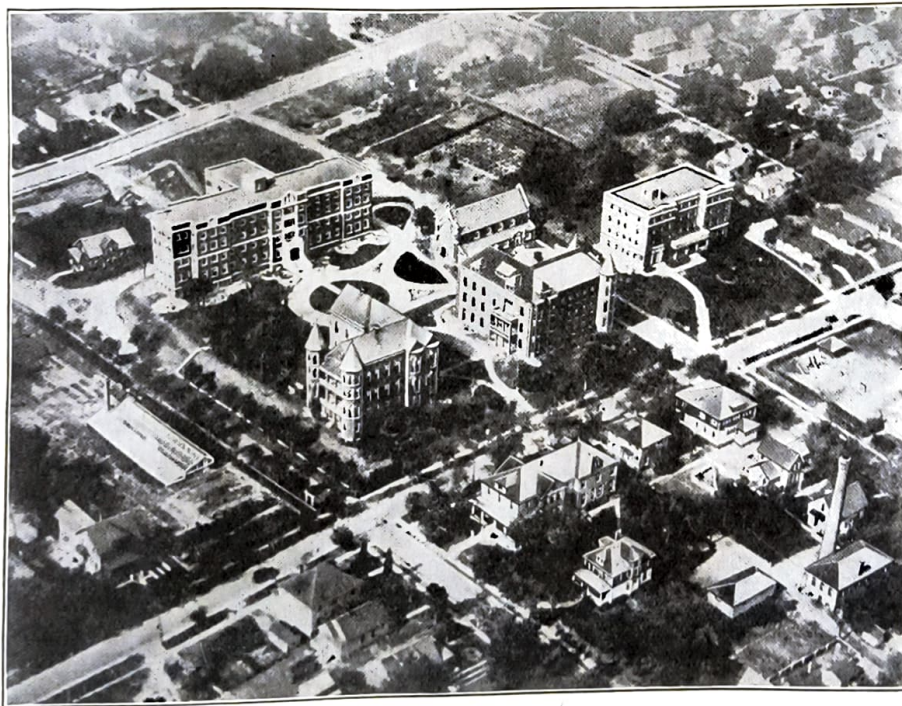


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THE STATE UNIVERSITIES OF AMERICA have been called the main "strategic battlefields" of the moral and religious forces of America. Here the stress and strain between conservative and radical views of life and religion is the greatest. The clash of ideas, the beleaguering of youth for the capture of their souls by conflicting spiritual forces has upset the faith of many until conservative men and women have come to look upon these institutions, built and supported by the taxes of the people, as hotbeds of atheism and destroyers of morals. This judgment may be too severe and unfair. The price of freedom in thought and learning implies spiritual risks, and the exercise of moral responsibility will here and there result in breakdowns, when previous restraints are removed. This is inevitable and cannot always be charged to the universities as such.

But the situation calls for serious consideration on the part of the church. Our people should, of course, more generally than they do, send their young people to our own colleges, established and maintained by the church, where not only Christianity is taught but the students are surrounded by Christian influences. In the courses offered, our colleges are fully accredited and rank educationally high. Our college diplomas are everywhere honored. To attend our own schools is to become intimately associated with the life and work of our church and imbued with its spirit. Those who receive their higher education at state institutions or other schools are often alienated from their church.

But the state universities will continue to attract our students. With unlimited funds, splendid equipment, specialists with the highest technical training, these universities can offer courses which no church school can afford to offer. The church is not unmindful of its duty to follow these young people. They constitute a most important part of its membership. Out of this group will come future leaders, which the church can ill afford to lose. The church contact must be maintained. The duty of the home church in this regard is evident. Means should be provided to keep in touch with student members away from the home church. The duty of the church in a college and university town is also quite evident, if there be one. But in many important university centers we have no church. Here the church at large must provide pastoral care. By coöperation with other Lutheran bodies this can readily be done and it is to some extent being done. But if the amount of money appropriated for this purpose is in proportion to our interest in this home mission enterprise, it is not very great. At the Illinois University the Methodist Church is doing an effective work on a large financial foundation, and the Presbyterians are now at work raising a fund of \$600,000, of which the late Senator McKinley gave \$200,000, for the purpose of carrying on religious work among the students at the university. The Augustana Synod contributed \$2,000 last year for this kind of work. Comments are unnecessary.

THE GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZATION, patterned after the Boy Scouts, is accepted by many as an important educational and recreational activity in the community. It is steadily growing. Many of our girls are members of it. While many are optimistic about the good resulting from this activity, others are doubtful. Two-thirds of the Scout troop is the leader. If this person is of the right type and character much good and wholesome influence may come from it. In general we believe the leadership is good. Some object to the Scout promise and certain practices as savoring of secret society. There is some ground for this objection, but the same thing may be said about almost any organization of young people outside of the church, particularly as found in the schools. What is needed is to guard the organization against taking the place of the Luther league, Bible class or other group of young people within the church. Some churches have, therefore, organized troops within the church and directly under church control while nevertheless connected with the larger organization.

There can be little objection to the Scout purpose as such. In fact, among certain groups, particularly in our larger cities, the Scouts are filling a real need and performing a distinct social service. Through healthful outdoor exercise, instruction in health laws and habits, cultivation of a love of nature and knowledge of her ways both body and mind are strengthened and improved. And a healthy body and a clean mind is poor soil for criminal tendencies. The Scout code inculcates reverence for God and loyalty to Christian ideals, but does not take the place of church or Bible class. The Girl Scout is taught the law of service and helpfulness to others, duty to country and community and home, the sanctity of her body and her honor.

The Girl Scout promise is:

On my honor, I will try:  
To do my duty to God and my country;  
To help other people at all times;  
To obey the Scout laws.

The Scout laws are:

A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted;  
A Girl Scout is loyal;  
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others;  
A Girl Scout is a friend to all and a sister to every other Girl Scout.  
A Girl Scout is courteous, is a friend to animals, and obeys orders;  
A Girl Scout is cheerful, thrifty, and is clean in thought, word and deed.

O. N. O.

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"The mightiest soldiers of the cross are they who know no glory save the glory of the cross and use no weapons of warfare save those described in 2 Cor. 10. 4 and Eph. 6. 10-18."



# The Quiet Flour

## Deep-Sea Joys

"Brethren, rob not your heart of the deep-sea joys; miss not the far-down life, by forever babbling among the broken shells and foaming surges of the shore."—SPURGEON.

O rob not thy heart of the glad deep-sea joys,  
Nor smother thy soul life with trifles and toys;  
There's a call that rings loudly, that makes the heart leap:  
"Launch out thy life's vessel, out into the deep!"

'Tis the call of the Master of the land and of sea,  
The Master of life; 'tis a clear call to thee.  
Leave the shore and the shallows, that satisfy not!  
Launch out in the deep where the true joys are got!

O the joys of the deep! They endure, they abide;  
Too deep for the ebb and the flow of the tide;  
Too deep for the tempests that roar in their rage  
When Boreas and Neptune in conflict engage.

O rob not thy heart of the glad deep-sea joys!  
Leave the surface and shallows, the foam and the noise;  
Sound the deeps of the riches of Infinite Love  
Till lost in the fullness of grace from above.

JAMES RIDDICK LAUGHTON.

## The Great Physician

WE sometimes read of great physicians who claim to have wrought healings of the human body that have never been heard of before. Many people, hundreds, yes, thousands of miles away, come to seek their help in some physical ailment and gladly pay out large sums of money in an effort to regain health. But where is there a man that has wrought such wonderful cures as Jesus, the master physician? He could cure the soul as well as the body. He was able to take away the root of all bodily ailments and all evil, which is sin. If it had not been for the presence of sin in the world there would be no sickness and no evil. We still have that same great physician among us. He is present everywhere, willing and able to do for us the same as He has done for others before. Listen to His call: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Mt. 11. 28). Whatever sickness is yours, whatever burden you have to bear, whatever trouble you are in, come to Jesus with all. Let nothing keep you back. Jesus never turned any one away that came to Him, because He could not help or was unwilling to help. He never missed a single case. He has turned no one away who sought Him in all seriousness, because He had no help for him or because he waited too long.

All who came to Jesus and believed on Him and were willing to do what He told them were cured of their diseases. To the blind He gave their sight, to the deaf their hearing, to the lame and paralyzed the power to use their limbs again. The lepers He cleansed, and many who were possessed with evil spirits He delivered from their bondage. Even the dead He raised again to life. And yet most of the people in His

day turned against Him and hated and persecuted Him. It is the same today. How are we to understand this? How are we to explain why so many people are against Jesus and His Word? Why they will not seek Him and believe on Him? Why is it that they will not thank Him for His salvation, so freely given to all? Why is it that men do not pray to Him; do not accept His Word and do not heed its precepts? He is the only Saviour, and to all that believe on Him He gives power to become the children of God.   
ANDER.

## God Stooping to Man

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life (Jn. 3. 16).*

THE Gospel is the Revelation of the Son of God. With our reason we can never comprehend what God the Creator is. And for this cause He has taught, "It is vain; human reason cannot comprehend Me. I am too great and too high. I will make myself little, that man may understand Me; I will give him My Son, and so give Him, that for man He shall become a sacrifice, sin and curse, and be obedient to Me the Father, even to the death on the cross."

This is indeed to become little and comprehensible. But who believes it? "Where are the nine?"—LUTHER.

## Godliness With Contentment

*Godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Tim. 6. 6).*

BE content with the position in which God has placed you and do not desire more than He gives. As soon as you begin to show discontent with your lot, you will yield to the spirit of envy and you will pour out the bitterness of your heart into the ears of men and of God. The result will be loss of peace and of joy. There is nothing that reacts more quickly and more adversely on the human system than discontent and bitterness of spirit. If the Lord Jesus is your highest and eternal treasure you can desire nothing more and nothing better. With your hearts filled with love to Him and a burning desire to serve Him in whatever may be your station in life and your occupation, you should be contented. Wherever we find a godly person who is contented, there we also find a happy person, happy because he has found the greatest gain that man can find.

If then you have found Jesus, rejoice in Him. Trust in His faithfulness and love, but do not expect any abiding peace in this vale of tears, except the peace with God through Christ which shall not be taken away from you.

In my joys and in my sorrows,  
Teach Thou me that perfect faith  
Which, in trustful prayer persistent  
Wavers not in life or death.  
My will unto Thine I yield;  
With Thy Word and Spirit filled,  
Let my life to Thee be given:  
Service here, and praise in heaven.



# - Missions -

## The Mite-Box

Little hands can gather treasure,  
Though it may be very small!  
Better far to give a little  
Than to bring no gift at all.  
God has kept the little places  
For the little things to fill.  
Little servants where He puts them,  
All can do His holy will.

How would any bit of money  
Ever find its own way in?  
With some thought of self-denial  
Every offering must begin.  
Planning, praying, loving, working—  
All of this must go before  
Ere the little treasure boxes  
Can be filled with precious store.

## A Travelogue from Africa

REV. GEO. N. ANDERSON

(Continued)

MR. HARRIS loaned us interesting books on Africa which it was a joy to glance through. We rested on Sunday at Mbulu. There is only one mission station here among 100,000—Roman Catholic. A tribe to the southeast has no missionary!

Arrangements were made to get forty porters to go to the foot of the mountain to get the loads. Early the next morning they arrived at Mbulu. Mr. Harris had kindly invited us for Sunday dinner. We also met Mr. and Mrs. Webb (he is the government agricultural man). Mrs. Webb is the only white woman in a radius of 100 miles! Mr. Harris had no less than six modern rifles; a real arsenal. He had also recently gotten a Dodge car. That's why he was, no doubt, anxious to get that mountain road built. By the way, American-made cars certainly have the right of way in Africa. Very few other cars are sold.

### Ngorogoro

I must tell you about Ngorogoro. It is the name of an extinct volcano some fifty miles from Mbulu. By the way, members of the Smithsonian Institute have just been there. There is a huge crater many miles across and within this crater vast herds of wild animals roam, feeding on the rich wild clover that grows there. For instance, it is estimated that there are 50,000 wildebeests there (a sort of gnu). We could not, of course, visit this interesting place.

### Leaving Mbulu

We had learned while at Mbulu, that is, we got definite information, that it would be possible to reach Singida by this shorter way. In fact, we were only some hundred miles from Iramba as the crow flies, but as yet there was no direct road to Mkalama, so we had to go to Singida first

and then north again to our field. We still had some bad grades ahead, so the district officer had kindly dispatched some fifty men to help us over these grades with the loaded car. When we arrived we simply hitched the natives to the front of the car, and singing their quaint work-song, away they would go, thinking it great fun. They were sort of afraid of the sputtering Ford, but we would reassure them by walking right in front of it holding the ropes with them. Then at the end of the grades we lined up the men and gave them "baksheesh" (that word is in use both in Asia and Africa, and means in American slang a "hand-out"). It consisted usually in what would correspond to one or two cents in American money. They would go away smiling and happy. We would wave our "kwa heri" (good-bye) and go on our way.

### Barbecue

We found the roads good, though we were among the first cars to travel this way. There were no more mountains, and at times we sped along in good shape. As yet we had bagged no game, so the first evening out Magney very proudly brought down a Thompson gazelle, and immediate preparations were made for a barbecue. Noe began at once to build a "daraja" (bridge) over the fire, on which the meat was duly placed and barbecued. What we couldn't eat went with us in the form of cold meat. The skin was left near our tent, and that night there was a terrible commotion with growling that sounded as much like lions as anything could. They were hyenas, though, and with the aid of a lantern we tried to get a shot at them but could not.

