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"AND ON EARTH PEACE"

Again we are rapidly approaching the joyful Christmas tide with the words that make our hearts glow with joy and our eyes tear: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord!" Unto us—a Savior! Again we hear the hosts that cry: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

But does it not sound like mockery to our ears this year to say, "and on earth peace"? Is there peace on earth? Did Christ bring peace? Why, the fearful war is raging! Not peace but war and rumors of wars is all we hear and read about at the present time.

Yes, it is so. War's horrors surround us, and we are ourselves engulfed by them. There are very few of us who do not at this reading think of some son or brother or friend or chum that is wearing the khaki and is gone to the camps or has already left for the bloodstained fields of stricken Europe. And many are asking now, and many have been asking the question for many years now: "Why is there war? Did not Jesus come to bring peace? Did not the angel say that there is peace on earth since Jesus came? Is Jesus not almighty? If Jesus is allpowerful and if He succeeded in His aim and object of coming, why is there not peace on earth? Was His coming useless? Is Christianity an empty boast?" These and similar questions have often been asked during these years, and many have despaired of Christianity, and their faith was wrecked. They believed that the events of the present age have given the lie to all claims of Christianity.

But they made serious mistakes in their reasoning, not understanding the kingdom of Christ. The kingdom of the Prince of peace is not a kingdom of this world. His peace is not an outward peace of this world. "My king-

dom is not of this world." "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo here! or Lo there; for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you!"

And so the peace of God is an inward peace. It is a peace of the mind. It is that state of mind when the person knows that God has taken away all sins and cast them behind His back; when the heart breathes easy at the comfort of the words of Jesus: "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee!" This knowledge, firmly apprehended by faith, is the saving knowledge. Through this faith we are declared righteous before God, we are justified. And, "therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus He brings to the world peace, He alone, peace for all.

The peace of Jesus is not understood by many. Reason can not grasp it. It is "the peace which passeth all understanding." It is received and understood by faith. This peace, then, makes a man a "child of peace," a Christian. A Christian will love peace and keep peace, will live at peace with God and His neighbor. If all were Christians we would, therefore, have no wars.

But now it is a regrettable fact that "all men have not faith." There never will be a time when all people will be Christians. God's word is very explicit about this, recording this fact with great sorrow. And so there never will be a time when wars and strife and hatred will be gone from this world, until the Lord shall return and put an end to this gory world of ours. Then He shall make "the new heaven and the new earth wherein righteousness dwelleth."

And so, on account of infidels and all those that not yet have the "peace which passeth all understanding," Christians also will be in-

volved in conflict and war. But still, in the din and shout of battle the Christian has and can keep that peace of mind which Christ brought him, that calmness of his heart that he knows that nothing can harm him, no not even death.

Instead, then, of despairing of the truth of the angel's message,—“and on earth peace,”—let us understand its true meaning and remain true partakers of that peace. Let us remember that the cannon's roar and the confused noise of the conflict can never disturb that peace. And if our dear ones in this war lose their lives, yet, through this peace, they are blessed and well taken care of. So let us thank the Prince of peace for having made peace between God and man with His blood.

May He speed the day when this war shall come to a close; may He hasten the time when “every battle of the warrior, with confused noises, and garments rolled with blood shall be with burning and fuel of fire.”

So let us, in spite of the war, rejoice in the new-born Babe of Bethlehem, the Prince of peace; may we all thank Him for coming to save our sinful race and join the angelic chorus: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!”

A joyful Christmas to all! May “the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!”

STUDIES IN LUTHER'S CATECHISM

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say of all these commandments?

He says thus: “I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.”

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all that transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath, and not act contrary to them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him, and willingly do according to His commandments.

Perhaps one or the other of our readers who has studied the commandments with us will say, You are taking them altogether too seriously. Sin and its consequences are not so terrible as you have painted them in these studies. God will overlook our mistakes. If we but try our best, God will be satisfied. Dear friend, it matters very little what you or I think and say about these commandments. The chief question is, What does **God** say of all these commandments?

