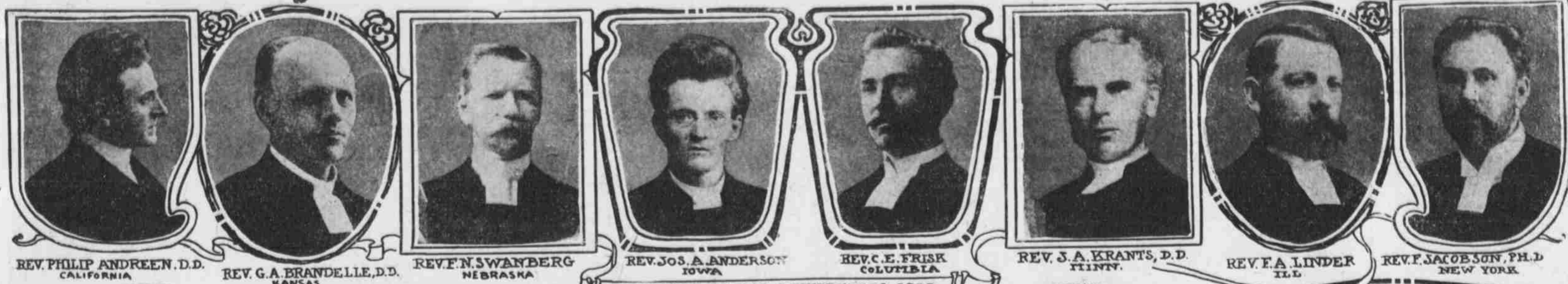
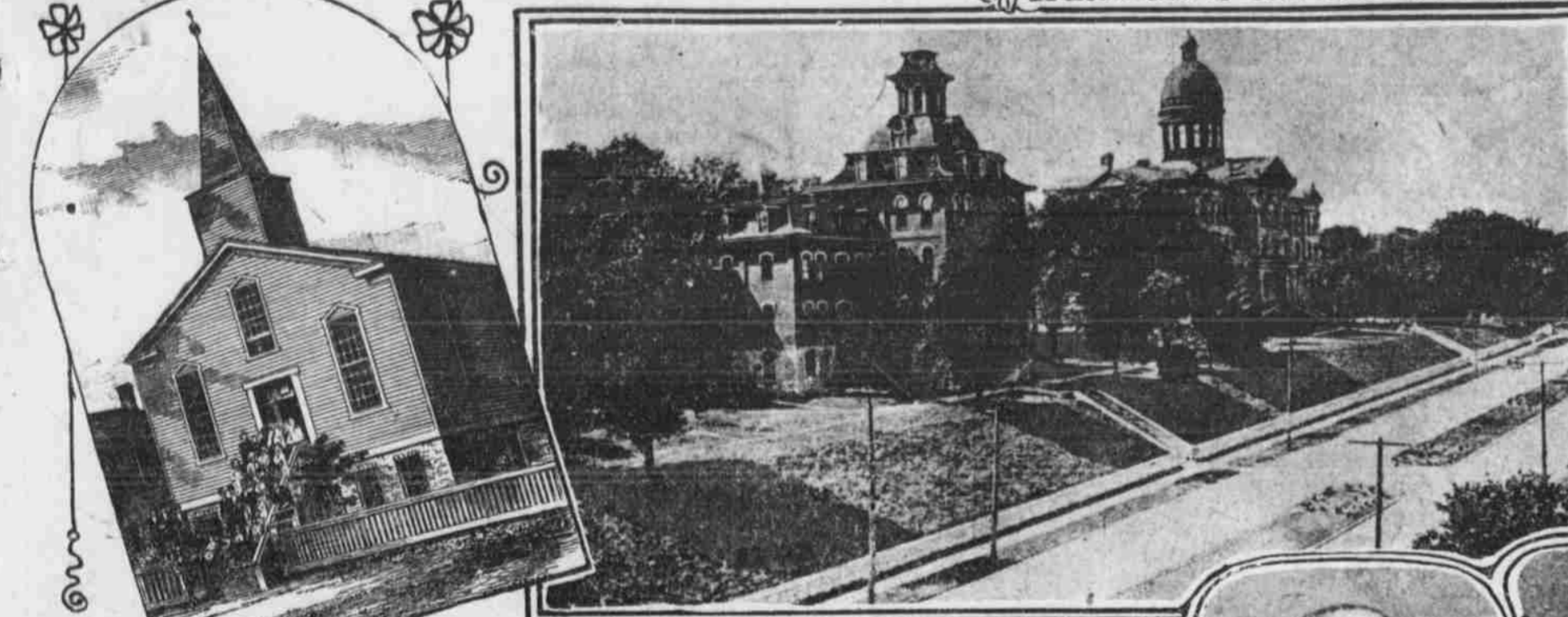


