Lord answers her: "O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt." Her prayer for crumbs of mercy became abundant loaves of life-giving bread from heaven. Her little vessel of knowledge was all faith in Jesus and it won the day that dawned so dark and dreary for her.

How this ought to encourage us. If we know our need as this woman, how earnestly we ought to pray for ourselves and our children. When we know we

have so great a Saviour, who can do even more than we can think or ask for, we ought to plead more earnestly for the salvation of our people in our churches and in our homes. Let us prayerfully cultivate our faith that it may finally equal our great knowledge of Him. The old saying that knowledge is power is powerless when it comes to our own personal salvation. Knowledge is impotent against sin, death, and hell. It is only the simple living faith of a Canaanitish mother and of every sin-sick soul reposing in Christ that saves—without merit or works.

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire.

In God we might trust,—it matters not what might here on earth betide us.

Let us attend regularly divine worship. If we do not have this as our rule, we do not observe God's commandment: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

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## Editorial

### Columbia Lutheran—Shall It Die?

It has been discovered that the issuing of the Columbia Lutheran has brought us into a nominal debt. For this reason the question seems to have arisen as to whether it would not be advisable to discontinue the publishing of this paper. The financial responsibility of the enterprise does naturally not fall in any degree upon the editor. He has enough to do in seeing that the columns are filled each month. If a crisis is at hand, he feels, however, that he should make known his view, as to whether the issuing of the paper in question should be discontinued.

To the editor even the suggestion that we perhaps had better quit issuing the Columbia Lutheran because of lack of funds came as an utter surprise. He certainly expected that "setting the hand to the plow" could be considered, in so far as the Conference is concerned, something more permanent. You would hardly expect that a conference after having received subscription money in good faith and after having gradually worked up a subscription list, would abruptly throw up its hands and exclaim "Now we have to quit!"

Our firm conviction is that we should out here on the coast have a paper that serves especially the interests of this part of our Synod. We should have a paper in which may appear our reports, announcements and requests, and through which we may speak on our own problems and on the work as we find it out here in particular. We should have a paper in

which we can mirror especially the Columbia Conference in all the manifestations of its ambitions and desires. Our own aggressive young people should have a medium through which to give publicity to their plans with reference to their own specific work in the kingdom of God. In latter years they have sponsored Bible Institutes and even Boys' Encampments. To these noble enterprises they have freely given publicity through the Conference paper. Should the possibility of this henceforth be denied them? We feel that the Columbia Lutheran has in the past made its serious attempts at serving the Conference in the above named capacities.

And now, shall we quit? Because of lack of a few puny dollars? Let us see whether capitulation of that particular kind would at this or any other time be necessary.

It has cost us between fifty and fifty-five dollars an issue to have the Columbia Lutheran edited, printed and sent out. We presume that for the year the total cost has not reached \$650.00. We take for granted that the number of subscribers does not reach a thousand. With definite efforts set forth in our congregations it should easily reach that figure. That would mean at least five hundred dollars in subscriptions. In the editor's own congregation it has been easy to get subscribers, and the low price of 50 cents a year should make it easy in any congregation. We should have more paid advertisements. There should be enough of them to fill the equivalent of a full page. At the low price quoted that should easily be possible. Collections for these ads should be made at intervals equivalent to those observed by other publishers, that employ recognized business methods. That should bring in a considerable amount for the year. The Conference would no doubt be willing to put something on the budget for the paper, as long as that would be necessary. We understand that \$200.00 was put on the budget for this purpose at the recent meeting of the budget committee. Dear reader, it appears to us, that there is absolutely no need of our going into any troublesome arrears in issuing this paper. Let our people "pep up" on the question in every place, and it will "go like a song" to make the Columbia Lutheran a financial success.

The editor is not making the above appeal in the interest of the position he holds with the paper. He has been in editorial and publicity work for over twenty years, and has at the present and for some time to come enough "irons in the fire" to keep him busy in pen-pushing even if his period of service with the Columbia Lutheran should abruptly terminate. He believes in the cause of a special conference paper, and that is why he rises to its defense.

## Contributed

### Notes from the Home for the Aged

By Rev. C. G. B.

Since our last notes were sent in the following have remembered the Home:

October 23rd, the ladies of St. John's, Bothell, visited the Home, rendered a program and left with the same 18 quarts of preserved fruit, four quarts and two glasses of jelly. October 31st the Woman's Missionary Society of the Emaus Lutheran Church visited the Home and rendered a program. On December 23rd a group of young people from the Gethsemane Church was up there and sang Christmas carols and so ushered in the Christmas season. On Christmas day a number of organizations were up and sang and played and thus helped the members of the Home to a very fine Christmas day. Rev. Sandeen gave an illustrated lecture to the members one Sunday afternoon and it too was very well received.

The following donations have been received: Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon: six sacks of potatoes, 13 of assorted vegetables, four sacks and two boxes of apples, 18 quarts of preserved vegetables, one crate of tomatoes, 45 quarts of canned fruit and 11 jars of jelly and jam. Mr. Wirsen and his daughter Ruth brought: 23 quarts of preserved fruit, 3 quarts of pickles, four quarts of jelly and jam and two quarts of preserved vegetables. The Clearbrook Missionary Society brought 23 quarts of preserved fruit, four of preserved vegetables, two sacks of potatoes and one half each of green vegetables and apples. Mr. L. Olson of Enumclaw brought 4 turkeys for Thanksgiving. Dr. Unit has donated about \$50.00 worth of needed drugs. Mrs. E. Roth, Southworth, Wash., sent us 4 boxes of apples. All this is gratefully received. The Home appreciates to be thus remembered.

