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## Conference Notes.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference held its annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo., from May 12th to 15th incl. We were glad to welcome into our midst a new missionary for the deaf, the Rev. Mr. Schroeder, who will be stationed at Detroit, Mich. After the opening of the first session by the Rev. T. Wangerin, the election of officers took place which resulted in the election of the Rev. N. F. Jensen as chairman, and the Rev. J. Salvner as secretary. Of the various papers which were read and discussed we mention, "Catechisations," by Rev. Wangerin and Rev. Salvner. The Revs. Jensen and Schubkegel read sermons, and the Revs. Boll and Reinke gave Scripture readings in the sign-language which were discussed at length. It was resolved that the conference meet in Milwaukee next year. On Monday afternoon conference adjourned, some of the brethren remaining in the city several days longer to attend the meeting of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States, which had been in session here from May 10th to May 20th.

## Conference Service.

On Sunday evening, May 14th, Ephphatha Conference held a joint service for both deaf and hearing people in Trinity Luth. Church, St. Louis. Pastor J. Salvner of Minneapolis, Minn., preached a German sermon which was interpreted in the sign-language by Pastor Jensen of Kansas City. In this sermon which was based on Mark 7, 31-37, Pastor Salvner answered the question, "Why a mission for the deaf?" by the following three arguments:

1. Because the deaf must be brought to Christ;
2. Because by this blessed work the deaf are taught to speak right of Christ;
3. Because thereby the honor and glory of God is increased.

A number of delegates to the Missouri Synod in session here, who attended the service, were highly pleased to see two deaf ladies, Mrs. Anna Kugelman and Miss Minnie Gerling render in signs a German hymn, sung by the congregation, and the two English hymns, "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide," and "Rock of Ages," sung by the Orpheus Glee Club of Concordia Seminary. For the benefit of the hearing people present, Pastor A. Reinke gave a short explanation of the signs used in rendering the Lord's Prayer. During the service a collection was taken up for the benefit of our mission, which amounted to \$33.43, and after the service a friend of our mission, who does not wish his name mentioned, handed to Rev. A. Reinke \$5.00 more for the same purpose. May God, who knows him, bless him and all friends of our mission, and may He continue to bless our work among the deaf unto His honor and the salvation of many souls.

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## "And Then?"

Speaking about wishes, a young man said to a friend of his: "I wish I would become the owner of this estate. Then I would be happy."

"And then?" said the friend.

"Why, then I'd pull down the old house, and build a large, beautiful house, have lots of jolly fellows around me, keep the best wines, and the finest horses and dogs in the country."

"And then?"

"Then I'd hunt, and ride, and smoke, and drink, and dance, and keep open house, and enjoy life gloriously."

"And then?"

"Why, then, I suppose, like other people, I should grow old and not care so much for these things."

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"Why, then, I suppose, in the course of nature I should leave all the pleasant things—and—well, yes—die."

"And then?"

"Oh, don't bother me with your 'thens!' I must be off."

Years passed by, when the two met again, and the young man said to his friend: "God bless you! I owe my happiness to you."

"How?" asked the friend.

"By two words spoken in season—the two words: 'And then?' They made me think of the foolishness of my wishes and moved me to care for the eternal welfare of my soul."

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Hebr. 9, 27.

"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16, 26.

**Let Your Light Shine.**

Let your religion be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A light-house sounds no drum, it beats no gong; yet far over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner.

**God's Goodness.**

In the spring there first appear the blossoms; and then, shortly after, the strawberries and cherries; and then, ere long, plums, apples, and berries of vinous juice and virtue. To these we are to add the infinite variety of herbs and odors. And then, at the time of harvest, our barns are filled with wheat, rye, barley, and corn, and grain of every kind. In the autumn, our presses overflow with wine of an infinite variety of taste and fragrance, and our vats are filled to the brim. Thus the Lord fills the whole revolution of the year, and every part of it, with His overflowing and infinite goodness.—Luther.

**Danger Lessened.**

The danger of fire on the great trans-atlantic steamship is no longer to be dreaded. Fire in a compartment can be isolated by the closing of the bulkhead doors, and the flames may then be fought by forcing into the burning section of the hull carbonic acid gas, steam and water. Fires occur from time to time on liners but they are extinguished so readily, and are so easily confined, that the passengers seldom know anything about them.

No such devices avail with the human soul. A man can not allow the fire of sin or lust in one compartment of his being and then keep it out of the remainder. A taint at one point is a taint of the whole nature.

**Christ Only.**

In the days of the flood there was only one place of safety, and that was the ark. It was not the ark and something else, but the ark alone. So the only place of safety for sinners is in Christ. Not Christ and something else, but Christ alone. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," says the apostle. And again it is written: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

**A Manuscript Bible for a Pillow.**

Just as Dr. Judson had finished translating the New Testament into Burmese he was cast into prison. His wife took the precious manuscript and buried it in the ground. But if left there it would soon decay, while to reveal its existence to its foes would surely lead to its destruction. So it was arranged that she should put it within a roll of cotton and bring it to him in the form of a pillow, so hard that even the keeper of the prison did not covet it. After seven months this pillow (so uninviting externally, so precious to him) was taken away, and then his wife redeemed it by giving a better one in exchange. Some time after he was hurried off to another prison, leaving everything behind him, and his old pillow was thrown into the

prison yard to be trodden under foot as worthless cotton; but after a few hours one of the native Christians discovered the roll and took it home as a relic of the prisoner; and there, long afterward, the manuscript was found within the cotton, complete and uninjured.

