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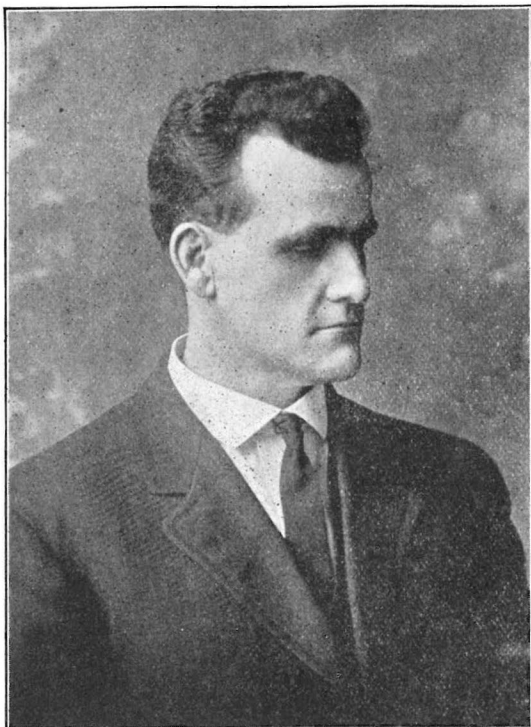
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JOHN LAUBY

Our Minneapolis blind-deaf Catechumen.

Lauby's Confirmation.

On the 27th day of April an unusual service took place in Trinity Lutheran Church. On the afternoon of that day our blind-deaf friend John Lauby renewed his baptismal vow. Born deaf he at the age of 16 also lost his sight. In his trials and afflictions the Word of God was his joy and comfort. He is now 35 years of age and during these years he diligently read the Word of God, parts of which he had purchased in the Moon Embossed Type. When he came to Minneapolis he eagerly desired to be instructed and confirmed. Since Luther's

Catechism can be obtained only in American Braille, he also set to work to learn this type and soon he mastered it. Joyfully he now studied and memorized the catechism and quite a number of verses from the Bible. An eager and diligent student he was, indeed! As stated above he was confirmed on the 27th of April. Cheerfully he answered all questions which he understood by placing his left hand upon the right hand of the missionary, and by his answers manifested that he is able to examine himself before partaking of the Lord's Supper. With others he took communion on the 4th of May. May God keep him steadfast in true faith unto everlasting life.

The Minnesota Companion had this to say about Lauby's confirmation:

Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at three o'clock, in the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, corner Thirteenth Avenue South and Nineteenth Street, Mr. John Lauby, blind-deaf, was confirmed by Rev. John Salvner, and there was a large attendance of people hearing and deaf. Rev. Mr. Salvner gave an excellent sermon on the text, "I am the light of the world."—John VIII: 12. Misses Jennie Martenson, Jennie C. Peterson and Alma Saterlund and Mrs. Clara T. Lauby, following the organ, sang "Just as I am" in signs. When money was collected, half for mission work of the deaf and the rest to be presented to John Lauby, Rev. Mr. Salvner interpreted the hymn, "The Word and The Church," to the deaf. Closing the confirmation of John Lauby, Rev. Mr. Salvner and all the deaf signed the "Lord's Prayer." The deaf congratulated John warmly and spoke happy words to him.

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Preciousness of the Bible.

An old colored man in the West Indies, residing at a considerable distance from the missionary, but exceedingly desirous of learning to read the Bible, came to him regularly for a lesson. He made but little progress, and his teacher, almost disheartened, intimated his fears that his labors would be lost, and asked him, "Had you not better give it over?"—"No, massa," said he, with great energy, "me never give it over till me die"; and, pointing with his finger to John 3, 16,—“God so loved the world,” etc.,—added, with touching emphasis, “It is worth all de labor to be able to read dat one single verse.”

Footprints.

“What is that, father?” asked Benny.

“It is a footprint, my son, and is a sign that some one came into our front garden last night.”

“It must be,” replied Benny, “for there could not be a footprint unless somebody had been there to make it.”

“That is true, Benny; and now show me some of the footprints of the Creator.”

“I don’t understand you, father,” Benny said.

“Well, who made all these beautiful flowers, these splendid trees, the clouds up in the sky, the great round earth with its mountains and valleys and lakes and rivers? Who set the sun flaming in the heavens, and the bright moon, and the glittering stars?”

“Oh, God, to be sure.”

“Then all these things are but footprints of the Creator; they are the sign that there is a Creator. See this plant that I hold—man

could never have made it! See all the glistening grass, hear all the chirping birds—man did not nor could not make them! God made them, and they are all ‘footprints’ reminding us of the power, and wisdom, and goodness of God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. Do you understand?”

“Yes, father, I understand very well now, and I thank you for teaching me that lesson. It makes me think of a Bible passage which we recently learned in school:

“‘O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.’ (Ps. 104, 24.)”

If we truly believed that all things come to us purely through God’s grace and mercy, our hearts would leap with joy and would always be in heaven.—Luther.

The Comfort and Power of God’s Word.

N. Selnecker, the great Lutheran divine, relates that a pious jurist, or lawyer, in his last sickness, shortly before his departure, said: “Now I see and realize how useful it is to memorize God’s Word in youth. In my youth I had to learn by heart the 53d chapter of the Prophet Isaiah. For this I would not now take all the treasures of the world; for whenever I call to mind that chapter I have more help and comfort therefrom than from all other books. They all have no power and no comfort in comparison with that one chapter of Isaiah. Yea, I would forget, lose, and put away all books rather than do without that one chapter.”

“One of God’s ways of helping us is to give us strength to endure. He does not take away the hard trial, but He makes us able to endure it.”

