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## M E R K.

Naa de indsendte Betaling maa se efter paa Adresselappen om der bliver kvitteret. Det tager omtrent to Uger for Kvitteringen kommer. Hvis der indsniller sig Fejl, som ogsaa kan haue sted, maa skriv straks. Hvis de venter med at gjøre dette, falder det svært vanskøgt at fås det rettet. HJÆLP os ogsaa med dette.

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Til Nars Inabilitum.

—o—

Søndag fejrede Bethlehems Menighed paa Westlinen Hill, Tacoma, Wash., 10 Mars Aar. Den havde indbudi de to Søstermenigheder Den Døjske Lutheriske og Forende Kirke og Vor Frelsers tilhørende Synoden med deres Prester. Festen begyndte kl. halv fire Tidemiddag. Det var en vacker Dag med deligt Vejr og stor Førsamlings. Følgende Program udførtes:

Eftermiddag.

Salme 3, Førsamlingen; Kristi-losning og Bon. Past. A. H. Thor- sen; Salme 683, Førsamlingen; Beloningsstole, Past. A. H. Thor- sen; Ad- drels, Rev. O. J. Ordal; Song by the choir, "My Church, um Church"; Tale, Past. Olof Holen; Sang, Selma Martinson, "Velt alle dine Freie"; Tale, Diaten Waale; Salme 393, Førsamlingen.

Aften.

Salme 6, Førsamlingen; Kristi-Hjertene som Vandkæffe, da vi kænning og Bon. Past. Olof Holen; Menigheden viste en hind trodig

Salme 589, 1-5, Førsamlingen; Delvrauen, Distriktsformand L. G. Bojs; Salme 77 1-4, Førsamlingen; Kollett; Sang af Koret, Karriere dia, min Gud; Salme 92, Førsamlingen; Bessignelsen, Past. O. J. Ordal.

Følgende er Menighedens Historie, som opsicet:

Bethlehem Nors Lutheriske Menighed blev stiftet den 23. Mars, 1907, af Past. C. B. Slettedahl, 63. Skole blev optalt i den nu organiserede Menighed. Følgende Embedsmænd blev valgt: Formand, John Pedersen; Sekretær, David Thorpe; Kasserer, A. Svem; Kloster, S. O. Mohre; Sundagsstofskasserer, Ole Anderson, M. Dougland og S. O. Mohre; Kirkevært, O. A. Anderson, L. Martinson, John Pedersen, John Ring, David Thorpe og Ole Thorcen.

Avindesforeningen og Søndagsstolen hadde været i Viessomhed mange Aar før Menigheden blev stiftet og var indtil 1907 en Gren af Den Forenede Norske Lutheriske Menighed i Byen. Avindesforeningen har nu et Medlemssamtal af 35 og Søndagsstolen hadde i forige Aar (1916) 91 Barn indstreme samt 16 Søndagsstolerere. Desuden har Menigheden en Ungdomsførelse stiftet Aar 1907, en Handforening stiftet 1912, 1 Barneforening.

Ministerielle Forretninger i Kobet af disse 10 Aar: Gudsstjenester ca. 725, Døpte 164, Konfirmerede 64, Kommunicerede 526, Egtvede 39, Jordfæste 43.

Menigheden har nu et Sjæleamt af 191 og følgende er Menighedens Embedsmænd: Formand, Past. A. H. Thor- sen; Vice Formand, Sam Martin; Sekretær, A. L. Maden; Kasserer, S. S. Stevens; Kloster, S. O. Mohre; Sundagsstofskasserer, Ole Anderson, M. Dougland, S. S. Stevens; Kirkevært, O. Wix, C. Dougland, L. Dougland, J. T. Maden; Sam Martin, Lars Johnson, M. Johnson, Ed. Thoresen, David Thor- sen.

Menigheden var været berjent af

Islandsg. Prester: C. B. Slettedahl

1907—1909, A. Wald 1909—1912,

S. Hjortas 1913—1916, A. H.

Thor- sen fra 1916.

Mad han som er Menighedens

Hode og Herre saa høre og lede

I konning og Bon. Past. Olof Holen; Menigheden viste en hind trodig

Væft. Det give Gud for sit Navns Skyld.

