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THE GREAT TASK IS BEING DONE

TODAY, Wednesday, June 22, Eighty-one thousand dollars is pledged toward the Pacific Lutheran Endowment fund. No matter from which angle this figure is viewed, it is a tremendous amount. It is an amount larger than has ever been raised for our school in a single effort. It is an amount larger than has ever been raised at any time for any cause in our Pacific district.

In addition, this large amount has been pledged by only between 300 and 350 people. Nearly one-third of the total of the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars which must be reached has been subscribed by an infinitely small number of people. The alumni have subscribed fifty thousand dollars of this amount. That is not the final total of what the alumni will do; it is their pledge at this time. The remainder is subscribed in larger gifts by half-a-dozen members of the congregations. Five gifts of five thousand dollars each are pledged, on condition that two more will pledge this amount, and that the whole goal will be reached.

There is something inspiring in the faith, loyalty and example of these first 200, who by their gifts are showing the way toward victory for our school, our Church and our people. They are willing to carry a far larger share of the burden than rightfully belongs to them, in order that everyone might see how precious our school is.

Wonderful first response creates faith that goal will be reached

On the other hand, if a small fraction of the people responsible before God and man for Pacific Lutheran College are willing to carry one-third of the load, is there anyone who can say the task cannot be done; will there be anyone with the courage and conscience to say he will not gladly share in carrying the task through!

To secure the endowment for Pacific Lutheran College is a necessity. It is a question of life or death for the school; the school must live, it dare not die. Whether we have any assurance that it can or will be done, we still are obliged to do our utmost to see it through.

But now we have the inescapable proof not only that it is right and necessary, but that it can be done, because before our very eyes it is being done. With how much greater eagerness and confidence everyone will now get down to the serious satisfying business of striving for the goal. We have not only the inspiration of a wonderful example. We have the joy that our gifts and efforts will not be wasted and in vain, that if we do our best success will crown, reward and bless our efforts. But how much more damning would failure be in view of the inescapable fact that we can succeed.



This is the girls' debating club with their coach, Proj. Ph. E. Hauge.

A Heroic Battle for God, Our Church, Our Youth, Which Must Be Crowned By Victory

NOTHING great has ever been accomplished in the world unless there were those who were willing to go on, though everyone clamored it cannot be done; unless there were those willing to pay the price of victory in the anxiety of their own hearts that a great cause might live.

The great crucial effort for our school, Pacific Lutheran College, has made wonderful progress which should hearten and inspire all those anxious for its future. The main reason for this progress has been because the work was conceived and carried on in the spirit of our God. Filled with that spirit an ever larger number of loyal faithful men have been putting up a fight for victory, which is among the finest ever carried on in any part of the Lutheran Church in America.

The first division to move forward in the battle line and to engage with the enemy, were the alumni and former students. Their leader is Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, Registrar and Teacher at Luther College. With ceaseless endeavour, with never flagging spirit, sparing himself neither night nor day, he has been leading the forces of the alumni and former students until now they have reached the goal of fifty thousand dollars and will reach much more when they are fully through with their canvass.

Under him are the alumni district Chairmen: Rev. Theo. Gulhaugen, Mr. J. O. Gulbranson, Rev. L. Rasmussen, Rev. Geo. Lane, Mr. Neil Gregerson, Rev. Carl Foss, Rev. A. M. Lunde, Prof. O. T. Storli, Rev. M. A. Christensen, Rev. E. M. Stensrud, Prof. E. Tingelstad, Rev. L. A. Stavig.

It has not been a small task for these men to find all the alumni and former students in their districts; to really awaken

their interests, to stir them to a sense of responsibility. Many of them have been gone from the school for years but none of the district chairmen has shirked his part of the task.

For the actual canvass of the alumni and former students, a group of men have gone into the field as special canvassers. Rev. Theo. Gulhaugen, Rev. H. L. Foss, Mr. L. G. Nyhus, Prof. A. W. Ramstad, Dr. H. J. Hoff, Rev. T. O. Svare, Mr. A. A. Mykland, Mr. Conrad Gaard, Rev. R. Bogstad, Rev. O. E. Heimdahl.

On these men especially has rested the task of securing the alumni pledges. Words cannot do justice to the work which they have done in pleading, in encouraging, in stirring, in winning, in convincing the alumni and former students to get into this task, to get into it quickly, to get into it with their utmost ability.

When one considers that within a period of three weeks, fifty thousand dollars was secured from alumni and former students, many of whom had lost nearly all interest in the school, the achievement becomes nearly a miracle. Next to God's blessing the alumni workers have put into the task an ability and consecration and a devotion which will for years stand as a monument in the Lutheran Church in America.

The second division of our undertaking is the canvass of the larger givers in the congregations. That effort also has begun and is being blessed by God. If we shall reach our goal of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars it will be necessary that those whom God has blessed shall give to this undertaking in proportion to their blessing. It is not only fair and right that the stronger shoulders should bear the larger burdens, but experience and common sense show that it is necessary.

