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Ephphatha Conference.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference was in session at Chicago June 10th to 13th in the Church of our Savior for the Deaf. This conference consists of the Missionaries for the Deaf, their number being eight; Mr. Gielow, the Superintendent of the Lutheran School for the Deaf at North Detroit, is also a member.

Sunday evening, June 12th, a service for the deaf and their more fortunate hearing brethren was held at the church where the conference held its sessions. In this service, which was well attended, each missionary addressed the congregation on some topic, pertaining to our Lutheran Mission among the Deaf. Following is part of the program: Confirmation Required and Why? Rev. A. Boll; Financial Support of the Church, Rev. N. Jensen; Our Aim, Rev. J. Salvner; Tasks of our Missionaries, Rev. A. Reinke; Why must we Lutherans do Mission Work among the Deaf? Rev. C. Schubkegel; Your Thanks, Rev. T. Wangerin.

Rev. J. G. Nuetzel, a member of the Mission Board, spoke on "Ephphatha," especially encouraging to the missionaries. "Rock of Ages" was rendered in signs by six members of the local congregation, with organ and voice accompaniment, highly pleasing to the hearing friends present and enthusing them for our mission. The collection taken at the service amounted to \$33.69.

At the sessions various papers were read and discussed. To mention only one, but a very important and interesting one, which was read by the Rev. T. Wangerin: "Hints for Successful Mission Work among the Deaf." Friday evening, June 10th, the missionaries convened with the Mission Board and reported their progress and success in the various fields. These reports showed that their love and enthusiasm for their work had

remained unchanged and, encouraged by each other and by others to continue their labors with firm confidence in the Lord's promises and aid, they left for their respective homes, June 13th. The Rev. Gielow's absence was regretted but unavoidable, owing to urgent professional work at his school. May the Lord continue to bestow His blessings upon us and upon our work for the eternal welfare of many deaf.—R.

St. Olaf College.

We are in receipt of the May bulletin of St. Olaf College. Located at Northfield, Minn., the general aim of the college "is to give young men and women a higher education on the basis of the true Christian faith as taught in our Evangelical Lutheran Church." It is supported by the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. Aside of its collegiate and academic department, and a college course in music, it also maintains a department for the deaf, embodying a classical scientific course. Deaf graduates from state schools or from other schools of recognized standing are admitted into the introductory class without any preliminary examination. Students in the deaf department are not required to pay any tuition.

The combined system of instruction is used aiming at the best development of the students' mental power. The school offers "throughout the entire course a thorough and systematic religious instruction in agreement with the confession of the Lutheran Church." Every student must take religion in some class.

It is needless to say that St. Olaf College is offering the Lutheran deaf a higher education for which there is a demand, of which, however, very few parents of deaf children know. Many parents would like to give their deaf children a higher education, but do not care to send

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them far away. The Northfield institution, being centrally located, fills the wants of many, who believe that there is "no true culture or education without personal Christianity."

Associated Charities.

The Ev. Luth. Conference of Associated Charities held its third annual meeting at Red Wing, Minn., from June 21 to 23. It consists of the members of the various charitable organizations within the Synodical Conference, representing Hospitals, City Missions, Homes for the Aged, Home for Epileptics, the Denver Sanitarium for Consumptives and the School for the Deaf. Its purpose is to jointly further the interests of these organizations and to bring about a greater efficiency in the all important missionary work, which these charities represent. It is, therefore, important that all such organizations within the Synodical Conference, as combine mission work with charity should be represented at these annual meetings. The Red Wing meeting was a success, the dominant spirit being the words of our Savior, who says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matth. 25, 40. Among the more important papers which were discussed were the following: Mission Work in Prison, by Rev. J. Schlechte. Slum Work, by Rev. W. Herzberger. Fundamental Principles for Ev. Luth. Deaconess Work, by Rev. J. Andreae. Indenturing of Children, by Rev. J. Rupprecht. Would it be Profitable to Introduce a Deaconess System in our Hospitals? by Rev. P. Wambsganss. How to Conduct a Training School for Nurses, by Miss Keller. Reasonable Demands of Doctors, by Dr. Cramer. In a service held in Rev. Baumann's church short

addresses were delivered on Hospital Work, City Mission and the Home for Consumptives at Denver. The "Hospitalsfreund," which in all probability will later on assume the name of "The Good Samaritan," is the official paper of this organization. We regret that we cannot report in detail of all the efficient work done at Red Wing by this society, but we hope that at its next session in Chicago all societies within our Synodical Conference, which combine charity with mission work, will become members of the Ev. Luth. Associated Charities.

Assurance of Faith.

There was an old Scotch woman whom the folks called "Old Nanny." She had been sick for many years; she was bed-ridden and near the end of her long and weary pilgrimage. But she was of good cheer, for she rested as a poor sinner, with full assurance of faith, upon the finished work of the crucified and risen Savior, and trusted firmly in the promises of God given to all that believe in Jesus.

One day a young minister said to her. "Now, Nanny, what if, after all your trust in the Savior, and your watching and waiting, God should suffer your soul to be lost?"

Raising herself on her elbow, and turning to him with a look of grief and pain, she laid her hand on the open Bible before her, and quietly said, "Ah, dear me, is that all the length you have got yet, man? God," she went on earnestly, "would have the greatest loss. Poor Nannie would but lose her soul, and that would be a great loss indeed; but God would lose His honor and His character. Haven't I hung my soul on His exceeding great and precious promises? And if He break His word, He would make Himself a liar, and all the universe would rush into confusion."