Conference Notice.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will meet at Minneapolis from June 27th to 30th. The following papers are to be read: “Uniformity of Signs” (continued) by Rev. N. F. Jensen; Sermons in the sign language by the

Revs. Wangerin and Uhlig; Catechization in signs on "The Office of Christ" by Rev. N. F. Jensen, on "Person and Work of the Holy Ghost" by Rev. O. Schroeder, on "The Church" by Rev. Uhlig. Rendering in signs of Isaiah 53 by Rev. T. Wangerin and Ps. 23. and 51. by Rev. N. F. Jensen, of Genesis 1. by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

On Sunday, June 29th, Rev. N. P. Uhlig will preach in the Y. M. C. A. at 11 a. m., in the afternoon at 3 o'clock a joint service will be held at St. Paul and 7:45 p. m. at Minneapolis. Speakers for the joint service are the Revs. Wangerin, Schubkegel, and Uhlig. Those desiring lodgings are requested to announce with the undersigned.

J. L. SALVNER, Sec.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

New York.—Adolph, Otto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Berg was baptized on April the 17th. Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for unto such is the kingdom of God.

On Pentecost Sunday our New York mission held its first confirmation service in which 10 deaf were confirmed. There were present about 350 people among whom were some 50 deaf. Confirmation among the deaf in New York is nothing new, that being an annual occurrence for two generations. After the examination the ladies of the confirmation class rendered well a hymn in signs. One was so well pleased with the service that he extended an invitation to the pastor and the confirmed to have a festival gathering at his home in memory of the event. Those confirmed are: E. Berg, John Breden, P. Berg, A. Berg, Cath. Christgau, A. Neder, I. Ruge, C. and A. Lindenschmidt, and E. Prims. The following Sunday holy communion was celebrated, 14 deaf partaking. On the 22nd the deaf organized a congregation with 8 voting members and chose the name of St. Matthew's Congregation for the Deaf. Mr. Erich and Adolph Berg were chosen deacons. Some of the deaf received into membership have been previously confirmed, but they attended the instructions in the catechism. May God continue to bless his work

among the deaf, and may the deaf continue to show increasing interest in our new congregation.

During the quarter ending March 31st the deaf of New York contributed \$18.25 for the mission. Rev. C. Schubkegel of St. Louis has reported the following amounts: St. Louis \$7.67, Evansville \$8.00, St. Charles \$2.35, Louisville \$1.50, Indianapolis \$2.25.

On account of the recent floods Pastor Schubkegel of St. Louis could not hold services in Louisville last April. The next service in Louisville will take place on June 15th.

Minneapolis.—On the 18th of May another deaf friend, Mr. John Stauber, was confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church on the North Side. A large number of hearing friends had come for the occasion and more than 50 deaf were there to witness the confirmation. After the examination, the pastor spoke on the words of our Savior, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8, 31. 32. May our dear Savior through His Holy Spirit keep this new member in true faith and help him to continue in His Word unto his end!

Our church fund is rapidly increasing of late. Aside of the monthly contributions, we received \$19.50 from Mrs. Bailey and Miss J. C. Peterson who gave a supper on the 4th of May for the benefit of our fund. We herewith extend our hearty thanks to them.—Immanuel Lutheran Church of which Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim is pastor also remembered us with a collection which amounted to \$25.64. May God reward them!

With the renewal of her subscription to the Deaf Lutheran, Mrs. Louisa Wirz sent us 50c for our mission treasury. Hearty thanks!

Chicago.—The pastor had the pleasure of meeting many welcome faces at Chicago the last month. Rev. Jensen came to Chicago with his wife and one of his boys to attend the wedding of a brother. Rev. Salvner of St. Paul was here for a conference with the Mission Board. Miss Anna Rechlin, well known to the Lutheran deaf throughout the country, stopped at Chicago on her way from Hooper, Nebr., to her home at Bay City, Mich. She has been a

private instructor in Nebraska during the last two years. Miss Hattie Stuth of Wausau also surprised us. Other visitors were Mrs. Elisabeth Janzow, St. Ansgar, Ia. Mrs. D. H. Uhlig, Detroit, Mich, Mr. Martin Uhlig, Detroit, and last but not least Margaret Uhlig who arrived at the pastor's home April 25 and was baptized May 11.

Rev. Uhlig lectured at Eastside, Ill., on Sunday, May 18, on the work of preaching the Gospel to the deaf. The occasion was the annual mission festival of the congregation at Eastside.

The hustling chairman of our picnic committee, Mr. Walter Smith, has surrounded himself with a group of energetic helpers for that occasion in the persons of Messrs. Knudtson, ticket agent, Bauer, Retzlaff, Frank, and Henning. They are going to make the picnic a big success and will be assisted to achieve this purpose by the Ladies' Aid Society and every individual member of the congregation. Let us all help!

South Bend.—Rev. Uhlig of Chicago is now coming regularly on every third Wednesday of the month. On May 21 the Sacrament of the Altar was administered, of which three people partook. Miss Tuckey and Mrs. Martindale, formerly of Elkhart, are regular attendants at our services.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 2042 Cortez St., Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Services the 3rd Wednesday of each month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 315 Fenimore, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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, 4. 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, 224 Fisher 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 St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 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.

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.

Monthly services the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mark's Church, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Monthly services the 2nd Wednesday, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Services every first Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, corner E. Union St. and 22nd Ave., by Rev. Oscar Fedder, 2116 E. Union St.

TACOMA, WASH.

Services every third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Zion Lutheran Church, corner 16th St. S. & L St., by Rev. Oscar Fedder.

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.