### From New Westminster, B. C.

In response to a request that something be sent in from this field, the following communication has been written about the work here.

The Immanuel Lutheran church of New Westminster is situated within the Canadian border, yet it is nevertheless a service station of the Columbia Conference for many of our Lutheran people. Thus far, on account of the constant immigration from Sweden and Finland, we have been confined to the use of the Swedish language at the majority of our services. However, one English service a month was inaugurated during the past year and will be continued the coming year. The Sun-

day school is also conducted entirely in the English language.

The Christmas season, as is the custom of the Swedish people, was duly celebrated with "Julotta" at 6 o'clock Christmas morning, and the Sunday school program given at 8 o'clock the following evening. Both of these services were well attended by old and young. During the Christmas holidays the pastor's wife was pleasantly surprised and honored, and having passed the half century milestone of her life, the occasion was doubly significant. A purse of money, and beautiful flowers were presented as a token of remembrance from the congregation and friends. For these gifts, as well as others received by the pastor's family during the Christmas season, words of thanks were expressed.

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Tuesday, January 7. There was a good attendance, and a spirit of harmony dominated the meeting. Encouraging reports were given by the various organizations of the church. All synodical and conference obligations had been paid. The Ladies' Aid has been most active, and on the lookout to do something for the church, whether it be socially or financially. The Y. P. Society reported that the Estey organ presented by them to the church the previous year, had been paid in full. The W. M. Society has given support to Home and Foreign Missions, and also contributed towards several of the local needs of the church. The Junior Band has also been active, aside from paying its obligations, has given support to the local church work, and presented a pulpit lamp at Christmas time, to the church. The Sunday school, while small, has shown renewed interest with better attendance since the use of the Cross and Crown pin system was introduced. Deacons elected were: Messrs. Gust Melin, R. Nylund, A. Falk. Trustees are: Messrs. W. Nylund, A. Yrjas, Mrs. L. Storme. Delegates to conference: Mr. A. Johnson, alternate Mr. Gust Melin. Delegates to District, Mr. H. Goranson, alternate Mr. A. Falk. W. M. S. delegate to conference, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. O. W. Westling. W. M. S. delegate to district, Mrs. L. Storme. A committee was appointed to purchase a furnace for the church, and a pipeless furnace was installed at once, and has proven that it will serve its purpose in the coldest weather to the satisfaction of all.

The angel of death has removed from our ranks two of the pioneer members of the congregation, Mr. S. Lundin, and Mr. Victor Larson. Peace be over their memory!

The oldest member of the congregation in point of years, Mrs. Karolina Leider, is at present critically ill.

We are again reminded of the Psalmist's words: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

It is with thankfulness to the Heavenly Father that we close the year that is past, for spiritual and temporal blessings, and for guidance in all things. May the Giver of all good continue with His blessing. Keep us therefore busy, O Lord, in thy business throughout the years yet allotted to us.

O. W. WESTLING.

### A Golden Wedding in Mount Vernon

"During his work here Rev. Vender, on the 22nd of January 1881, organized the "Evangeliskt Lutherska Bethsaida församlingen" at La Conner with 19 charter members. The first deacons of the congregation were: Olof Polson, Nils Hanson and Adam Carlson. The first trustees were: C. J. Tollberg, Gustaf Nichlason and Sven Peter Olson."

The above is from Ernst Skarstedt's "Washington och dess Svenska Befolkning," printed 1908. And it is the last name mentioned that leads us to the subject. It was Sven Peter Olson and his wife who celebrated their golden wedding.

The above mentioned Bethsaida congregation is the first Augustana church in the state of Washington, and all honor is due Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Olson and the rest of the charter members. It was a matter of real faith "to dare and to do" in those days of fifty years ago. The land was then virgin in every sense. Simply a wilderness. Now the rivers and the Sound are diked and the floods, as a rule, kept in control. The land is cleared. Roads and railroads are built. Towns are flourishing. But, oh what a struggle it has been. Interesting, indeed, are the stories that these pioneers can tell. And now they sit in their comfortable home in the city of Mount Vernon.

It was on the 21st of December that they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They first kept open house at their home all day, where they were congratulated by some two hundred friends.

At eight o'clock in the evening the Salem Church had invited the family. The church building which is just across the street from the Olson residence was beautifully decorated. The Christmas decorations, augmented by the gold, gave a wonderful effect. A short but much appreciated program was given. Dr. Jos. A. Anderson of Sedro Woolley gave the principal address. Dr. A. is "släkt till släkten," and a good friend of them and of our church work in Mt. Vernon. He mentioned the blessings of family life connected with the church of God, the satisfaction in looking back on such a life, and the significance at the evening of the life's day to have the earthly and the

spiritual home just across the street from each others. The pastor loci spoke on behalf of the congregation and presented a gift. Refreshments and a social time were enjoyed after the program. We take this opportunity, through the Columbia Lutheran, again to express our sincere congratulations and well wishes.

