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Hephphatha Conference.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference held its tenth annual meeting at Milwaukee from June 21 to 24. Of the eleven members of this conference nine were present. Rev. P. Uhlig was welcomed as a new member. Rev. J. Nuetzel of Chicago attended the meetings as representative of the Board of Missions for the Deaf. Catechisations, sermons and readings by the missionaries in the sign-language were discussed. Much of the time was given to a report by Rev. Reinke about our mission on the Pacific Coast. Rev. Reinke recently, by request of the Board, spent nine weeks in the principal cities along the Pacific. There is much need for several missionaries in that section of the country and the wants of these deaf will be supplied as best we can at the present time. The missionaries agreed by consent of the Board to publish reports on our mission at regular intervals in our synodical papers. It was also resolved to again remind the congregations of our synod of the resolution passed last year at the General Synod at St. Louis, which recommends that on Ephphatha Sunday, the 12th Sunday after Trinity, our congregations raise a collection for our treasury, which, if generally carried out, will put our Board in a position to extend our work whenever necessary. Conference resolved to meet at Minneapolis next year in the latter part of June. Adjournment followed on Monday.

Conference Service.

On Sunday evening, June 23rd, conference held a joint service for both deaf and hearing people in Zion Lutheran Church. About 100 deaf were present. Rev. Wangerin presided.

Short addresses were delivered by several missionaries, the Rev. A. Boll speaking on "Ephphatha Conference and its Mission." The Rev. O. Schroeder spoke on "A True Christian, a True Missionary," and the Rev. N. Jensen on "A Parting Word." The Rev. J. Nuetzel of Chicago, in his address spoke chiefly to the missionaries, encouraging them in their work, that they be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as they know that their labor is not in vain in the Lord, I. Cor. 15, 58. One of the features of the program was the rendering of the hymn "Rock of Ages" in signs by five ladies of the congregation. They were the Mrs. E. Nelson, R. Nordwig, W. Schoknecht, O. Langner and F. Miller. The hymn was sung at the same time by the Apollo Glee Club of Concordia College. In the audience were our blind-deaf friends Eva Halliday and Minnie Dunck. All the addresses were interpreted to them through the sense of touch by the local missionary. God grant that these conferences and services tend to encourage our deaf in their church work, that they may grow in faith and remain faithful to the end, that also they may see and be thankful to their Lord for the many blessings He has given them through His Word and in the sign-language.

Peace in Believing.

Mr. Patrick of Scotland once met with a woman who had long struggled with doubts and fears and could not find peace for her troubled soul. Looking far off for something not promised by the Lord, she had forgotten that God has said, "The Word is nigh thee," and in striving for peace in laboring, and peace in feeling, she overlooked the simple method of "peace in believing, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

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Placing himself beside her, and looking her steadily in the face, Mr. Patrick said: "Do ye believe the Bible?"

"I do," she replied.

"Can ye tell me who made the world?"

She smiled a little contemptuously and after a pause said, "It was God."

To this he quickly replied, "How do ye know? Were ye there to see?"

"No, I was not there, but the Word of God says that He made it."

"Ah! well, ye believe all the Bible says, do ye?"

She said, "Yes."

"Ah! well, we'll see. 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him!' Who said that?"

"The Father."

"Well, will ye do as the Father bids ye? He commands ye to hear the Son."

To this she assented.

"Well, then, what does the Son say? 'God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.' Again He says, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' And again He says, 'Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.' If ye do not believe that, ye do not believe Him. I tell ye, ye do not believe all the Bible."

The poor doubting woman saw her sin of not trusting simply in what God's Word says concerning the grace and the love and the saving work of Christ. Accepting the promises, she found "peace in believing," and looking up to her gracious God she was enabled to say with every true Christian:

"Thy grace first made me feel my sin,
It taught me to believe;

Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now I live, I live!"

Example is more forcible than precept. People look at my six days in the week to see what I mean on the seventh.—Cecil.

Grace and Peace.

These two words, **grace** and **peace**, do contain in them the whole sum of Christianity: Grace containeth the remission of sins; peace, a quiet and joyful conscience. When the grace and peace of God are in the heart, then is the man strong, so that he can neither be cast down by adversity, nor puffed up by prosperity; but walketh on evenly, and keepeth the highway, and is able to bear and overcome all troubles, yea, even death itself, for in spirit he walketh in the paradise of grace and peace.—Luther.

He Saw it in a New Light.

"I have been a member of your church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me. I was shamefully neglected."

"My friend," said the pastor, "in all those thirty years how many sick have **you** visited?"

"Oh," he replied, "it never struck me in **that light**."

A little boy who was born blind had an operation performed which enabled him to see. His mother led him out and uncovered his eyes for the first time, and let him look upon the sky and trees and grass and flowers. "Oh mother!" he cried, "why didn't you tell me it was so beautiful?" "I tried to tell you, dear," was her answer, "but you could not understand me."

