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## The Christian College the Heart of the Church

THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD calls Augustana College, its great historic central school, "Heart of the Synod." This is a term of affection and loyalty arising out of the thousands of associations, that cluster around that venerable institution. It is more than an expression of loyalty. It is soundest Christian judgment because what the heart is for the body, that the Christian college is for the Church of the Savior.

The life of the Church is many sided. It has the commission from Christ to carry the message of salvation onward till the day of His final coming through home and foreign mission work. It must be animated by the impulse of Christian love and compassion to all the suffering, sin-laden world. The care of her youth has been a sacred obligation ever since the Lord commanded Peter: "Feed my lambs." Christian stewardship is a testimony, as it is a test of a living faith and of a living Church.

But all these varied activities of the living Church depend on the preaching of the Gospel. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, unto life, faith, vision, sacrifice in the Church. And the preaching of the Gospel depends on a loyal ministry. Take the pastor out of the pulpit on Sunday and out of the life of the congregation on weekdays and it is only a matter of time till the young folks scatter, the faithful older people lose heart and the Church doors are closed. Then the Kingdom of God has failed.

Lutheran colleges are practically the only source of supply for the Lutheran ministry. There are about eleven thousand Lutheran pastors in America today. Less than five hundred received their preliminary training at non-Lutheran schools. Without our own Lutheran colleges, without the foresight and sacrifices that built them, our great Lutheran Church in this land, a bulwark of defense for Bible faith, would be a

*As the body lives only as the heart is strong so the church prospers through vigorous colleges.*



son is plain. It has paid greater attention to its colleges and through them to its supply of pastors than any other part of the Church. Nearly two generations ago the first Lutherans came to Nebraska and Kansas from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other Eastern and older states.

Mission Congregations were established, churches built. There was a promise of growth which was never fulfilled for want of a strong Christian College to train pastors for those congregations. The story of our Church there is a story of opportunities lost, of failure at the heart of the Church's life, the supply of the ministry.

Our Pacific District is the frontier of our Norwegian Lutheran Church. It has greater missionary opportunities than other parts of our Church body because it is newer and in its period of expansion and development. We are more vitally concerned in a strong, vigor-

ous efficient Christian higher school to enlist and train promising young men from our congregations for the Holy Ministry, than other parts in our Church body. Luther, St. Olaf, Augustana, Concordia are important beyond expression to maintain the supply of pastors for the central districts of our Church. Pacific Lutheran College, because we are a growing territory, is far more important to us. As we stand by it now, so we will have a strong, growing Church for our children and their children.

As we are indifferent now or hesitant to do our utmost, we will "pay the price" in vacant, failing churches and in the passing of God's Kingdom in our midst.



# WE HAVE A SPLENDI

FOR those who are not acquainted with Pacific Lutheran College, it may be of interest to know something about the school property, but before we say anything about the property itself we want to say something about "Parkland." In the first place Parkland is an

## IDEAL LOCATION

for a college. It is a suburb of the city of Tacoma and is located about one mile south of the city limits. It is outside of the city and still has all the benefits which a large city has to offer. This means that we have city water, electric light and power at a very low rate, street car and telephone services. Having city water with hydrants in front of the property means very much in the way of fire protection. The arterial highway leading from Tacoma to the mountain, which we love to speak of as Mt. Tacoma, but which otherwise is called Mt. Rainier, affords us a splendid road to town. Parkland will evidently be one of Tacoma's most beautiful suburbs. Many nice homes have been built here during the late years. Even those living right in Parkland are often surprised to find new homes built in among the majestic fir trees, from which the suburb has obtained its name, for it is truly a "park land." Here we want to cite a paragraph from a little pamphlet written by Miss Solveig K. Rynning and issued by the Women's Missionary Federation as follows: "The broad sweeps of prairie south and west of the campus are dotted and fringed with groves of fir and oak trees. This country is beautiful at all times—in the fall when misty sunlight glints in the splashes of autumn colors in the distant woods, and upon the blue hills clustering at the foot of Mt. Tacoma (Mt. Rainier) which raises its glorious snow-crowned head to a majestic height; in the winter when wintry sunsets blaze above the prairies and fir trees which are always green, and the oak trees which rattle their brown leaves like fairy castanets; in the spring when the crystal sunshine glorifies the level stretches of blue, white and gold flowers—violets, bluebells, scotch broom, buttercups and daisies. Indeed the varieties of conditions favorable to many forms of plant and animal life make this situation ideal for a student of botany or zoology."