Perhaps it should be added that the present Salem church of Mount Vernon is in reality if not technically a continuation of old Bethsaida, so that the Olson's have faithfully supported the church work in this locality for fifty years.

CARL A. V. LUND.

### First Lutheran Church, Moscow

The first of January is inventory time and the findings were read at the annual meeting on that date. The year just past has been one of the best in the history of the congregation. We raise to God our everlasting thanks for the blessings that have come to us from His open hand and heart. The Spirit of Christ lives among us deeper than ever. In the tables of statistics there shows a gain in every part of the work. The church membership has been increased and the Sunday school has moved forward by 25 per cent. All bills were paid and the new year starts with promise of rich blessing in every phase and field of the great Kingdom's work.

We suffered the loss of one of our dear pioneer ladies last fall and what is our loss, is heaven's gain. Mrs. Allan Ramstedt, nearly ninety years of age, was called to her eternal home and she leaves three married sons and one married daughter, besides her husband. There preceded her in death, a son, Rev. Carl August Ramstedt, who passed on many years ago. This grand old couple had been sweethearts for over 67 years and both have lived beautifully with their Savior. Mr. Allan Ramstedt is starting on his 95th year. At present he is bed ridden. We thank God for this sturdy pioneer couple in Christ. Augustana Synod has been the beneficiary of these lives.

R. P. O.

### Notes from Annual Meeting of the Bethany Lutheran Church, Seattle

By Rev. C. G. B.

The meeting was held in the evening of January 10th. The attendance was very good considering the severe winter weather. The reports indicated considerable progress in the activities of the congregation. The attendance at the various services had been larger than during any former year. The total income for the year exceeded somewhat \$11,000.00. The pastor had been ill for almost two months just prior to Christmas. Teol. Stud. Harry Lundblad

served in his place during that time. The question of inviting the Columbia Conference was tabled indefinitely at this time but was taken up again after the morning service a couple of weeks later, at the urgent request of the President of our Conference, and it was unanimously decided to invite the Conference to meet with us during the week immediately following Easter.

### Annual Meeting of Tacoma District

By Rev. C. G. B.

We convened again in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church. For this repeated invitation and for all done for the various delegated we thank the Gethsemane Church and its pastor and family. The first session was held in the evening of January 28th, when Holy Communion service was held. The business session was held the following morning. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Rev. Ernest G. Svenson; vice president, Rev. E. Arthur Larson; secretary, Rev. Enoch Sandeen; treasurer, Mr. Vincent Thoren. Rev. Nesvig of the United Lutheran Church presented an invitation from his body to our district to cooperate with them and the Joint Synod of Ohio in a Lutheran Chautauqua to be held at Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, near Tacoma. A committee consisting of Pastors Svenson, Swanson and Larson was elected to confer with the committee from the other Synods and report their findings to the next meeting of the District to be held in March. It was also decided to join with the Pacific Synod in a Boys' Encampment during the first week in August to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Boys' Camp, Gig Harbor, off a little ways from Tacoma. Pastors Sandeen, Larson and Bloomquist were appointed to be in charge of our part of that encampment. At the evening session on Wednesday we received an inspiring message from our Conference president who spent the days with us in Seattle. For that visit and for the part he took in various services and at the business session we thank him. He made appeal to our District to get back of the Columbia Lutheran during the next few months especially, lest we will be obliged to discontinue the valuable paper. Rev. Johnson, the editor of the paper was praised highly for his work as editor but the financial department has not functioned satisfactorily.

Several delegates and not a few of the laymen spoke freely at the business session on the need of concentrating our work at strategic places that we might thus press for progress at these points, and not spread out our work in a thin layer over a large area with little result. The general use of the automobile should automatically

bring smaller congregations together into larger units and thus save time and labor for the pastors and conserve the money contributed by our people for mission work.

### The Statistical Reports

The pastors of our Conference are requested to see to it that all parochial reports are accurately prepared and sent to the respective district secretaries just as soon as possible. The secretary of the Conference needs to have in his possession the reports from the district secretaries no later than April 1st. It will be most difficult to get all the reports ready in case he receives his material later than that owing to the work of the Lenten season and Holy Week. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Just one or two belated reports will hold up the whole works.

### Annual Meeting of Sunne Church

By C. A. PETTERSON

The Sunne Church, Aberdeen and McNeil Islands, Wash., held its annual meeting on January 8.

The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$191.33 and disbursements of \$191.17. The Ladies' Aid had raised \$41.30 which amount it had given to the church treasurer to help defray the expenses of the church.

Among the resolutions passed were:

First—To invite the Tacoma District to hold its August meeting here.

Second, to petition the Conference for aid in the sum of \$25.00 to be applied on the Conference Budget assessed against Sunne.

Officers elected were: C. A. Petterson, secretary; Oscar Johnson, deacon; C. A. Petterson, delegate to District and Conference meeting with John Moard as alternate, John Moard, delegate to the Synodical meeting.

At this writing the sad news was received that Mrs. Olivia Nelson, a faithful charter member and first Sunday School Superintendent, passed away Sunday morning, the 12th inst.

