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Ephphatha Conference.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference met at Chicago May 8 to 11. The following missionaries to the deaf were present: Rev. Jensen, Kansas City; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis; Rev. Boll, New York; Rev. Schroeder, Detroit; Rev. Fedder, Seattle; Rev. Wangerin, Milwaukee; Rev. Uhlig, Chicago. Rev. Schubkegel, St. Louis, was hindered from coming by sickness, and Rev. Gielow, North Detroit, was also detained at home. Rev. Boll delivered a sermon which was discussed. Rev. Salvner led a lengthy discussion on John 17 which occupied the time of conference in several meetings. The Board of Deaf-mute Missions appeared in body at one of the sessions, and different matters of interest to the mission were discussed. The Deaf Lutheran received considerable attention, and plans were outlined whereby its circulation could be increased and the financial footing become more firmly established.

In the Sunday morning service, the Rev. Jensen in a fine sermon showed cause why the deaf should be thankful to God for the innumerable blessings which He has shed upon our Missouri Synod in that He has given His blessing to the work of our colleges, where the missionaries to the deaf have received their training together with the thousands of pastors who are ministering to the spiritual wants of our hearing brethren. After the service, Rev. Salvner addressed the congregation in behalf of his church at Minneapolis, thanking it for received financial support and asking for future help in the way of gifts and prayers for his flock, which is about to erect a house of worship.

As the General Convention of the Missouri Synod was in session at Chicago at that time, a special service was arranged for the benefit of the delegates to the General Convention. This took place Monday evening, May 11. The necessity of our work our mission was demonstrated and impressed upon the audience assembled in St. Luke's Church, where synod met. Rev. Wangerin briefly showed what we preach to the deaf. Rev. Boll told where we deliver our message: to about 6000 deaf at 44 preaching stations. Rev. Salvner showed how we deliver the message; he explained the idea of the sign-language and gave an interesting account of the manner of instructing blind-deaf by means of the American Braille system. Rev. Boester, a member of the late Board of Mission for the Deaf, showed why we work among the deaf: because Christ desires that, having given us an example, and because we are yet able to do God's bidding. He based his remarks on John 9, 4. A quartette of deafmutes Miss E. Swee, Miss E. Buhrke, Mr. E. Weinrich, Mr. H. Retzlaff, rendered the hymn "Rock of Ages," accompanied by the choir of St. Paul's English Luth. Church. This choir also sang "Lead, kindly Light," which was rendered in signs by the Revs. Salvner and Uhlig. The collection of the evening was \$104.50 and goes to the treasury of the Mission for the Deaf.

God willing, the Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will meet at Detroit in 1915.—Gn.

Faith cannot lie still and rest. It is a living, busy thing; not dead, but living; not idle, but busy.

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"I Fear No Evil."

There was a dreadful storm on the sea, dashing the high waves over the small ship, which seemed to be in great danger. The ship's crew cursed, and prayed, and lamented. The captain only went about his duty and did his work without any fear, as if the storm and the high waves did not concern him.

When he entered his cabin, his wife, surprised at his composure, said, "My dear, how can you be so calm; do you not see the danger in which you are?"

The captain smiled, and a moment later drew his sword and pointed it at the breast of his wife. She followed the motion of her husband with astonishment, but remained calm.

"How can you be so calm?" said the captain; "do you not see the danger in which you are?"

"Why should I fear?" she replied; "I see the sword in the hand of my husband whose love I know."

"Well," said the captain, "I also see the dreadful storm and the furious waves in the hand of my God whose love I know; in His time He will command the storm and the waves to be quiet."

He was right. An hour later the storm had passed, and the sea became calm.

How blessed is the Christian who believes and knows that his whole life is in the hand of his heavenly Father! He may say with the psalmist: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

The pleasures of the world are deceitful; they promise more than they give. They trouble us in seeking them, they do not satisfy us when possessing them, and they make us despair in losing them.—Madame De Lambert.

He Carries Up the Hills.

An aged Christian was teaching several children the Twenty-third Psalm, which speaks of our Lord as the good Shepherd. As they were talking about the good Shepherd, and how He takes care of the sheep and the lambs, one of the children, who was more eager than the others to tell what she thought about the matter, said, "He feeds them and drives away the lions and the bears." Another one said more calmly and thoughtfully, "Yes, and He carries His sheep up the hills."

The remarks of these girls made the aged Christian confess that he had had as much help from the children as he had given them, if not more, especially from the child's words, "He carries up the hills."

Blessed be His name, He does! There may be many hills before us as we enter a new year and continue our life's journey; but we need not worry. The good shepherd carries His sheep up the hills. He supports us in weakness, carries our burdens, sustains us in trials, overcomes our difficulties, enables us by His grace, helps us in danger, and upholds us by His power.

"Shall I not rejoice for this?

He is mine and I am His;

And when these bright days are past

Safely in His arms at last

He will bear me home to heaven;

Ah, what joy hath Jesus given!"