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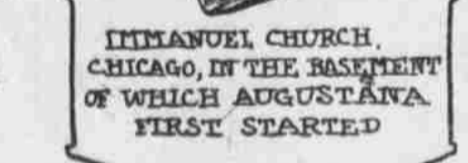
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EMANUEL CHURCH, CHICAGO, IN THE BASEMENT OF WHICH AUGUSTANA FIRST STARTED

desire to help his countrymen in the far off country, Rev. Esbjorn settled with his company in Andover, Ill., which soon became a large center for the Swedes. He soon organized a church there and later on other churches at Princeton, Moline, Henderson and Galesburg, Ill.

But Dr. Esbjorn's work was not limited to Illinois alone. In the spring of 1851 he undertook a journey to the eastern states to solicit funds among the English and German-speaking Lutheran people for the erection of churches in the newer and poorer western settlements. In Boston he was introduced to the famous Swedish singer, Jenny Lind, and received from her a gift of \$1,500. With the money he gathered he erected a church at Andover and a frame church at Moline, Ill. One of those who was of great assistance to Dr. Esbjorn in the trying early days was Dr. E. Norellus now living at Red Wing, Minn. and president of the synod. Together they walked or rode between the scattered settlements assisting their countrymen in every way. They were tireless in their efforts, and, sacrificing comfort, they set an example for their brethren.

About this time it became evident that a stronger church government was necessary for their existence. Dr. Esbjorn, therefore, together with some Norwegian pastors, met with the English Lutheran congregations in northern Illinois at Cedarville in the fall of 1851 and organized the Evangelical Lutheran synod of northern Illinois.

Meanwhile the congregation at Galesburg had called Rev. T. N. Hasselquist of the diocese of Lund, Sweden, to become their pastor. Rev. Hasselquist accepted and arrived in 1852 and at once took charge. The coming of this man marks an epoch in the history of the Lutheran church in America. He was an unusually well gifted man, with rare ability to organize and with an untiring working capacity. Early in the year of 1853 he organized a congregation in the rapidly growing city of Chicago.



E. NORELLUS, D.D. PRESIDENT OF THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD



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**B**EGINNING Sunday, June 6, The Augustana Synod and Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., will begin a two weeks' celebration in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of their birth. April 27, 1910, marked the fiftieth milestone in the history of the synod and the college, and though the occasion was fittingly celebrated with memorial services at that time, the real jubilee celebration will take place June 5 to 15 at Rock Island, Ill., where the synod holds this year's session and where the college is located. It will be the greatest celebration in the history of the synod and thousands of visitors are expected to be present, coming from nearly all the states of the union. It is estimated that at least 4,000 persons from far off congregations will be present and that on some days the number will be much greater. Of the 1,092 congregations belonging to the synod each one is entitled to two delegates. Beside these delegates scores will come from those places to be present as visitors. Special trains will be run from the neighboring towns, such as Galesburg, Rockford, Chicago, Paxton and others, and 25,000 Swedish-American Lutherans throughout the land will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the synod and the establishing of their central school of higher education.

Extensive and elaborate arrangements have been made by the synod and the college authorities for a fitting celebration of the anniversary. Every day will be occupied with progress and about three seasons will be held daily. Invitations have been issued to all the larger universities and colleges of this country and Sweden to send delegates, and favorable replies have been received from most of them. The universities of Sweden will send their most representative men, the Upsala university sending its president, Dr. Henrik Schuck, widely known as a scholar and authority on the history of the middle ages. The representative from Lund was to be Dr. C. J. W. Thyrén, but word was received last week that on account of urgent business at the Swedish Riksdag, of which he is a member, he could not come. Another representative will come in his place. The representative from the Swedish church will be the venerable bishop von Scheele, who has been here twice before. He is without doubt the most prominent man in the church of the old country, and the college authorities are much pleased over the fact that the king appointed von Scheele as a member of the Swedish government, and during this visit he made many friends wherever he went. The presidents of the various Lutheran synods of the country will also participate, bringing greetings from their respective synods, and presidents of the nine educational institutions belonging to the Augustana synod will also be present.