In this place of such wonderful natural beauty we find Pacific Lutheran College with its campus of 20 acres. How much more such a location is to be preferred to a small piece of ground in a crowded city. Aside from the fir trees that surround and furnish a beautiful background to the buildings, the

tennis courts, baseball and football field, the campus furnishes a great deal of fruit for the school. Clover Creek flows gently through a part of the property furnishing irrigation for the fruit trees that have thoughtfully been set out. The students prefer to spend the greater part of their recreation hours on the campus. Many a former student will at this point recall the pleasant walks to the famous "Kicking-post" which has become a fixed feature of the campus and campus life.

Imagine, if you can, the chapel to the extreme right, the gymnasium to the left and that wonderful five-story college building which has meant so much to the students, in the center, surrounded by the majestic fir trees. A wonderful picture which is best appreciated when seen.

Recently another feature has been added to enhance the beauty of the campus. The graduating class of 1926 built and presented to the school a beautiful stone arch which can readily be seen from the highway. Approaching the college we see in the center and above the arch the name "Pacific Lutheran College." Viewing the arch from the building we read the Motto of the 1926 class, "Build for Character," and if we are not mistaken this motto will go down in history as the college motto.

We realize that much could be done to beautify the campus artificially, but we thank God for the beautiful natural setting He has given our school.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Pacific Lutheran College is the only college we have on the Pacific Coast. The good roads have made it



From left to right, the Gymnasium, the College Building, and the Chapel. Not many schools have the opportunity if we will provide the endowment to



# D SCHOOL PROPERTY

possible to send students from every part of the district. The Pacific Highway runs about one mile west of Parkland. Large comfortable busses carry passengers from Tacoma to Los Angeles. The train service is very good and it is possible to reach home for Christmas and enjoy the greater part of the vacation at the home fireside. A new road will soon be perfected for those coming to Parkland from the south via Tenino, Yelm and Roy. At the present time we have a paved road from Vancouver, B. C., to Los Angeles, California. Twenty minutes to Tacoma, an hour and a half to Seattle, five hours to Portland and one hour to the State Capitol, Olympia.

## THE MAIN BUILDING

Justly may all those be proud of the building they caused to be erected. For many years it has served as a school and home for those who sought an education here. It was well-built, however. It has stood the test of all these years and here it still stands just as strong and majestic as ever, and the only regret it has is that it has as yet not been given an opportunity to mother as many as it originally intended. However, we have the comforting assurance that the present Endowment Campaign will bring so many students that the entire building will be taken into use. Just one look at this faithful College home is sufficient to make the hearts swell with gratitude to God for the blessings that here have been dispensed, the minds that here have been enlightened, the souls that here have been quickened, the lives that here have been placed in the services of the Master. Yes, we thank God for the school He has given us here and the beautiful setting

in which He has placed it.

## THE GYMNASIUM

One of the greatest blessings of a school is the Gymnasium. To keep physically fit is of the greatest importance to every student. Pacific Lutheran College has many illustrious sons and daughters to her credit owing to the fundamental preparation she has given them and

which is so necessary to success in any calling, but it has also been the aim to maintain a student body which was physically fit. A sound mind needs a sound body.

The gymnasium has also been used as an auditorium for the large gatherings, and it answers as well for this purpose as for the physical culture classes and games of various kinds.



REV. O. J. ORDAL

has been President of Pacific Lutheran College since 1921. He has been tireless in his efforts to bring the institution to the front and gain the financial support required to carry on.