### Lutheran Men Organize

The Gethsemane Lutheran Church had invited the men of the Tacoma District to meet around the dinner tables in its church parlors to perfect, if possible, a district organization. The roomy basement of the church was filled to capacity with men and women (the women had also been invited). A very fine dinner was served, after which an inspiring program was enjoyed by the large assembly. Mr. Swanson of the local Brotherhood spoke briefly and introduced the chairman of the

district, Mr. Vincent Thoren, who took charge of the meeting. Dr. J. W. Unis, president of the Conference Brotherhood, inspired the men with his remarks. The Emaus male quartette rendered several well received numbers. Dr. Swanson gave an able resumé of the Brotherhood convention held in Chicago last fall. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Vincent Thoren; vice president, Conrad Haggblom; secretary, John Nelson; treasurer, Martin Johnson.

It was decided to authorize the chairman to appoint a committee to cooperate with another committee consisting of men from our various congregations, which has been investigating water front property for a Lutheran summer camp. This work is done in cooperation with the District Luther League.

### Portland District Luther League

An invitation has been received from the Augustana church in Portland to hold the Young People's Rally there on Sunday afternoon, March 9. This invitation has been gratefully accepted. We hope to have a large delegation from all the local Leagues at this meeting. Rev. Leonhard Ludwig, pastor of the Peninsula Peace Lutheran church of Portland, will be the speaker. He is a very able speaker and active in young people's work in the Ohio Synod. Musical numbers will be furnished by the local leagues. There will be no business meeting proper, but several things of importance to the District Luther League will be reported and discussed. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock. Every Luther Leaguer is a delegate to this meeting. Let us all be there. Remember the day! Sunday, March 9. Let us make this a real rally service, a re-dedication of ourselves to the service of Christ and His church.

E. H. WAHLSTROM,  
District Luther League President.

### Warren, Oregon

The annual meeting was held here January 7. It was well attended, and lasted almost all day. The reports presented were encouraging and told of much activity during the past year. The treasurer's report showed an income for the year of \$3,098.66. In this was included a subscription taken to pay for a new church roof, \$384.00, and a debt of \$219.00. The congregation decided to buy about 2 acres more land in addition to the 2 acres bought last year, to be used for a cemetery. This will provide a cemetery of about 7 acres in all. Officers were elected as follows: Secretary, Theo. Peterson; deacons, Chas. Johnson, J. W. Haggquist, and Ernst Rylander; trustees, John Kallberg and John Carlson; delegate to the Conference, G. H. Ekstrom.

E. H. W.

### St. Helens, Oregon

The annual meeting in the First church was held on January 4 and was well attended. The reports showed good progress during the past year. Among other things the paving assessment for the streets had been paid in full, and the church building painted. All the obligations of the church had been paid in full. It was decided to raise the contribution to the pastor's salary by \$100.00 in order to reduce the amount asked for from the Mission board. It was also decided to procure the lot adjoining the church property for the purpose of erecting a parish hall in the near future. Officers were elected as follows: Secretary, Mrs. Fred Jensen; deacon, Mrs. Selma Meyer; trustee, Fred Jensen; delegate to district meeting, Oscar Albertson; delegate to Conference, Fred Jensen; Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Fred Jensen. Sunday School is held every Sunday and services are held 3 Sundays of each month.

E. H. W.

### The Carlsborg Congregation, Colton

The congregation held its annual business meeting Thursday, January 2. The regular business was transacted in peace and concord. The reports received were encouraging, especially those of the treasurers of the Ladies' Aid and the congregation. Both these treasuries had had a larger income during the year than ever before.

Mr. Martin Lundstrom was elected secretary of the congregation. Mr. Math. Peterson and Mr. J. E. Sandahl were elected deacons, each for a term of three years. Mr. Alfred Danielson was chosen trustee also for a term of three years. Mr. Alfred Swanson was elected financial secretary and Mrs. Alfred Swanson organist.

The following persons were chosen delegates to the District and Conference meetings: Mr. E. A. Swanson with Mr. Alfred Anderson as alternate to the District meeting, and Mr. Martin Lundstrom with Mr. Alfred Danielson as alternate to the Conference meeting. Mr. Philip Hult was elected with the pastor to represent the congregation at the annual meeting of the Emanuel Charity Board.

Mr. P. E. Ostrom who for many years has served as manager of the cemetery was relieved of his duties on account of sickness. Mr. Aron Peterson was elected in his place. By a standing vote the congregation expressed its thanks to Mr. Ostrom for faithful work and instructed the secretary to convey these sentiments of gratitude to Mr. Ostrom in writing.

E. J. S.

Jesus is not only prophet and King. He is also high priest. That means He offered Himself up for us and thus atoned our sins.

### Annual Meetings, Bellingham-Clearbrook

The annual meetings are over. Some encouraging as well as discouraging features were brought to light. But as a whole the past year was a good year for all congregations in Whatcom county. The congregation in Clearbrook raised its quota toward the pastor's salary, \$800.00. We are grateful to God for this fine spirit of sacrifice. Victor Holmquist was elected deacon for three years, and Elmer Anderson was elected trustee for the same period. Leonard Loreen was elected delegate to the annual district meeting in Sedro-Woolley, as well as delegate to the Conference meeting in the Bethany Lutheran church in Seattle after Easter. All obligations to Conference and Synod are paid.