### Singida

The following evening we arrived at Singida. A tennis game was in progress at the Boma (government building), so we hung around, for we were sort of looking for an invitation to spend the night at the comfortable government rest house, and in due time the invitation was forthcoming; even an invitation to supper by the genial government doctor and his young wife. (He had been married since we were here last January.) The young bride was duly initiated into African life by being caught in mud and rain from Manyoni (our railroad station, seventy-five miles from Singida) and having the car turn a somersault in the mud, and then walking the last fifteen miles in the mud and rain. They told of a platform built into a tree where people go to sit all night and watch the wild animals come to drink at the water-hole. We would like to make this trip some time.

### Transport

The next morning we had to make arrangements to transport goods from Manyoni to Singida; also to the mission station some fifty-five miles from Singida. There are two or three motor cars doing transport, so we made a contract with one to haul such of our goods as we could not ourselves haul. Probably some thirty tons to date. We got a very good price, for these men transport groundnuts (peanuts) going to the railroad and so were willing to haul our goods the other way cheaper than if they had to haul one way empty. We have, however, also had to engage ox carts, and it was interesting the other day when some fifty oxen with their carts came wending into the mission grounds just



as the sun was setting. The rains start now in January, and then the transportation problem is increased. Much of the time only ox carts can be used. The big swamp near Manyoni prevents using that station, so the goods are railed to Itigi, further on. But we have to learn to be patient. We do some transporting ourselves, but are not particularly fond of being either chauffeurs or mechanics, and we have had our share of both. We need to get another truck, but they are such uncomfortable things to ride in for passenger service, that Mr. Ford's later creations—a combination touring and truck, which is comfortable and can carry some 1,000 pounds easily and more—would perhaps be the more serviceable. We can buy Fords as cheaply here as to have them sent from America. I hope that in time there will be at least one car at every station for general use.

### Motor Truck

This is perhaps a good place to give the car its due. Just coming overland by car effected a tremendous saving. We have found it necessary to buy up groundnuts to help the natives out, and so when we go to Singida we bring a load with us and thus haul loads both ways. We have thus effected a big saving. Both petrol and oil come high, though, although we are buying wholesale from Daressalaam. The car has been of service in getting around for our survey of the field. The roads are fairly good, and we have gone where no motor car has ever gone. The weather has been so dry that the rear wheels began to loosen, and before we knew it, they were in real need of repair. We had no wheel puller, except a small one sent by Montgomery Ward by mistake, and so we had an awful time to get one of the wheels off. Just as we were ready to give up in despair, it came off. Simeon is quite clever as a mechanic and we use him also. We put in iron bands to shove the spokes up tight and now they are fine. The other day we put in new bands and did not get the transmission case cover tight, so the oil leaked out, and we almost burned out the connecting rod's bearings. Today we fixed that by melting a little babbit and tightening up the connecting rod caps. We'll soon know the Ford from A to Z. We simply must get some more tools and supplies, though. For instance, we have no box spanners (that's English) and no spares! An order goes to Montgomery Ward this week!

### Off for Mklama

We were most kindly received by Mr. Alcock, the district officer at Singida, who then and since has shown us every courtesy. We appreciate this so much, for it means much to have friendly government officials, and all we have to deal with here are very fine men. That is much to be grateful for. As may be known, the mission station is located on the plateau, and to reach it by the Mklama road we have a long escarpment to climb. We reached the foot of that in the evening, so we choose to spend the night with our friends the Arabs (Salim Ali), who are devout Mohammedans. They were and have been very hospitable. One half-Arab gave us some eggs "burre" (free), and the Arab gave us pawpaws and bananas and invited us to spend the night in his guest-room (!), which we gratefully accepted. The next morning we made a flying trip to Mklama, some fifteen

miles further north, in order to pay our respects to Lyons, the government officer. He was also very kind and has since visited us at the station. He is the only white man at this government outpost! However, there are other white men recruiting labor. Just recently there have been twelve recruiters in the Mklama area, and thousands of the wakiamba natives go to other parts to work on the big plantations, since there are none here. This has good and bad elements, mostly bad. Speaking of labor, we heard the good news in Singida that the government survey was being undertaken for a branch railroad from Manyoni practically to Mklama. That was extremely good news and will mean much for our comfort and for the progress in getting building material and other supplies. Besides, it will give an outlet for labor here "at home." However, things move slowly in Africa, and the latest development is that this we have to wait, since the public debt must first be reduced. But the railroad will come in its own good time, and when it does, we shall be so grateful.

### Ruruma

We returned about noon and began to climb the escarpment. Again we hitched natives in front of the car and the top went through the ceremony of handing out bakusha. Arriving at the top of the plateau there were more people than we had seen along the road the previous day, and our coming created great excitement. At one place we stopped, and about a hundred gathered around the car. It is really funny that each time as the motor car comes along the whole countryside within hearing of the car comes running to the road, mothers with babies strapped to their backs making as good time as any of the others. Dogs in goodly numbers join the wild stampede. As we proceeded along the road we shouted "Wila" (the afternoon greeting—"Wela" is the forenoon greeting). Three flat river beds had to be crossed, and of course we were stuck in all three! Two of them are near the station, the nearest one is the worst—about 200 feet wide—dry most of the year. We reached the station about dusk and the first thing we did was to kneel in prayer and thanksgiving at the broken steps, each one of us six, praying in a different language: kichagga, kiswahili, kiilamba (Noe knows kiilamba, having been here before), Swedish, German, and English. Then we joined in the Lord's Prayer and in singing, thanking God for His journeying mercies, praying that He would bless our coming to these people and consecrate us for the task. We had not hurried on the trip and had therefore taken nine days in reaching here.

### Station Council

About the first thing we did was to form a station council, so that everything would be done decently and in order. We have our meetings and make regular decisions with regard to all the work. This works very well. Magney was made supervisor of building, Melander was put in charge of the medical work and I was put in charge of the evangelistic and educational work.

(To be continued)

Let your life ever show that your heart is filled with God's love.



# The Home Circle

## Bulbs

MARY DAVIS REED

A little bulb in a ragged gown  
Of spotted, and stained, and rusty brown,  
Was found by cob-webs and dust o'er-grown  
In a cellar, neglected and lone.

I planted it in the dull, dark earth,  
Without a thought of the action's worth;  
And there through the winter, cold and long,  
In that soft, moist bed its life grew strong.

Warmed by the sun and kissed by the dew,  
And nurtured by earth, it daily grew;  
And there in the early spring were seen  
Some bright new leaves in their dresses green.

Then e'er long there bloomed 'neath sunny skies,  
Some golden jonquils to cheer my eyes.  
They made the garden fragrant and fair,  
And filled with beauty the April air.

Like the bulb resurrected in the spring,  
I'll be reborn at word from my King,—  
Touched by the magic of His great love,  
To bloom in fullness of life above.

Akron, Ohio.

## Folded Wings

(Concluded)

THE sound of children's voices came to them from down the stream. "Look!" cried Barbara. She had turned and was gazing toward the old bridge, on which the four children, closely grouped, were jumping up and down, screaming gaily, as if in sheer excess of animal spirits. At that moment something swayed and fell. Then the stream seemed suddenly alive with yellow heads, and the laughing screams were changed to terrified ones.

For a moment Barbara stood as if deprived of the power of motion, overcome by a shuddering fear of the water that had mastered her from childhood. Then she started toward the bridge. But Violet was ahead of her. She had kicked off her low shoes and was wading out into the stream to rescue solid little Pudgy, whom Thomas by desperate effort was holding above the surface of the water. She soon had Pudgy in her arms and started back, much hindered by the slippery weight of the frightened child and his frantic clinging to her. Meanwhile the almost submerged twins, guided by Thomas, were wading ashore.

"I couldn't have held him up a minute longer," Thomas sobbed, when all were safe on shore. "He kept slipping so."

"Oh, he was so heavy, and so slippery," gasped Violet. "And the water was higher than his head." She shuddered wearily.

"You did it all, Violet," Barbara half sobbed, as she wrung out Violet's dripping skirts.

"I borrowed the children, you know." And Violet summoned a wan smile.

"What's the matter here?" The question came from a wide-eyed freckle-faced boy with a string of fish.

Barbara explained.

"Well, come up to the house. It isn't far. Mother will give you some dry things."

A little later Violet and the children were enjoying the comfort of dry clothes or dry wrappings, as the case chanced to be, while Mrs. Goode, their new friend, bustled about helpfully. Barbara, at an ironing board, was pressing such garments as were dry enough to be ironed.

"I'll just put some more potatoes in the kettle and get another crock of milk," said Mrs. Goode, "and the children can have their picnic dinner right here with the rest of us. Then they'll feel better."

Barbara looked from the window to where the venturesome little Bakers, in nondescript garments, were already exploring the wonders of farm and barnyard. "If they feel any better," she declared, "we'll never get them home alive."

Nevertheless, they did reach home in safety, where, after a brief explanation from Violet, they were soon pouring into their mother's astonished ears the story of the day's adventures.

Meanwhile Barbara was giving her version of the outing to a scarcely less astonished audience. "To think of Violet's doing just the right thing at the right moment!" she finished. "I have always thought she was well named; but she was no timid, shrinking Violet today. I never was more surprised!"

"I don't know which surprises me more," declared Jud. "your losing your nerve or Violet's finding her's. Maybe it's driving a car. Anyway, she deserves a medal."

"I'll run over and see how she's feeling," answered Barbara. "Tired out, I imagine. That little Pudgy is just as big one way as the other, and such a solid chunk."

She found Violet in her room resting. "Lie still," she urged. "I must go right back. Jud seems to be thinking of taking steps toward a Carnegie medal for you."

"A wading heroine," laughed Violet, "in a deep and dangerous creek."

"Deep and dangerous enough for Pudgy, surely. Why, what is this?" Barbara's eyes were on a familiar-looking card stuck in the corner of Violet's mirror.

"Oh, that is your's, Barbara," was the answer. "It was in a book you lent me for my class work. I've been keeping it a while as a sort of reminder. You see, I've been trying that advice on Jean. I suppose I did pet her too much. She was getting listless and indifferent, so I've been doing everything I could to arouse her. I have been driving out every day, and showing her that we ought to help Nora, and—and trying to make her use her wings, you know. It has kept me busy, but it has paid, for, just think, Barbara, the doctor says Jean doesn't need him, that I am doing more for her than he is. Isn't that fine?"

"Indeed it is. And you're setting her a splendid example, Violet. Example is so much more powerful than precept, you know."

"She is curing herself by curing Jean," ran Barbara's eager thoughts as she hurried homeward. "Another pair of wings unfolded. I certainly started something worth while."



A moment's thought, then a little smile lighted her face. "I've been so busy helping this matter along that I haven't had a time for my usual worries. I wonder if—yes; I am sure that I have been living part of the time, at least, above them, by spreading my wings for a little stronger flight. The air seems full of the flutter of unfolded wings."—

EMILY HENDERSON in *The Way*.

### Marjory's Sharing

MARJORY sat up and looked into mother's face as if she didn't understand something that mother was reading.

"Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor." Did Jesus mean, mother, that we mustn't have anything at all; we must give away every single thing and all the money that we have?"

"No, not quite that, Marjory, for if we gave away everything we would have to beg ourselves, and Jesus does not want us to do that. I think that Jesus saw that this young man who wanted to follow him loved his money and his beautiful house and his exquisite robes and his rich friends so much that he really couldn't be happy following the plain and lowly Master; so Jesus wanted him to put all the luxuries away, and then he could begin to think about the things of God and love them. His heart was just crusted over with riches, and our Lord wanted him to have a simple, loving heart like that of a little child."

"But we are a little bit rich, aren't we?" Marjory asked.

"Yes, dear, God has given us more than He has some others; but we know that He wants us to use what we have for Him, and father and I try to."

"But I don't, do I, mother?"

"Why, Pet, I suppose we haven't talked to you plainly enough about how God asks us to share everything we have with Him for others. You see, you are not very big yet."

"I'm big enough to begin though, and I must right away!" Marjory exclaimed earnestly.

They knelt and mother prayed that God would show them both how they could share with Him, and then Marjory hurried off to school. It was their little morning Bible reading that had made her think so suddenly about what God wanted her to do, and it kept running in her mind all day.

"Mother, I've found some one to share with!" she cried, running into the house that afternoon. "It's Jennie Brown! You know they used to have all they needed; but since her father died they seem to be dreadfully poor, and Jennie looks cold and shabby. You know that pretty little coat I had last winter? May I give her that? But not just things I've worn, mother. I want to give her the new hat that you bought for me the other day, and I will wear the old one; it is pretty enough. May I, please?"

Mother took Marjory on her lap and they talked it all over, and mother said yes, even to Marjory's taking half of her birthday money for a pair of shoes for Jennie. It ended with mother's writing a sweet little note to Jennie's mother telling her what Marjory wanted to do for Jesus's sake. She said that Marjory wanted to call Jennie her little sister,

and that they wanted to do for her just what they would do if she had been a real sister.

That was how Marjory began to share all her good things and you would hardly know her now, she is so loving and thoughtful and full of generous thoughts for others. It seems as though God is filling her heart so full of love that she is going to make the world a great deal happier because she lives in it.

When you begin to give Jesus a great big share of all that you have, see how much happier you will be.—*Exchange*.