Besides these scholars and church men there will be many other prominent men taking part. Governor Eberhart of Minnesota and Governor Charles Deneen of Illinois are on the program, the former taking part in the session which has been called "Greater Augustana," held in the evening of June 7. Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court of appeals, Chicago, will be the college commencement speaker and Chief Justice Harry Olson of Chicago will also speak.

The Rev. Dr. E. Norellus of Vasa, Minn., president of the synod and one of the early pioneers, will be the main figure at the synodal jubilee. Though now an old man, being 80 years old, he is quite active and a staunch pillar in the synod.

A special auditorium seating over 2,000 people has just been completed on the college campus, and arrangements are being made for extensive decorating of the beautiful College boulevard and all the streets leading to the college grounds.

All the classes that have graduated from the school have arranged for reunions, as have also the musical organizations. The largest musical reunion will no doubt be the reunion of the Handel Oratorio choirs, which, it is estimated, will number close to 200 members. This chorus will render the jubilee cantata written for the occasion by W. Olson of Chicago. The famous Wagon Wheel chorus will be more than ready. The chapel choir, composed only of trained voices, has sent no-

was stationed at Chicago Lake and P. Carlson at Carver. A little later J. W. C. Boren took up the work at Red Wing. Beside the small means at their disposal they often had to be on their guard for the Indians, who often annoyed them. At times they were compelled to leave their dwellings and flee from the prairie into the towns with the Indians at their heels and their houses in flames behind them.

The spiritual status of the different congregations varied exceedingly. Here is a picture of the discipline exercised within a northern settlement: The men gathered and went from place to place to punish individuals and "apply the law." One man was trying to appropriate the land of a widow. He was driven out of the settlement, whereupon the whole crowd plowed, sowed and fenced in a considerable position of the widow's land and promised to protect her rights. After it was all done the "committee" took a few drinks and "spend an enjoyable evening together." This of course, was more on the order of "vigilance" than of evangelical church discipline; but their motives seem to have been good, and it had at least the desired effect.

The privations and sacrifices of the ministers were great and for the present generation to understand how they could bear it, the present president of the synod, Dr. E. Norellus, lived at Vasa, Minn., in a single room, which also served as a church. The furniture consisted of a bureau, a stove and a bed. Later on they moved to better quarters—a house provided with a tent-roof. When it rained they stepped under an umbrella. When they moved to Red Wing there was no room to be had, and in all good faith a man told them: "I don't know anything else but for you to move into my pigsty for the present." It was a new experience, however, and had not been used for its purpose as yet. But his hospitality was not put in requisition.

In the year 1860 the Scandinavians withdrew from the northern Illinois synod and organized an independent synod. They held a conference in the Swedish Lutheran church of Chicago, April 23-25. This step marks a new beginning in the history of the Scandinavian Lutherans of America. At the meeting at Clinton, Wis., where the final organization of the synod took place, it was also decided to establish a school of their own and Augustana college and theological seminary, now located at Rock Island, Ill., was founded. Rev. Hasselquist was elected president of the synod and Prof. Esbjorn president of the school. The school was first located at Chicago, but later moved to Paxton, Ill. Rev. O. C. T. Andreen was sent to Sweden to gather funds for the new school and succeeded well. The sum raised was \$6,000, of which \$10,000 was donated by the king. Carl XV. donated over 5,000 volumes that had belonged to the library of his father. In 1875 the institution was removed to Rock Island, Ill.

In 1876 the Norwegians withdrew from the Swedish Augustana synod, united with the general council, organized in 1867.

The men who have served the synod as its presidents are Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, 1860-1870; Rev. Jonas Swenson, 1870 to his death in 1873; Dr. E. Norellus, 1874-1881; Dr. Erland Carlsson, 1881-1888; Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl, 1888-1891; Dr. P. J. Sward, 1891-1899; and again Dr. Norellus from 1899 to the present time.

## Some Specially Culled May Time Flowers from Storied Urns

**AN APPROPRIATE TEXT.**  
OHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., asked me one Saturday afternoon a good, biblical text to base an address on.

"I'm thinking," he said, "about that beautiful verse from the Twenty-third Psalm—'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.'"

"Beautiful, and appropriate," I agreed. But, Rockefeller, there is even a better verse in the same psalm—"Thou art my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

**IN THE LAND OF RAPID TRAVEL.**  
The train crews of the southwest, from sheer necessity, are made up of men able to take and appreciate a joke," says former Councilman L. C. Carran. "Otherwise the dreariness and monotony of their lives might kill them."

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I was on a train in Arkansas recently, when the brakeman came through the car and howled out some sort of gibberish as we came to a stop.

