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It Can Be Done. It Must Be Done Now Is The Time To Do It.

FOR centuries mankind was sure the Atlantic could not be crossed until Columbus crossed it, then everyone knew it could be done, because it had been done. For centuries the world was sure no one could fly the Atlantic ocean, until Lindbergh flew it, then the world knew it could be done because it had been done.

For decades every member of the Lutheran Church in America was sure that no large support could be given our Lutheran schools to place them on a par with the schools of other denominations. In the last eight years, over 20 million dollars have been raised by Lutheran people for the endowment and physical development of Lutheran higher schools. There is no question whether it can be done, because it has been done in a way that far exceeds even the highest hopes of the greatest enthusiast.

It could be done in North Carolina, 12,000 Lutheran people giving over one million dollars to their school, It has been done not only once but many times for other Lutheran schools in America. Many parts of our Church in this land have gladly borne far larger burdens than our burden now, and glorified in their sacrifices and the greater strength today of their schools. If it has been done by others, we *can* also carry it through.

But it is not a question whether we can do this task or not, it must be done. The question of securing the present endowment is a question of life or death for Pacific Lutheran College. At present it is an accredited school. Its graduates from the Academy are recognized by other institutions; its Normal department graduates are accepted as teachers by our, and by other States. Surely our school

must hold this standing and recognition or it is not playing fair with its students and young men and women will not attend it, but to hold this standing and recognition means that it must continue to do first class work, through having enough teachers, well prepared teachers, through having proper library and laboratory facilities. The income has never been large enough fully to meet these needs. Year after year it faced the desperate struggle of meeting the cost of carrying on this work well, and year after year it fell behind. Only an endowment fund giving an annual income to help meet the cost of high class education will solve the problem.

Whether we can or not, we must give our school its needed endowment. It means too much to even think of the possibility of failure.

Right now is the God given opportunity to carry the task through. The alumni and former students of our school are awake and setting the example of sacrifice. The Church people are roused as they have never been roused before. Our whole Church body is focusing its attention on the life and death struggle of our Christian school. The strongest men of our Church are being released by their congregations to be with us, and by their experience and ability help us carry through our task. Surely, if it cannot be done now, it never can and never will be done. Surely, if at this time we will not stand together for the supreme effort, then we have no right to hope for growth and progress for our Christian school and for our Church.

An opportunity comes but once. A great opportunity like this comes but once in a life time. It is either grasped or missed. It does not wait for our convenience. This is our one great opportunity for our Christian school.