BASING HIS CONCLUSIONS on answers from 36,000 students in 100 widely distributed American colleges and universities, Rev. Charles Stelzle finds that students are as orthodox in their religious beliefs as people generally. Ninety-eight per cent. affirmed a belief in God; 89 per cent. professed to believe "that Jesus Christ was divine as no other man is divine"; 82 per cent. believe the Bible to be inspired in a special way, and 95 per cent. were brought up in "a religious home," while only 76 per cent. were members of any church, and only 69 per cent. regularly attended any religious services. We are not inclined to place much reliance upon such figures. But we believe that making allowances for the natural tendency of youth, and particularly college youth, to be critical of the old and eager for the new, there is no reason to grow pessimistic. The place of religion in education is stressed today as never before. Vacation Bible schools are growing in favor; their number is constantly increasing. Our own churches followed a correct intuition in maintaining summer schools for religious instruction. These must not be given up now that they are no longer "Swede schools." Confirmation services are now being held in many of our churches. Our Lutheran Church is a teaching church. As long as we faithfully make use of the opportunity that confirmation offers for religious instruction our young people will always have a foundation upon which to build. By emphasizing the educational processes we are not putting knowledge above faith, but insisting on that faith shall rest on a true basis. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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### Whose Ocean Is It?

It was an Englishman who told the following story at a recent gathering in New York:

"When the German fleet was interned at Scapa Flow," he said, "some of the sailors of the all-highest were distributed for safekeeping on board British warships. One day a British tar knocked down a German sailor and proceeded to give him a thorough thrashing. When he was hauled off his prostrate opponent and asked to give an explanation of his conduct, he did so in the following words: 'Well, sir, I was standin' 'ere on the deck botherin' nobody, and this Heinie, 'e comes up and calls me a nahsty name, and I does nothin'. Then he calls me another nahsty name, and I does nothing. Then he walks to the side of the ship, he does, and he spits in our ocean, and I 'ad to let him 'ave it then, didn't I?'"



# Review of Synodical Activities

Rev. Oscar N. Olson

A SYNODICAL meeting gives occasion for an annual review of our activities, a setting forth of losses and gains, an inventory of resources and a presentation of future needs. Every church member has a part in this work, has contributed toward it and shares in the responsibility for its progress. Elsewhere in this issue is given a review of President Brandelle's annual report. From information obtained, partly by personal observation upon visits to various sections of the synod and as ex officio member of numerous boards, partly from reports submitted to him by conference presidents and official boards, the president is in a position to present and interpret the present situation within the synod. His report should, therefore, be thoughtfully read by all members.

## Augustana College and Theological Seminary.

During the past year the synod's common educational institution has been the object of much discussion. This was due to the proposal, made at the meeting of synod in Philadelphia last year, to separate the seminary from the college. The three conferences, Illinois, Iowa and Superior, voted adversely on the proposition. While the discussion may have temporarily hampered the work, the earnest discussion of this vital synodical institution resulted in more clearly defining its scope and purpose and setting before the churches its needs. The theological seminary notes the death of two professors, Dr. C. A. Blomgren and Dr. N. Forsander. Prof. R. Malm of the Norwegian Lutheran Church was called to fill temporarily the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament. Rev. J. P. Milton has accepted a call to fill this position. The institution has had the rare distinction of being host to two princes and a crown princess in the same year, namely the Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf and Princess Louise and Prince William of Sweden. The hopes for a new Women's Dormitory at the institution are about to be realized. The building is already under construction. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The board of the Woman's Missionary Society has turned over \$110,000 for this building, gathered throughout the synod. The enrollment the past year was 1,068, of which number 135 were students in the seminary and 511 in the college. The treasurer's report shows the total assets of the institution to be 1,502,050.72, of which amount \$552,528.52 are endowment and trust funds. The liabilities are \$3,000 on the old debt and \$16,700 on the seminary building. This latter debt is due to the fact that many have failed to redeem

their pledges to the seminary building fund. The proposed budget for 1927 calls for \$178,225.00. With the necessity of increasing salaries the revenues to the institution must be increased. New buildings and improved equipments are absolutely necessary. With this in view Dr. A. T. Ekblad, president of the board of directors, states in his report, "Our singleness of purpose should be to further stabilize Augustana. This can be done in the first place through increased endowments and adequate equipment; and in the second place by added manpower to our splendid faculty." For this purpose an ingathering of \$1,500,000 is proposed. When eastern universities are raising endowments in the hundred millions it should not seem impossible for Augustana to gather the proposed amount and more!

## Foreign Missions.

Probably the greatest missionary catastrophe of the century, humanly speaking, has fallen upon China. There have been temporary disturbances before, but to-day we are witnessing in that ancient land a national awakening and movement that has the character of a complete upheaval of the old social and political structure and a conscious determination to remake China on national lines. Unfortunately western nations have besides bringing the Gospel to China also brought other things that to-day are ripening into a bitter anti-foreign and to some extent also anti-Christian sentiment. The result has been the complete breakdown of all missionary activity in China, including our own, and the withdrawal of our missionaries. It is unnecessary to say that our missionaries left reluctantly and only from a sense of duty. Whether missionaries in the future must expatriate themselves and fully identify themselves with the native people to whom they are bringing the gospel, eschewing every protection by the armed forces of a foreign nation, was too large a question to be settled on the spur of the moment. However, while the work in China is for the present interrupted, the seed planted will bear its fruit and out of "the wrath of man the Lord can bring forth glory to His name," and out of present turmoil He may work out His own eternal councils. The Lutheran forces in China, all synods, last year numbered 600 missionaries, 6,700 native workers and 20,000 church members. Unofficially Rev. S. M. Miller, Mrs. Emmy Evald and Mrs. J. W. Landstrom of Chicago, visited our field in China.

Important changes have also taken place on the African mission field. The Tanganyika field, which our synod held

under special arrangements, has been divided and the Kilimanjaro-Pare-Maru portion returned to the Leipzig Missionary society, while the Iramba Plateau has been permanently assigned to our synod. Preparations are already being made for occupying this field. There is a great need of buildings and workers. On the India field the synod has continued to co-operate with the United Lutheran Church. The needs for the coming year are set at \$219,500.00; but owing to recent events in China all calculations have been upset. The synod, however, will not fail in its obligations to its workers and will no doubt respond to whatever appeal is made. Total disbursements by the foreign mission board last year was \$146,787.59.

## Immigrant and Seamen's Missions.

While the new immigration laws with diminished quotas has greatly affected the need of immigrant missions, such activity on the part of the church is still needed. By advising pastors of immigrants destined for their town or city a real "missionary link" has been established between the immigrant home and the local congregations. By the purchase of the new six story building in an advantageous position in lower New York for a Seamen's mission home, the synod has secured a real foothold at this important gateway to our country. The purchase price was \$105,000 and \$28,237.18 was expended on remodeling the building. The indebtedness is \$85,855.12. The old property, 5 Water st., is valued at \$90,000 with an indebtedness of \$33,550.00. The net worth of the two properties is \$115,532.68. Here is an investment that ought to bring good results, although from the very nature of the mission carried on it is impossible to tabulate these results. The operating expense for the two homes was about \$30,000.

The immigrant and Seamen's Home, East Boston, Mass., has continued as in previous years. The change proposed at the synodical meeting in Philadelphia, due to changed conditions, has so far been carried out that after the New England Conference declined to take over this institution, it now rests with the Boston district to accept or reject it. If this district accepts it, the program of the home will be changed so as to include various inner mission activities for which Boston offers a large field. The expenditures for the last year were \$8,687.03; its building fund amounts to \$7,348.60.

"If we would have the Lord hear our voice, we must be careful to respond to His voice. The true heart should echo the will of God as the rocks among the Alps repeat in sweetest music the notes of the peasant's horn."



## The Problem of Religious Education

REV. J. EDDIE LARSON

(Introductory remarks at a general discussion of the importance of our church schools, at the meeting of the Red River Valley Conference, May 6, 1927. Published by request of the Conference.)

BY way of introduction I want to present a few points which have a bearing on the subject and therefore may be considered very important.

1. Religion has been one of the important factors at the outset of many of our state institutions.

Yale university was founded in 1701 by two ministers who were interested in Christian religion. Harvard began its career as a church school. Hamline was built by the Methodist church. Princeton was at first a divinity school. Minnesota university was founded by missionaries. Carleton College was at first a school of religion. All of these institutions have now lost their original character and become either irreligious or modernistic. This fact shows us whether the wind is blowing and reveals to us the dangers which threaten.

The schools of our synod have done very good work. That the Augustana Synod today stands as a very strong and venerable church body is due to a great extent to the fact that our pioneers established schools where ordained and lay workers have been trained. If the Swedes on the Delaware had acted as wisely, and built schools instead of looking to the mother country and church for workers, we would not now be gathering money to erect a monument on the grave of a dead colony. And the Old Swedes' church and Gloria Dei would still belong to us. Our church schools have done wonderful work in the past. Its students—of course with notable exceptions here and there—have helped in shaping the destiny of the church. By way of illustration, let us take a school located 25 miles from here. Besides the many who have been and are now faithful to the church though engaged in secular work, it has helped prepare over twenty men for the holy ministry and twenty-one others have been or are teachers in church schools.

2. Our public schools are not adequate and altogether satisfactory.

This statement may seem a very serious accusation. We give our special tribute and acknowledgment to the splendid public school instructors of the past and present. They are doing good work, but are working under difficulties.

We repeat: The public schools are lacking some very important essentials. Permit me to quote authorities on this matter. Dr. W. A. Granville says: "Our public schools have been almost stripped of all religious elements. That they cannot be said to be completely irreligious is entirely due to the high character and deep religious conviction of the great

majority of our public school teachers. But this is not sufficient. The present situation imperils the future of religion."

—And Georgia Robertson says: "Our forefathers braved a long, perilous journey to a wild, desolate land, peopled only with Indians, that they might have liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. The family Bible was in the home, God was acknowledged there, and children taught to obey Him, and taken to church to worship Him. In the schools they founded soon after their arrival religion was taught, also in the church and private schools that became so numerous. It was not until 1875 that our present public school system was established by taxation for that special purpose.... The Congress is opened with prayer, also the state legislatures: in the courtroom God's name is spoken with awesome voice. Every witness and the prisoner at the bar must take a solemn oath. In many business contracts God's name appears. Even on some of our coins we read: In God we trust. But in the impressionable years of childhood we leave our children to be educated in godless schools.... President Faunce of Brown University asks: How long are we going to admit to the schools the religions of pagan Greece and Rome and bar by law the Bible?... A few years ago I read the description of a court-scene in France. A criminal was sentenced to the gallows. On the wall in the court room hung a picture of the crucified Christ. The condemned man said: "Honorable judge and gentlemen: Is it fair that I should be brought face to face with Christ for the first time when I am sentenced to death?"

Religion gives true value in life. Our future as individuals, communities and churches depends upon it. A Minnesota millionaire whose fifth son was attending one of our church colleges said: "I will send my two remaining sons to your college, for the imprint of your institution is left on the character of those who attend." And several years ago I heard a father in our neighboring state to the west say: "I consider the moral and religious training which my son received at Northwestern College to be of greater value than the intellectual training and he receives it in addition to the secular studies."

Here we could discuss the advantages of the smaller schools where the classes are not larger than it is possible for the teacher to give each one personal attention. But of course the minimum limits should not be lower than reasonable economy will dictate.

3. Our homes depend upon the religious instruction of our children.

If we contrast the present with the past we find that there has been a great change in conditions. Georgia Robertson says: "The Sunday newspaper, Sun-

day golf, Sunday movies, Sunday concerts, buying little things on Sunday are necessary, have robbed the children of today of reverence for the Sabbath, and for God whose day it is. Without belief in God, reverence for Him and His law it is hopeless to try to build a strong and splendid character that will be able to withstand the constant temptations of life." And this condition certainly has a great bearing on our young people during the week days and in their life. I read recently: "The criminals of tomorrow are the products of homes where law and indifference reigned. They are in our schools and on our streets today for a hero to worship and a gang to join." —Albert B. Hines, director of Boys' Club of New York, says that the home as a source of culture, education and moral training is not functioning and he adds that 90 per cent of all crime is committed by boys who have had no religious training. Dr. D. W. Kurtz, president of McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas, said at Sunday school convention in Minneapolis, Oct. 26, 1925: "Christian education is the only hope for solving the human problem. The program of Christian education in the home, the church and the Sunday school, the weekly Bible school, the vacation Bible school and the Christian college."

The great problem of today is the home. The children do not receive the religious instruction as formerly. The dear old picture of the family gathered around the beautiful family hearth evenings is very hard to find now-a-days. Instead of that we now find father at a lodge, mother at a party, brother at basketball practise, and sister at a music club. And many a time the younger children could have reason to ask: "Where do we come in?" The influence of the Christian home has been greatly reduced—to the detriment of church and society.

For this reason we need religion in our schools. That must be the least which leaveneth the whole lump. And a popular writer said recently: "It is slow but dawning on us that our children have souls also."

4. The church depends upon the religious instruction of the young for its existence. The lay workers and faithful members are men and women with thorough knowledge and experience in the truths of the Bible as the foundation in life. The kind of instruction imparted to the young during the formative period in life is a deciding factor in the future of these souls. It is very important that the intellect is given its right place and that the soul is given a chance.

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as dancing and desecration of the Lord's Day fought against but the whole catalog of sins that Paul mentions in Romans 1.

We learned with regret that our conference president, Dr. F. V. Hanson, had been taken to the hospital. Pneumonia was threatening. (He was permitted to leave the hospital for Jamestown the following Wednesday and is at this writing gradually regaining strength.)

The Woman's Missionary Society gave the program Friday evening. Rev. W. R. Bergh, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., spoke on "Our Interest in Foreign Missions," and Rev. Oscar A. Benson, Ridgway, Pa., gave a Swedish address on "Home Missions." Miss Evelyn Ryding of Kane, Pa., won the Missionary Link Contest and will represent the New York Conference at the Synod in Omaha in June.