A. H. Thor- sen,

Menighedens Prest

Det var en vacker Fest. "Herald" vil herved henvise baade Preb og Menighed. Man Gud fremdeles velsigne deres Virke til mange Smiles Frende.

## Fra vojt Virkefelt

Tacoma, Wash.

—o—

Bor Frelsers Nors-Lutheriske Kirke, Sud 3 og 17de Gade, O. J. Ordal, Prest.

Sundagsstole paa Nors og Engelsk st. 9:15.

Pinsekudstjeneste. Hjemmes og Konfirmations Overhæring paa Engelsk st. 11. Det blir ingen Aften-  
gang.

Avindesforeningen møder Torsdag Eftermiddag i Hjemmet hos Mrs. Louis Langlow, 6th Ave. og South A Streets. Mrs. Miller og Mrs. Langlow er Verbindere.

Dialon Waale fra Norge, som er paa Besøg i Amerika, var Gjæst i Tacoma de sidste Dage af forrige Uge og de første af denne. Han talte ved Hjemmesen i Bor Frelsers Kirke og paa Eftermiddag var han tilstede ved 10 Aars Festen i Velbimens Kirke paa Westlinen Hill. Matte Søndag, Pinsegodag, skal han være paa Aftenlængten i Pastor Stubbs Kirke i Seattle.

Mrs. T. A. Skov, Mrs. Anna Hall, Mrs. B. L. Kirkebo og Miss Emilie Guttebs reiser alle til de nore-lutheriske Menigheder i Tacoma om Aftenen den 17de Mai i Den Forenede Kirke naa 3 Street. Det var stor Førsamlings og Festen var i et godt udvalgt sted. Følgende Program udførtes:

1. Sang, 1ste Vers "I Jesu Nam skal al vor Gjerning st"; 2. Stein-losning og Bon. Past. O. Hagaes; 3. Song, "Al Hinlen priser," Nordmændenes Sangforening; 4. Tale: Seiersherren, Past. Tho. Olsen Bjørnstedt; 5. Sang, et Vers, "Det er fuldbragt, den sildne Jord"; 6. Sang, "Ja, vi elsker dette Landet," Nordmændenes Sangforening; 7. Address, "Citizenship," Rev. O. J. Ordal; 8. Sang, "The Star Span-gled Banner," Nordmændenes Sangforening; 9. Kollett; 10. Song, fire Vers av "America"; 11. Benediction, Rev. A. H. Thor- sen.

Nallesten som optoges beløb sig til over \$30 og vil benyttes til Dælfelte af Udgifter i Forbindelse med Festen, og det tiloversblevne vil bruges til Andelshus af Isolde Værtier som vil blive iførtet Tacoma Public Library: "History of the Norwegian People," Dr. A. Gjerlath, og "The Scandinavian-American," Dr. A. O. Jonafasrud, og "Scandinavian Im-migrants of New York 1650-1750," Dr. J. O. Cojen.

Stanwood, Wash.

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Pinsegodag blir der Altergangsgudstjeneste for Konfirmanderne og andre, som ønsker at undve den belli-ke Ræder. Den følgende Uge reiser Understegne stover til Kirkemødet i St. Paul.

Menighedsfolken holdt sin Slutningsfest i Kirken sidste Søndags Eftermiddag.

Miss Helena Åberg, der i 5 Aar har været Verterinde paa Camano, var forleden Gjæstand for en meget behagelig Overrædselse. En stor Venstreare endte op og overrakte hende en vacker Gave.

Miss Ingeborg Eide har vundet Udmærkelse ved Pullman Agronomiske og teknologiske Skole og tog den bedste Eksemplet i alle fra dette Skole. Hun er Graduate fra Menighedsfolken hjemme i Stanwood.

Til Representanter til Synodem-  
det og den Nors-Lutheriske Kirkes  
Mode i St. Paul er valgt Ole Le-  
nes og H. Myron.