At the meeting in Bellingham the appropriation was not raised, but remains the same as last year for the pastor's salary. Peter Kron and Charles Carlson were elected deacons. R. D. Erickson, Arvid Hawkins, and Charles Nordstrom were elected trustees. A. G. Wickman was elected delegate to both the district and the Conference annual meetings. The reports showed that all obligations to Conference were paid for 1929. There has not been any large increase in membership in our pastorate. May we on the other hand increase in love and good works growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ Jesus. This seems to us to be the one thing needful in our church membership today. May God have mercy on us and save us is our prayer.

LUTHER CORNAY.

### Annual Meeting Tacoma District Woman's Missionary Society

The meeting was held simultaneously with the annual meeting of the Tacoma District, Jan. 29, 1930. The business session was held in the First Norwegian Lutheran Church, Rev. Nesvig pastor, Boren avenue and Virginia street. This was the fourteenth annual meeting and was in charge of Mrs. John W. Unis, president. Mrs. Alfred Johnson, president of the Gethsemane society welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Nesvig spoke briefly and in her remarks emphasized the need of united effort in the work of the Lutheran women in America. In the broader work of our great church, and especially on the foreign fields, the synodical differences disappear. Eight societies had sent delegates, the total delegation numbering 40. The total membership is now 486 adults and 218 juniors. We have received 78 new members while 21 have been dropped, leaving us a net gain of 56. Two new organizations were welcomed as members. There are 323 subscribers to Mission Tidings.

Total income for the year was \$1,669.76, and increase over last year of \$130.00.

The following will serve as officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. J. W. Unis; vice president, Mrs. C. R. Swanson; secretary, Mrs. Alfred Johnson; treasurer, Miss Effie Frisell; Junior sec'y, Mrs. Ernst Swanson; Y. W. sec'y, Miss Helen Leif; Jubilee sec'y, Mrs. Conrad Carlson; prayer day sec'y, Mrs. Magnus Johnson; calender sec'y, Miss Wallberg; membership sec'y, Miss Lillquist.

The latter office was created at this meeting for the purpose of stimulating interest in securing new members of our various local organizations.

The Mission program in the afternoon, held in the Gethsemane Lutheran church, was well attended and certainly gave us much encouragement and inspiration. Rev. Sandeen gave us a beautiful setting thru his scripture lesson and prayer and Mrs. Sandeen sang in her usual effective manner "One Fleeting Hour" by Carl Fuhrman. Rev. Carl A. Bengtson spoke on "Why Should I be Interested in Missions?", using a text from Matthew 28th chapter. Mrs. Carl G. Nesholm and Mrs. John Safstrom from the Bethany Lutheran Church sang a duet. Mrs. Unis read a few letters from missionaries, the one from Miss Viola Fisher being especially instructive.

Our district society is very grateful to the Gethsemane church, to the First Norwegian Lutheran church, and, may I also add, to all the officers of our congregation. Without wide awake and tireless officers to inspire us we cannot accomplish much. May God bless us during the coming year.

Mrs. C. G. Bloomquist.

### How About It?

Our Synod meets at Rock Island in June and it will be one of the largest Synodical meetings ever held as regards attendance. No doubt many will attend from the Columbia Conference and many others in our congregations will go East at about that time. Could we, and would it be practical and desirable, to go in a group in a chartered Pullman car? This is done quite often by various groups. It could be made a wonderful trip for every one.

The undersigned would appreciate to hear from you in the matter. Think it over and send us your suggestion.

C. G. Bloomquist,  
7318 Latona Ave., Seattle, Wash.

### Annual Meeting of the Columbia Conference

It will be held in the Bethany Lutheran Church, 7400 Woodlawn avenue, Seattle, April 23-27. The pastoral Conference will be held on the 23rd, in the afternoon, and the opening service in the evening

at 7:45. Bethany invites heartily the Columbia Conference and the Woman's Missionary Society of our Conference.

C. G. BLOOMQUIST, Pastor.

### Important

The president of the Conference requests most urgently that all pastoral reports be in his possession no later than March 1. Reports received later than that date cannot very well enter into the making up of his report as his work will take him out of the Conference about that time and his report will have to be prepared while on this trip.

### Portland District Mission Meeting

The Portland district will hold its next meeting in the Augustana church, Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18 and 19. The meeting will open with full services on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom will preach on the subject: "Marks of a Christian Life," Col. 1: 9-12. Rev. A. G. Anderson on "Glory after Grace," Ps. 84: 11-12. Liturgs, Rev. G. K. Andeen and Rev. A. M. Green.

Wednesday, 10:30 a. m., Bible discussion in Swedish. Subject: "Vari består en kristens 'förnuftiga gudstjänst'?" Introduced by Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison.

On Wednesday afternoon the meeting will be held jointly with the District Woman's Missionary Society. The pastors will hold their business session at the parsonage at 2:30 p. m. The Woman's Missionary Society will meet for its business session that same hour in the church. In the evening at 8:00 o'clock said society will have charge of the program, which will consist of the following numbers: Prelude, Prof. A. Askenberg; hymn, congregation; invocation, Rev. G. K. Andeen; song, Woman's Missionary chorus of Augustana church; address, "Blossoming Time in the Desert" (Is. 35: 1-2), Rev. H. P. Johnson; song, Woman's Missionary chorus of Augustana church; remarks, Rev. S. E. Johnson; remarks, Rev. E. J. Sakrison; offertory, Prof. A. Askenberg; hymn, congregation; prayer and benediction, Rev. A. M. Green.