The Rev. Carl O. Soderbloom had charge of the morning prayer on Saturday. The statistician, Dr. F. A. Alford, presented an interesting and encouraging report. The membership of the conference is 30,529 the communicants numbering 21,872; Sunday school children, 10,025; teachers 1,531; value of church property \$3,559,304; an increase of \$200,000. There are 67 pastors serving 116 congregations; \$119,894 were paid to synod and conference, \$10,000 more than last year. The total within the conference was \$593,041.00 or \$22,162 over last year's total.

The delegates to the conference were privileged Saturday afternoon to visit first our new Seaman's Home and Immigrant Home in New York, where Rev. Helander bade us welcome and showed us the buildings. The Seaman's Home is five stories high; besides the homelike rooms, reading room etc., a small chapel also adds to the comfort and convenience. Large busses took us next to the Augustana Home for the Aged in Brooklyn. Everyone was delighted with the new building which is about finished. We were invited to partake of "kaffe och dopp" in the older building. The guests liberally showed their appreciation by leaving gifts on the tables.

Saturday evening the brotherhood had its program when Atty A. R. Johnson gave his address "Why the Brotherhood?" The whole evening was inspirational.

Conference Sunday was an ideal spring day which fact helped bring our people to the Lord's Sanctuary. Pastors Robert Erickson of Buffalo, N. Y., and Edwin Carlon of Titusville, Pa., gave short addresses to the Sunday school teachers and children. At the communion services which with full morning service followed, Rev. J. Gullans of New York gave the preparatory address. Rev. J. A. Lundgren of Cleveland, Ohio, preached the sermon in English. A quartet composed of Pastors Carl H. Rask, C. O. Thunberg, L. F. Nordstrom, and Clarence H. Anderson served at the altar.

The Luther league had its program at 3 P. M. Between beautifully sung numbers by some young men the audience listened attentively to two addresses. Rev. Carl Brostrom of Philadelphia held forth "Receiving Christ" and Clarence H. Anderson of Du Bois, applied the former's message in "Transmitting Christ."

Memorial services were held in the evening when Pastor F. Jacobson of Brooklyn, and Pastor L. F. Nordstrom of Jamestown, N. Y., preached the sermons, the former using the Swedish language with "Vilka skola av Fadern äras" (Joh. 12: 26) as topic, and the latter using English with "The Eternal Joy" (1 Pet. 1: 8-9) as his theme. The Rev.

A. B. Lilja has passed to his eternal joy. With this service the 57th annual convention of the New York Conference closed.

We hereby wish to express our thanks to the St. Paul church as a whole, including the pastor, Dr. J. Eastlund, and his wife, the Ladies' Aid, the Luther league, and all our hosts and hostesses for their hearty hospitality. God bless you and our New York Conference.

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**Lutheran Publicity.** America's great metropolis was aroused on Wednesday of Holy Week by the appearance in the New York Herald Tribune of a full-page advertisement listing 454 Luth. churches of all synods located in Greater New York and the adjacent commuting area. The advertisement, costing many hundreds of dollars, was made possible by the donations of several members of the Lutheran Church of St. James, New York City, Dr. Wm. F. Sunday, pastor, as that church's contribution to the welfare of the Lutheran churches of that city on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding. When St. James Lutheran Church was established in 1827 for the purpose of preaching the Gospel in the English language only, there was but one other Lutheran congregation in the city of New York.

Among the things set forth in the advertisement was the following: "Since the days of old New Amsterdam, Lutherans of the Nordic races have borne witness to a Christ-centered Gospel of divine love and have contributed their European and Scandinavian heritage to the culture and to the moral stability of America's greatest city.

"To-day, within a radius of fifty miles of Times Square, everyone of a rapidly increasing number of Lutheran churches is proclaiming that same gospel and is preparing to make an even greater contribution to the New York that is to be.

On the following day the Herald Tribune carried an editorial entitled "Faith Renewed," which used the Lutheran advertisement of the day before as a striking evidence of the power and force of religion in men's lives in spite of present-day counter arguments.

"This is the Holy Week of the Christian year, and there are abundant signs in the churches of the vigor with which ancient faith still lives in an age long ago consigned to materialism by the doubters. There are loud voices raised to announce the collapse of religion. To read the opinions of the radically minded, one would conclude that the churches were empty and that the sooner they were torn down the better.

"The facts, however, all look in the opposite direction. So far as church membership and church attendance go, there is a clear revival of religious faith. The news of sermons is more eagerly sought by the reading public than in many years. Probably, with the added audiences of the radio, more people are listening to preachers than ever before. The churches are learning to use the most effective, everyday form of appeal. Witness the moving Easter summons of the Lutheran churches printed in this paper yesterday. There was an answerable power in this page advertisement, speaking for the 454 churches of this one faith within a fifty-mile radius of New York City, that no cynic could answer."



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### The New York and New England Conferences and Upsala College

THE two eastern conferences own and support jointly Upsala College, located at East Orange, N. J. This institution has made a name for itself since its opening in October, 1893. It has in a sense been uphill work, but in spite of its handicaps, due to unfortunate location, first in Brooklyn, in rented quarters, and then in Kenilworth, N. J., it has given to a large number of young men and women a thorough education and otherwise equipped them for the various vocations they have chosen in life. Many of its students and graduates have risen to positions of prominence in church and state. One trait that is quite marked in Upsala students is love for their "Alma Mater" and loyalty to her cause. In this particular the graduates from our other schools have something to learn from Upsala alumni. Another handicap to the development of Upsala College has been that the churches that are its principal support have not from the beginning fully sensed its importance to the church, and have not given it the liberal support it has merited and is entitled to. It seems to be a rather difficult matter for the church to grasp the importance of its schools and to give them a wholehearted liberal support. They don't seem to sense the necessity for the church to educate, as far as possible, its own leaders, the men who are to serve as pastors, as well as the men and women in other vocations in life, and therefore do not always espouse their cause with that love and loyalty which they without exception merit. For some reason or other our schools are in danger of growing away from our people. In order to live, they must have the loving support of their constituency. If they fail to get it they will be forced to go elsewhere, and may in the course of events be lost to our church.

Since moving to East Orange, N. J., a few years ago, the future of Upsala College has appeared much brighter. It has taken on a new lease of life. The citizens of East Orange have grasped the importance to the city of the school. They have sensed correctly the quality of its work and they are beginning to rally around it with real enthusiasm, as can be seen from the activities of the Women's Auxiliary organized through the efforts of the president, Mrs. C. G. Erickson. The drive for funds for buildings and equipment a few years ago in the two conferences netted the institution not less than \$469,717.21 in pledges, a large portion of which, \$164,000, was still unpaid.

according to this year's report by the treasurer. This is decidedly not the way a Christian institution should be treated. When a person, man or woman, has made a voluntary pledge for a good cause, he has taken upon himself a moral obligation that he should fulfill if it is possible to do so. The pastors and congregations of the two conferences should do their utmost to collect what is still unpaid of these pledges.

We note from the treasurer's report that the New York Conference churches raised \$15,669.80 for the institution and the New England Conference, \$13,297.98. The unpaid balance for 1926 for the two conferences was, respectively, \$5,764.20 and \$9,153.90. In our opinion there should have been a better showing. The New York Conference reported last year a confirmed membership of 21,435 and the New England Conference, 22,440. A constituency of 43,875 should be able to support without difficulty an institution the size of Upsala College. If we should have any remark to make regarding the treatment of the school matter by the conferences it would be this, that the resolutions were rather meager and lacking in content. But this criticism applies to so many resolutions adopted by our various synodical and conference conventions. They are frequently so framed that they mean little or nothing to them who chance to read them. We take much pain in framing our resolutions on patriotic and reformatory matters that do not concern us directly. We could do the same with all matters in which we as a church are directly and most vitally concerned.

In conclusion we wish to say that Upsala College has splendid opportunities where it is now located. It has a local population of more than 50,000 to draw from. The city is cultured and wealthy and its citizens appreciate the work that is being done at the school. It might have been desirable that more of our own people were living there, but there are many congregations of our synod in the state and Greater New York is close at hand, and the communication facilities are such that the college can easily be reached from any part of the conferences. The institution should not lack support either in students or in money. May Upsala and all our educational institutions continue to prosper.



A PART OF THE FAMILY OF THREE HUNDRED MEMBERS



## Sixty-Eighth Convention of Synod

THE official opening of the 68th convention of the synod took place on Thursday evening, June 15, with double services. The president, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, preached in Swedish in the Immanuel church and the vice president, Dr. P. A. Mattson, preached in English in the Zion church. Holy Communion was celebrated at both services.

The following morning, Friday the 16th, the business sessions began in the customary manner in the North High School Auditorium, where all the business sessions are to be held. After the usual devotional services and the organization of the convention, President Brandelle read his annual report, which covered all the activities of the synod during the past year.

In regard to the relation of the people to the Means of Grace, the report said in part: "The private use of the Word of God and the erection of the family altar in the home is ever the touchstone. It is admitted that there is a widespread use of the Word of God for private devotion and that the Bible is accorded a place in many a family. There is plenty of room for improvement, though, along this line, and the pastors have still the task set before them of introducing the Bible as the book which supplies the daily needs both of the individual and of the family.

"Everywhere the preaching of the Gospel is listened to with reverence. One can not forego noting that there is, beyond a doubt, a hunger and a thirst for the things of the Spirit. This being true, there must of necessity be men, women, and children brought into spiritual fellowship with Christ."

Relative to church baptisms, Dr. Brandelle said: "The bringing of the children to the church there to be baptized is on the increase. Let this movement continue in the direction indicated, for the church alone furnishes the really proper setting for the administration of the Sacrament of holy Baptism."

"As to the celebration of the Lord's Supper," he continued: "The attendance upon Communion is generally commended as being very good. Both the old and the young come to the Holy Supper quite regularly. Except in the larger city congregations, communion services appear to be held rather infrequently. One wonders whether it might not be possible to improve conditions a bit along this line. The Lord's Supper ought, it seems, to be celebrated more than one, two or three times a year, whether the congregations are large or small."

"The Christian life among the young," said the report, "is

asserting itself not a little. The meetings of the Luther leagues, both locally and generally, are more along spiritual lines than formerly. It is sought to promote the spiritual interests of the members in a way that years ago was unknown. Bible studies, Mission studies, etc., are engaging the time and interests of the young to a much greater extent than years ago. Even the annual gatherings of the young in the form of Luther League conventions take on a spiritual character to a very large degree."

"As a rule there is faithfulness among us in the matter of loyalty to the Confessions of the Church," continued the report. "Yet there is, nevertheless, cropping out in certain localities an opinion in effect that all confessions of churches and all denominations are quite just as good. It behooves all our pastors and Christian laymen and laywomen with experience to explain unto the young the real situation in reference to the teachings of the denominations of the Christian Church. For there is a difference. This being understood, our people will remain loyal to their own church."

As to stewardship, President Brandelle's report said: "The grace of giving is being acquired as well by our people. The envelope system is used to a very large extent in every section of our synod. Thousands have learned to understand that it is possible for them to give to the work of the church considerably more than they have been accustomed to without detriment to their own interests. And not a few congregations are beginning to frown upon more or less questionable methods whereby to gather funds for the need of the church. Church boards are generally willing to further the good work of extending the Kingdom in one way or another. Ministers' salaries are being raised at many points where they were too low. Support has also been granted by some congregations for the upkeep of the automobile of the pastor. In the light of all this, it is not a little disheartening to be told that there is still in some sections quite an agitation in behalf of the notion that the membership ought to be divided into two classes, paying and non-paying. The reason given is: we are willing to pay for ourselves but not for others. Seemingly the injunction of Paul (Gal. 6. 2) is forgotten: 'Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.' Is it possible for a heart that really loves Christ to act contrary to this admonition of the Apostle? Can a church do it?"

Relative to the status of the China mission, the report said, in part: "It is thought that in the course of time it will be possible to continue the work, but no one will volunteer any idea as to when that time is likely to arrive. Our work has

been going on out there for more than twenty years. There are many Christians on the field, some of many years standing. It seems impossible to believe that all the work of our missionaries will go for naught. The believers, some of them at all events, will likely continue in the faith and win others also for the same faith. The foundations of the Kingdom of God have most assuredly been laid so deep in China as to preserve them against ever being overturned. Meanwhile our sympathies are with the Chinese people, and our prayers shall ever be that God might graciously grant them a speedy return to a stabilized form of government and also hearts ready to accept and own Jesus as Saviour and King."



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## LUTHER LEAGUE TOPIC

### The Holy Spirit for Power

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#### Daily Bible Readings:

Monday—Zechariah 4. 6.  
Tuesday—Matthew 28. 18-20.  
Wednesday—Luke 24. 49-53.  
Thursday—Acts 1. 8; 2. 1-4.  
Friday—Acts 3. 1-16; 6. 8.  
Saturday—2 Cor. 4. 3-7; Eph. 3. 20-21.

WE are living in days when men are talking a great deal about power, are coveting power. As followers of Christ we should covet spiritual power. The prophet of old said, "Truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." There we have the secret of all true power—"Full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." Not our power, but full of power because full of Spirit. What we want is not the power of intellect, the power of argument, the power of science, nor the power of philosophy merely, but the power of God. "This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. 4. 6).

In the first chapter of the Acts, we read, that the Lord Jesus, when risen from the dead, commanded, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles whom He had chosen not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which," said he, "ye heard from me," for "ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1. 2-8).

