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SOMEONE TO LEAD THE WAY

WHAT was the main reason why the Appeal for Luther-St. Olaf was such a glorious, unparalleled success?

The interest and loyalty of the pastors in our Church to this effort, their example of sacrifice had not a little to do with the final outcome. The loyalty of the Alumni and Former Students of both institutions taking the lead as they did helped along considerably to stir the membership. The fine group of men and women, who enlisted as workers in the canvass and who neglected their own affairs to be true to the obligation assumed for their Church, was a force in the final effort not to be underestimated.

But all these contributing causes received their inspiration from the men who laid the foundation by gifts of sacrifice for the undertaking. Mr. K. Nor-swing's gift of \$50,000 thrilled everybody and spurred them on. The gift of Mr. Andrew Stenhaus of North-field bore fruit in heightened interest in every part of the territory. The three \$5000 gifts received in the

Chicago circuit turned the tide in that circuit and heartened everybody in every other circuit.

So in our effort for Pacific Lutheran College, nothing will mean as much to gain cooperation, to spread confidence, to stir up enthusiasm, as large, generous gifts of faith and loyalty at the outstart.

Such gifts are needed even more in *this* undertaking because our membership is not large, and it will require more from the individual to reach our goal of \$250,000 than it did to reach the far larger goal for Luther-St. Olaf in the central part of our Church.

There are members in our Church on the Pacific slope who on a five-year basis might be able to give \$5000, \$10,000, perhaps even more.

In every undertaking the start is most difficult. A good beginning is half the battle.

God has blessed many of our members beyond their highest expectations. Now, they have the opportunity to do something great for

the very heart of our Church's life on the Pacific slope by starting this effort off, by laying the foundation on which we can build up, by setting the example which will stir others.

There is an appeal when one is able so to take the lead in a critical hour, because the first gifts mean far more than their amount. They are increased and multiplied in stimulating others to do their utmost. They are like the mustard seed which grows into a large tree. They are like the pebble starting on the mountain top which grows into an avalanche.

A gift, however large for a Christian school, is a lasting source of power, living on for the advancement of God's Kingdom. It is money turned into Christian character and service, training our young men to be ministers of the Gospel, training our youth to Christian man- and womanhood, doing this not for a year or for a decade, but for generation after generation. No other investment can yield such returns of helpfulness for God or man, of satisfaction for a truly Christian heart.

Someone to take the lead in the great critical effort for our school on the Pacific slope, that is the need of the hour. That is the test of our undertaking, just as it was the test for Luther and St. Olaf.

If it will be possible to secure the larger gifts, then there will be no doubt about the victorious outcome of this appeal. Everyone will be stirred to confidence, enthusiasm, sacrifice. The goal will be reached. Our school will be established.



M. H. Forde, graduate of Pacific, successful attorney, member of the Board of Trustees, a proof of our school's value.



E. B. Hanke, graduate of Pacific, City Treasurer of Astoria, Oregon—an evidence of our school's service to our youth.

Pacific Lutheran College Has a Fine Record

THE story of Pacific Lutheran College has been a story of an heroic struggle against great odds, just as the story of every other Lutheran higher school in America. Begun amid pioneer conditions by men of an impelling faith who saw only the necessity of having schools if the Church should live, it meant years and years of sacrifice, persistence, hoping against hope, before finally these schools were fully established. Often men of smaller vision were ready to quit. Often it looked utterly hopeless to carry on.



"The past history of our Lutheran school on the Pacific Coast shows that it has contributed much to congregational life and activities all along the line, through the young men and women who have been sent back imbued with a spirit of Christian service."

E. TINGELSTAD,
Principal, Silvertown High School.

Finally the great day dawned, the people awakened to what their school had done against crushing odds, they rallied to a great effort and the days of struggle were over, the day of fulfillment had come.

Bethany College, the Swedish Lutheran school in Kansas, hardly two decades ago was given up by its closest friends. There were days when Dr. Carl Swensson, one of the great souls in the Lutheran Church in America, had to borrow from his friends to pay the postage for the college mail.

Those were dark days indeed for Bethany. To-day, Bethany is one of the great schools in the Lutheran Church in America. Its days of struggle are over.

For thirty years little Upsala College in the East, the school of the New York and New England Conferences of the Augustana Synod, could neither live nor die. Even its friends wondered how long it would be before its doors were closed forever. Then the New York and New England Conferences rallied in a supreme effort, gave their school a half a million dollars. To-day, Upsala College is vigorous, moving on, teeming with a host of nearly four hundred young men and women of the Churches. Its days of struggle are over, its day of fulfillment has come.

So it has been with our school, Pacific Lutheran College. Born of the vision of pioneer leaders of our Church, it has been maintained at times by super-human sacrifices against apparently overwhelming odds. Yet, even the years of poverty and trouble furnish abundant proof of what our school means for our Church on the Pacific slope, and perhaps the fact of what it has accomplished amid difficulties against obstacles is the greater proof of its value and the promise of the greater service when it is properly supported.

The main reason, of course, why at this time every congregation and every member should rally to give Pacific Lutheran College its needed resources, is because it is right before God and man so to do. Even though Pacific Lutheran College had completely failed to serve the Church in the years gone by, we are still obligated before God to build up a strong, Christian, Lutheran higher school in our midst. That is the basic obligation of our faith. On that rests the life and future of our Church.

But Pacific Lutheran College has proven its value.

It has achieved remarkable results on pitifully small support and resources. It has served the Church well in spite of at times complete neglect.