Delegates together with the pastors and their wives are invited to supper at 5:30 p. m. at the church parlors on Tuesday.

### Rev. J. A. Levin

The funeral services of Rev. J. A. Levin, whose demise was reported earlier in this paper, were held in Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, on Thursday, Jan. 9. Rev. Levin died Dec. 28 at the age of 87 years, 2 months and 28 days. The delay with the funeral was due to the late

arrival of the daughter, Mrs. L. A. Ferris and her husband, who had on their journey from their home at Ketchikan, Alaska encountered a storm which made it necessary for their boat to tarry eighteen hours at one place before it ventured to proceed.

The funeral services were well attended. Many flowers from different congregations and friends testified further to the esteem in which the aged pastor was held. Rev. Samuel E. Johnson read Ps. 90 and offered prayer. Rev. G. K. Andeen, president of the Columbia Conference, spoke fittingly using Dan. 12:3 as his text. In commenting upon the life of the departed one he laid stress on the faithfulness with which Rev. Levin had rendered his service as a pastor. Rev. H. P. Johnson spoke briefly on 1 Pet. 5:4 and read the obituary. The following pastors served as pall bearers: Rev. A. M. Green, Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom, Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison, Rev. A. G. Anderson. Two of the older members of Immanuel Church also served in that capacity: Mr. Eric Ulin, a deacon, and Mr. Hilmer Henrikson, a trustee. Interment took place at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, located just outside of Portland. The location of that "God's acre" is a most ideal one. From the spot where the body of Rev. Levin rests can be seen every clear day both Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams. On the way up to the cemetery one has also under like conditions the most enchanting view of Mount Hood. The commitment service was read by Rev. H. P. Johnson of whose church Rev. L. had been a member for many years. All the pastors above mentioned were present and assisted.

Rev. Levin served as pastor at the following places for longer or shorter periods: Everett, Wash., Douglas-Ireland, Alaska, Aberdeen, Wash., Roseland, Phoenix and Nelson, B. C., Prince Rupert, B. C., North and South Bellingham, Wash., Clear Brook and Ferndale, Wash., Gresham, Ore., etc.

### Annual Meeting

The Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore., held its annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9th. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Albert Anderson; Deacons for three years: Adolph Benson, Edward Liedberg. Trustees for three years: G. T. Anderson, A. C. Malmquist, Arvid Carlson. Sunday-school superintendent, Adolph Benson. Assistant Superintendent, Arvid Carlson. Organist and Choir Director, Prof. Chas. Swenson. Delegate to Dist. Meeting, August Elmquist; Alternate, G. T. Anderson. Delegate to Conference Meeting, A. C. Malmquist. Alternate, C. F. Carlborg. Delegate to Synod was left for the Board of Administration to elect. For members on Emmanuel Charity Board: E.

M. Erickson, Edward Liedberg, D. E. Lofgren, Rev. Johnson and C. F. Carlborg.

Miss Ellen Johnson was elected to serve as a member on the music committee. Other members of this committee are Miss Ruth Swanson representing the choir, Adolph Benson representing the deacons, John Olson representing the trustees, Prof. Swenson, organist and director, Mrs. Rudolph Hanson, director of the Girl's Chorus, and the pastor, ex officio. Reports read were all encouraging. The congregation gave power to the Board of Administration to merge the evening service and the 5:15 vesper into one service. The Board has decided that this change shall take place. The new order will begin Feb. 16, when the vesper will begin 5:00 P. M. at which time a program will be rendered containing a short sermon. That will be the concluding service of the day until further notice. The Fiftieth Anniversary festival of the congregation will be held March 16-17.

### From The Portland District

The Annual meeting of the Portland district was held in Immanuel church, Portland, Jan. 21-22. On the evening of the first named date services were held, when Holy Communion was celebrated. Rev. G. K. Andeen gave the preparatory using as text Ex. 12:26-27. His theme was "The Significance of the Lord's Supper." Rev. E. J. Sakrison preached the district sermon using as text Acts 9:31. Theme: "How Our Church May Prosper." Rev. S. E. Johnson and Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom served as liturgs.

The following morning a business session was held. Rev. H. P. Johnson, who had served as district president during the year, read his report. This showed that all the charges in the district now are served by pastors. There had been some increase in membership and some improvements had been made on church property. Morning services were reported as being generally well attended in the district. It seems to be the general thing that comparatively few attended the evening services. A very fine harmony had prevailed among the pastors of the districts at all meetings.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom, president; Rev. Ernst J. Sakrison, re-elected vice pres.; A. G. Anderson, secretary; Rev. Samuel E. Johnson, re-elected treasurer; Rev. S. E. Johnson will also represent the cause of the Pension and Aid Fund.

