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Thanksgiving

For the harvest of ripe grain,
For the bountiful fruit of the tree,
For Thy love and forgiveness, Lord,
We bring our thanks to Thee.

For Thy guidance of the past,
For Thy nearness, that's so real,
For Thy promises to come,
Lord, it's only thanks we feel.

For souls that in Thee found
Forgiveness full and free,
For these our hearts are full
Of Thanksgiving praise for thee.

MRS. W. H. SCHINDLER

Thanksgiving

The Christian gives thanks for all the blessings in which the world rejoices. The blessings of peace to our nation, of abundance in our fields, of our daily bread, of health in our midst, of happiness in our homes, all these are ours, and we are grateful.

But the Christian rejoices because of richer blessings than these and lifts up his voice in thankful praise to his God, the Giver of all good gifts.

The blessing of peace in the heart, the blessing of love that sweetens sorrow and care and brightens the darkest hour, that steadies the heart in the time of temptation and trial, these are blessings that make life rich, no matter if all other things are lost.

The consciousness of God's presence with us and the hope for the future thus inspired; the confidence that we are His children, that we are in His hands, that He will care for His own, these are blessings which the wealth of

the whole world cannot buy; but these very blessings God has freely given us.

Let us be thankful for all these blessings, and let us pray that they may continue. Let us praise God that these blessings are for all who will receive them, without money and without price; yes, may the Lord make us truly thankful!

The Annual Meeting of Ephphatha Conference

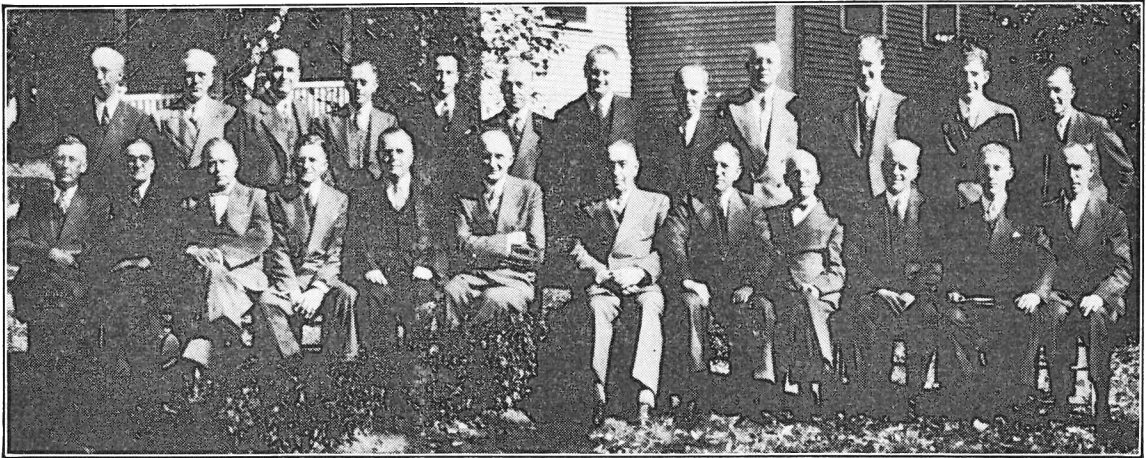
The greatest blessing which God can bestow upon men is the establishment of Gospel-preaching in their midst. Martin Luther said: "There is no greater grace given upon earth than the preaching of the Word of God; and there is no greater misery upon earth than the withholding of it." Again he said: "God will not give His Spirit except through His Word, for if this were not so, He would not have commanded to write it, read it, hear it, sing it, speak it." Our ministers to the deaf proclaim the Gospel of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, by means of the sign-language and the oral method. To become more efficient in their glorious work, they meet annually to discuss their problems and methods. This year the conference met Oct. 4—8 in Grace Chapel for the Deaf, Minneapolis, Minn. (Rev. J. L. Salvner, pastor). Twenty-one workers were present. This was a full attendance. Among the visitors present were the following: Rev. F. Streufert, Secretary of Missions; Rev. H. Gamber, chairman of the Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind; Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim, Synod's railroad secretary; Rev. A. H. Kuntz, former member of the Board of Missions to the Deaf; and additional local pastors.