Avindesforeningen ved Utvalddes der ingen tilgivelse var for ham. Det var altaa forgyldet, hvad han havde arbejdet. Hans Øjst havde det været at stige op til den uendelige, og det havde ganske glædet. Han havde besluttet at gjøre, hvad han troede, andre Hellige havde gjort — holde Guds Lov fuldstændigt. Og han selv alt befriedet. Jo mere han tættede sine Hænder des mere fulde af Smids blev de.

Stafels Martin. Man maa synes over ham. Han har forsøgt at støtte i Berden, han har lutet sine drenare i Berden, og han har gjort sin Fader ved — og jo har han kun opnaat at blive saa bittert.

Fredag Aften den 1. Juni har Avindesforeningen arrangeret for et Program i Kirken til Indtagt for vor stedte vistende Søndagsstole. Pastor T. L. Breig vil tale om Missionen. Miss Tagay Breig har lovet at bringe for os. Gjør dette vel behjendt.

Gaver til Parlaad Barnedjem.

Ara. Mrs. Past. O. C. Helleson, følgende bringte Gjenstande: 2 Gutter, 1 Sommerlæbe og 1 Underskrift.

Ara. Miss Bille, Avindesforening ved Mrs. Past. Helleson, 1 Gutterstødning, 3 Buster og 3 Bluer.

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Ara Sofia Jakobson, Tacoma, 1 ny skole. 1 brugi Regnsaabe og 1 Pat Sko.

Hjertelig Tof!

P. J. Bates.

Martin Luther.

Luther havde oflagt de sædvanlige Mindestifter, og Kirken havde givet ham Magt til at fremhæve det daglige uboldige Offer i Messien. Han tagte ikke Bligter med strubles, Risoighed. Af de 21 Helgener han havde udvalgt sig, paafalder han hver Dag tre, saa han kommer rundt i Lever af en Uge.

Da dog, istedet for at hænde jævlig Fred, begynder han at erfare en aandelig Trøngsel, strækkeliggendt nogensinde for.

I vore nogenste Dage trætes man til et spørge:

Quod Meum er der i dets? Har han først begyndt en eller anden Forbrudelse?

Nei, det var vi især værsta, at han intet forbrudelse har da han var enestige af alle Guds Kors Krav — han bragte ham til at stående og have. Men Grunden er at jeg i den form, som Frelseslæren hadde sat i den sjæløstige læremessige — Uldformning.

Scholastiferne medgav, at intet Meneste af egen Kraft kunne udfore nogen Gjerning, ved hvilken de gjorde Gud til sin Skulder, og forhente sin Salighed. Med ved gode Gjerninger, som at give Almæner, at løfte, at høre Messen — disponerte man sig selv, gjorde man sig selv modtageligt for Guds Raade. Da nu man havde den, var man stand til at gjøre de Gjerninger, som gjorde en fortjent til et evigt Liv, og som gjorde Gud til ens Skulder.

Men Luther til især det hele til.

Efter lange Aar af Dienste, af Bonner, af Baagen og Faften og Messen og Singen, er man endt i en Udstand af haard, told, træg og Redslagenhed. Det er ingen Parme for ingen ejerlighed til Gud i hans Hjerte. Det er snarere Udvile mod han. Og hvor skulde ogsaa hans Skel kunne glæde mod et Bonen.

Paa den Tid denne Historie udgives, er den Mand, om hvem der skal fortællies, maalede allerede indgaar til sin Radelen. Den af Lærlærene øgivne Drift var allerede udloven og nogle saa smertefulde Maaneder var tilføjet de foregående. At han skulde leve endnu et Aar, syntes aldeles.

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Hans eneste Talent.

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les umulig, og hvilkenombest i dag kan vi se ham det Livs Morgen-  
gru, om hvilket der er skrevet: "Du  
være ikke vært mer."

Da den frørlige Missie var over  
og det temmelige Legeme offledt,  
var der saa lidet Liv tilbage, at  
man antaas for død, og da Legeme  
var færdige, var sun Bræget af  
Menneske levet.

Vægge Fædder var borte, den ven-  
stre Arm ligeledes og med den den  
højre Delen af Skelebenet; da  
højt havde var blot Tommeflingen-  
ren og en af de andre Tingre tilbage.  
Af den Jordens saa sterke  
Mand var der sun igen — at vide  
og erindre.