At 2:30 P. M. a devotional meeting was held in Swedish, when Rev. A. G. Anderson spoke on "Kristus för oss till visdom," and Rev. J. A. Edlund on "Kristus för oss till förlossning." Rev. Nystrom

and Rev. Green were also on the program for the afternoon but could not be present. In the evening the concluding service was held, when Rev. Wahlstrom spoke on "Blessed with every Spiritual Blessing in Heavenly places in Christ," Eph. 1:30-10, and when the closing sermon was delivered by Rev. Samuel E. Johnson on "The Entrance into the Eternal Kingdom of God Richly Supplied," 2 Pet. 1:10-11. Rev. J. A. Edlund and Rev. A. G. Anderson served as liturgs.



MR. OTTO LEONARDSON

Mr. Otto Leonardson has for many years been one of the leading laymen in our Synod. He is now the Augustana Synod Secretary of Stewardship. Many out here on the coast met him, when he a year ago last fall made a trip to the Columbia Conference in the interest of the finances and of the Conference and Synod. Mr. Leonardson was for many years manager of the Augustana Book Concern branch in Minneapolis. He also served as manager of that institution in Rock Island, after the demise of Mr. A. G. Anderson, until the time he was elected to his present position. For many years he was treasurer of the Minnesota Conference.

### Lincoln's Birthday

Again we enter the month when this nation takes note of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The first was born on the twelfth of the month, and the second on the twenty-second, only ten days between these two birthdays. The one has been known as the father of his country, and the other as its preserver. Washington led the way through those trying, testing, battling days when the nation was born. Lincoln endured the fearful strain when the foundations were violently attacked from within, and disintegration seriously threatened. The suffering of both men was terrible, well-nigh immeasurable.

Both these men were guided by unchanging principles rather than by fads of the time. They belonged to that company of strong men who appear through the ages who believe that there are two things which greatly affect the thoughts, actions, lives and influence of men. These are principle and opinion. Principle is fixed, ever moving and controlling by divine eternal appointment. Opinion is human, changeable and passing. When conflict arises between opinion and principle, opinion must go to the wall, and principle must be obeyed. Human leaders have been divided into two classes: those who followed principle and prevailed; those who followed opinion and failed.

These two men eminently belonged to the first class. They respected opinion, but obeyed principle. In our present time there is a great tendency to follow opinion, and already great crashes and clashes have followed.

Both Washington and Lincoln were Christian men, as is evident from their testimony and open expression. Their principles rested back in the person and teachings of Christ. And there are many lessons for our time from both men that as pastors we can gather and present to our people.

### Dr. Morehead Resigns Directorship

Dr. John A. Morehead, for the past seven years executive director of the National Lutheran Council and for the preceding four years chairman of its European Commission, resigned the directorship at the opening business session Jan. 16th, of the Council's twelfth annual meeting, held at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York. This action was for the purpose of freeing the National Lutheran Council for the intensive development of its home work and of enabling Dr. Morehead to devote full time to his increasing duties as president of the Execution Committee of the Lutheran World Convention, which was charged at the Copenhagen meeting last summer with continuing the work already begun and preparing for a third convention of Lutherans a few years hence.

Following Dr. Morehead's resignation, the Rev. Dr. Ralph H. Long of Columbus, O., stewardship secretary of the Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, was called to serve as executive director. Arrangements were made for the appointment of Rev. F. H. Meyer, pastor of Fordham Lutheran Church, New York City, as temporary director to take charge during the interim between the 1st of February, when Dr. Morehead's resignation becomes effective, and the installation of the new director. Dr. Long, prior to assuming his present position with the Joint Synod, was the pastor of a down-town church in Pitts-

burgh, Pa. Proposals to move the headquarters of the National Lutheran Council to Chicago and to Washington were discussed and tabled for consideration at the annual session in 1931. Strong representations in favor of Chicago were presented by Western members on the ground that it is more centrally located for the large constituency of Lutherans residing in the north central states.

—From "News Bulletin."

### Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Ore.

It may be of interest to the readers of the Columbia Lutheran to have some information in regard to the work done at the Emanuel Hospital during the past year. In addition to the figures below it may be mentioned that gratuitous services have been rendered amounting to more than \$20,000.00 and that it takes a personnel of more than one hundred and seventy-five people skilled and trained in the many different departments of the institution.

Patients admitted during 1929 .....	6,550
Patients discharged during 1929.....	6,524
Number of births .....	1,055
Recovered .....	4,590
Improved .....	1,299
Unimproved .....	54
In for observation only .....	244
Not treated .....	121
Operations, major 1,415, minor 2,309	3,724
Medical cases .....	1,265
Total days care given .....	75,226
Radiographs .....	2,902
Fluoroscopic examinations .....	119
X-Ray, Therapy .....	32
Alpine Light, Diathermy, Infra Red..	201
Laboratory examinations .....	44,977
Greatest number of student nurses....	108
Daily average of patients .....	206.1
Average stay of patients .....	11.5
Per cent. of death rate, institutional..	2.02%
Total per cent. death rate.....	3.03%
Patients remaining in hospital Jan.	

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187  
American 4,727, Swedish 131, German 117, Jewish 106, Norwegian 63, Italian 46, Finland 41, Canadian 39, English 32, Japanese 27, Danish 22, Russian 21, Irish 18, Greek 19, Austrian 15, Scotch 12, Swiss 11, French 12, Chinese 10, Polish 7, Bohemian 4, Estonian 3, Holland 2, Bulgarian 2, Belgian 2, Slav 1, Ukrainian 1, Indian 1, Servian 1, Mexican 1.