With praise and thanks to God the conference together with Grace Congregation of the Deaf and its many friends, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Minneapolis chapel for the deaf. Three services were held: two in the afternoon, in which Holy Communion was administered, and one in the evening. In the oral service for the deaf, Rev. Theo. Frederking of Cleveland, O., officiated. In the sign-language service, Rev. A. Boll of Brooklyn, N. Y., delivered the sermon and Pastor G. Gaertner of Oakland, Calif., made the confessional address. At the joint service for deaf and hearing in Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim, pastor)

sign language. Rev. N. P. Uhlig delivered a sermon for the Conference in the language of the deaf, and Pastor G. Gaertner discussed various signs according to *Long's Manual*.

Between the Sunday afternoon and evening services Rev. J. Beyer showed some moving pictures of the dedication of the Omaha chapel for the Deaf. At this meeting members of the Minneapolis congregation of the Deaf made addresses and presented Pastor Salvner with a gift. Messages of congratulation from various sources were also read to this gathering of deaf.

Ephphatha Conference passed resolutions of thanks to Grace congregation of the Deaf and



Members of Ephphatha Conference and Synod's Board of Missions for the Deaf and the Blind
Who Met at Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 4—8

Top row, l. to r.: W. Ferber, Duluth, Minn.; E. Mappes, Omaha, Nebr.; R. Cordes, Winnipeg, Can.; G. Gaertner, Oakland, Calif.; N. Borchardt, Detroit, Mich.; A. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo.; J. Beyer, St. Paul, Minn.; G. Ferber, Los Angeles, Calif.; O. Schroeder, Chicago, Ill.; W. Uhlig, Memphis, Tenn.; F. Possehl, Oklahoma City, Okla.; A. Jonas, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Lower row: N. Uhlig, St. Louis, Mo.; A. Boll, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. Gielow, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. Salvner, Minneapolis, Minn.; C. Hoffmann, Minneapolis, Minn.; E. Bertram, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. G. F. Kruse, treasurer of Board, St. Paul, Minn.; H. Gamber, St. Paul, Minn.; A. H. Kuntz, St. Paul, Minn.; E. Eichmann, Portland, Oreg.; M. Mueller, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. Scheibert, Chicago, Ill.

the statistician of the Board of Missions for the Deaf and the Blind, Rev. C. J. Hoffmann of Holy Cross Church, Minneapolis, preached the sermon, which was interpreted to the deaf by Pastor E. Eichmann of Portland, Oreg. Approximately 150 deaf were in attendance.

The conference program was carried out in full. Rev. Theo. Frederking read an essay on "Oral Work among the Deaf"; Rev. E. Scheibert discussed "Making Calls among the Deaf"; Rev. E. Mappes gave an exegesis on 1 Cor. 8:7 ff. Pastor Borchardt and Candidate Possehl signed Gospel-lessons; Pastors J. Salvner and G. Ferber rendered Epistle-lessons in the

its Pastor, Rev. J. Salvner; to the Board of Missions to Deaf and Blind, which was present a full day, Tuesday, Oct. 8; to the ladies of the deaf church; and to all who assisted in making our visit in Minneapolis so happy and successful.

Newly elected officers of the Ephphatha Conference are the following: Rev. G. Gaertner, chairman; Rev. A. T. Jonas, secretary; Pastors E. Mappes, N. P. Uhlig, and J. Beyer, program committee.

With the prayer that God may continue to bless our work the brethren departed for their respective fields of labor. O. C. SCHROEDER

Do Your Part Now

Two church-members were discussing the needs of their church. Said the one to the other, who owned several pigs, "If you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them for the Lord's work?" "Yes, I would." "Would you do the same thing if you had a hundred cows?" "Yes, I would." "Would you do the same if you had a hundred horses?" "Yes, of course." "If you had two pigs, would you give one of them to the Lord?" "No, I would not; and you have no right to ask me because you know that I have two pigs."

This story very aptly shows how some people like to exaggerate their generosity, when really they feel just the other way about it. Have we not heard some one say, "If I only were rich, I would build the new church or school myself," or, "When I get out of debt, you will certainly hear from me"? But what does it profit? Either they do not become rich nor get out of debt, or if they do, the promises are forgotten. And in the mean time the work of the Lord receives nothing from them. It is just a generous way of saying no.

The Lord wants, and the church needs, men and women who will share with Him what they have, be it much or little, and to do it now. That is the Lord's way: Every man according to that he has. Let every Christian, young and old, give in the measure and proportion in which the Lord has given him. Every one, something, cheerfully, now, that is the Christian way. Let the future take care of itself. Do your part now!

How to Keep Faith Bright

A woman who was showing friends a beautiful, massive piece of family silver apologized as she took it from the cupboard where it was kept. "Dreadfully tarnished!" she said. "I can't keep it bright unless I use it."