What were the Apostles to wait for? Was it power? Read the words again. "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." They were to wait not primarily for power, but for the descent of the Holy Spirit, and with Him would come power.

Thus observe, the power which came on the day of Pentecost was God Himself in the person of the Holy Spirit, who "like a rushing mighty wind filled all the house where they were sitting," and as "tongues of fire sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2. 1-4).

That the Apostles received power when the Holy Spirit came upon them is fully seen in Acts 3. 12 and 4. 7-10. Of Stephen it was said, "A man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6. 5). It is also said that "Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6. 8). Paul's might lay not in enticing words of man's wisdom, but in "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Contrast

the Apostle Peter before and after the gift of the Spirit. You well know the sad details which culminated in his open denial of his Lord—the sleep in the garden, the following afar off, the sitting down in the judgment hall to warm himself at the fire of coals. But look at this same man fifty days later, not with a maid to face, but the whole mass of Christ's rejectors. Without a tremor he, the spokesman for all, stands up and lays at their door the awful crime of Christ's death: "Ye have taken and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." What made this difference? He was filled with the Spirit. "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

Of the Spirit's abiding presence the Lord Himself said: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever" (Jn. 14. 16). Yes, forever.

We have not to pray the Spirit out of Heaven; He is here. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit, the "Comforter," came to stay, and He has been with us all the while. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations... and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." In other words, "I will go with you and do the work Myself, provided you fulfill the conditions I impose. You are to pray, trust, preach and live the truth, while you depend upon me for power."

Thus the measure of His power depends upon our faith and our capacity for receiving the Holy Spirit. He is often grieved, and, like Jesus, unable to do mighty works because of our unbelief. "Grieve not the Spirit; quench not the Spirit."

Men of the world know how to take hold of God's power in the subtle electric current to light their houses and to run their electric cars; they know how to take hold of God's power in the water-falls to generate tremendous force to run their mills. Oh, that the children of light were as wise in their generation to lay hold upon the power of God as given by the Holy Spirit!

We hear much concerning the "spirit of this age." We are told of its greatness; of its' genius, etc. But the Christian should know the Holy Spirit of this age. To know the Holy Spirit of this age is better than to know the "spirit of this age." According to Paul the "spirit of the age" is "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." The Holy Spirit of this age, according to the same apostle, is the

"Spirit that worketh mightily in the children of God."

Of what spirit are we? Are we of the spirit of this age or of the Holy Spirit of this age? "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (Jn. 3. 6-8).

What a needed truth this is for us to-day! We have our thousand and one pieces of machinery in the Church of Christ all aiming, or pretending to aim, at the regeneration of the world. How important that we would keep in mind that regeneration is of the Spirit!

"Be filled with the Spirit" is the divine and definite command of the Lord. Shall we dishonor the Lord by disobedience? "But tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high" (Lk. 24. 29). Here is the great need of the church to-day—that we shall wait, wait for the promise of the Father, until we be endued with power from on high. Away with these modern catchwords "pep" and "push" in spiritual work, as though they were the only solution of our problems, the only panacea for our ills. Back to prayer, Pentecost, and power. Tarry, O Church of the Living God, till ye be endued with power from on high; then go in the strength of the Holy Spirit to do the work which the Master has given you to do.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever" (Eph. 3. 20-21).

Is the Spirit necessary in carrying on Christian work?

Are we in danger of depending too much upon our church organizations in carrying out the will of the Lord?

What is meant by "the arm of flesh?"

What is the church's greatest need to-day?

**Illinois Conference Luther League  
Conference Long Lake Bible  
Conference Grounds  
July 18-24**

REV. FRANK R. CARLSON

Convention motto—"Until the Spirit of Christ be formed in you" (Gal. 4. 19).

WHATEVER our aim in Luther league work may be, this one thought must not be lost sight of. It is blessed to have faithful workers who are interested in the material welfare of the church, but unless we also have those whose hearts are Spirit-filled, our work will be largely in vain. It is true



we should be informed about what is going on in the world, its various dangers and dangers, and yet when it is said and done, the "one thing needful" must be chosen. If the Spirit of God is formed in us, the power of continuing love will urge us on. Against the world can make no progress. Turned to His image (Rom. 8. 29) the saints of our days will be perfected and made workers who need not be ashamed of the faith which they pro-

Our dear Lutheran Church seems to have this thought more clearly than is to be found in that of other fellowships. The Illinois Conference Luther League is looking forward to its convention which will again be held at Long Lake. We are praying that God may be overflowing every speaker, and that every delegate may experience the spirit of Jesus.

Note what we have on our program. At 6:30 each morning, except Saturday, Rev. Herbert Swanson, who has accepted the call to become associate professor in Christianity and student counselor at Augustana College, will give morning meditation. On Saturday morning, at the same hour, a communion service will be held, when Dr. A. P. [Name], whose young people have faithfully supported these Luther league conventions, will give the preparatory address. Dr. A. T. Lundholm, president of the [Name] Conference, who won a coveted place in the hearts of our young people last year, will again be with us. This year he will present studies in the Epistles to the Ephesians at 9 A. M. each day. Dr. Lundholm has an interesting way of presenting his material and giving it the background of his wide range of Bible knowledge.

Dr. Amanda Magnusson of Bethany College, Lindsborg, an outstanding leader

and teacher among the young people of to-day, will give a series of five special educational studies at the 10 o'clock hour. Mt. 19. 21 as her Scripture background, she will present the following topics: 1) Need for educational study in religious education; 2) Some method determiners; 3) Who is the child? a study in types; 4) Laws governing the learning process; 5) The call—Come and follow me—Go ye also. Every Sunday School teacher of the Illinois Conference should hear her lectures. They are unique in their scope and of great value for their practical suggestions.

The following, well-known to our Illinois young folks, will address the gatherings at 11 o'clock: Rev. G. F. Andreen of Joliet; Rev. Carol C. Rockey of Madison, Wis.; Dr. Victor R. Pearson of Chicago; Dr. Gustav Andreen, and Rev. M. E. Fretheim.

The afternoons will be given over to recreation, of which Long Lake offers a variety.

Anyone who has attended a Luther league convention at Long Lake cannot but recall with sincere joy the "vesper services on the hillside." These services this year will be in charge of four of our young people—Miss Edla Magney, Mr. Evald B. Lawson, Miss Verna Samuelson, and Mr. Herbert Larson.

Immediately after the vesper services, the "Evening Inspirational Services" will be held in the large auditorium overlooking the lake. The president of the Conference Luther League will give the address at the opening service of the convention on Monday evening. Rev. D. W. Vikner, whose testimony a few years back was one of the outstanding features of our summer conference, will bring a message on Tuesday evening. Rev. Vikner comes now from the war-torn, Bol-



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shevistically inclined China. What a story he will have to relate! Rev. Carol C. Rockey will again address the convention on Wednesday evening. You probably know that his recent book is being used in some of the Reformed seminaries. One of the criticisms passed on this book is that it is too Lutheran, which is not a bad criticism. We are glad to have Rev. P. O. Bersell of Ottumwa, Iowa, with us on Thursday evening. At the Consecration Service on Friday evening, Miss Minnie Tack, missionary from China, will give a testimony. A mission which has never before been presented at our conventions will be brought to us by Miss Lula D. Ervin, secretary of the American Mission to Lepers. She has a most interesting message.

Sunday Bible School will be held at 9 A. M. on Sunday, July 24, and divine service at 10:30, when the Rev. W. X. Magnuson of Moline, Ill., will deliver the sermon on the text for the day.

Indications point toward a large attendance, in fact, more men will be in attendance this year than ever before. Make your reservations early by writing to the Chicago Lutheran Bible School, 2720 Washington Blvd., Chicago.



VIEW OF LONG LAKE, ILLINOIS

**Denmark Does Not Want Women Pastors.** The question of the appointment of women pastors has recently come to the fore in Denmark. A delegation of women from the Danish Women's Union waited upon the Minister of Education and Worship with the request "that a bill be drawn up and submitted for passage which would give women equal rights in the pulpit with men." The Minister of Education and Worship declared that he was unable personally to comply with their request on the ground that he would not consider expedient, since it is not customary elsewhere, that Denmark should assume the role of pioneer in such a matter.



# Sunday and Parish School

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## Helps and Hints for Teachers

Lesson Thirty-nine.

General Topic: The Gifts and Benefits of Baptism.

1. What do we receive in baptism?

**B**APTISM works forgiveness of sins by conferring upon us the righteousness of Christ. The righteousness of Christ means everything that Christ did for us. When our sins are forgiven, we are delivered from death and the devil. We are no longer under the power of death or the devil. Baptism also gives everlasting life.

Examples and Notes.

The Children of God's Kingdom, Grade III.

The Word of God teaches us that baptism saves us from sin, death, and the devil. In the Old Testament, when the children were circumcised, they were brought into communion with God, made His children, and heirs to eternal life. We are not children of God by the natural birth, we all inherited sin from our parents. We become children of God by being born again, and this birth is by water and the Spirit. Our sins are pardoned, and we are given a new spiritual life through the Holy Spirit in Christian baptism. Baptism saves us from death because the Holy Spirit creates a new spiritual life in our heart. This new life is to develop day by day as it is being nourished by God's Word. Baptism saves us from the devil, because when we have become the children of God, the devil has no authority or power over us. We belong to God because we have been bought by the blood of Jesus Christ.

The faith necessary in baptism is given by the Holy Spirit. There is less resistance to the influence of the Holy Spirit in a child's heart than in the heart of an adult. A child is more humble and receptive in spirit than are older people. In our Bible story, Jesus placed a little child in the midst of the disciples and said, "Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." He also said that little children believe on Him. And further, Jesus threatened with severe punishment any one who should cause a little child to stumble in its faith in Him.

Nicodemus Visits Jesus, Grade IV.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin, a ruler of the Jews. He was a learned and highly respected man, but he sorely needed and also eagerly sought more knowledge in regard to spiritual matters. He came to Jesus by night and was not ashamed to

confess his ignorance pertaining to the new birth. Jesus dealt kindly with him, and taught him concerning the kingdom of God and how to gain entrance into this kingdom. Jesus declared that baptism is necessary. Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. All men born of carnal parents are by nature flesh and are filled with the same sinful affections as the parents. This has been inherited from Adam and Eve. But the life which comes into existence by the creative work of the Spirit is spirit, or the new man filled with divine life and power from above. The heart, mind, and will are directed to that which pertains to God. When we are baptized, we are born again by the Holy Spirit and receive all the benefits that baptism confers, which are, forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and everlasting salvation. These benefits come to us as a result of Christ's redemption, and through baptism we become alive in Jesus Christ.

Preaching of John the Baptist, Grade V.

John the Baptist preceded Jesus in entering upon his ministry. In those days, while Jesus was still residing in Nazareth, John the Baptist started preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. He came out as a preacher, proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of heaven. His preaching was characterized by the admonition to repentance. The necessary preparation for the advent of the Messiah was a complete change of heart and mind. The coming kingdom was the kingdom of heaven in opposition to an earthly kingdom, which was usually dreamed of by the Jews. John was the herald of Jesus. The purpose of his ministry was to prepare the hearts and the minds of the people, by preaching and baptizing, for the coming of the great King. John's success was rapid. People came to him from Jerusalem, all Judaea, and the region round about the Jordan, confessing their sins. It was a great awakening, such as the land had not witnessed since the time of the ancient prophets. When John saw the Pharisees and the Sadducees coming to his baptism, he exposed their hypocrisy, and attacked their false pretences. He also made clear that his baptism was a baptism unto repentance, but that the baptism of Jesus was a baptism in the Holy Spirit. In Christ's baptism regeneration, preached by John and declared by Jesus as necessary unto salvation, takes place. By baptism we are brought into blessed communion with the Triune God and reap all the fruits of Christ's redemption. We receive forgiveness of sins, deliver-

ance from death and the devil, together with everlasting salvation.

Peter's Discourse, Grade VI.

This lesson contains the address that Peter gave on the day of Pentecost. Peter brings out clearly the fact that Israel had crucified Jesus, who was the Messiah. This fact humbled his heart and led them to sorrow and repentance. A large part of them were pricked in their heart. They felt that they had grievously sinned against God and had been Anointed and incurred the just penalty of such guilt. They therefore turned to Peter and the rest of the brethren with the question, "What shall we do?" Peter replied by setting forth the order of salvation. After declaring their guilt of having crucified the Redeemer, he demanded, as the condition of the remission of their sins, that they repent, on the one hand, and on the other hand that they consent to receive baptism. Baptism is a divine act, in so far as God separates the individual from a perverse and sinful generation, remits his sins, and bestows the Holy Spirit upon him. In baptism we receive forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, together with everlasting salvation. This salvation, through baptism, is God's promise not only to adults but to the children. At the close of Peter's address, about three thousand souls were baptized.

Bible History.

The Division of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of Israel, Grade VII.

1. The revolt of the ten tribes.
2. What tribes constituted the kingdom of Judah?
3. The kingdom of Israel was comprised of what tribes?
4. What constituted a lasting wall of separation between the two kingdoms?
5. What prophets are mentioned?

Jesus Suffers in Gethsemane, Grade VIII.

1. "When they had sung a hymn."
2. "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder."
3. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death."
4. "Not my will, but thine be done."
5. "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood."
6. The betrayal.