This is the next question in our catechism, which we shall study this month. What does **God** say? Listen! “He says thus.” God speaks and what does He say? “I the Lord thy God.” He is the Lord, He made us and still keeps us. we are His servants and owe all things to Him. Every lord has the right to give commandments unto his servants and to demand strict obedience. Your Lord, the Lord of heaven and earth, commands and you should obey. He is the Lord “thy God.” From Him you received all good things, and therefore you should worship and serve Him, and Him alone. In the ten commandments He tells you how to serve and worship Him. And is He a God that overlooks sin? No, He proceeds, “I am a jealous God.” God watches over every commandment, He does not overlook any sin, He does not close His eyes towards our transgressions. Jealousy watches very closely. Not one move escapes its notice. God therefore looks down from heaven upon the children of men to see if they keep His law or set it at naught. Do not for a moment believe that God is such a one who cares not whether we sin or not, whether we keep or break His commandments. He calls Himself a “jealous God.” He closely watches every one of us.

What if we keep not His commandments? He says, “I will visit the iniquity.” These words Luther explains thus, “God threatens to punish all that transgress these commandments.” God will visit all who transgress His law with His wrath and punishment. Thus He visited the people of Noah's time with the flood on account of their sins; thus He visited the wicked cities Sodom and Gomorrha in His wrath and let fire and brimstone fall down from heaven to destroy them; thus He visited

the city of Jerusalem and its people in His wrath over their sin, when He sent the Romans under Titus to destroy them and their city in the year 70. Indeed, God waits a long time with His punishment, He is slow to anger and plenteous in mercy, but if people despise His patience and goodness, he finally must visit them in His wrath and punish them. Listen also to these words which we find in the Book of God. Our Lord says Deut. 27: 26: "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them." Say not that these words were spoken to the Jews only, for you will find them also in Gal. 3: 10. In Rom. 6: 23 we read, "The wages of sin is death." Ezek. 18: 20 God says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Who dare say in the face of this holy word of God, that God will overlook sin, that He will not punish iniquity!

And behold His terrible wrath. He says, "I will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." They that sin, hate God. Man is God's enemy. And sin is so terrible that He will punish the sin of the fathers upon the children. Often children must bear the consequences of their father's sins. Because of Canaan's sin—read Gen. 9—all his children must bear the curse. Because the Jews had despised the Lord their God and crucified His only Son, His blood is upon them and on their children. Matthew 27: 25. For the sins of their fathers the children unto the third and fourth generation, the grand-children and great grand-children, often must suffer. For them that hate Him as their fathers did, it is a severe punishment, but for them that turn unto God and walk not in the way of their fathers it is a cross which they will patiently take up and follow their Master. Matthew 16: 24. Will any one still say, Sin does not harm, Sin is only a little mistake? Ponder these words, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." That ought to urge us to "fear His wrath and not to act contrary to them." We should not despise our God, but fear Him and His wrath. The wicked laugh about these words of our Lord,

but we should take them to heart and fear to offend this jealous God with sin.

Woe to them that transgress these commandments! Blessed, however are they that keep them. He says, "I will show mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." Luther explains it thus, "He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these commandments." He shows mercy to them that love Him, and they that love Him keep His commandments. Grace and every blessing is in store for them that keep His law. To Joshua He said, "Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1: 7. Our Lord Jesus says of the two great commandments, "This do and thou shalt live." Luke 10: 28. We see it in daily life that they who lead a godly life are blessed of God. 1 Tim. 4: 8 we read, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." And behold God's great mercy! He will show grace and every blessing to thousands of them that love Him and keep His commandments. Children often for a long time enjoy great privileges and blessings because of their godly parents. Because of Abraham, God's friend, the Jews were bountifully blessed of God. Because of David, the man after God's heart, many kings upon his throne obtained goodness and mercy of the Lord. Yes, our Lord is good. Therefore let us heed the last words of Luther's explanation, "Therefore we should also love and trust in Him, and willingly do according to His commandments." We ought to love Him because of His good and gracious promises, we ought to put our trust in Him at all times, and **willingly**—They who fear and love and trust in Him cannot but do it willingly—do according to His commandments.

Curse or blessing, life or death, which? To them that transgress His commandments, curse and death, to them that keep them, blessing and life. Which is yours, dear reader? How many of us have earned this blessing and life? Or how many of us have deserved the curse and death? After having studied the ten commandments and after having learned what God says of them, there is only one an-

swer possible. We shall let God's word give the answer. "They are **all** gone aside, they are **all** together become filthy: there is **none** that doeth good, no, **not one**." Ps. 14: 3. And even God's people who have obtained mercy and forgiveness and follow after holiness, even they must confess with the Prophet, "We are **all** as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Is. 64: 6. Humbly we must fall down before God and say with David, "Enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified." Ps. 143: 2. Indeed, we have deserved His wrath and punishment, His curse and death. O, what shall we do? Read Matthew 11:28.