A Lesson.

An English lord had in his service a Christian gardener, who was very fond of a beautiful flower which grew in the center of his garden. One morning the gardener appeared gloomy and downcast. His lord asked the reason. "O," said he, through broken sobs, "death came last night and took my little daughter. It has broken my heart. I cannot see why God should so afflict me as to take my only child."

In the gardener's absence the lord transplanted his favorite flower and put it in his own room. The gardener soon made his appearance, still more depressed. "Some one has stolen our beautiful flower," he said, mournfully. "Come into my room," replied the lord, "and let me teach you a lesson. There is your

flower—or rather, is it not mine, simply trusted to your care? I have brought it into my presence that I may better enjoy its beauty and fragrance.”

The gardener saw the lesson, took comfort, and repined no more.

God Is Everywhere.

That is strange. Just think; there is no place where God is not. If you had swift wings and would fly to the loneliest spot on earth, you would not be alone. God would be there with you. When you go to your bed of an evening, and repeat your prayer, God is with you and hears what you say. When you get awake at night, and all is dark and quiet in the house, God is still there, and is watching over you while you sleep. When you are at work, when you go to school, when you play, all the time God is with you. He is everywhere.

And since God is everywhere, it is not a hard matter for Him to know what you do and say. He sees how you behave yourself. If you are cross and fretful, if you disobey your parents, if you say bad words, you may be sure that God knows all about it. How careful you should be, then, that you never act or speak in such a way as to offend God. When you are tempted to do wrong, always bear in mind that God sees you—that God is everywhere.—Messenger.

Be Patient.

Be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be, for that thyself also hast many failings which must be borne with by others. If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldst, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking?—Thomas A. Kempis.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Milwaukee.—Artrian Rauth of Cedarburg, Wis., was recently confirmed at Emmanuel Chapel by Pastor Wangerin. He is a pupil of the Milwaukee Day School. May God shower his blessings upon him and keep him in the true faith unto his end.

Oshkosh.—Our Oshkosh deaf are working

hard to give their hall a church-like appearance. Many of them work in saw mills. They are building a low altar and a lecturne. A friend of our mission at Milwaukee has donated a crucifix. The Oshkosh hall at Trinity church is most suitably adapted to services in the sign-language. Our thanks are herewith extended to donors, the deaf and the congregation for the use of its hall.

By some mistake these figures were not given in our May issue:

Receipts for the quarter ending March 31st, 1914, by Rev. C. Schubkegel. St. Louis: 3.00; St. Charles: 2.30; Evansville: 8.70; Indianapolis: 2.25; Louisville, Ky: 1.55.

New York.—Mr. Otto Wenk of Meridan, Conn., a graduate of our institution at North Detroit, Mich., and a frequent visitor at our New York services was married to Miss Amelia Neder of Brooklyn on the 15th of April by Pastor Boll. Miss Neder is one of the first-fruits of our mission. The Guild remembered the bride with a handsome Bible with an appropriate inscription.

Recently the Mission Board of the Atlantic District issued an appeal for funds to cover the deficit in the mission treasury to which the deaf of St. Matthew's Lutheran church contributed \$8.00. It is God's will that they who receive the word of life shall aid in bringing this word also to others.

Minneapolis. — We acknowledge with thanks for our churchfund the receipt of \$1.00 from Mr. Ernest Dahms of Walnut Grove, of \$1.00 from Mr. Louis Rischmueller of Arlington and 25c from Mrs. J. Doerr of Arlington. Mr. Dahms also sent us \$1.00 for our mission. May God reward the kind givers.

Kansas City, Mo.—One month ago we reported the confirmation of Miss Clara Block and rejoiced in the fact that we had gained another member. To-day we mourn the loss of the same member. Miss Block died on May 18th after a very brief illness. A brief service was held at the home of Miss Block's sister, Mrs. Kamberg. The body was then taken to Chicago for burial. In his funeral sermon Rev. Jensen called attention to the importance of the course of instruction we give to the deaf. Miss Block had just finished her course of

instruction. She confessed to be a poor sinner before God but she also knew Him whom God sent into the world to seek and to save those who are lost—His Son, Jesus Christ. In Him she trusted, and “whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” May our heavenly Father lead many more deaf to the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus and grant us all a blessed end. Miss Block was buried at Chicago on May 21st, Pastor Uhlig of our Savior’s Congregation Officiating.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mr. Louis Jagels, one of the students of Concordia Seminary, who since last fall, studied the sign-language, preached his first sermon in that language before the Lutheran deaf congregation of this city on Sunday, May 10th, and all present declared they had well understood him. We earnestly hope that Mr. Jagels and all other students who are studying signs will have occasion to preach and teach the Gospel of Christ Crucified to many deaf people. For, although there are quite a number of so-called preachers for the deaf now-a-days, very few of them preach the pure Gospel or take the trouble to teach the deaf the one thing needful. St. Paul says, “God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” I Tim. II, 4.

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.