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Easter Morn.

This holy morn, so fair and bright,
Shall hear our praises swell;
For oh, what joy prevails on earth,
What wild despair in hell!

In vain they sealed His sepulcher,
And watched around His tomb;
The Lord hath gained the victory,
And death is overcome.

Then calm your grief, dismiss your fears,
Let no more tears be shed;
The mighty Vanquisher of death
Is risen from the dead.

From the Latin.

The Easter Victory.

The Easter victory is our Savior's victory, and therefore "the voice of rejoicing is heard in the tabernacles of the righteous" at Easter time. To redeem us from the power of sin, and death, and the devil, our Savior went forth alone and single-handed to fight the battle with these our enemies. In that tremendous conflict, at which the inhabitants of hell and heaven gazed with amazement, He was our representative. If He lost the battle, the loss would be ours; and if He gained, the gain would be ours.

When Christ died upon the cross and was laid into the grave, our enemies rejoiced; for they thought that the victory was theirs and that we were their own forever. But they were mistaken. On the third day Christ rose triumphantly from the grave as the mighty Conqueror over sin, death, and the devil. The victory was His, and His victory is our victory. This is the ground of our Easter joy. In our risen Savior we have the victory over all our enemies. In Him we have redemption from sin, from death, and from the

power of the devil. Therefore we rejoice in the happy Easter time and give thanks unto God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Finished is the battle now:
The crown is on the Victor's brow!
Thence with sadness!
Sing with gladness,
Hallelujah!"

Taking Advantage of his Readers.

The self-complacency of "The Silent Churchman," official organ of the Episcopal Mission to the Deaf, is not only ridiculous but at times even nauseating. Every copy we have seen so far is self-laudatory. But the February number caps the climax. It is fanatical, and the editor, Rev. Flick of Chicago, takes for granted that his deaf readers, ignorant of church history, will accept as Gospel truth every word he writes. Among other self-complacent statements, here is one:

"With more vigor than Protestants, we deny Rome's claims. . . . Indeed the Protestant world, in defending itself from Rome, has largely depended upon the writings of this (Episcopalian) Church."

Well, how about the humble Martin Luther, when on Oct. 31, 1517, he nailed the 95 theses against Rome on the doors of the Wittenberg church? On whom did this great but simple reformer depend when in 1521, after fearlessly exposing the Pope's erroneous doctrines, before Emperor, Princes and States he uttered these weighty words, which have re-echoed the world over: "Unless I shall be convinced by proof from Scripture or by evident reason,—I cannot choose but adhere to the Word of God, which has possession of my conscience; nor can I possibly, nor will I ever make any recantation. . . . Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise; so help me God! Amen."

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In 1530 we see the Protestants at the Diet at Augsburg handing in a declaration of their faith, the Augsburg Confession, which is still embodied in the Book of Confessions of the Lutheran Church. Certainly no one, not even the Episcopal Church, has ever "denied Rome's claims with more vigor" than is done in this and other Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church.

Upon whom has the Lutheran Church ever depended in its fight against Rome, or in its fight against any false doctrine for that matter? Truly not on the writings of the Episcopalian Church! We are not speaking for other denominations now, but as regards the Lutheran Church it has ever taken the standpoint of Luther: We "cannot but adhere to the Word of God" in every detail. Only on the Bible did and will we ever depend as the only true norm and rule of Christian doctrine, something which the Episcopalian Church falls short of, as will be seen from its Book of Common Prayer. Lutheranism is, therefore, not new, but as old as the Bible itself.

But the Rev. Mr. Flick's fanatic spirit finds further nourishment in a clipping from Wm. M. Brown, which he ostentatiously copies. It says:

"In the comparatively near future Lutheranism, Congregationalism, etc. will be things of the past. . . . There is nothing for Americans to do but to become Episcopalianians."

Mark the words of the Episcopal prophet! All churches and denominations will be swallowed up by the "Historic Church of the English-speaking race," which is, of course, the Episcopal Church! We tremble at the thought and wonder how soon we might be obliged to vacate our office to some Episcopalian clergyman! The same writer urges all Americans to join his church, because he thinks his church has more "probability of perpetuity"

than any other church. Probability, eh?—As to the Lutheran Church we say not only that it will **probably** be perpetual, but that it **positively** "shall to eternity endure." For we have the Word of God in its entirety. And our Master says: My words shall not pass away. Matth. 24, 35. By the grace of God we continue in Christ's words. Anyway,—probability of perpetuity is a poor thing on which to base your reasons for joining a church. The one important question our Lord wants us to ask when joining a church is this: "Does this church teach the Word of God in ALL truth and purity, and are the Sacraments there administered according to Christ's institutions? Does it continue in Christ's teachings?" And upon close examination you will find that the Lutheran Church does so in every detail.

It were better if "The Silent Churchman" came out of its self-complacence and would give its readers more actual religion and Gospel truths than such boastful historical inaccuracies. Nor does a thinking public sanction the endeavors of certain deaf Episcopalian clergymen to "get into print" at every possible occasion. Thus we often read: "The Rev. Mr. So and So was the first deaf clergyman to do this or that." That savors of egotism. If in any respect the Lord has shown the Episcopal Church special grace, its Clergymen will, if possessed of the true Christian spirit, not boast, but humble themselves before God, as did richly blessed Jacob, saying: "I am not worthy of the least of all thy mercies. . . . which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant." Gen. 32, 10. Self-conceit and intolerance are the marks of a bigot.