As an educational institution, our school has held a high record. The authorities of the University of Washington have always spoken in highest terms of the scholarship and training of the Pacific Lutheran College graduates who later attended Washington University. Both the President and the Deans and Professors have gone out of their way to commend the thoroughness of a Pacific College education. Graduates of our school have attended a number of the eastern Universities. The entrance requirements to these schools are exceptionally high and many a young man desiring to enter them fails in his entrance examination. Pacific Lutheran College graduates have



Miss L. Goplerud, a graduate of our Christian school, and her Sunday School Class at Silvertown, Oregon. Our school in hundreds of ways is a source of power for our congregations.

been accepted. They have compared well in their studies with the graduates of the best schools of our land, proving by their standing the qualities of a Pacific Lutheran College education.

The reason for this fine record is the caliber of the faculty at Pacific Lutheran College. The average High School and Junior College does not have a faculty of men so well trained as the men at our school, but while the training of a teacher is important, his interest in the work is of far greater importance. Our teachers at Pacific Lutheran College are not in the work to make a living, but because they feel they are called of God to an important part of God's Kingdom. Their life is devoted to their profession.

Twenty-five hundred students have attended the two schools that now are known as Pacific Lutheran College and are the school of our Church on the Pacific slope. Between 450 and 500 have graduated, the remainder have attended for a longer or a shorter period. For most of them it has been the only opportunity of getting a higher education. All of them have benefited by the training received to fill their place in life better, to make better use of their abilities and powers for themselves and their fellowmen. All of them have taken away with them into their life's work something of the spirit of our school, something of its faith in Almighty God, something of a truer understanding of the meaning and value of life. It is impossible to estimate what in this way Pacific Lutheran College has meant and done for this vast army of young men and women, through them for the life of God's Kingdom on earth and for our country. Pacific Lutheran College lives through this army of its own children in many thousand different places and different channels. Daily its influence goes on as long as these former students of our school are alive.

Fifteen pastors serving our Church to-day received



In this schoolhouse Miss Martha Hjermstad teaches during the week and on Sunday conducts the Sunday School (picture below).

their first preparation at Pacific Lutheran College. A number of them were influenced to take up the ministry because of the surroundings and influences at our school. One of them was a pastor's son himself. When he saw the hardships through which his father had to go, he made up his mind he would never be a pastor himself. At Pacific Lutheran College his views were changed. To-day, he is serving one of our congregations, is happy in the ministry and can never speak too highly of the influence of our school.

Not a small number of the graduates and former students of Pacific Lutheran College are taking an active part in the life of our congregations. Serving in the Sunday School, serving in the Choir, serving in the Church Council, they are a source of strength for their local Church, and the training received at our school is a real help to enable them to fulfill positions of leadership in the local congregations.

Many of our graduates have taken up teaching as a profession. They are serving as Public School Superintendents, Principals of High Schools and teachers in Public and High Schools. They are faithfully helping to train the boys and girls of our country.



This Sunday School is conducted by Miss Martha Hjermstad, a graduate of Pacific Lutheran College, teaching school in the neighborhood. Here is the tangible proof of what a Christian College means effectively to help build up God's Kingdom.

We Depend On Our Christian School for Our Supply of Pastors

WHAT is statesmanship? It is the ability to grasp the essential fact in a problem and never be turned from it until it has been met.

What is Christian statesmanship? It is the ability to sweep aside all the incidentals in the progress of God's Kingdom and hold on unswervingly to the essentials. That, and that alone, makes a Christian leader or a part of God's Kingdom on earth great.

What is the very essential of the life and growth of our Church? It is the supply of pastors. To have enough pastors, to have competent, well-trained pastors, to have loyal pastors. When we have them, our existing congregations flourish, we grasp new opportunities for expansion, our whole Church life is vigorous and moves forward. Wherever we lack them, our Church life stands still or goes back.

The story of our Lutheran Church in America could be written around the supply of pastors. There were days in the early life of our American Lutheran Church when the supply of pastors was lacking. In those days our Church missed overwhelmingly great opportunities for expansion. It not only stood still, it lost ground. It seemed to be lacking in any real purpose and in any confidence in its future. There have been large sections in America in which our Lutheran Church has missed its opportunity, not because there was no chance to build congregations and take the field for our faith, but because there was no supply of pastors to rally the congregations and to occupy existing mission fields.

The story of the vigorous growth of our Norwegian Lutheran Church is the story of the vision, statesmanship, devotion of our forefathers to open up and to increase an adequate supply of well-trained pastors.

What that story is going to be in the coming generation will depend to the largest degree on our sound sense at this time to see that the supply of ministers is maintained.

Failure there means failure in the whole work and future of our Church.

The supply of ministers means just one thing — our Christian school. It is our only source to enlist our promising boys to give their lives to their Saviour's work. Experience has proven this so conclusively that it is folly even to think of any other source of supply. Out of the 1500 pastors serving the thirty-one hundred congregations in our Norwegian Lutheran Church, only one had

all his collegiate training at a State University. Out of the 11,000 pastors in the whole Lutheran Church in America, less than 300 had their preliminary preparation in non-Lutheran schools. Surely, these facts are inescapable and their lesson must come home to us with impelling force. Neglect our schools and we doom our Church to failure and death. Build up our Christian schools and we do more than in any other way to safeguard, guarantee, assure the life of our Church, the preaching of God's Word to ourselves and to our children.



"Those of us who graduated from the Academy feel indebted to the old school for her efforts in establishing in our minds the habits of thoroughness, industry, and right living. To my mind these are the most essential factors in a successful life."

ARTHUR B. NESS,
Supt., West Valley High School,
Millwood, Wash.



A picture of the annual Alumni and Former Students' Banquet of our school held in Tacoma, March 5, 1927. It shows the fine body of young men and women who attended our institution and are now a source of real strength for our congregations and the life and progress of our Church.