So it is sometimes with great verses in the Bible. When we read them first or commit them to memory, we do not understand, but often when they fit life our eyes are opened, we wonder at the beauty of them.

Nothing seems easier than to see the faults of others, and nothing harder than to see and correct our own.

Unbelief.

Unbelief has its seat not in the head, but in the heart. Men do not want to believe the Bible, because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God, because the Bible lays an arrest upon appetites and passions which they love to gratify, because it utters the stern admonition of a reckoning in the future world for the sins of the present, because it humbles them into the dust by casting the highest not less certainly than the lowest, the most cultivated and refined not less surely than the most ignorant and degraded, upon the grace of God and the atoning sacrifice of Christ for salvation. Therefore all attempts to convert the skeptic by argument must necessarily fail. Every conversion is the result of the Holy Spirit's work in the heart of man.

Delayed Judgment.

A certain farmer, who was an infidel, sent to the editor of a weekly newspaper the following letter:

"Sir:—I have been trying an experiment. I have a field of Indian corn, which I plowed on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I did all the cultivating which it received on Sunday. I gathered the crop on Sunday, and on Sunday hauled it to my barn; and I find that I have more corn per acre than has been gathered by any of my neighbors during this October."

What a triumphant sneer lay behind these words of the skeptic! But one thinks the light faded from his eyes as he read the sentence which the editor appended to his letter:

"N. B.—God does not always settle His accounts in October!"

Why the Holy Spirit reproves the World for its Unbelief.

In Scripture we read that every transgression of the divine law is marked as an iniquity, as a sin. But above all is unbelief, unfaith in Christ, set down as the chief sin, as the root and fountain-head of sin, yea, as the culminating sin. And we are taught that the office of the Holy Spirit will aim at this particular point to reprove the world for not believing in Christ. To understand this lesson aright, we are instructed

by God's ambassadors in the following manner:

All men are indeed sinners by nature; but for this reason the Son of God became man, suffered and died on the cross and thereby atoned for the sins of all men, bore their chastisement and now invites them in the Gospel to believe in Him. All such as believe in Him are looked upon by God as though they had never committed any sin; yea, by such faith men attain a new heart which is able to hate and abstain from sin. Now for a sinner to refuse the only cure of sin, is certainly the sin of all sins.

I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.
—Luther.

The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is chief among all prayers. First because of the teacher that taught it, even our dear Lord, Jesus Christ. As He is almighty, all-wise and all-holy, so His prayer is the most powerful, most wise and most holy and must therefore be held in highest esteem. Secondly, it is the chief prayer because of the things therein contained. For it comprises all things for which we should ask, things temporal and eternal, as body and soul need them for their welfare. It is acceptable with God and is an intercession also for the weal of our fellowmen. In the third place the Lord's Prayer surpasses all other prayers because it adds strength and dignity to our prayers, and for this reason we add this prayer to our other petitions. These considerations should induce us to make daily and constant use of the Lord's Prayer.

What a pity it is that people will absent themselves from service, without being compelled. They imagine that it is hot weather, or cold weather, or rain, or snow, or fatigue, or indisposition that prevents them, but, in reality, it is the devil, who has been in their pastor's study and has read his sermon; and since he fears that a certain person may be converted by it, he keeps him from attending church. (Walther.)

"A man who is not a Christian everywhere is not a Christian anywhere."

Good works do not make a Christian; but one must be a Christian to do good works. The tree bringeth forth the fruit, not the fruit the tree. None is made a Christian by works, but by Christ; and being in Christ, he brings forth fruit for Him.—Luther.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Minneapolis.—On the 14th of June Mr. Martin Engen of Kindred, N. Dak., and Miss Minnie Hauberg of Henning, Minn., were married at the pastor's home. A few of their friends had been invited for the occasion.—On the 17th of June Mr. John A. Dortero and Miss Mattie Ree were united in holy matrimony also at the pastor's home. Mr. and Mrs. Engen and Mrs. Dortero are members of our deaf Lutheran church, having been instructed and confirmed by the pastor several years ago. May God's richest blessings rest upon both of these unions, and above all may God help them all to remain true to the Savior who suffered and died for them.

Mr. Ernest Dahms of Sibley, Iowa, who on Easter day attended our services and also partook of the Lord's Supper, sent us \$2.00 for our dear Deaf Mission. That is right. Let us always give part of our earnings to help spread among the deaf the good news of the forgiveness of sin by faith in the blood of Jesus. Dear reader, are you helping?

On the 15th of June the deaf had a social at the home of Miss Ree. The deaf had asked their hearing friends to help and in that way \$32.50 were realized for our church fund. We now have \$139.39.

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.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 122 E. 88th St., New York.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

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

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services every Saturday before the 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 third 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. O. Schroeder.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

LIMA, O.

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

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

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. O. Schroeder.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

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. O. Schroeder, 630 Lakeview Ave.

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.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

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 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, 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.