Yakima, Wash. A year or so ago the congregations of the Augustana Synod, Norwegian Synod, and the United Lutheran Church, in Yakima united into one congregation. As per agreement the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Synod was placed in charge temporarily and Rev. P. H. Nordlander was sent there to assume charge. On April 29 this congregation met to decide upon synodical affiliation and after several ballots it was decided by over three fourths majority to affiliate with the Augustana Synod. We are pleased to make this announcement to the readers of the Companion. The name of the new organization is Central Lutheran Church and numbers over one hundred communicant members.



# Augustana Brotherhood

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## Augustana Brotherhood, Kansas Conference

OLIVER C. HAWKINSON

### The Banquet

The first annual convention of the Augustana Brotherhood of the Kansas Conference, held at Salina, Kansas, was an epochal event in the life of the laity in this conference, as it was an inspiration to the pastors who were present, and not without some misgivings, and not without the hope that this movement among the laity was about to arrive.

Over one hundred and sixty-one men were present at the banquet tables in the well lighted parlors of the Immanuel church. At the conclusion of the banquet the men adjourned to the church sanctuary, where the inspiring program was given under the leadership of J. O. Stromquist, president of the conference. Dr. G. A. Dorf, Marquette, led the session with Scripture reading and offered prayer. Mr. Stromquist introduced Mr. E. L. Larson, president of the Immanuel brotherhood, Salina, who greeted the men appropriately and enthusiastically extended a greeting of welcome. The seven musical numbers of the program were given by vocal quartettes from the brotherhoods of Bethany College and Immanuel brotherhood, Salina, and the Immanuel brotherhood chorus from Marquette.

F. W. Lann, Axtell, based an inspiring address on "Why Men Should Stand Themselves in the Church." "We should be thankful," said Mr. Lann, "that we have live churches. However, I would like to add to my subject the word 'Laymen forget too often their obligations to their church and need to be awakened to their duty. The church is a bulwark to ward off evil in any community.'"

In dealing with the older men to set an example before the youth through oration and activity, Mr. Lann classified church members into three classes,—backbones, those who prefer to wish things for something to be accomplished; bones, who prefer to talk on the same subject; and backbones, or those who constitute the mainstay of the church." In conclusion the speaker appealed to the men to carry the influence of the church into their homes.

Theodore Anderson, Denver, spoke on "What the Church Means to Me." Opening with the statement that never before in the history of the Augustana Synod had there been a movement that had touched the hearts of the men like the Augustana Brotherhood, the speaker paid a glowing tribute to the influence of Christian

brotherhood and to what such influence had done for men. He pictured the mother's influence and the influence of the church, tracing the influence of both upon his own life. His address was eloquent and gripping and left an indelible impress upon the hearts of his hearers. "The church means all to me" were his concluding words.

Dr. G. A. Brandelle referred to the origin and cause of the Brotherhood. The president of the synod said, "The Brotherhood movement has come because it could not be avoided." Striking a comparison of the Brotherhood with



MR. J. O. STROMQUIST  
President, Augustana Brotherhood of the Kansas Conference.

similar movements in other churches, Dr. Brandelle characterized it as a result of progress evolving naturally toward the present period in the Church's development. "Other organizations and individuals take an inventory of their assets," said the speaker. "Why should not the Church? In this inventory we find youth and brotherhood as our greatest asset or resource. In the days now gone we never took such an account of youth. The Church must progress and develop."

"Contrary to the opinion of many, the chief interest of the movement, as well as the church, is not to gather funds, but to awaken the individual in the things spiritual. Our interest is to further the kingdom—in making better citizens. There are to-day more than a mil-

lion people of Swedish extraction who are not church members. Such a situation presents a wonderful field for home missionary work."

Dr. Brandelle also refuted the claim that the church was overly organized. He cited statistics to show what the Brotherhood has already accomplished for pension fund, church extension, etc. As an example of potential power the speaker referred to the series of Lenten services in Minneapolis, Minn., which became successful only after the Brotherhood assumed charge where the pastors had failed to arouse interest in these services. In conclusion Dr. Brandelle said: "There is tremendous power in the laity. That power we are now trying to muster in order to promote the interest of God's Kingdom."

The final speaker was Dr. A. W. Lindquist, president of the Kansas Conference. In his introduction Dr. Lindquist admitted that a year ago he had entertained a doubt in his mind in regard to ultimate success of the Brotherhood movement. Then he traced his conversion to the cause, describing the re-awakening in his own church in Kansas City, the increased zeal by the men for Bible study and their desire to become more and more the positive factors in the development of the church. He struck a bold stand for the men in whom he evidenced every confidence and to whom he imparted an appeal for that power they possess to expend it in the interest of the Church. Dr. Lindquist appealed particularly to the possibilities for man power in our own conference. In his address there were pictured the problems that the men must solve, and he urged the extension of the Brotherhood until all congregations shall be included.

Rev. T. L. Rydbeck, pastor of the Messiah church, Lindsborg, pronounced the benediction at the close of this festive occasion, which since has enjoyed a most favorable reaction.

### Business Sessions

The initial business session was held in the old Immanuel church, Wednesday morning, commencing at ten o'clock. Delegates from the twenty-six brotherhoods answered to the roll call, and laymen in attendance from congregations not yet having organized brotherhoods were accorded all privileges of the floor, as well as given the right to vote. Information to the contrary notwithstanding, the laymen of the Kansas Conference did not find it expedient to maintain two separate organizations, the Brotherhood and the Laymen's conference. The Brotherhood unanimously extended an invitation to all laymen to join in the business sessions, and this invitation was unanimously accepted.

The reports of the president, secretary,



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treasurer, and that of the executive committee were presented at the morning session and adopted. In order to place before the men the history of this first convention, it was unanimously decided to have a complete journal of the business sessions printed in an edition of one thousand. This compilation will also contain the addresses at the banquet, the officers' reports, as well as other material of interest. The secretary was authorized to edit this effort. The following officers were elected:

J. O. Stromquist, Lindsborg, president.

Carl O. Lincoln, Lindsborg, secretary-treasurer.

The program outlined by the Synodical Brotherhood was adopted as the official program of the conference.

Annual dues were fixed at fifty cents per members, from which amount the synodical fees shall be paid.

The paramount discussion of the sessions without definite action centered itself about the recently developed and important work of child welfare as exemplified by the Mariadahl Receiving Home. This institution is again functioning in a field of endeavor that is larger than the church had anticipated, and for which adequate provisions of support had been tardy. There was manifested much interest in the future development of this institution. Individuals, however, expressed the desire that the Brotherhood might accept this institution as a special trust.

The secretary was authorized to present a request to the conference that a definite Sunday be designated as Brotherhood Sunday, at which time a special men's service be arranged in all the churches. The request was granted.

Church publicity and a larger circulation of our church periodicals received attention which translated itself into a resolution asking the conference to appoint a committee to survey the field and study our needs and to report such findings to the conference in 1928. This resolution was accorded favorable action.

Numerous problems were discussed. The first convention has convincingly demonstrated the need "of the men for the church." There is every indication of an awakening, and the immediate prospects of a local brotherhood in every congregation are encouraging. The men of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas City, Mo., the geographical divisions of the Kansas Conference, are now set for an effort for the upbuilding of the church and the institutions of the church.

"I would not have you suppose, my dear children, that you can get to Heaven without great efforts. It is not sitting down, and wishing yourselves in Heaven, that brings you there. We are told to 'work out our own salvation.'"

**With Christ Through Lent.** By Rev. John M. G. Darms, D.D. Author of "On the Threshold of the Christian Ministry" and "Manual of Christian Stewardship." Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, 1927. Price, cloth, \$1.00 net, postpaid.

This book of 200 pages by the Rev. Dr. Darms of the Reformed Church in the United States contains brief meditations for each day in Lent. These Lenten meditations are so written that their reading requires but seven minutes each day, either in the family, or home, circle or in private. "It is hoped," say the author, "that these devotions will stimulate spiritual thought and life and make for a closer association with the Master. Throughout, the Christ on the Cross is uplifted and will, we trust, as ever, draw us to Him with an irresistible force. We need a new appreciation of our need of Christ and be led the way to glorious experiences of the Christ of Calvary and the Christ enthroned in the Heavens and in our hearts."

The plan and program for each day's devotion is to have first a Lenten Reading of one or more Scripture passages, outstanding Meditative Thought for the day, and closing with a short prayer. The thought for the first day, for example, is this: "Not what we do but what we let Christ do for us and with us during Lent, is the matter of first importance." The book is all that its title implies, "With Christ Through Lent," an extolling of His suffering and of the Cross. "The strength and the light that flows from His Cross alone will build the new civilization. The Cross of Christ casts its shadow over the centuries of the past but throws its resplendent beams of light on the problems of our modern life and lays the foundation for the new civilization which is being born."—C. J. B.

**Catechetics or Theory and Practice of Religious Instruction.** By M. Reu, D.D., Lit.D. Professor of Theology at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Second, Revised Edition. Chicago: Wartburg Publishing House, 1927. Price, Cloth, \$3.75, net.

This new edition of Dr. Reu's book on Catechetics, which was written originally in German, varies but little from the first as far as contents are concerned. Wherever necessary changes or additions have been made to bring the volume up to date. The most important recent publications have been listed in their proper place, and those works which are of special value have been marked with an asterisk. The translation has been thoroughly revised and many pages have been entirely re-written. This work was done by Dr. Reu's colleague, Prof. Bodensieck, who at present teaches Religious Education in Wartburg Seminary.

Dr. Reu is one of the foremost Lutheran theologians in America to-day. He is known for his scholarly presentation of the subjects of which he treats. He is a conservative Lutheran who fully understands the Lutheran mind, and as

such he is not only a safe but also agreeable guide to follow.

In this work, Dr. Reu traces first the development of religious instruction in the Early Church, down through the Middle Ages, and during the Reformation Period and the following centuries up to our own times. He then deals with the subject, aim, material and method of religious instruction. The book should be of special interest and value to teachers of Christian education in schools and to all pastors who need to be particularly well grounded in the art of instructing the young of their flock. The pastor's duty to his people is threefold: He is to preach all the Word of God, he is to instruct his people in the truth as revealed in the Bible, and he is to care for their souls, that is, to be the spiritual guide of his flock at all times and in all conditions, in other words, he is to be their true pastor. The duty of imparting instruction in the things of the life of the Spirit, in the knowledge of truth and life, is not the least of these duties.

C. J. B.

**Bible Stories in Rhyme.** By Rev. John Dale Kempster. Group One. All Rights Reserved. Price, 25 cents. Tonica, Ill.

These Bible stories are told in simple easy flowing rhyme, that makes pleasant reading, particularly for children, and may well serve for the purpose of recitation in public. Group one contains the stories of Joseph, Dorcas, Daniel in the Den, the shipwreck of Paul, Elijah by the brook and Moses and his rod.

C. J. B.

**My Church.** An illustrated Lutheran Manual. Pertaining to the History, Work and Spirit of the Augustana Synod. Vol. XII. Edited by Rev. Ira O. Nohsthein, A.M. Price: Art Cover, 40 cts., net. Cloth, 75 cts., net, postpaid.

"Though this Manual was prepared for members and perhaps more directly for ministers and members of other denominations, it contains much information which ministers and members of other denominations will find useful. Especially the historical sections of the book will be appreciated by those who may not be familiar with the origin and antecedents of American Lutheranism."—Presbyterian Advance.

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**Raised one third in Advance.** With more than one third of the total asked amount pledged before the opening of the campaign, the New York Synod of the United Lutheran Church expects to "go over the top" in securing \$400,000 for Hartwick Seminary. Upon the successful completion of the campaign the institution will receive more than \$250,000 from the city of Oneonta, N. Y., together with a site for the establishment in that city of the college department of Hartwick, which is the oldest Lutheran educational institution in America, is the owner of a charter which gives it unparalleled latitude in the development of an educational program. It is believed that the new college department will quickly develop resources which will enable it to compete favorably with neighboring institutions of a high order.



# Correspondence

## Minneapolis.

Minneapolis is just about ready to dedicate its beautiful new auditorium. The Swedish Singers from Stockholm will appear there in June and, of course, it will be crowded to capacity. Some of our people are actively interested in the conference. What communications we've had from the "old country"! Archbishop, Prince, Prince William, Student, and now the "National Chorus Sweden" will immortalize our ancestor. Captain Lindbergh of Little Falls, is vociferously here acclaimed as a man of no mean ability. A commander and a writer of ability he stood his guns." He was a candidate for honor but was viewed with disapprobation. It was not a "moral disapprobation" but a mental one. Read his "Bank and Currency" book and one will understand why he too "planned alone" over great ocean deeps of modern money. Otto Leonardson, who knew him intimately, for he occasionally dropped in on our local A. B. Concern, vouches for his fineness of character. Strange silent the newspapers are regarding Lindbergh's father.

The Messiah and Grace Sunday-schoolers have held joint meetings. Lectures have been given by Dean Miller and H. B. Grimsby of the N. L. C. A. Sunday School Board. Teachers have for supper and spent the evening in Sunday-school knowledge. Rev. Wendell, by the way, is very much interested in the Minnesota University student life. Minnesota University has the largest Lutheran student population of any in the country.

The Minneapolis district, assisted by the Woman's Missionary Society, held a convention for the missionaries who have been forced to leave China. The meeting was held April 29. The Augustana church was filled and the chairman of the district welcomed the large gathering. Rev. Fred Wyman, our field secretary, spoke. One could sense the eagerness of our missionaries. Their ardent love for their "children of the East" their bewilderment at the rapid changes of surging events, their resignation to the will of God and their longing for something "for China made hearts beat in unison. It was a "homecoming" for our missionaries and their families did not long for. The Woman's Missionary Society made possible a real homecoming hour. Our Field Secretary labored "in season and out of season" for foreign missions and the Lenten campaign this year no doubt reached a peak than in any previous year. It is now a position with complicated problems.