"What place is this, please?" I asked the conductor.

"Place," "this ain't no place," he said, and good-naturedly, too, at that. "This is just one of the habits of the engineer. Whenever he goes so many yards he stops just from force of habit."

**FRIENDS IN BOTH PLACES.**  
Mark Twain, the humorist, said friends in the city, and one of them, a woman who was his hostess at a dinner on his last visit to Philadelphia, tells the following story:

"We were talking about the future life, and the various kinds of reward and punishment that might be expected in the next world, and Mr. Clemens took no part in the discussion."

**ONE NOT IN THE BIBLE.**  
"We were invited to dinner the other evening, my wife and I," said a Staten Island preacher, "by some people who had just moved into the parish. Indirectly my wife had allowed the maid to go out that day, which involved the consideration of my boy, who is just 6 years old. My wife telephoned asking if it would be agreeable to bring the youngster. Of course the new parishioners replied that they would be delighted. So we went."

"At dinner I was asked to say grace, and not satisfied with this family began to repeat in turn a passage of Scripture. The brevity of the benediction seemed to make the most popular appeal, and when my boy's turn came I saw a twinkle in his eye, but was scarcely prepared for what followed. With a look of extreme piety he folded his hands and exclaimed:

"Blessed are those who shall rise again, for they shall rise again!"—New York Sun.

**WHERE WAS JOHN?**  
A San Francisco woman, whose husband had been dead some years, went to a medium, who produced the spirit of her dead husband.

"My dear John," said the widow to the spirit, "are you happy now?"  
"I am very happy," John replied.  
"Happier than you were on earth with me?" she asked.

"Yes," was the answer; "I am far happier now than I was on earth with you."  
"Tell me, John, what is it like in heaven?"  
"Heaven," said John, "I'm not in heaven."—Lippincott's Magazine.

**PLATT'S OPINION.**  
"The late Senator Platt," said an Albany legislator, "had a cynical wit. Talking about a politician who had changed his party, he once said to me:

"Circumstances alter everything—politics, religion, even health."  
"Why, I've got a friend who is afflicted with insomnia in its worst form, and yet every morning that man sleeps as sweet and sound as a new born babe when his wife crawls over him to start the fire!"—Rochester Herald.

his age seemed about 119, the company sent a special agent to his home to make sure that James Montrose in his proper person was really getting the annuity.

"The agent found James Montrose, an aged man, but hale, making a chicken coop in the backyard."

"Are you Mr. James Flagg Montrose?"  
"Yes, sir; I am," the old man answered.  
"Are you the Mr. Montrose who draws the annuity from the Dash company?"  
"Yes, sir, I am, and my father before me," said the old man.—Detroit Free Press.

**EPICURUS ON EXPERIENCE.**  
The late Senator Platt had a whimsical way of wrapping his views of life in neat epigrams.

A New York jurist once said to Senator Platt:  
"My son wishes to marry a chorus girl. Give him some good advice, won't you?"  
"Yes," said Senator Platt. "Advice is worthless. We learn only by experience."

"And experience," he said, "is, alas! a comb for a bald head."—New York Sun.

**GRANT'S TOUR AND ROOSEVELT'S.**  
Correspondents of foreign newspapers following the trail of Colonel Roosevelt draw novel pen pictures of the event and occasionally institute comparisons. In the latter class is the Paris correspondent of London Truth, who contrasts the present tour with that of General Grant, thirty-two years ago. He says:

"The tour of General Grant, when ex-president, round the capitals and courts of Europe was humdrum and quiet, and indeed just nothing compared to that now made by Colonel—to give him his military title—Roosevelt. Yet Grant turned the tide of victory from south to north. He brought the United States in safety and without a Caesarist wind-up through one of the greatest civil wars ever known. He must have passed through Europe unnoticed had not the different monarchs he called on invited him and Mrs. Grant to dinner. And they did this without going out of the ordinary course. Not a soul noticed General Grant on the boulevards and in the Rue de la Paix as he sauntered to and from the American bar to take a glass of whiskey as an appetizer before each meal. His instinct led him to keep his goods on the back shelves of his store. That of ex-President Roosevelt is to show them well in the front window. But few persons thought Grant interesting until he revealed his great character and tender nature in his last illness from a cancer in the throat. In that time of sore suffering he wrote his memoirs, not for any egotistical satisfaction, but to assure a fairly good income to Mrs. Grant. The pen to correct and revise only fell from his hand a few hours before the fatal moment.

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