The membership of the Pacific district is not large. Unless a large amount of this endowment fund is subscribed in gifts of \$1,000 and upward, the smaller gifts of the rank and file in the congregation will not reach the goal.

If it was necessary in the campaign for Luther and St. Olaf Colleges to have a dozen gifts of five thousand dollars a number at ten thousand and fifteen thousand dollars and one at fifty thousand dollars, how much more necessary is it among us with our small number of people to have enough larger gifts to lessen the load on the rank and file and to serve as an inspiration which will bring victory.

Thank God that a number of noble men and women of God are coming to the front with gifts of gratitude and loyalty to their God who has



blessed them, with gifts of such inspiration and power that they must stir the membership to their utmost. Five of our splendid people on the West Coast have already subscribed five thousand dollars each, on condition that one more at least subscribe a like amount and that the whole goal is reached. We have one gift of twenty-five hundred dollars and a number of one thousand dollars each.

The fine thing about these gifts has not only been their great amount, unheard of in our circles on the coast, but it has been the spirit in which they were given. It was a spirit of gratitude and responsibility to God. It was a spirit of eagerness to help in safe-guarding and strengthening God's work. It was a spirit of loyalty to our own people for whom our school must be maintained.

Night and day now men are busy seeing others of larger means to follow the example of what these first people have done and to give further inspiration to the membership. Dr. O. A. Brandt of the Seminary, Rev. T. Gullixon, vice president of our Church, and Rev. O. J. H. Preus, president of the Eastern district are working in Seattle.

Rev. S. J. N. Ylvisaker of Fergus Falls, Minn., Rev. H. G. Magelssen of La Crosse, Wis., are working in Tacoma and south to Portland. Dr. L. W. Boe, president of St. Olaf College, and Dr. O. H. Pannkoke are working at Everett, Stanwood, Bellingham and the section north of Seattle. It is doubtful whether ever before a group of men of such standing and leadership in our

whole Church have given the time and ability to a cause like ours. They are doing it gladly because they know that Pacific Lutheran College is the bulwark of our Church on the West Coast. They are not only doing it gladly, but they are doing it without sparing themselves. Working night and day, putting themselves into their task without reserve to win over men and women



Rev. T. O. Swire, pastor of the College church and a loyal, faithful worker in the alumni canvass



Rev. Theo. Gulhaugen, New Westminster, B. C., and wife, both graduates of our school and their two children, coming to our school in the future if we now safeguard the future.

en as God has blessed them now to show their gratitude and loyalty to God by larger gifts to safeguard the future of Pacific Lutheran College.

**THE SAVIOR DIED FOR
YOU**

**NO ONE CAN DO IN
YOUR PLACE**

**What Jesus Now Expects
Of You
For His School**

The Final Canvass of Church Membership

IT is not only fair and right that the alumni and former students and that people of larger means should be called upon and have the privilege of helping in the development of Pacific Lutheran College. Every member in our Churches is concerned in the future of this school. It is his school and every member in our Churches should be given the opportunity to do what is needed to reach the goal.

To carry on the final canvass of the rank and file in the congregations, a group of thirty men from the middle west have been selected by the Church at large, have been released from the work of their local congregations, to spend the month of July on the west coast, giving their time and ability to the final canvass. The Church has secured for them free transportation, so that their travelling expenses will be nothing, and that the collection of our fund may be carried on as economically as possible.

These men will canvass by districts, beginning on July 5th in the Tacoma-Parkland district. As soon as that is finished they will go to Bellingham and canvass the Churches in that district, then to Mt. Vernon, then to Everett, then to Seattle, then to Portland, then to San Francisco, then to Los Angeles.

In order that the time of these men may be used to the utmost, the full co-operation of pastors and people in the congregations is necessary, and surely it would not be right not to give it. If these men are coming out to help us face our task and reach into our opportunity, we who are more directly concerned would surely never forgive ourselves if we did not help them to the utmost of our ability.

Three things are required from pastors and local congregations to make the final canvass successful.

1. A list must be ready on which are noted the names of every member and every friend that should be approached.

This list must be ready on the day on which the canvass in the district begins.

2. Automobiles must be provided to take the canvassers around. They must be available on the day when the canvass of the district begins, and as long as the canvass continues. This must be planned sufficiently in advance, so that no precious time is lost when the men are there to work.

3. The advice and co-operation of the leaders of the local congregation must be given in guiding and helping the canvassers from afar off to attain the largest results in seeing the local members.

It is the greatest folly for anyone to think that because able men from the middle west are sacrificing themselves for us, nothing remains for us to do. Unless we give them the needed and deserved co-operation, no group of men can come into our midst and do our work for us. They can help us, but only if we have the conscience and the heart and are awake to help ourselves.