## OUR CHURCH HOME

The majority of our students come from some Church Home and they need a Church Home during their stay at college. Our Chapel is not very pretentious but it is a Church Home nevertheless. It is filled every Sunday morning and what could be a greater reward in this world than to know that our sons and daughters who are away from home attending college, regularly seek the blessings of the means of grace in the Church Home provided for them.

Again we say, thanks be to God, for what He has given us in Pacific Lutheran College, and may He who has been so good to us in the past abide with us in the days to come, to the glory of His name, through the lives that here have been brought in touch with Him.



Buildings as well equipped, substantial, and practical as our school. These buildings represent a splendid make a strong, effective school in them for our Church.



# An Effective Plan of Action

TO carry through a worth while undertaking requires two things, a plan appropriate for the task and men and women with sufficient backbone, character, and responsibility to carry through that plan.

Our task for Pacific Lutheran College is no small task for the number of members in our Churches on the Pacific coast. It is not greater, however, than other parts of our Lutheran Church have carried through. If they could do it, we also can do it.

But large or small it is urgent and important. Our school is the center of strength of our Church life on the Pacific slope. It has rendered splendid service to the people. It has trained and sent out fine men and women into the life of our Churches. As we have grown, it must render larger service in the years to come. That is possible only if we will furnish an adequate endowment so that it may continue to be a high class educational institution. In our obligation toward Pacific Lutheran College we are facing the most important obligation of a living, growing Church body.

As then our task is great and urgent, as much depends on it, the plan of action must be thorough, promising success.

There are three parts to the plan. The Alumni and Former Students will be organized in a separate division. Dr. O. A. Tingelstad, a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College, now filling a responsible position at Luther College, is head of the Alumni and Former Student division. He will arrive on the field the end of May and at once begin to organize his part of the effort. District Chairmen have been appointed among the Alumni and Former Students and will meet the first days of June, and district meetings will be held to stir up the interest of the Alumni and Former students. It is hoped that the Alumni and Former students will be through with their part of the task by the latter part of June.

The second part of the effort provides for advance gifts. If we mean to reach \$250,000.00 for Pacific Lutheran College, and we should be satisfied with nothing less, it is necessary to have larger gifts in keeping with this amount. It is planned to lay the undertaking before Church members to make such gifts during the month of June so that by the time our district meeting and Young People's Conference takes place at least \$50,000.00 will have been secured in larger gifts to serve as a pledge of good faith and as an inspiration that our task is going through.

On the first of July, immediately after the Young People's Conference, there will be a meeting of all the Pastors, a representative of each congregation, and a group of thirty picked men from the central part of our Church who are going to give their time to canvass for this cause in the congregation. That meeting will be given over to planning the canvassing in detail and to consecrate all the workers to give their best ability to its success.

It will be up to the Pastors and the delegate to go home, prepare a list of every member and friend who should be seen, to arrange to take the canvassers around when they come so that they may work with as little loss of time as possible. The canvassers will be assigned to the congregation in teams of two. They will speak on the undertaking on Sunday and then immediately, with the help of members of the local congregations, make a personal canvass of the congregation.

The whole task is to be finished by the end of July. These men who are taking time off from their own work to help us in our task can not give more than the month of July. Beside, the canvassing should be pushed to a conclusion without delay.

To give the information to the members so that they understand the work which Pacific Lutheran College has done and which it must do for our Church, a number of bulletins like this one will be prepared which will be mailed directly into the homes of the members. Besides the Pastors should from now on in their prayers and their public addresses make mention of this supreme task before our district. A single presentation is not enough but if the undertaking is mentioned again and again, finally each one will see its meaning and appreciate its importance.

Furthermore, it should be an earnest presentation. We cannot put on an effort like this every year. We either win or lose now. We either safeguard the future of our school now or we lose out. This is an hour of anxiety for our Church, an hour of mingled hopes and fears. Let us feel in our own hearts the seriousness of this hour and carry that feeling of anxiety from our heart to the heart of every member of the Pacific district. It is now or never. It dare not be never. We must succeed.



Few schools of size and standing of Pacific Lutheran College have a library so attractive, well equipped, and supplied with needed books as our school. This library is the place where our students become acquainted with the finest thoughts of the history of the world.