Men han befæd fremdeles den  
brillante And, hvori Universitets-  
dannejens rigelege Frænger var op-  
lagt, beriget med Refeudatraf  
fra alle Verdensdele. Og det var  
alt spildt, spildt, svindt. For ham  
var der intet tilbage uden at være  
en højstevet Vidnet.

Det var hans Tanke, da han sad  
ved et af Binduerne i Hjemmet for  
Urbredelige og saa ud paa den vi-  
de Verden, at hvilken han havde op-  
hært at være en Tel. Foran ham  
laa Bibelen, og han læste Parabelen  
om Talenterne og tænkte med Bis-  
terhed på, at han end ikke havde en  
som han fandt begrave; han selv  
var saa godt som begravet, og hans  
Talenter, som havde været mange  
var allerede begravne.

En gommel Dame ruldede sin  
Spol hen til hans og læste et Brev,  
som hun havde fået. Det var fra  
en fremmed. Men det havde gjort  
hende saa godt.

Han blev interesseret og gjorde  
Spørgsmål desværende og er-  
farede, at der var en Forening join-  
stæfede Holz, der var vildige til at  
afsløre opmuntrende Brees til Søge  
og faade, der var nødt til at holde  
sig inden Døren, dødes Adresse.

Gud havde løbt dem saa sit Ravn  
med tilhørende af, hvorledes et ja-  
dant Bred, nu og da vilde glæde  
hende. Denne usædte Korresponden-  
ce blev regelmaessig, og Brevene  
var bende til stor Trost og Glæde.

En bludelig Tanke gæb ham. Hvis  
som Breve vilde ikke være ham til  
mindste Glæde, men hvorfor ikke  
skrive selv? Men til hvem? Kun-  
de der være et eneste Menneske han  
indepærret som ham, som hans  
Breve vilde glæde? Sandhedsigts  
var de i Fængslerne endnu mere at  
beslægt; dog disse havde Haab om  
Frælselse, og han havde ikke. Men  
det var nordt et Forlæg.

Saa fæd han til Foreningens  
Sekreter og bad ham om Raadene  
paa nogle Fanger. Han underrettede  
ham om, at hans Breve vilde for-  
blive ubehærdede; Fængslernes Reg-  
ler tilbed iffe Svar; men han vand-  
tog sig alligevel denne ensidige Kor-  
respondance.

To Gange ugentlig skrev han, og  
Brevene beflaglagde hans Grætter  
til det yderste. Men han lodde bele  
sin Sjæl ind i disse Bree, alle sine  
Færingar, sin Tro, sit almurende  
Bid; hele sit fristne Skarven.

Det er tungt at træve, naar  
Skrivningen fester Strae og Smer-  
te og i Sørdeleshed, naar der ofte  
kommer noget Svar. Den founder  
Tider, da han blev modigg og var  
fristet at opgive det hele.

Men det var det eneste Talent,  
han havde tilbage, og han befædte  
at bruge det, saa lange det varede.

Endelig — endelig kom der et  
Brev. Det var et meget fort Brev.  
Det var fra Fængslets Kontor, ffre-  
neden af den Bevillingemand, hvil-  
ke arbeide det var at løse Fængernes  
Breve. Hele Andholder var:

"Der har fuldt at træve paa det  
bedste Papir De kan få; thi Dere  
Breve gaar fra Fængslet til Dan-  
verum, indtil de bogstavelig falder  
fra hinanden."

( Ruth. 2:24 )

**THE ADVENT OF THE HOLY****SPIRIT.**

—  
Whitsunday Sermon. Acts 2:1-13.

—  
Rev. C. A. Miller, D. D.