"Come, you sinners, one and all
Come, you all have invitation;
Come, obey His gracious call,
Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe:
'Jesus sinners doth receive!'"

J. L. S.

A VISIT WITH REV. JAGELS

At the request of our Board of Deaf Missions, Pastor Uhlig visited Rev. Jagels and the deaf at Kansas City and Omaha. Leaving Chicago Nov. 7th, we were met by Brother Jagels at Deshler, Neb., Nov. 8. He took us to his parents' home near Davenport, Neb., fourteen miles away, in a machine.

Rev. Jagels' eyesight is very poor. A long rest with plenty of fresh air is necessary. This he is getting, that is, his eyes are being rested from the strain of reading, writing and signing. He has enough to do in the open air, witness the monster corn crib that is shown in the accompanying cut. He is seen standing on the roof with his carpenter's apron, while Pastor Uhlig is scanning the prairie with a pair of field glasses, being able to see fourteen villages in a radius of twenty-five miles from the forty foot perch. The corn crib, by the way, is quite a building and will accommodate 5,000 bushels of corn and 3,500 bushels of grain, is fitted with an elevator, and is modern and practical throughout, the "carpenter" remarking that it was quite a big "first job."

With many a sigh Rev. Jagels has resigned his pastorate. May the Lord speed the recovery so that he can again assume pastoral duties; but for the first he must look ahead to a long rest. But on his father's large farm he finds enough work and fresh air, while Mrs. Jagels will find her time taken up in caring for Helen Louise, the little ray of sunshine that came to them on Oct. 10th, being baptized at the nearby Lutheran church October 21.

While postcards, announcing services at Kansas City and Omaha, were in the mail, Pastor Uhlig went on to Denver to visit a sick relative at a sanatorium there. Our Lutheran



"Above the clouds" on a corn crib.

sanitarium at Wheatridge, near Denver, was also visited. In the office there we were agreeably surprised to meet Miss Catharine Huchthausen, daughter of our worthy Board-member, Rev. Huchthausen of Minneapolis. After a short trip to the mountains, visiting "Buffalo Bill's" grave on Lookout Mountain, we went on to Colorado Springs, where another day was spent sightseeing and visiting the Colorado State School for the Deaf and the Blind. One of the instructors, Mr. Harbert, very kindly showed us through the building. We were pleased to meet and briefly chat with Mr. Argo, the superintendent, an amiable gentleman, to whom the Colorado school owes much. "The Deaf Lutheran" was put on the mailing list of "The Colorado Index," and vice versa because "turn about is fair play."

Nov. 14th services were held at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Benson, Omaha. There were nine deaf there, glad to have a service.

The children for the Nebraska State School could not be there because of the inopportune time of services, but Supt. Buell transmitted greetings from us and Rev. Jagels.

At Kansas City 13 deaf greeted us the next night. All were glad to hear of Rev. Jagels, yet regretted to learn that he could not again take up his work with them. But the territory will soon be supplied again, and the deaf will have enough opportunity to hear God's word.

Reserve Missionaries.

It was high time and very wise that synod in Milwaukee adopted a resolution authorizing the Board of Deaf Missions to look about and prepare men for the work among the deaf and keeping them in reserve to jump into created vacancies or take up new fields that are open to us. Our missionary in St. Louis, long almost blind, is very slowly recovering; our man at Kansas City, Rev. L. Jagels, was forced to resign, because the unanimous opinion of expert oculists was that he would go totally blind if he continued to strain his eyes with the sign language; Rev. T. M. Wangerin of Milwaukee lately took an enforced rest of six weeks because of nervousity; Rev. Boll of New York might be compelled to undergo an operation which would render him unable for two months to take care of his field; in short, the prospects for the work are that it will suffer in many instances, and for the other workers, that they will be kept ahustling to try to fill the gap in a measure and serve the orphaned fields. We see the wisdom and urgency of the synod's resolution and would like to encourage many students at the seminaries to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn the sign language while at college that they might become available timber for the staff of workers among the deaf.

In this connection it might be stated that the work requires healthy, strong men because it is exacting. A man with weak eyes can not endure the strain. A man with throat trouble is likewise not the man; such a man is physically run down and his nerves are affected; this usually shows at a clergyman's most vulnerable spot, the throat, and we have a case of

"clergymen's sore throat." Such a man can not stand up under the strain. A hard-of-hearing man is also fearfully handicapped in learning the sign language and has great difficulties to associate with his class of people many of whom are semi-deaf. Let the twenty years of our Deaf Mission teach us that we need healthy, alive, successful preachers in this work which in many respects is unique, that means, hard, but also intensely interesting.