Surely, we may say the hand of the Lord was interposed to save from destruction the fruit of years of toil, so important for those who were to read the Burmese Bible.

### Cynic Rebuked.

The late A. T. Gordon told this incident:

A certain infidel, a blacksmith, was in the habit when any one came into his shop, of telling what some Christian brother or minister had done, and say, "That is one of their fine Christians we hear so much about!"

An old gentleman and a good Christian, one day went into the shop; the infidel soon began about what some Christians had done. The old man stood a few moments and listened, and then quietly asked the infidel if he had read the story in the Bible about the rich man and Lazarus.

"Yes, many a time; and what of it?"

"Well, you remember about the dogs; how they came and licked the sores of Lazarus? Now," said the old man, "do you know, you just remind me of those dogs,—content to merely lick the Christian's sores."

The blacksmith became quiet, and hasn't had much to say about failing Christians since.

### AMONG OUR DEAF.

**Milwaukee.**—Pentecost services will be conducted by Rev. E. Duemling at Emanuel Chapel on June 4th, at 7:30 P. M.

Our Ladies' Society recently contributed \$25 towards the support of our mission.

Convention services of the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf will be conducted at Oshkosh, Wis., on July 2d, 10 A. M., at the convention hall by Rev. T. Wangerin, who has accepted to act as official interpreter of the Association.

**Omaha, Neb.**—On Sunday, April 30th, Mrs. Geo. Ernst was confirmed according to the rites of our church, before a good sized assemblage

of deaf people. After the customary examination on the chief parts of the Catechism, in the course of which Mrs. Ernst proved to have been a good student of this book, Pastor Jensen preached a short sermon on John 7, 69, "We believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Thereupon followed the confirmation and the celebration of the Lord's Supper, six members partaking thereof.

Thus another member has been added to our Omaha Mission. We hope that these confirmation services, which are witnessed by many who as yet have not found it necessary to study the Bible and learn the "one thing needful," will impress upon their minds that it is a "needful thing" indeed to learn God's Word, and not to join a church without knowing the doctrines of this particular church and whether these doctrines conform to the Bible. All the deaf we have confirmed so far have expressed their gratification because they have been led to take this step and they one and all praise the efforts of our Lutheran missionaries, because they devote so much time and labor upon this important work among the deaf. We are glad to do this, because we know the benefits of this work. Come, then, friends of our missions, you who regularly attend our services, but who for various reasons have never taken catechetical instruction, come, let us teach you in a systematic way the chief parts of the Christian religion. Give this subject your serious attention, and I know you will not regret it. Ask those who know.

**St. Paul.**—On the 23d of April, Miss Martha Goetz of St. Paul was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins in the presence of ten deaf. The way of salvation had been explained to her and upon confessing her faith in Jesus, the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, she received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May she remain faithful unto our Savior to the glory of His holy name, and may we all not forget that "we are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6, 4.

**Minneapolis.**—On the 9th of May Mr. P. J. Linde, a member of our Minneapolis mission,

departed this life at his home in Robbinsdale. It is almost four years ago when he was stricken with paralysis. During all this time, he never had been able to attend our services. The pastor visited him regularly and comforted him with the word of our Savior. He had a deep knowledge of his sins and always wondered at the great love of Jesus who came into the world and shed His blood also for him. About four weeks before his death, the pastor talked with him about the wonderful grace of God. When he was told that the work of Christ is finished and that there is nothing for the sinner to do but to accept this salvation in true faith, then he was completely overwhelmed. We may sincerely believe that his soul is now with Jesus in paradise, while his body rests in the grave until the last day, when all who are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth. And may we all remember, that also we must die and therefore daily pray, "Teach us to number our days that we apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90, 12.

**Ft. Wayne.**—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lotz, both deaf mutes, celebrated their 25th silver wedding anniversary April 25th with their sons and daughter, forty guests participating in the event. Mr. Lotz is a tailor and widely known in the city. Mrs. Lotz's maiden name was Augusta Hermsdorfer and was born and raised in Fort Wayne. Rev. Boll, deaf-mute missionary of Toledo, and the Revs. Jacob and Paul Miller also took part in the affair. A collection was raised for the benefit of the deaf mute missionary, which amounted to \$8.10. The house was beautifully decorated with silver paper festoons and smilax, carnations and roses, all suggestive of a silver wedding anniversary. At a late hour an elegant supper was served.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—On the afternoon of May 10th Mr. Fleming W. Boen and Miss Bertha Kraft were united in marriage by Pastor C. Schubkegel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Aldrich, the two latter acting as witnesses. Mrs. Boen is a former pupil of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in North Detroit, Mich. May God bless their union with His favor, and sanctify their hearts and lives, that they may ever be more closely united to Christ, their heavenly bridegroom, and by faith in Him finally enter to the marriage of the Lamb.

## 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 School, 20th 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 by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

## INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 7:30 P. M., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

## EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 P. M., in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

## LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every first Sunday of the month, at 10:30 A. 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 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.

## 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 Sunday except last 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.

## OSHAOSH, 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.