It is no wonder that our Lord  
Jesus so frequently and so em-

phatically spoke to His disciples,  
before His departure, of the great  
event which we celebrate today.  
He realized its significance for  
the Christian Church when He  
said, "It is expedient for you  
that I go away, for if I go not  
away, the Comforter will not  
come unto you." He pointed the  
disciples to the same Blessed Per-  
son, the Holy Spirit, when He  
gave the promise of our Gospel  
lesson, "the Comforter, which is  
the Holy Ghost, whom the Father  
will send in my name, He shall  
teach you all things." From Him,  
as Jesus knew and said, is the  
love that keeps the sayings of  
Christ, the word of the Father;  
from Him the remembrance of  
the things Christ hath said, with  
understanding and inspiration  
and life; from Him, the inbreath-  
ing of peace, the freedom from  
anxiety, the cure of troubled  
hearts; in Him, the true return  
of the Saviour Who is leaving  
them; from Him the confident as-  
surance of faith, as He gives them  
to see in the fulfilment of things  
foretold, the truth of Christ. It  
would be strange indeed, if such  
a coming, the advent of the Holy  
Spirit, were not counted by the  
Church, guided by her Master's  
Word, a chief event of the re-  
demptive history, worthy, in  
truth, to be placed alongside of  
those other great facts that the  
manger, the cross, the empty  
tomb, the cloud receiving Him  
out of their sight, represent to us.

Let us, then, with full apprecia-  
tion of the surpassing significance  
of the Pentecostal Gift, set our-  
selves to understand the story  
and the meaning of the fulfilment  
our Lord's promise of the Com-  
forter.

**The Outward Manifestations.**  
It was a quiet, and a not un-  
usual scene, when the disciples  
gathered, on that morning of Pen-  
tecost, in the upper room, to pray  
together. It was not for the usu-  
al needs of men that they were  
making request, for the burden  
of the prayer was that the "pro-  
mise of the Father" might be  
fulfilled to them. Their blessed,  
risen and ascended Lord had  
told them of a gift He would  
pour out upon them, the gift of  
a Comforter. When He would  
come, and how, they did not  
know, but with united hearts,  
"with one accord," they were to-  
gether in one place, beseeching  
that bestowment for which they  
must tarry at Jerusalem; unfit-  
ted, as yet, for the great witness-  
bearing to which they were bid-  
den. A gathering of the little  
congregation of one hundred and  
twenty people, for earnest prayer,  
— that was all which was appar-  
ent in the upper room.

But soon strange sounds and  
sights were manifest. One would  
have said that a strong wind was  
blowing, but the air was still. Yet  
the sound was heard like the  
mighty rush of a violent gust, so  
that the people from all the city  
gathered to wonder what it  
meant. And with this sound there  
shone before the eyes of those in  
the upper room a flaming mass,  
as of fire, and hovering above  
them, this glowing cloud separates  
into single tongues, of which  
one rests upon the head of each  
of the disciples. This is a new,  
strange thing. And we must ask  
why these marvelous manifesta-  
tions were given. We think of  
the roaring wind that swept the  
mountain-side where Elijah waited  
in his cave, for the coming of  
God; of the flames of raging fire  
that swept the forests from the  
slopes of Horeb! We go further  
back in thought to the flashing  
lightnings and the cloud upon the  
summit of Sinai when Jehovah  
descended upon it in fire, and  
spoke to Moses! These are crises  
in the history of God's dealings

with His people. These are begin-  
nings of new eras. As Moses  
was the founder and Elijah the id dis-  
ciplines go out from this up-  
refounder of the old dispensation, per room to become mighty mes-  
so are these apostles and discip-  
singers of grace, because filled  
les to be the founders of the new, with the Spirit. Peter never de-  
It is a great new epoch, and it is es-  
tablished His Lord again, but standing  
before the Jews boldly taxed  
them with the murder of Jesus,  
whom "ye, by the hand of law-  
less men did crucify and slay,  
whom God hath raised up." The  
flaming tongues spoke as mere  
men had never before spoken,  
and multitudes were pricked in  
their hearts and led to penitence  
and faith. It was a new power  
which, through these weak in-  
struments, brought three thou-  
sand in Jerusalem, on that day, to  
confess Jesus as Lord and Christ!  
The Twelve go out with nothing  
but the Word of God, the testi-  
mony concerning Christ, upon  
their tongues touched as with  
fire, to meet a world that is hos-  
tile, sensual, strong — and they  
are conquerors. Nothing but the  
new, divine power can possibly  
explain the history of the Chris-  
tian Church. Pentecost offers the  
only key to the story of the cen-  
turies that have elapsed. Wild  
beasts, flames of the martyr's  
stake, crosses, proscriptions, per-  
secutions, mark the stages of that  
story, but while men die, by hun-  
dreds and thousands, the power  
still lives, and the "blood of the  
martyrs is the seed of the  
Church." Roman emperors, who  
sought the annihilation of the  
Church, live only in dead pages  
of human records, but Christ's  
kingdom lives in multiplied mil-  
lions of human souls today.  
Twelve men, one hundred and  
twenty men and women, count-  
less myriads of redeemed souls,—  
these are the progressions of the  
census of believers. And the  
Church still lives and wins vic-  
tories, because the Holy Spirit  
still lives in her, and empowers  
her. He came to stay. He is the  
abiding power, by which she  
works the works of God. The  
Lord who sent the Holy Spirit,  
the first gift of His exaltation,  
has provided, also, for His com-  
ing into the hearts of men of  
every age, and for His abiding  
there, through Word and Sacra-  
ment.