Give "The Deaf Lutheran" as a Christmas Present!

Last year we made the suggestion that our readers pay for a year's subscription of "The Deaf Lutheran" for such friends whom they always made a little Christmas present. This is a valuable and welcome gift and will at the same time help our Mission and our paper.

Many took up the suggestion and presented their friends with a subscription for 1917. We hope that these new subscribers learned to like the messenger from the children of silence and will not lapse their subscription. And we wish to encourage many to act again and thus add other names. Thus more friends will be made and the mailing list lengthened.

For every name Rev. J. L. Salvner will send a neatly printed Christmas card which you send or give at Christmas to those to whom you make the present. This card says that they will receive "The Deaf Lutheran" during 1918 from Friend So-and-So and will wish them a merry Christmas.

Send names and 25c for each name to Rev. J. L. Salvner, 1221 22nd Ave. North, Minneapolis, Minn. And do so soon, so you get those cards in time before Christmas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Collections Forwarded by Missionaries Since July 1st, 1917

In July—Rev. Schroeder, Mt. Clemens 50c, Toledo \$1.65, Fort Wayne \$7, Bluffton \$2.76, Angola 20c; Rev. Dahms, Sioux City 60c, Kansas City 96c; Rev. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$3.05, St. Charles 50c, Evansville \$5.25; Rev. Uhlig, South Bend \$9.30; C. Nimtz, Bremen, \$1; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis \$2, St. Paul \$1.30, Wino-

na 50c; N. N. sisters, Pa., \$2; H. Tanke, Jr., Norwood, Minn., 25c; Rev. N. N., Minn., 25c; A. J. Jaster, Huntley, Ill., 75c; Rev. Jensen, Los Angeles 50c, Porterville 70c.

In August—Rev. Boll, Kingston, \$3; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis \$4, St. Paul 97c, Duluth \$1.23, Winona \$1.05, Red Wing-Lake City \$1, Gaylord \$6; Fr. Heine, Craig, Mo., \$2; Rev. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$2.70, St. Charles 55c, Indianapolis \$2.25, Louisville \$2.10; Rev. Schroeder, Detroit 20c (over salary), Toledo \$1.65, New Haven 70c, Fort Wayne \$6.65, Cleveland \$4.60; Rev. Jensen, Los Angeles \$1.10, Oakland-Berkeley 70c, Porterville \$1.30; Rev. Dahms, Sioux City 52c, Omaha \$1.95, Topeka \$1.15, Wichita \$1.12, Kansas City 60c.

In September—Rev. Uhlig, South Bend \$8.35, C. Nimtz, Bremen \$1, Crystal Lake \$1.53, Valparaiso \$4.50, Sheboygan, \$2.09, Oshkosh \$2.59; Rev. Schroeder, Mt. Clemens 20c, Cleveland \$3.15, Bluffton \$2.50, Toledo \$1.65 (over salary), Angola 50c, Fort Wayne \$7; Rev. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$6.90, St. Charles 60c, Evansville \$9.80; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis \$4, St. Paul 70c, Duluth \$1.35, Stillwater 95c, Winona 67c, Lake City-Red Wing \$1.50; Mrs. Aug. Heine, Craig, Mo., 50c; E. H. Schwartz, Chicago, \$1.50; Miss M. Urban, Stewartville, Minn., 75c; Mrs. A. H. Koch, Red Bud, Ill., 75c; Wm. W. Fenske, 50c; Rev. Jensen, Los Angeles 95c, San Francisco 45c; Rev. Wangerin, N. N. \$10; Rev. Boll, New York \$34.

In October—Rev. Uhlig, South Bend \$6.35, C. Nimtz, Bremen \$1, Racine, Wis., \$1.83, Crystal Lake 60c, Refund, Racine Exp., \$2; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis \$5, St. Paul \$1.94, Duluth \$1.85; Winona \$1.22, Red Wing-Lake City 85c, Gaylord \$6; F. Rose, Gaylord, 75c; Mrs. O. Elker, Minneapolis, 25c; F. Werner, Ruskin, Nebr., \$1.50; Mrs. H. J. Gamm, Anoka, Minn., 75c; Mrs. E. Tarras, Winona, \$2; Mr. R. J. Jungclaus, Glencoe, Minn., 75c; F. Stradtman, Glencoe, \$1; Chr. Stoeckmann, Brownston, Minn., 75c; Wm. L. Seidel, Saginaw, Mich., \$1; Rev. Gaertner, April-September, \$20.97; Rev. Wangerin, N. N. \$15; Rev. Jensen, Los Angeles \$1.15; Rev. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$10.84, St. Charles 75c, Indianapolis \$2.25, Louisville \$2.25; Rev. Schroeder, De-

troit 16c (over salary), Cleveland \$3.55, Toledo \$1.65 (over salary), Fort Wayne \$7.

