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A Blessed Christmas.

The shepherds who, in the holy Christmas night, kept watch over their flocks on the plains of Bethlehem, enjoyed a blessed Christmas. They not only heard the glad message of the Savior's birth, but they believed the good tidings of great joy. They did not doubt that the angel who brought them the Christmas tidings was God's messenger, and that his message was God's message. When, therefore, the angel had left them, "the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us." The angel's message was to them the Lord's own message, and in simple faith they hastened to Bethlehem, where they found the Child Jesus. By faith in Him as their Savior from sin and all its woe they enjoyed a blessed Christmas. No wonder they wished others to enjoy the same blessing and therefore "made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child."

All may enjoy such a blessed Christmas. The good tidings of great joy were intended not only for the shepherds, but are unto "all people," and the Savior whose birth the tidings make known is the Savior, not only of the shepherds, but of the whole sinful world. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3, 16. The Savior born at Bethlehem is the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," John 1, 29. "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world," 1 John 2, 2. In Him "the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,"

Tit. 2, 11. To all men the Christmas message comes: "Unto you is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." It is God's own message to every sinner, even to the chief of sinners. Whosoever—no matter who he is and what he is—whosoever believes the message and takes as his own the Savior who comes to him in this message with good will and peace from heaven, has forgiveness of sin, and life, and salvation, and all the blessings of the Savior's birth. He, like the shepherds, will enjoy a blessed Christmas and will gladly help to make known to others the salvation which is in Jesus, so that they also may share the blessings that fill his heart with joy and thanksgiving.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all our dear readers at home and abroad. May the pleasantest of holiday seasons and the fulness of the holiday spirit be yours! For unto **YOU** is born the Savior.

A new Christian school for the deaf has been started in Korea, which has 14,000 deaf-mutes in its borders.—Ex.

Milwaukee.—The Harvest Social given on Oct. 26th by the Ladies' Society of Emmanuel Congregation was a success in every way, and the members of the society were well repaid for their active preparations. Also many of our hearing friends were present and the evening was spent in playing games and enjoying social chats.

Racine.—Percy Frank, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harter was buried at Racine on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, after but a brief illness.

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Pastor Wangerin officiated at the funeral, basing his address in the house on Matthew 19, 14: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Interment followed at the West Side Protestant Cemetary. A large gathering of out-of-town deaf was present. "Jesus answered and said, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Oshkosh.—A large gathering of deaf greeted Pastor Wangerin on his last trip to Oshkosh, 31 being present. Our Oshkosh friends have always been very faithful and we have ever known them to be eager for the Word of God. They show their interest in the religious work also by their liberal contributions towards our mission. Our average attendance at the Oshkosh services to date, for the year, has been 28 deaf. "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

New York City.—St. Matthew's Congregation for the Deaf of New York City now numbers 19 communicant members. Since September the simplex envelope system has been introduced and every member is responding cheerfully. One of our members has moved to Kingston, N. Y. Nevertheless he makes his contributions regularly. The church in which our deaf congregation has worshipped for the past two years has been sold and the last service was held on the 23rd of November. Temporarily we will hold our services at 426 Broome Street in a chapel. Classes have been begun, and about 10 are preparing for confirmation. One of the deaf, Mr. Kumb, has donated to the congregation a very neat box into which the members might place their envelopes. The offering for August and September amounted to \$16.60.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Guild for the Deaf gave a Hallowe'en party on November 30th, about 150 deaf and hearing attending. After the games had been played, fruit was given to each attendant. The amount netted for the guild was \$26.85. A Christmas social is being arranged to take place on December 27th.

Minneapolis.—Our church fund has now almost reached the \$1,000 mark. Thirty dollars are lacking. Quite a sum was added during the last month. On the first of November a social was given at the home of Mr and Mrs. Fels which netted us \$16.55. Miss Margaret Watson of Lake City read the announcement of it in the Companion and thereupon sent a dollar to Mrs. Fels. Thanks!

We herewith acknowledge also the receipt of \$50.00 from Mr. Ole Engen and family of Kindred, N. Dak. for our church fund. May God bless the kind donors.

On the evening of the 12th of November the pastor went to Lakefield to deliver a lecture in the congregation of Rev. P. H. Ristau in the interest of our work among the deaf. No collection was lifted in this service, as the pastor and congregation thought it better to give us the Christmas collection. We secured 31 subscribers at Lakefield. On the evening of the 13th a lecture was delivered in the congregation of Rev. H. Meyer in Town Rust. The collection amounted to \$30.00. We also received two subscriptions. Hearty thanks to all for the kind reception and for the interest manifested in our work.