Our Young People and Our Christian Schools the Foundation of Our Church

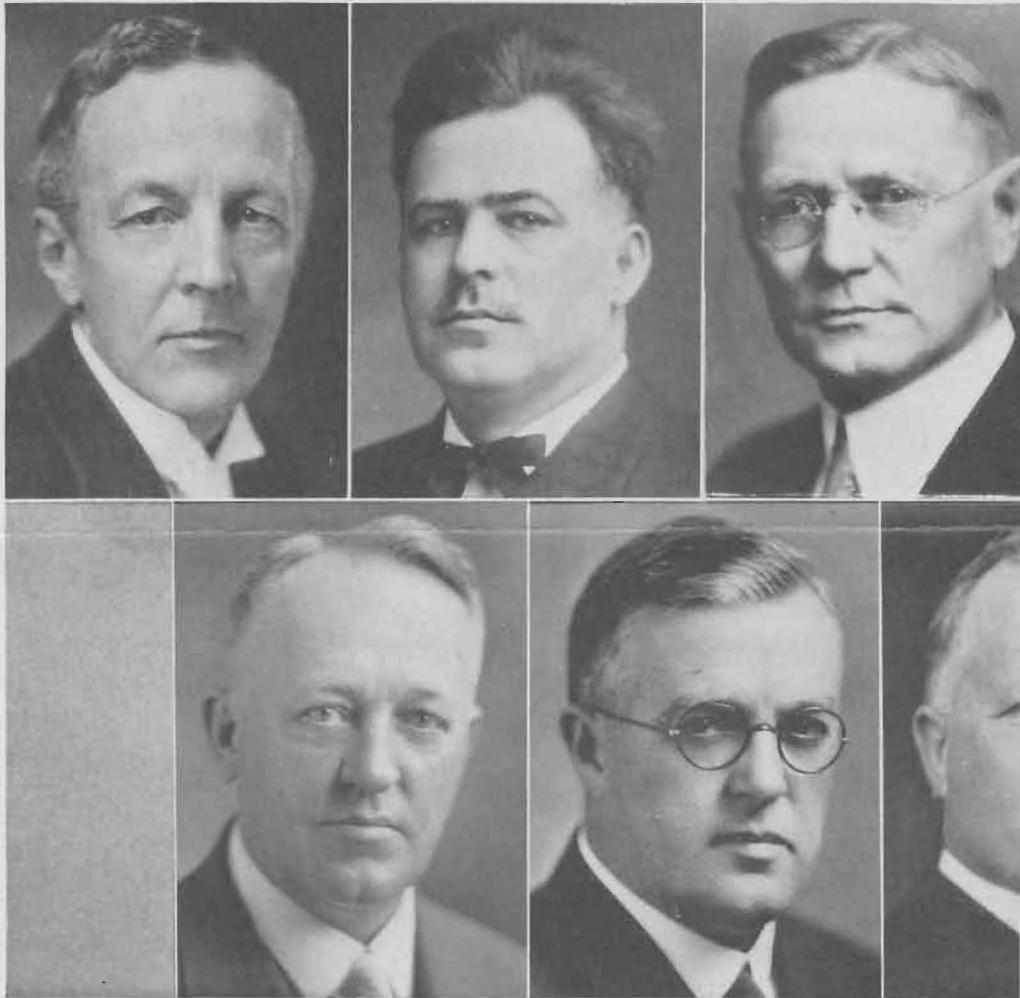
In the life of the local congregation and the life of the Church at large what is the most important element and the element which deserves the greatest consideration? It is not the grown people, the men and women who staunchly from day to day and week to week sometimes amidst difficulties and obstacles carry on the Church's work. They are important, they are the foundation of the Church's life until they are taken home, but when people have grown to man and womanhood and are loyal to the Church there is not much danger that they will fall away; they are settled usually for life and carry on in their place of God's Kingdom until their earthly course is run. Theirs is not the future of God's Kingdom on earth. They are not the great problem of the Church.

The great problem of the Church through the ages and her deepest concern are the children and the young people coming out of the future into the present, not yet settled in their convictions for life, reaching out here and there with eager minds to form their own convictions, to fashion their life according to their own judgment. They are not only the Church's greatest problem and concern, they are the Church's greatest promise, because they still have abundant faith and enthusiasm to remake the world, to conquer its sin and evil, to wipe out its sadness and trouble. They still believe that no compromise should be made wherever sin or trouble may be found. They are the leaven which from generation to generation renews the spirit and life of the Church until the coming of our Lord, *provided the Church can win and hold them in the years when their convictions are formed and their characters made.*

When our Saviour after his resurrection met Peter on the shore of the Lake of Galilee He asked him "Peter, lovest thou Me?" and when Peter answered "Yes" the Saviour told him "Feed my sheep, (take care of

the grown people in the congregations)." The second time the Saviour asked Peter "Lovest thou me," and again he responded "Thou knowest I love thee" and the second time Christ gave him the commission "Feed my sheep, (take care of the grown people in the congregations)," and only when Peter answered the third question with "Yes" did Christ entrust to him his Lambs, the children and the young folks of the Master's Kingdom. From that day on the Church of Christ on earth has ever considered the care of her children and her young people the greatest obligation from the Saviour Himself.

Our great Church body is looking after its children and young people. Through the great organization, the Y. P. L. L. reaching out into congregations from ocean to ocean, it is carrying its influence into the lives of the young people of our Church. It is helping mould their character, it is enlisting them in the active



Top row, left to right: Dr. O. A. Brandt, Dr. L. W. Bae, I.
Bottom row, left to right: Prof. P. M. Glasoe, Rev. N. M. Y.

Great Luther League Convention, Seattle June 25-30 th

plans of our Church.

The great rallying point for our Church's work for its young people is the Young Peoples Luther League convention. In a sense it is far more important than the convention of our Church itself. It is making sure of our Church's future, it is the rallying point for the Church's youth to be initiated into the Church's hopes and opportunities.

In previous years the conventions of our young people have been remarkable for their attendance, their program and their inspiration. This year, our Pacific district has the privilege of having the young people's convention in its midst. Special trains are chartered to carry the young people from the Middle West and the East to the convention to be held in Seattle. Special trains are bringing up the visitors from California. The Young People's Luther League convention of our Church will be one of the greatest conventions held on the West Coast this year. Surely, we that are living on the West Coast will want to participate in this convention, because it may be years and decades before the next one will be held in our midst. Surely, we who are so close to the convention place will want to meet the visitors from farther off and by our presence show them that we appreciate the honor of having this convention on our territory. It is the one great outstanding event in

the Church life of our district for many, many years.