JOHN HUCHTHAUSEN,
Treasurer of Missions to the Deaf.

ITEMS FROM THE FIELD

St. Louis Mission. In a joint service for deaf and hearing, held on Oct. 21st in Salem Ev. Luth. Church of Jacksonville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Zimmer and Miss Clara Zimmer, after being examined on the chief parts of the Christian doctrine, were confirmed by Rev. C. Schubkegel. The pastor of Salem church, Rev. Joh. G. Kuppler, acted as interpreter for the hearing. After the confirmation Holy Communion was celebrated, about forty members of the church and the three new deaf-mute members partaking of the same. Several pupils of the Illinois State School for the Deaf attended the service. A collection taken up for the benefit of our Deaf Mute Mission amounted to \$15.

Detroit Mission. Envelopes indicating this purpose: "A Gift in Remembrance of the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation," have been distributed by the pastor among the communicant members of the Detroit mission district. To date one-third have been returned with enclosures. The balance should be in our hands by Dec. 15.

Our deaf also have reasons to remember gratefully Luther and his work, primarily because through him God has again given to all the people, the deaf included, the open Bible, and also because Luther was the champion of religious liberty of schools and of education for the masses. Our deaf today are reaping the benefits of Luther's courage. They should show their gratitude by contributing liberally to the fund which our Synod has designated for that purpose.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Schroeder, a son, John Luther.

Minneapolis Mission. On the 4th of November Grace Congregation remembered the 400th return of the Reformation Day. In the morning a sermon was preached by the pastor on the blessings of the Reformation and in the evening a lecture on the life of Luther was giv-

en. A collection was taken up for the General Church Extension Fund which amounted to six dollars. What a blessing that this cardinal doctrine of Holy Writ, salvation by faith in Jesus alone, brought again to light by Luther, is now being preached also to many deaf of our country. May God bestow His richest blessings upon this preaching of the Crucified Christ among the deaf.

"Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." 2 Thess. 3: 1.

Mrs. A. Ekberg, a communicant of our Minneapolis Mission, underwent an operation several weeks ago. We are glad to report that she is well on the way to recovery.—Mrs. Inga Byrne has been at the Thomas Hospital for the past months. She is able to be up and around and is now taking instructions in the chief doctrines of the Bible preparatory to confirmation.

Gratefully we acknowledge the receipt of the following from "Deaf Lutheran" subscribers: For the Minneapolis chapel fund from Mrs. Hulda Seidel, Saginaw, Mich., 50c, Mrs. Geo. Sciford, Ricketts, Iowa, 50c, Miss Alice Pofahl, Waconia, Minn., 50c; Mrs. and Miss H. Steltzriede, Saginaw, Mich., \$1.60; Mrs. L. Hokemeier, Minneapolis, 50c; for our Mission from Mr. Carl Reinart, Hubbard, Iowa, \$1.25, Miss Elsie Multhaup, Fountain City, Wis., 25c, Miss N. N., Winona, Minn., \$1.75, Mr. H. W. Abraham, Gaylord, Minn., 75c, Mr. E. Dahms, Walnut Grove, Minn., 50c. May God bless you all for it!

Chicago Mission. The angel of death visited us, taking the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller. The infant had been sick for several months, and on Nov. 19th the Lord took him home. Joseph Miller Jr. was buried Nov. 21. May our Lord who gave and who has taken away, comfort the sorrowing parents with the hope of our resurrection! What comfort to know that in Baptism God accepts the little ones and washes them clean of taint!

Rev. Theo. Claus of Hammond, Ind., preached for the pastor on Nov. 11th when the latter was on a western tour to Kansas City, Omaha and beyond. Rev. Claus preached formerly to the deaf at Elkhart and South Bend.

Of late he has again "brushed up" on the sign language. He reports of having preached to a number of deaf at Hammond, Ind., and shall continue to meet them. His willingness to help is greatly appreciated; for the local missionary was thus enabled to spend the Sunday away without leaving the pulpit unoccupied.