Three Kinds of Death.

Death is of a threefold nature. There is a spiritual death, when the soul is separated from God and His life by unbelief. In such condition, and this is the condition of all men by nature—man is dead unto every thing divine, and prone only to everything evil. This death is removed when the Holy Ghost leads by the Gospel the contrite sinner to his heavenly

Father through the all-saving wounds of Christ, works faith and quickens the soul to follow the footprints of Christ. There is a temporal death when the soul is separated from its body. This temporal death has been turned by Christ into a gate of life and is thus experienced by such as have recovered from their spiritual death. For St. Paul tells us that as death ruled over us all as a king, so the perfected saints shall rule over death in the life of glory. There is an eternal death, which consists in eternal separation from the face and gracious presence of God, in the horrors of hell and in the company of the devils and of the wicked. This eternal death awaits those only who die in unbelief and make God a liar, who had been reconciled unto them in Christ.

"By the Law is the Knowledge of Sin,"
Rom. 3, 20.

When the Lord's Sermon on the Mount, which treats of God's holy Law, was read to the first Burman convert, he was deeply affected. "These words," he said, "take hold of my very heart; they make me tremble. Here God commands us to do everything that is good in secret, not to be seen of men. When Burmans make offerings, they make a great noise with drums and cymbals, that others may see how good they are. Oh, what great sinners we are!"

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Milwaukee.—Rev. T. Wangerin attended the conference of Associated Charities, which convened at Red Wing, Minn., from June 21 to 23.

On June 26th Mr. Edwin Nelson was confirmed in Emmanuel Chapel before a large gathering of deaf. Preceding the confirmatory vow Mr. Nelson was publicly examined in the Ten Commandments, the Creed and in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in which he showed that he fully and to his best spiritual advantage had learned the Chief Parts of the Christian religion. We do not win catechumens and confirm them even on the same day as do some of the sectarian ministers among the deaf. But our catechumens, before admitted to the Lord's Table, must be able to examine themselves according to I. Cor.

11, 28. Therefore we require a thorough knowledge at least in the Chief Parts of religion. Would that all deaf knew their Catechism as well as Mr. Nelson! The confirmation address was based on Psalm 73, 24; "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." God grant, that this be our continual prayer.

Port Washington, Wis.—On Sunday, June 19th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Larsen was baptized at the home of the parents at Port Washington by Pastor Wangerin. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are members of our congregation, attending our services as often as possible.

Minneapolis.—Baptized: On the 22nd of May, Pearl Alfreda Bernice, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ekberg; on the fourth of June, Dorothy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Hansen. "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."—Matth. 18, 6.

On the 5th of June two deaf of the Twin Cities renewed their baptismal vow. In the morning Miss Eva Gorton was confirmed at Minneapolis; in the afternoon Mr. Adolph Boellinger vowed faithfulness to our Lord at St. Paul. Both had been instructed in the Chief Parts of the Christian religion from Sept. until June and in the examination of this Sunday manifested that they are now able to examine themselves before approaching the Lord's Table. The confirmation address was based upon the words of St. Paul recorded in 2. Tim. 2, 8. "Remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead." May our dear Lord Jesus through His Holy Spirit keep them in true faith unto everlasting life. May He also make many more deaf willing to be instructed and to learn the precious Word of God.

Kansas City, Mo.—Our service on June 19th was an event of great interest and long to be remembered by all present. On this day the Misses Grace and Fannie Shafer vowed faithfulness to their Savior and were confirmed according to the rites of the Lutheran Church. The service was well attended, thirty-seven deaf occupying the front pews while a large gathering of hearing people filled the spacious

church. Pastor Jensen spoke and signed at the same time. The examination of the two catechumens on the six Chief Parts of our Catechism proved to those present that our catechumens were well instructed and were able to speak of the hope which is in them. The rendering of the beautiful hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee" in signs accompanied by organ and the choir, brought tears to the eyes of many present. Rev. Jensen spoke briefly on the text: Acts 4. 20. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." After the confirmation exercises the Lord's Supper was partaken of by eight members of our mission among whom were the newly confirmed members and Miss Flora Neff of Corder, Mo., who delights to come to Kansas City as often as she can to take part in our services. The collection which was taken amounted to \$10.00. We thank our heavenly Father for the blessing He has bestowed upon the preaching of His Word among the deaf of this city, we thank Him for whatever success we have had in the past. In Him we will continue to trust, to Him we will look for further support to carry on this blessed work of mission among the deaf.

O Christ, our true and only Light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Thy voice,
And in Thy fold with us rejoice.

Omaha, Neb.—Mr. George Ernst and Miss Emily Patterson were united in marriage on Wednesday, June 1st, at the home of Mr. John Baumann. Of the seventy persons present about half were deaf friends of the bride and groom. May God's blessing rest upon this new home, and may the home of these young people become a home of God.

Newton, Ia.—Our first service with the deaf of Newton was held on May 16th, six deaf attending services in the home of Mr. L. Herbold. A heavy rain of two days prevented others from coming. Those present requested Pastor Jensen to come again, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbold applied for membership and will soon begin to study the Catechism. At the meeting of Ephphatha Conference with the Mission Board held in Chicago June 11th, the Mission Board decided to give Newton regular monthly services.

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, 2127 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions Church, 21st and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 3:30 P. M., at Mr. W. Meyer's residence, 510 Clay St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every Friday before the third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the Lutheran School, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every third Sunday of the month, at 2 P. M., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

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 Kibbv 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.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, 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.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret 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.