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forced upon the disciples various  
suggestions. Surely the sound as  
of a rushing, mighty wind, must  
have impressed them with the  
tremendous power of that with  
which they had now to do. Per-  
haps the appearance as of fire,  
brought to their minds, in vivid  
form the purifying, light-giving,  
joy-bringing qualities of the Spir-  
it. And how strikingly the  
tongues of flame portray the very  
gift which they were immediately  
to receive, the very means of the  
upbuilding of the Church, the fer-  
vent speech, which was and is to  
be the instrument for the propa-  
gation of the Gospel. Not the  
fiery sword, but the flaming  
tongue, is the weapon of Christ's  
conquests. The human voice, as  
the tongue shaped symbol show-  
ed, but also the supernatural  
power, as this mystic fire reveal-  
ed, was necessary in God's work  
of winning men from every na-  
tion under heaven, to His life and  
service.

**The Spiritual Realities.**  
God in Christ has come into a  
new relation, through the Holy  
Spirit, with His Church. The  
Spirit had been given to men be-  
fore, but to men one by one. Now  
He is given to the Church, to a  
new creation, the "body of  
Christ," of which the Ascended  
Lord is the Head. Not as rain-  
drops, falling upon the roof of  
this man, or of that, (to be gath-  
ered for himself, separately, but  
the full stream of the Holy Spirit,  
collected in Christ's own Person,  
for us all, flows now into the life  
of every one who is united with  
our Lord by the channels of faith.  
This was, then, the birth, and the  
birthday of the Church. The  
overhanging cloud as of fire sug-  
gests the Spirit in the Church,  
and the separating tongues, sit-  
ting upon each of them, exemplifies  
His coming through the  
Church, with its means of grace,  
to each individual. No longer do  
we stand in loneliness, each for  
himself seeking God, and life in  
God. We are united into the com-  
munion of saints. The Holy Spir-  
it, the Spirit of Christ, has done  
the great work described in our  
catechism by the word "gathers."  
He has called into being the  
Church, and in this Christian  
Church He daily and abundantly  
forgives all our sins, and calls,  
enlightens, sanctifies and pre-  
serves men continually, gathering  
them also into the vast commun-  
ion of our Lord.

To Christ's faithful ones has  
come a new abiding power. Tim-

phaticians speak to His disci-  
ples before His departure, of the great  
event which we celebrate today.  
He realized its significance for  
the Christian Church when He  
said, "It is expedient for you  
that I go away, for if I go not  
away, the Comforter will not  
come unto you." He pointed the  
disciples to the same Blessed Per-  
son, the Holy Spirit, when He  
gave the promise of our Gospel  
lesson, "the Comforter, which is  
the Holy Ghost, whom the Father  
will send in my name, He shall  
teach you all things." From Him,  
as Jesus knew and said, is the  
love that keeps the sayings of  
Christ, the word of the Father;  
from Him the remembrance of  
the things Christ hath said, with  
understanding and inspiration  
and life; from Him, the inbreath-  
ing of peace, the freedom from  
anxiety, the cure of troubled  
hearts; in Him, the true return  
of the Saviour Who is leaving  
them; from Him the confident as-  
surance of faith, as He gives them  
to see in the fulfilment of things  
foretold, the truth of Christ. It  
would be strange indeed, if such  
a coming, the advent of the Holy  
Spirit, were not counted by the  
Church, guided by her Master's  
Word, a chief event of the re-  
demptive history, worthy, in  
truth, to be placed alongside of  
those other great facts that the  
manger, the cross, the empty  
tomb, the cloud receiving Him  
out of their sight, represent to us.