Conference Notice.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will hold its annual meeting at St. Louis, Mo., from the 14th to the 17th of May. The following papers will be up for discussion: Continuation of "Uniformity of Signs," by Rev. A. Reinke; Catechisation in Signs, Fourth and Fifth Commandments, by Rev. A. Reinke; Catechisation in Signs on the Sixth and Seventh Commandments, by Rev. N. Jensen; A Sermon in Signs, by the Revs. A. Boll and T. Wangerin, respectively; The Religious Status of the Deaf in the United

States, by Rev. J. Salvner. On Sunday, May 16th, a combined service will be held in which all missionaries take part. Missionaries desiring quarters are requested to announce themselves with the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4165 A Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo., by the 15th of this month.

J. L. SALVNER, Sec.

Minneapolis Mission.

REV. J. L. SALVNER, PASTOR.

Sunday, March 7, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wolter of Osseo, Minn., was baptized by Pastor Salvner, at Minneapolis. The names given it in Holy Baptism are: Isabella Hall. "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10, 14.—

Special services will be held on Good Friday, April 9th, at Minneapolis, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the Y. M. C. A. Building.—

On the following Sunday Easter services will be conducted at Minneapolis in the morning and at St. Paul in the afternoon. On that day also the Lord's Supper will be administered, at Minneapolis and at St. Paul.—

Two more deaf of St. Paul have applied to Rev. Salvner for instructions in the chief parts of the Christian religion. It is pleasing to see how more and more of our deaf friends declare their willingness to be instructed in the precious truths of God's Word and to learn the "one thing needful." Above all, it surely is pleasing to our dear Savior, upon whose vicarious suffering and death we are meditating in these days, for He wants us to increase in the knowledge of God, and to be "filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." May our Heavenly Father make the hearts of many more deaf willing to take a course of instructions in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine. "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 glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Eph. 3, 20, 21.

St. Louis Mission.

REV. C. SCHUBKEGEL, PASTOR.

Henceforth the Lutheran services for the

deaf will be held in the Ev. Luth. Emmaus Church, cor. Jefferson Ave. and Armand Pl., and not as heretofore in the church on cor. Benton and 21st Strs. This change has been made chiefly because the church on Jefferson Ave. is more readily reached by street-cars from all parts of the city than the former place of meeting. We hope our deaf friends will show their appreciation of this change by a more regular attendance.

Kansas City, Mo., Mission.

REV. N. F. JENSEN, PASTOR.

Caney, Kans.—Caney is not an altogether new field of our mission, as some of our readers may suppose upon reading the name of this mission field which I have added to my circuit; but it is a place which we were forced to give up for a while on account of not having a missionary to send there. For several years Rev. H. Hallerberg, our former missionary in St. Louis, conducted services at Caney. After his withdrawal from active work among the deaf, services were not held in Caney till Oct. 11, 1908. At this mid-week service, held on short notice, 23 deaf were present. Upon their urgent request I promised to come again, but for various reasons the second service could not be held till March 14. Arriving in Caney on the morning of the 13th I was informed that the deaf had made arrangements for **three** services, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening. I complied with their wishes and had the pleasure of preaching to a large audience at each of the three services. It certainly was gratifying to have one of the deaf say after the last service: "We wish you could stay another day and preach another sermon. You do not come very often and we must try and get as much as possible out of you." Their wishes regarding frequent services will be fulfilled in the near future as we intend to make Caney one of our monthly preaching places. May the Lord bless the preaching of His Word among our friends in Caney!

Milwaukee Mission.

REV. T. WANGERIN, PASTOR.

The first services with the deaf of Merrill, Wis., were held by Pastor Wangerin on Sunday evening, March 14th, in Emmanuel Lutheran

Church of the West Side. The spacious church was filled to the last seat, about 700 people being in attendance. The service was a joint service. Nine deaf were present; one having come up from Wausau. There are 12 resident deaf at Merrill, 8 of whom are Lutherans and 4 Roman Catholics. At Wausau we found 4 deaf all of them being Lutherans. Not only the deaf, of whom several had not attended services in a decade, but also the hearing friends repeatedly requested the missionary to visit Merrill as often as possible. Miss Hattie Stuth, a former graduate of our North Detroit School, was one of the visitors from Wausau. God willing, our next visit to Merrill will be in June.—

The Ladies' Society of Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf at Milwaukee, will give its annual Coffee and Social in the church parlors on Sunday after Easter, April 18th. This celebration is arranged by the ladies to commemorate the dedication of the chapel eight years ago on that Sunday. The usual large crowd of visitors is expected.—

On Sunday afternoon, March 28th, Judge Williams, of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, delivered a very interesting lecture before a large gathering of Milwaukee deaf in Emmanuel Chapel.

Chicago Mission.

REV. A. REINKE, PASTOR.

Our congregation will this summer have to meet some heavy expenses. Crystal Street, on which our church is situated, will be paved, requiring from us a payment of about \$170.00, and the church building itself is sorely in need of a coat of paint on the exterior. Our treasury, however, is at present well supplied and our congregation is ready to meet the expenses mentioned.—

A class of 5 adult deaf is to be confirmed on Palm Sunday. The names of the members will be published in the next issue.—

Joy was quickly turned into sadness when the young babe, whose recent arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Reineke had caused so much delight, was found a corpse in bed on Feb. 28th. According to the coroner's verdict it died of convulsions. Pastor Reinke based his funeral address on Matthew 18, 14.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 145 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Emmanus Church, cor. Jefferson Ave. and Armand Pl. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4165 A Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo.

TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 8 p. m., in the church, cor er Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Wabasha and Tilton Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

NEENAH, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.