And now a few words concerning our paper, The Deaf Lutheran. On the evening of the 12th at Lakefield sixteen stepped forward and subscribed. But where and how did we get the 31 as above mentioned? Here is a good suggestion for a Christmas or New Year's gift. Before the pastor left Lakefield the next morning, a friend of our Mission, Mrs. Geo. W....., handed the pastor a list of names with \$4.00 requesting him to send our little paper to the persons named on the list. Certainly hearty thanks are due to this our friend. Perhaps, dear reader, you have a friend or friends into whose home you could send our little monthly visitor and so help to increase the interest in this work of our Lord. During

the New Year this missionary monthly, at only 25c a year, would come into their homes every month and tell of our Savior's work among the deaf. Try it!

A friend of Gaylord with 50c for a two year's subscription sent us 50c for our mission. May God bless gift and giver!

Three deaf of Minneapolis are being instructed in the chief doctrines of our Holy Bible which is able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. May our Heavenly Father bless these instructions unto the salvation of their souls and make more deaf willing to learn and study the Word of God which is "more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

On the 5th of November Mr. Fred A. Swanson and Miss Edna A. Brownell were united in holy wedlock at Duluth by Pastor Salvner. The wedding discourse was based on Ps. 67, 1. "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us." May our Savior abide with them and bless their home.—Services were held in Duluth October 4 with 17 deaf and October 26 with 23 deaf. Hereafter services will be held alternately on the last Saturday and last Sunday of the month at 8 p. m.

Kansas City, Mo.—Continued interest in our mission and a greater appreciation on the part of the deaf for what is being done for them can be reported from this western field of our mission. The interest of our hearing congregations is shown by the many invitations the missionary receives to preach at mission festivals and other occasions in the interest of our work. Such invitations are always accepted whenever time is found to do such work without neglect to our regular mission work.

On Sunday October 26th Rev. Jensen preached at the mission festival of Rev. Mueller's congregation at Lone Elm, Mo. In spite of the fact that a rain and snowstorm raged all day the attendance was good, a good collection was raised and twenty new subscribers to the Deaf Lutheran were obtained for which we extend our hearty thanks.

Accepting an invitation of the faculty of St. John's college at Winfield, Kans., Rev. Jen-

sen addressed the student body and members of our Lutheran congregation at Winfield on November 12th, choosing as his theme, "The sign-language and its relation to our deaf-mute mission." Great interest was shown by all present and a collection of \$5.95 was donated to the mission to defray the traveling expenses.

In connection with this trip Rev. Jensen preached to the deaf of Wichita, Kansas. Nine deaf were present and urged the missionary to come again promising to be present at the services and to bring others.

A number of deaf living in the vicinity of Canton, Kansas, sent an urgent appeal to Rev. Jensen to preach to them occasionally. This request was granted on November 16th. During the morning service Rev. Jensen delivered a lecture to the congregation of Rev. Hellmann at which a collection of \$19.50 was raised for our missions. In the afternoon a service for the deaf was held. Rain and bad roads prevented many from coming, but six deaf were present and greatly appreciated the sermon. Some of them had come twenty-five miles, but not having heard a sermon in five years they did not mind the long drive. The day closed with a lecture at Hillsboro, Kansas, in the church of Rev. E. Schwan. The twenty-three miles from Canton to Hillsboro were made by auto. Here again our people were greatly interested in what was said and shown about our mission. A collection of \$20.35 more than paid expenses and the surplus goes into the mission fund. We thank all our friends and well wishers for their words of encouragement and their financial assistance. May God reward them.

On October 28th Rev. Jensen visited Sioux City, Ia., in connection with his regular visit to Omaha, Nebr. Some time previous to this Rev. Matthaides of Sioux City had prevailed upon Rev. Jensen to include Sioux City among the cities visited by him. The missionary found about twenty-five deaf living in and near Sioux City. The severe snowstorm prevented many from coming from distant parts of the city but the nine deaf present assured the missionary that more would be present at the next service to be held December 2nd. A collection of \$5.40 covered the expenses. May

our Father in heaven bless the seed sown upon this new field.

St. Louis, Mo.—May Pearl Aldrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aldrich, died November 9th at the age of 16 years, 1 month, and 28 days. Miss Aldrich had been baptized by our former missionary for the deaf, the Rev. H. Hallerberg, when she was five years old. She died in the true faith and through death entered that happy and blessed life which Jesus, by His innocent suffering and death has earned for and sealed unto her in Baptism, for Jesus says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."—The funeral service, in which the missionary preached on Luke 8, 52, was held at the parents' house in the presence of a large number of deaf and hearing friends, whereupon the mortal remains were laid to rest in Bellefontaine Cemetery. "Lord, teach us all to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Nine students of Concordia Seminary of this city have taken up the study of the sign-language.

Lillie Mueller, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mueller, was baptized at "The St. Louis Children's Hospital" on Friday, November 14th, by Pastor Schubkegel. "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Gal. 3, 27.

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, 1431 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

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

St. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Wednesday of every month at the German-Lutheran Church, 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, 4218a Maffit Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services by special appointment, in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services by special appointment, 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.