It is by no means surprising  
that with the great spiritual gift  
there should be sympathetic move-  
ments even in the world of sense.  
It is God's way to associate the  
visible with the invisible. If  
there had been storms of wind  
and streams of natural fire, this  
could not surprise those who  
know of the thunders and light-  
nings of Sinai, the fire and storm  
and earthquake of Horeb, or the  
darkness and earthquake of Cal-  
vary. But these are not natural  
manifestations. There was no  
wind, but a supernatural sound  
"as of wind." There was no fire,  
but "tongues as of fire." Even  
that which here was visible was  
yet not material, but in its very  
mystery emphasized the spiritual  
character of the impartation of  
the Holy Ghost. Here God does  
not, as regularly and normally  
He does, connect the spiritual  
gift with a truly earthly element  
of conveyance, though He sends  
not, even here, the Spirit Who  
gathers His Church, without graci-  
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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

## NEW RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

The Bureau of the Census in Washington is now engaged in the work of another census of religious bodies and schedules have been mailed to the pastors of every Lutheran Church in the United States, with the request that the schedules be filled out and returned without delay. The returns have been most gratifying, but many churches are still to be heard from. It is most important, in order that the Lutheran Church may receive its full representation that each pastor respond promptly and all are urged to attend to the request of the government without delay.

The general statistics for the Lutheran Church at the close of the year 1906, as then compiled by the Federal Bureau of the Census, and with which the new census will be compared, showed that there were 12,703 organizations connected with the Lutheran bodies and that the total number of communicants as reported by 12,642 organizations was 2,112,494. At the close of the year 1906, the number of ministers in the Lutheran Church was 7,814.

The increase in the present census of the Lutheran Church will depend upon the completeness of the returns from the individual churches.

## FATHERHOOD.

(Read at Community Meeting in Stanwood, Wash., by Rev. M. A. Christensen.)

At last year's meeting you assigned me the subject "Better Babies and the Church." We all agreed that side by side with the better baby movement should go a back to the bible movement. It was shown how the Bible is baby's best book and how in it a Christian mother can find rich material for divine kindergarten

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work of God,"  
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The cottage leaves the palace far behind;

What is a lordling's pump a cumb'rous load,  
Disguising of the wretch of human kind,  
Studied in arts of hell, in wickedness refined.

Whatever come let us try and be good loyal fathers and hand down to our dear ones an inheritance for which they will bless us, and we in turn be blessed of Him, of whom it is written, "As a father pitith his children, so the Lord pitith them that fear Him."

## FROM THE ACADEMY.

The Alumni, Seniors and Faculty picniced at American Lake last Saturday. Everybody "hoofed it" out and many even home again. Blisters in the hands of the young men and on the feet of the young ladies are some of the souvenirs taken home from the picnic. And still we all had a good time.

Sunday, May 20, Rev. Harstad delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to our graduates and the eighth grade graduates of the Parochial School. After the services dinner was served in the parlors of the church by the Ladies' Aid and in the afternoon a program was rendered by the children of the Parochial school.

Last Friday night a musical recital was given at the Academy by the pupils of Miss Alfsen. The program was very well rendered and a large audience showed its appreciation of the musical treat.

Professor and Mrs. Dretning and children from Tacoma, visited the Academy Sunday.

Commencement exercises for this school year will be held at the Academy auditorium next Saturday night at 8 o'clock. We hope that as many of our friends as possible can be with us on this occasion.

The Seniors, chaperoned by Mrs. J. U. Xavier, spent Friday at Point Defiance. All reported a very good time. In the afternoon of the same day the Juniors treated themselves to a picnic at Lake Spanaway. Boat riding was the chief sport. Miss Hong and Miss Alfsen were invited as chaperons.

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