Protestant 2,202, no preference 1,657, Catholic 489, Lutheran 447, Presbyterian 326, Methodist 325, Baptist 168, Hebrew 156, Christian 136, Episcopal 125, Congregational 76, Christian Science 58, L. D. S. 27, S. D. A. 19, Quaker of Friends 18, Church of God 16, Evangelical 13, Mormon 12, Unitarian 11, Mission Tab. 9, Four Square 7, United Brethren 7, Salvation Army 6, Nazarene 6, Buddhist 5, Pentecostal 4, Ind. Bible Study 3, Spiritualist 3, Reform church 2, Divine Science 2, Apostolic Faith 1.

## Items of Interest

The Religious Schools conducted in Portland, Ore. in connection with the public schools had during the fall term an enrollment of 3523. This is twelve less than for the fall term a year ago. This is however considered an encouraging attendance as one takes into account the fact that there has been a considerable loss in public school population in the same districts. Attendance at the Thanksgiving Services for the week-day school children totalled 1885.

Rev. E. J. Sakrison was pleasantly surprised on his birthday, Jan. 15, when his parishioners and other friends invaded the parsonage at Colton in the stillness of the evening to offer their congratulations and to give expression to the esteem in which they hold their pastor and his family. Dr. R. W. Kullberg gave an address and presented a gift in behalf of those present. Musical numbers were also rendered. Prof. Martin Lundstrom of the Colton public school presided. An abundance of refreshments had been brought and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. S. M. Hill and her daughter Vivian are back from the east, where they spent about a year making longer or shorter stays at St. Peter, and St. Paul, Minn., and different places in Nebraska and North Dakota. They have now resumed their residence at Colton, where their husband and father, the late Dr. S. M. Hill, was pastor for a number of years.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Kullberg have returned from the east and have spent some time at the parental home of Mrs. Kullberg at Colton. Dr. Kullberg has spent 18 months as doctor at Augustana Hospital, Chicago. Before going east he served internship at Emanuel Hospital, Portland. Mrs. Kullberg is a daughter of Mrs. S. M. Hill. They have now located in Astoria, Oregon.

Rev. A. M. Green attended Friday, Jan. 31, a meeting of the State Rate Committee appointed by the Northwestern Hospital Association for the purpose of considering the question of a higher rate for those who are sent to the hospitals by the state. The present rate is by the hospitals considered inadequate to cover the cost of taking care of the patients. The meeting was held in the Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, Wash. Rev. Green was a regularly appointed delegate to the meeting.

Dr. C. P. Friberg, who for 22 years has served as medical missionary in our Synod's mission field in China with headquarters at Honanfu, died on Jan. 23 as a victim of Typhus fever, a disease that is spreading in China as a result of the terrible famine that there is ravaging

large sections. Dr. Friberg stood ready to leave for America at the time the disease overtook him. His many friends all over our Synod are very sorry to hear of his unexpected demise. Dr. Friberg was a deeply consecrated man and of a very likable disposition. He seemed to have a faith in God almost unmatched among Christians of today. This was evidenced by the fact that he remained in China and ministered to the sick and wounded even through the period, when all our other missionaries according to orders left that country at the beginning of the recent civil war. Dr. Friberg is survived by his wife and three children, who returned to this country three years ago. It is reported that he was to be buried in China, where five children, who have gone before to their eternal rest, are buried.

Mrs. Ole Johnson and Mrs. Theo. Anderson, both from Missoula, Mont., were guests at the home of Mrs. Gust Johnson, Portland, during the latter part of January.

Dr. H. H. Foskett, pathologist for Emanuel Hospital, Portland, and Columbia Hospital, Astoria, was on January 16 appointed by Governor Nordblad a member of the Oregon state board of health. At the medical convention in Portland last July Dr. Foskett was elected vice president of the American Society of Criminal Pathologists. He has his office in the Medical Arts building, Portland, and has practiced medicine in that city for the past ten years, during which time he has been a member of the medical staff of our Emanuel Hospital.

Dr. Amandus Johnson, well known throughout our Synod, has by Prof. Gerhard Lindblom in Sweden received most favorable comments on a book he is now publishing. The book is being printed in Sweden and carries the title "I Marimbans land" (In the Land of the Marimba.) The book describes a trip and discoveries Dr. Amandus Johnson made in a region called Angola in West Africa south of Congo River. That expedition consumed a period of two years. Prof. Lindblom is a prominent authority on Africa. The review here referred to fills almost a column in "Svenska Dagbladet," a prominent paper in Sweden. To get publicity like that from a conservative professor in Europe is to be highly honored. Dr. Amandus Johnson is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. His Ph. D. degree he received at Pennsylvania University. He has made several trips to Europe in the interest of research and is the author of several historical works.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. Ross H. Stover, pastor, was visited Christmas morning by a mysterious thief who managed to steal a fourteen-

foot Christmas tree with heavy stand and complete electric lighting equipment from in front of the church without leaving automobile tracks or any marks indicating that the tree had been dragged away.

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