The commencement exercises of Minnesota College at the St. Paul's Church, 27th, were simply inspiring. Minnesota College has been subjected to criticism of late, but all will unite in the conviction that it serves a laudable function. Picture a list of graduates numbered close to 150. A positive Christian sentiment permeated every utterance. Christian education is a vague euphemism. Mrs. Agnes Rast sang in her incomparable way, and her sister Laurinda Rast at the organ also an artist with real insight into church music, and Prof. Theodore Ander-

son's address on the "Measure of Man" was "superb." Prof. Anderson is president of the Minnehaha Academy, a Covenant school. Fine humor combined with clarity of thought and saturated by a spirit of Christian earnestness marked a presentation which left an indelible impression upon the assembly. Dr. Frank Nelson can feel that "it's well worth the while." That includes also, of course, his worthy colleagues among whom we might mention Dr. Joshua Larson and Prof. Ralph Ingman, who have served our conference institution with rare spirit of sacrifice.

Rev. Emil Swenson, besides his duties as a member of the Conference Budget Committee and president of the district, one of the largest in the Minnesota Conference, is now to engage in directing the erection of a new church edifice, costing \$100,000 or over. Bethlehem is fifty-two years old and "teems with life." Bethlehem is writing a new chapter in its history.

Rev. H. P. Johnson of the Zion Church has received a call to Portland, Oregon. It looks as if the coast might succeed in its enticing inducements. Brother Johnson's joint board has requested him to remain. It will be a struggle to decide. Seventeen years as a pastor in one church, his only church, is a tenure of office that few realize.

C. E. Berquist.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

The 15th annual convention of the W. M. S. convened in the beautiful city of Hartford, Conn., May 6, 7. By the courtesy of the Swedish Mission Church all business sessions were held there. Friday morning the Pres., Mrs. J. A. Eckstrom, formally opened the meeting. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Okerblom. Appropriate words of welcome from the host, the Rev. Julius Hulteen, were fittingly responded to by Mrs. C. B. Sandberg.

Following the appointments of routine committees, reports and greetings were given by the respective district presidents, department secretaries, and junior leaders. From the summary of these reports we glean the following statistics: number of W. M. Societies 52; junior societies 9; total membership 3,718 (a gain of 292); subscribers to Mission Tidings 1,388 (a gain of 96). The progress may seem slow, yet our conference Women's Mission work is, year by year, steadily forging ahead. This was again evidenced by the splendid report of our able president, Mrs. Eckstrom, and accentuated by the encouraging report of our efficient treas., Mrs. C. B. Sandberg. The sum total raised during the past year amounts to \$6,494.58 (a gain of \$400).

The following officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. J. A. Eckstrom, vice pres., Mrs. Selma Hokenson, sec'y, Miss Elvira Jacobson, treas., Mrs. C. B. Sandberg, Mission Tidings, Mrs. Hilmer Larson, calendar sec'y, Mrs. Karl Johanson, exhibit sec'y, Miss Beda Swanson, lace sec'y, Mrs. E. Floren, statistician, Mrs. Selma Hokanson, junior sec'y, Miss Litze Rabenius.

Appropriations for the coming year were many and varied. Especially to be mentioned was a gift of \$25 to the western flood-sufferers and \$90 to the Deaconess Chapel in Omaha.

A touching hour at the convention was the "In Memoriam" service for our dear members who have during the past year been called to their heavenly reward. This service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Nelson speaking from the words of Jesus: "Let not your heart be troubled." Dr. S. G. Hagglund, pres. of the N. E. Conference, responded on behalf of his departed wife by repeating her dying prayer: "God help me!"

It was indeed fortunate to have sister Elvira Person attend our convention, coming as she did directly from the war-ridden China. Her messages were intensely interesting and helpful. Dr. C. J. Bengtson, editor Lutheran Companion, gave hearty greetings from Augustana Book Concern. Greetings were also given by Sister Ingdina, representing the Old Peoples' Home at Worcester; also by Miss Amelia Rabenius, sup't of the Orphan's Home at Avon. A child from this home, little Olive Modin, touched the hearts of all by her sweet singing. Dr. Anna Kugler, 43 years in U. L. C. service at Guntur, India, was by invitation present and rendered a well received address. The talk on Junior work by Mrs. Wm. Carlson was very helpful. Unanimously it was decided to send a message of "welcome home" to our highly esteemed national W. M. S. president, Mrs. Emmy Evald.

Friday evening the women of the conference helped to fill every available space in the large, beautiful Emmanuel Lutheran sanctuary. Features of the rich program were: singing by the South Manchester Glee Club and the Pastors' Wives Chorus directed by Mrs. A. Theo. Hjerpe. Address by the Rev. Henning Jacobson (Swedish) and the Rev. Ralph Mortenson (English). Sister Elvira Person again gave a touching message from China. The offering lifted at this occasion, together with minor collections, amounted to \$151.20.

At the closing session on Saturday Mrs. P. J. O. Cornell read a well prepared and interesting history of the N. E. Conference W. M. S. Felicitations with standing vote of thanks to officers, workers and participants in the successful convention proceedings were unanimously offered. In the afternoon a reception was held at the parsonage, where a musical program and dainty refreshments were prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Julius Hulteen, who also was the recipient of a generous gift, presented by our Pres., Mrs. Eckstrom. Later all joined in an enjoyable "sight seeing trip" through the beautiful Capitol City.

Space forbids further review of this enjoyable and helpful convention. To pastor and Mrs. Hulteen, to the kind women of the congregation, to the many homes in which we were guests, to our visitors and speakers a sincere thank you! Mrs. G. S. Ohlslund.

**Norwegian Lutheran Church and Foreign Missions.** The foreign missionary operations of the Norwegian Church in America are summarized as follows: China field: 123 stations, 76 missionaries, 6,637 baptized Christians, 2,619 Sunday School pupils. Madagascar field: 100 stations, 34 missionaries, 3,627 baptized Christians, 3,352 Sunday School pupils. South Africa field: 4 stations, 2 missionaries, 6,018 baptized Christians. The church maintains 4 hospitals and 4 dispensaries in these fields, served by 8 medical missionaries.



## -- General -- Religious News

Carthage College, Carthage Ill., is now engaged in a campaign to raise \$200,000 to meet an offer of \$175,000 from the General Education Board (Rockefeller Foundation). If the school is successful in this effort the endowment of the institution will be \$800,000, making possible a program of expansion and growth.

### Swedish-American Wins High Honors.

Dorothy Carlson, seventeen years old, member of the senior class of the East Side High School, Salt Lake City, Utah, was awarded first place in the National Oratorical Contest in the finals, held in Washington, D. C., May 27. She is the first girl who ever won this distinction. Her oration was "What the Constitution Should Mean to an American Citizen."

From this splendid oration we quote: "Our Constitution is strong only as we are strong; weak, as we are weak. We must guard against indifference to civic and national issues and the neglect to exercise our rights of franchise. How can our Government be truly representative if we fail to vote? Is liberty so cheap that we value it so lightly? An intelligent, voting citizenry is the nation's salvation—its greatest need!"

"Friends, America's future rests upon the individual citizen. Oh, for a Lincoln, to fuse into our civic and national consciousness, in times of peace, the patriotic service and fidelity of purpose so manifest in times of war! We need more leaders and teachers to inspire in us, and especially in the youth of our land, the homely qualities of honesty, fairness, helpfulness, industry and thrift, without which no nation, however great the charter of its liberty, can survive; without which there would have been no lasting Constitution, no united, free America, no Stars and Stripes!"

"Are we so sated with the pleasures of life that the red blood of true Americanism no longer flows in our veins? If so, God help us to awaken to a full appreciation of our citizenship! The challenge comes to every American citizen not only to uphold this Constitution but to defend it."

The Sixth Annual Inner Mission Conference was held in Baltimore, Md., recently. The conference was a notable one in many respects. A new constitution was adopted, defining the scope of its program as "a free forum for the discussion of all phases of Inner Mission work, and the dissemination of information." It will thus always remain a free conference.

Papers were read before the whole conference by Rev. C. S. Michelfelder of Pittsburgh on "The Challenge of Modern Trends in Social Work;" by Miss Anna Ward of the Family Welfare Society of Baltimore on "The Development of Personality as the Object of Family Welfare Work;" by Dr. O. H. Pannkoke of Chicago on "Direct-by-Mail Advertising;" by Sister Martha Hanson of Philadelphia on "The Settlement House;" by Dr. H. L. Fritschel of Milwaukee on "The Training of Inner Mission Executives;" and by Sister Sophia Jepson of Baltimore on "The Present Status of the Female Diaconate and its Contribution to the Inner Mission Cause." Rev. Joshua

Oden of Chicago spoke on "How Can We Stimulate our Congregations to Larger Parish Activities" and Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder addressed the Sunday mass meeting on "Inspirations that Abide."

The crowning feature of the conference was the banquet at the Southern Hotel. Baltimore Lutherans freely mingling with the out-of-town visitors enjoyed a splendid repast, sang, laughed, and listened to interesting speakers. The local workers seized the opportunity to pay a glowing tribute to Pastor Oosterling, the beloved leader of Inner Missions in Baltimore.

It was a rare privilege also to have as a special guest, the Mayor Elect of Baltimore, the Hon. Mr. W. F. Boerning, who addressed the gathering. Mr. Boerning is a staunch Lutheran and displayed a thorough knowledge of Inner Mission Work. The principal speaker of the evening was the Rev. Allan Chamberlin of Trenton, N. J., who entertained and instructed the gathering with one of his justly famous blackboard talks. It was a happy and satisfied audience that finally broke up after the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The conference accepted the cordial invitation of the Chicago Lutheran Bible School, and the Augustana and Chicago Inner Mission Societies to meet in Chicago in 1928. The following officers were elected:

President, Rev. C. E. Krumbholz, New York; 1st Vice President, Rev. C. S. Michelfelder, Pittsburgh; 2nd Vice President, Rev. Jas. Oosterling, Baltimore; Secretary, Rev. C. F. Schaffnit, Toledo; Treasurer, J. A. A. Geidel, Pittsburgh. Division Chairman: Children, Miss Mollie B. Feldhammer, Minneapolis; Family Welfare, Rev. Ambrose Hering, Minneapolis; Institutional, Rev. E. G. Chinlund, Omaha; Publicity, W. P. Elson, New York; Recruiting and training, Rev. F. O. Hanson, Chicago; Health, Rev. H. L. Fritschel.

### A Congress of the World League Against Alcoholism will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 17-23.

"The liquor problem is a world as well as a national problem. The fight against alcoholism is a world-wide fight. Prohibition is an international issue. Its consideration now interests all nations and its final success or failure will affect every nation."

"Prohibition can never be a complete success in America while the liquor traffic flourishes in other countries. The existence of the powerful liquor trade in other lands is a constant menace to the success of prohibition here. Therefore, the elimination of the drink traffic in other countries will make observance more general and enforcement more successful in America."

"Therefore in the interest of prohibition in America as well as freedom from alcoholism throughout the world, the Anti-Saloon League calls upon its friends and constituents to attend and assist in making successful the Congress of the World League Against Alcoholism at Winona Lake."

Swedish Lutherans and the American Indians. That the Swedish Lutherans were among the first to do missionary work among the American Indians is a well-known fact. That their treatment of the Indians and their friendly relations with them paved the way for and served as a model for William Penn's policy later is also a fact, though not so gener-

ally acknowledged. An interesting comment, throwing light on this subject, recently came to light. It is in the form of a "resolution" or instructions to the pioneer Lutheran pastors or instructions to the Lutheran pastors who settled in Sweden from the colony of New Sweden on the Delaware. The "instructions" contain among other things the following:

"The wild nations bordering upon other sides, the Governor shall understand how to treat with all humanity and respect, that no violence or wrong be done to them by her Royal Majesty her subjects aforesaid; but he shall rather at every opportunity exert himself that the same wild people may usually be instructed in the truths and worship of Christian religion, and in ways be brought to civilization and government, and in this manner be guided. Especially shall he seek to gain their confidence, and impress upon their minds that neither he, the governor, nor his people and subordinates, have come into those parts to do them any wrong or injury, but much more for the purpose of furnishing them with such things as they may need for the ordinary course of life."

John Campanius, the first missionary to the North American Indians, who translated Luther's Catechism into the Virginian language in 1648, was one of these pastors serving the Swedish Lutherans along the Delaware. Knowing his history, it is easy to see how zealously he carried out the instructions sent out by the Lutheran Church in Sweden.

**Movement Toward Greater Lutheran Co-operation.** Definite indications pointing to a growing spirit of co-operation might be mentioned as significant: Successful meetings of the Foreign Mission Conference in Chicago; the Inner Mission Conference at Minneapolis, Minn.; the American Lutheran Statistical Association in New York City; the International Student Conference in Madison, Wis.; National Lutheran Educational Conference in New York, the latter among Lutheran church bodies were observable during 1926. The following factors emphasizing the importance of liberal education permeated with Christian truth as the proper preparation for Christian leadership.

At the Conventions of the Joint Ohio, Iowa, and Buffalo Synods, definite steps were taken toward organic union of these Synods at Toledo, Ohio, in 1928 under the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America. At the meetings of the Joint Ohio, Iowa and Buffalo Synods and the Norwegian Lutheran Church, the doctrinal agreement as predicated in the Chicago theses of March 11 to 13, 1926, was reached, and entrance into full fellowship and altar fellowship was adopted and projected. Action was taken by the Norwegian Lutheran Church for the establishment of similar relationship with the United Danish Church. Likewise the intersynodical Committee of the Minnesota Synod, the Joint Wisconsin Synod, the Joint Ohio, Iowa and Buffalo Synods, have drawn up theses to be presented to their respective organizations.