The convention program has been built around the theme "Christ First." The ablest men of our Church are going to be present to speak on different parts of this theme.

The outstanding events of the convention are the great meetings in the Stadium of the Uni-

versity of Washington, Sunday, June 26th beginning with Divine service in the morning. In the afternoon will come the great patriotic rally. Hon. A. R. Nestos, former Governor of North Dakota will speak on Christian citizenship, and Dr. O. H. Pannkoke of Chicago, Illinois will speak on Pacific Lutheran College, the Christian School on the West Coast. In the evening the Choral Union will give its concert. For many weeks the choirs of our congregations have been practicing for this great choral union concert, which will be a unique event. In addition to the Sunday's program the Church has made provision to send to the convention the Luther College band, St. Olaf choir and the Concordia College choir. Few Church bodies, if any, in this land have three musical organizations of such outstanding merit and fame as we have in these organizations. In other parts of the land thousands have been eager to hear them. This is our opportunity.

The Outstanding Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 25th
7:30 P. M. Opening of the Convention.

8:15 P. M. Luther College Band Concert.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th
at the University Stadium
10:30 A. M. Divine Services.
2:30 P. M. Patriotic Meeting.

8:15 P. M. Choral Union Concert.

MONDAY, JUNE 27th
8:15 P. M. St. Olaf Choir.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28th
8:30 P. M. Concordia College Choir.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th
Convention Excursion to Bremerton.



O. E. Olson, Dr. M. Heglund, Rev. J. Dreng, Dr. J. N. Brown, Hon. R. A. Nestos, Mrs. D. Ylvisaker and Rev. T. Gullixon.

Inspiration to Save OUR Christian School For OUR Youth

The Alumni and Former Students Are Leading the Way

THE members of our congregations in the Pacific District are right now receiving a demonstration of the service and value of our Christian school so convincing that it cannot be denied. It lies in the wonderful response on the part of those who have known the institution best, the alumni and former students.

In an undertaking like ours, the great question always is to get the start; to find those who will take the lead, and by their example spur on the others. Who could, with greater justice have been expected to take the lead, to show the way, to set the example, than the alumni and former students! The school lived for them, the devotion of its teachers encompassed the alumni and former students. Alumni and former students derived the greatest benefit.

The response to the first appeal to take the lead on the part of the alumni and former students has far exceeded the highest expectations, and it is beginning to exceed anything that has been done for any Lutheran school in America by alumni and former students.

First came the response of the faculty, ten members pledging \$5,000, though their salaries are not large, and though some of them are staying on at our school even

though they might receive larger salaries at other schools. Next came the response of the graduating class; thirty-three fine young people pledging the sum of \$5,860, the remaining students pledging \$4,225. The total pledge from faculty and students at Pacific Lutheran College now is a little over \$15,000.

On Wednesday June 1st, the alumni district chairmen and the men who were to do the canvassing in the alumni districts met with a hundred per cent attendance in Seattle. They planned the method of working among the alumni, they pledged their full support to reach every alumnus, to reach them for a generous pledge, to reach them quickly, and the real alumni effort had begun.

Immediately after the organization meeting of the alumni in Seattle on June 1st, the alumni canvassers began work in the Parkland-Tacoma district, and in less than a week in hardly more than thirty-five pledges they secured a start in that district of \$10,000.

On June 9th, the first of the ten alumni district rallies was held at Bellingham. A fine attendance, a really fine spirit of eagerness and interest and sympathy, and by the close of the succeeding day, nearly \$3,000 had been pledged by alumni and former students in that dis-



*Dr. O. A. Tingelstad
Alumnus of Pacific Lutheran Academy,
and now leading the alumni and
former students*

trict.

On June 10, the Skagit County district meeting was held in the Fir Church, and by supper time June 11 that district had pledged over \$4,000. The Poulsbo and Everett districts, at this writing, have had their meetings, are organized, and the canvassers are at work and give promise that they, too, will come in as strong as the other districts and will come through with the sweeping speed with which the alumni and former students are facing their task. At this writing, Wednesday, June 15, nearly \$15,000 are pledged by the alumni division.



The Dining room of our school. A remarkable fact about our school is, that most students gain while attending there. The question has been raised, whether this is due to the fine climate or to the healthful meals. The cook believes the latter to be the case.