A little account of the pastor's visit with Rev. Jagels at the latter's home near Davenport, Neb., will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The congregation distributed a bundle of one hundred copies of the jubilee number of the "Lutheran Witness" among the members and deaf friends. It is hoped that this excellent and elegant number will be preserved and studied carefully; also, that a number of our deaf subscribe for the "Witness," the official English organ of our Synod. The congregation voted to place a copy in its reading room.

The Chicago congregations celebrated in large jubilee gatherings the 400th Reformation anniversary, the South Side churches assembling in a centrally located armory there, while the North and the West Side jointly met in an armory on the West Side. Our deaf flock participated; though no special accommodations could be made for them, yet were they there to swell the crowd in the afternoon and evening services on October 28. A special service at our church in the morning, and a lecture on Luther in the evening of October 31st constituted our celebration. Our deaf have collected about \$25 this year for the General Church Extension Fund.

Beginning with the first Sunday of November we meet for divine services at three o'clock in the afternoon. This will be the time of starting our services until the first Sunday in May, when the morning will again be used. This means that services at Crystal Lake will be held in the forenoon of the last Sunday of every month. Services are being well attended.

A number of arrivals of Lutherans lately was noted with delight. Mr. Swee and his sister came from Minnesota, Miss Flora Neff from Corder, Mo., Mr. Fred Harder from Delhi, Ia. All contemplate remaining in Chicago for a while.

The ladies enjoyed themselves and others at a coffee social Nov. 3.

Mr. Fred Schmidt, known to many Lutheran deaf, suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago. At present he is confined in the Chicago Home for the Incurables. It is noted that a slight improvement in his condition is taking place, though he may never totally regain the use of his left arm and leg.

WHERE IS THAT DIRECTORY?

Owing to lack of space the directory does not occupy its rightful place on this page this month. But it will be there again in future numbers. In looking for the time and place of services at any of the stations, you are kindly referred to one of the late issues of the paper. Missionaries, please report changes on your circuit quickly and carefully; "The Deaf Lutheran" knows that readers referring to the directory are entitled to correct and explicit information.

REPORT FROM THE DEAF MUTE INSTITUTE, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

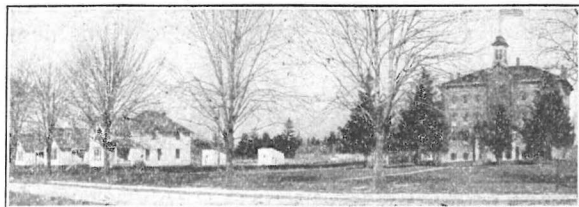
At the time of this writing the first quarter of the year has been passed, and the school reports covering that period will go forth this week. The work in school has been progressing nicely and the sewing class has, finally, gotten into full operation. Weaving has not been taught this year as yet, because the old loom went to pieces, and good work could not be done on it even in its best condition. A fellow-Christian, a member of Rev. Riedel's congregation, Detroit, gave us a check for \$75 to buy a new loom. After long and deliberate consideration, what kind of a loom to select, we decided on a six-harness loom, and ordered it about six weeks or more ago. It just arrived and is being put up, and now we can begin instruction in weaving and do it better than ever before, for this loom is adapted to weaves of various kinds. It weaves plain and fancy rugs, burlap, and linen. Weaving rag rugs is quite fascinating. This kind of rug is in fashion again and will without doubt be in fashion for many years to come, for the rag rug and carpet costs much less than the other kind and, if

made right and well, is very attractive in appearance. Weaving rag rugs and carpets is, therefore, not only fascinating, but is an occupation which offers good returns in money. Weavers of this kind are working overtime in Detroit. And it is our intention to get a part of that trade for the benefit of our boys in the weaving class, because whatever surplus is made by weaving for the customer will, in first line, be reinvested in the improvement of instruction. In this way our boys, or as many of them as take to this work, will have a chance to be useful in various respects.

The whooping cough has made its appearance at school, and several of the smaller children are coughing 'tis a pity to see. We hope, however, that, with the help of God, the cough will pass over on each one afflicted without any other serious results in its wake than the present distress.

A new room, to be used as a kitchen, has been added to the house occupied by the superintendent, making the house so much larger and more convenient. The house to be occupied by Rev. Decker, who has been with us since fall and intends to be married during the Christmas holidays, has also been put in splendid shape by the painters and paperhangers.

The children are preparing for the Christmas celebration, and in the next letter we expect to give a full account of it. G.



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