The United Lutheran Church in its convention completed the organization of the American Board of Missions to take the place of five home mission boards of the three synods of the New York United Lutheran Church, the New York Synod, the New York and New England Synod, and the New York Ministerial Association. The official adoption of resolutions favoring the merger.



# Among the Churches

**Change of Address.** Rev. A. G. Ander from Worthington, Minn., to Valley Forge, N. D.

**The Ogema District Luther League** convention will be held at Sunset Lake, River, Michigan, July 2-4, 1927. delegates intending to be present at convention will please make reservations with Rev. Charles W. Erickson from River, Mich., as soon as possible. Viola Hanson, Corresponding Secretary.

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena,** Cal. A very pleasant surprise was held at the pastor's wife, Mrs. G. W. Henry, Tuesday afternoon, May the 19th, by the members of the Martha Society. Nearly 100 women gathered. She was presented with gorgeous flowers and a substantial gift of money. Delicious refreshments were served and a fine program was rendered.

**Correction.** Trusting too implicitly on a usually well-informed and authoritative weekly from Minnesota the Lutheran Companion was led to state June 1st that Rev. Ernest Weinhardt had died and called to Isle-Opstead, Minn. This was an error as the charge in question was not looking for a pastor but evidently was satisfied with the present incumbent of the office.

**Rev. Paul H. Andreen** of Des Moines, Iowa, was the speaker at the Commencement exercises of the Joint Township High School, Tiskilwa, Illinois, held at the high school auditorium on May 27. The text of Rev. Andreen's address was taken from the ninth chapter of Ecclesiastes,—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor dominion, in the grave, whither thou goest." A large audience greeted Rev. Andreen, who showed a sincere appreciation for the message he brought.

**Benezer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.** Rev. O. T. Eriksson of Centerville, So. Dak., was called to succeed late Rev. O. A. Nelson as pastor of the church at a meeting held May 31. J. Hultkrans has charge of the congregation during the vacancy. A class of 10 was confirmed May 29. In spite of the fact that over half a year has passed since the death of Rev. Nelson the work is progressing nicely, a testimony to the faithful and careful work done by his servant of the Lord. Members are praying daily, "Lord, give us a pastor of Thine own heart."

**Request for Old Hymns.** The Oscoda and Alabaster, Mich., congregations would appreciate it very much if some congregation, which is installing the new hymnal, would send them their old hymnals. The faithful handful in Oscoda has struggled along for years, using the Sunday school song book. The Alabaster congregation has had to join with the other churches to form a community church; served by a Lutheran student, is true, but using only a collection of Gospel hymns. A great service will be rendered if the Lutheran hymnal and Lutheran service can be introduced here. Any contributions may be sent to Arthur Palm, East Tawas, Mich., and will be greatly appreciated. J. A. P.

**Rev. Anton Lundeen**, recently returned from China, has accepted a call to the Salem Lutheran Church, St. Edwards, Neb.; Address Rt. No. 1. He succeeds Rev. U. Ronquist.

**The Galesburg District Luther League** will be entertained by the Luther league of the Bethany church, Woodhull, Ill., June 24-26. It is hoped that all the leagues will be well represented. A good program is being prepared.

**Sycamore, Ill.** The people of Salem Lutheran Church, Rev. Walter E. Pearson, pastor, were privileged to hear a splendid concert program rendered by the Augustana concert trio, Monday evening, June 6. It is a long time since we so genuinely enjoyed a program as we did at this occasion. The music was of the highest order and splendidly rendered. We wish them great success.

Rev. Walter E. Pearson.

**Bethesda Deaconess Home, St. Paul, Minn.** A beautiful Memorial Program to the memory of Sister Esther Porter was rendered May 26 in the evening. The memorial service was held under auspices of the Bethesda Alumnae Association. Most of the members in this vicinity have had their training at the Hospital during the time she was superintendent of nurses at the institution. An inspiring program was rendered. Her favorite song, "A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Saviour to me," was sung in unison. The memorial address was given by Rev. Albert Loreen. It was a beautiful and heart-searching sermon. We felt the nearness of our Saviour and His call to us to trust in Him, and work while it is day. The evening thus spent in the house of the Lord will long be remembered. May God raise up many women who will consecrate themselves to the work of the Diaconate, the calling that Sister Esther loved so well. A. F. Almer.

**Colorado District.** The District Luther League Bible Institute will be held at Geneva Glen Camp, Indian Hills, about 23 miles west of Denver, August 6-15. An invitation is extended to those who are planning to spend their vacation in Denver or its vicinity. Geneva Glen is an ideal place for rest and recreation, lying nestled among the mighty Rockies. The mountain air is invigorating and the scenery gorgeous. The Bible Institute offers a course in Bible study to be conducted by Dr. A. T. Lundholm of Gowrie, Ia., President of the Iowa Conference; educational studies will be presented by Miss Amanda Magnusson, Professor of Psychology and Education, Bethany College. The following work in which our synod is engaged will be presented by speakers well qualified to bring these messages: Charity, Educational and Missions. The afternoons will be devoted to study, recreation and athletics, and the evenings will be given over to Young People's Hour when inspirational messages will be given. Plan to arrange your vacation for August 6-15, and come to Geneva Glen. The rates are very moderate. If further information is desired write the undersigned. Welcome!

Rev. N. E. Olson,  
Chairman of Committee,  
4245 Green Ct., Denver.

**Delegates attention!** All delegates to the Minnesota Conference Luther league convention, to be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minnesota, July 15, 16, 17, who wish to be provided with lodging will please notify Miss Hildur Gelin, 2220 W. 6th Street, Duluth, Minn., prior to July 8.

**Hegewisch, Ill.** The Lebanon Lutheran church took occasion on Whitsunday to surprise its pastor, Rev. J. A. Nordling and his wife, in view of the pastor's birthday, which was only a few days off. Mr. Freeberg made a speech on behalf of the congregation and presented the pastor with a substantial gift. The Capernaum church recently honored Mrs. Nordling in a similar manner by presenting her with a gift upon her birthday.

**The Kearney District** held mission meeting in Kearney at the First Lutheran Church, and in Axtell, at the Zion and Bethphage churches, April 18 to 19, and at Bethany Church, Axtell, May 30, 31, and June 1. The meeting at the Bethany Church was marked by the installation of Rev. V. A. Lindeblad. We as a district are happy to welcome brother Lindeblad into our midst. The mission meeting held in conjunction with the installation was especially interesting as well as edifying. The general theme was the Holy Spirit and His work. The services were all well attended.

R. A. P.

**Dalbo Minister Honored.** An interesting program was given at a large gathering in the Dalbo Luth. Church, June 2nd. It turned out to be a surprise for Rev. P. E. Bergstrom. An address was given by Rev. O. A. Henry of Cambridge. Remarks were also given by Mr. Gust Holm, a member of the congregation. On behalf of the congregation and friends Rev. Henry presented the local pastor with a substantial gift of a Chevrolet Coach and also with a purse of \$172.50 besides. With the donations of the Gillespie Auto Co., and of Mr. Kron this subscribed gift amounted to \$856.50. The program concluded with a few words of appreciation by Rev. Bergstrom and with a luncheon served by the ladies.

**Bethesda Deaconess Home, St. Paul, Minn.** Striving together in prayer—thus the apostle characterizes their common mission as church members with regard to the work of Christ. Paul had never seen the Christians at Rome, but nevertheless he urges them to help together on behalf of him and other engaged in this great work by remembering them in their prayers. It is instructive indeed to study these apostolic pleas for cooperation at the throne of grace (Rom. 15. 30; 2 Cor. 1. 11; Phil. 1. 19; Philem. 22 etc.). It is the business of the leaders of our Church and the believers throughout the land thus to work together unceasingly in prayer. The time they in this way lose in prayer the Church gets back in blessing; and the time they keep from the Lord's work by neglecting this duty is lost in failures in the endeavors on the part of the Church to carry out God's will. Let us form a living prayer chain around the work of Christ among us, beginning with the activities that lie closest to our own field of labor. When you thus pray, make mention of the "Deaconess Work" that it may grow in all things that pertain to its mission, and be furnished completely unto every good work.

A. F. Almer.



The Sheyenne District Luther League of the Minnesota Conference will hold its annual meeting June 24-26 in the Klara congregation, Heimdal, No. Dak. Delegates expecting to attend should notify Rev. C. E. Franzen, Sheyenne, No. Dak., the local pastor. O. W. Berquist, chairman; Miss Ruth Larson, Secretary.

The St. Croix Valley District Luther League will hold its annual convention at Rush Lake, Minn., June 25-26, 1927.

Rev. Albert Loreen, of St. Paul, Minn. will be the principal speaker Sunday afternoon and evening.

He will conduct a Bible Study Sunday afternoon: "The Holy Spirit as presented in the Epistle to the Romans." Bring your Bibles or New Testaments. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A. E. Bongfeldt.

Zion, Greendale, Worcester, Mass., C. Wm. Carlson, pastor. We appreciate very much the splendid work done by Mr. Birger Swenson, representative of Augustana Book Concern. He has with in the last few days materially increased the number of subscribers to Augustana and the Lutheran Companion. Our sincere wish is that at least one of these valuable papers may find its way to the various homes of the parish. Whitsunday the pastor had the privilege of confirming a class of 23 boys and 12 girls. Together with the ten previous classes, from 1917 on, they number a total of 274 young people. A splendid confirmation reunion in the afternoon had been arranged by the Luther league with the Rev. Theodore R. Ringeon of the Norwegian Church as the speaker. Communion Service was held in the evening. Fifty new communicant members were added to the church that day. By means of our post-confirmation courses in the Sunday school department we have reclaimed the majority of all confirmands together with many other of the young people of the community.

Augustana College and Theological Seminary. Again we wish to bring you a greeting from the treasurer's office of our institution and express our sincere thanks to all who have so nobly stood by us in the past year making it possible for us to close another school year without a deficit. The work is much easier as long as we can continue to do business on a cash basis.

It is rather quiet around the buildings since school closed, but on June 13 we will start the Summer school sessions and there will be considerable life and activity again. The office force, janitors and repair men are kept just as busy now as during the school year making preparation, repairs, for the coming school year. The painters are already busy with the seminary dormitory, painting and decorating all the rooms and halls. There will also be considerable work done in the music studios and on the campus, putting everything in good order before the beginning of next school year.

We have still a small amount unpaid on the old debt and we hope that the congregations who have so far not fulfilled their duty will do so in the near future. We are glad to announce that the Superior conference has joined the rank of the conferences who have done their duty. We are surely thankful to the brethren in the Superior conference for their splendid effort in redeeming their pledge.

It is absolutely necessary that all the

conferences come up to the quota otherwise, it will hurt us when we have to make future ingatherings.

The position of matron and cook in the cafeteria will be vacant for next year. We shall be glad to receive applications from ladies interested in this work. The pay is good and the work pleasant. We will be very thankful if our pastors or others will recommend suitable parties for these positions. If anyone interested will apply directly, please send all applications to Rev. Carl J. Johnson, Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill. We would like to have the positions filled and parties on duty August 15 and not later than August 20.

C. J. J.

Rev. Samuel E. Johnson of the First Lutheran Church of Virginia, Minn., was surprised by 300 members of his congregation and friends at the church parlors Tuesday night, May 28. Rev. Johnson has been in charge of this congregation for ten years. The above mentioned surprise was in the nature of partly an appreciation gathering and partly to honor Rev. and Mrs. Johnson on their tenth anniversary here in Virginia. There was a literary and musical program rendered and Rev. Johnson was presented with a substantial purse, and Mrs. Johnson a large bouquet of roses. Among the speakers of the evening were Rev. Oscar Ebb of the Emmanuel Luth. Church of Hibbing and Rev. William T. Hexom of the Norwegian Luth. Church of Virginia. The First Lutheran Church here has experienced a remarkable growth and prosperity during his stay here. The Tabor Lutheran (now the First Lutheran) congregation of Eveleth and this congregation formerly formed one pastorate, the pastor residing in Virginia, until 1921 when it became necessary that Rev. Johnson devote his services undividedly to the Virginia congregation and therefore a separation was sought and effected. Last year an annex was built to the church and the church renovated at a cost of \$2,200 and a Bennett pipe organ installed at a cost of \$3,800. The communicant membership is 348, Sunday Roll 229 and a Lutheran brotherhood of 60 members.

J. W.

Bethesda Church, So. St. Paul, Minn. Fifty-two of the one hundred and eleven confirmed in this congregation were present at the confirmand reunion held in our church Sunday, May 8th. At the

banquet toasts and greetings were given by several persons. We received greetings from the following former pastors: A. Norén, J. A. Gustafson, F. G. Grassquist and Dr. L. P. Bergstrom, the latter being the only one present, who gave us an oral greeting. At the evening services Dr. C. J. Sodergren gave a very inspiring talk on the topic: "Why Confirmation?" The message was well received and many expressed their hearty appreciation. Our Choir contributed to the program by singing a group of appropriate anthems.

On the day of Pentecost we received 7 new members and fifteen children were confirmed. This class donated a Baptismal font and also an individual silver communion set to the church. The class of 1925 donated two beautiful electrical candelabras and the class of 1924 donated the pulpit.

Miss Edith Johnson has donated an altar chair and Miss Christina Salmosson from Minneapolis has also donated one.

D. J. L.

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