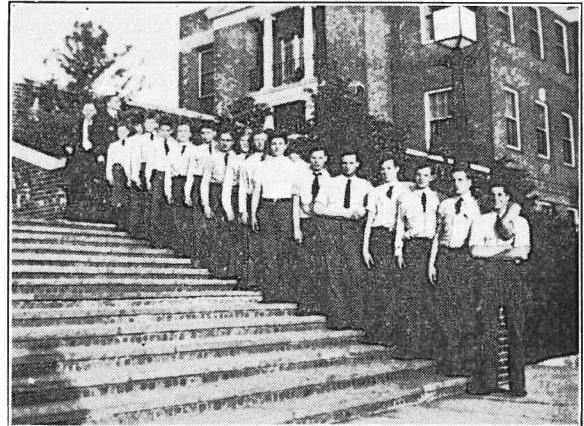
That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. If you keep faith tucked away in the Sunday closet of the soul and bring it out only for show, you will be compelled to apologize. Your faith is bound to be tarnished. You cannot keep faith bright unless you use it in your every-day life.

What Is Your Business

William Carey was a shoemaker, who spent much time doing church-work. His friends reproved him for neglecting his business. "Neglecting my business?" said Carey. "My business is to extend the kingdom of God. I cobble shoes only to pay expenses." He heard of the terrible condition of the blind heathen in India, prayed for them, and finally went to them and labored among them for forty-one years with great blessing. — *Sel.*

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Newark, New Jersey.—This preaching-station advanced into the family of Lutheran missions with the confirmation of eight adult deaf. They were confirmed at two different times. The first group was confirmed on the last Sunday in March in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, of which the Rev. Theo. Keyl is pastor. It consisted of Mr. Wm. Felts, Miss R. Kievit, Mr. and Mrs. Hopper, and Mr. C. Schaumburg.



H. C. Borgstrand, Rev. A. Boll, Sunday-School Pupils at the New York School for the Deaf, White Plains, N. Y.

Mr. Hopper was also baptized, because he had no proof of a previous baptism. The second group, confirmed in June, consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Suta and Mr. August Beyer. On this occasion the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Suta was baptized. All the confirmed went to the Lord's Table to strengthen their faith in their gracious God. May God keep them in faith, and may they be mindful of the confession made at the altar in God's house till they are confirmed in the Church above and see Him face to face in whom they have believed.

The Newark mission church owes its existence in a large measure to the efforts of Mr. Oscar Rehling, a confirmed member of the New York church, who for many years attended the Brooklyn services even after he had moved to Newark. Mr. Wm. Felts, also a confirmed member in New York, is again in our midst. A number of pupils of the Bruce School in Newark

also attended services on the first and third Sundays of the month at 280 Peshine Ave., Newark, N. J.

The boys in the picture are pupils of the New York School for the Deaf located on Knollwood Road, White Plains, N. Y. The picture was taken at a little party given them, at the close of the school-year, by the Guild of the Lutheran Mission for the Deaf in Brooklyn. The boys are enrolled in the beginners', in the primary, and in the Bible class. Mr. H. C. Borgstrand was delegated, together with the pastor, to arrange this little party, which took place in the dining-room of the New York School for the Deaf. A. B.

Chicago, Ill. — Mr. Austin Beegle of Lincoln, Nebr., and Miss Bernice J. Robb of our Chicago Lutheran congregation were married on September 21 in the Chicago church. After a short stay of about one week following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Beegle returned to Lincoln, where Mr. Beegle is employed by the city. God grant them much joy and blessing in their wedded life! E. J. S.

Omaha Mission. — On September 30 Mr. Loris Merrill and Miss Louise Watson were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Omaha. A number of relatives and close friends of the couple attended the ceremony. Mr. Merrill is one of the auditors of our Omaha congregation. His wife has expressed a desire to take instructions and join our Church. We wish the young couple much happiness and God's blessing.

Large classes at both the Council Bluffs and the Omaha School greeted us upon the opening of the schools. Several new pupils were added this fall, and no doubt others will come to us for this instruction during the next few weeks.

Mr. Emil Schultz, one of our former members at Lincoln, Nebr., is now employed in Omaha and hopes to remain at his job for a long time.

Mr. O. W. Brown of Fonda, Iowa, celebrated his 85th birthday in August. He attended services regularly at Fort Dodge as long as he was able to do so. Owing to impaired sight he has not been able to occupy his usual place in church lately. We wish him the Lord's blessing. Mr. Brown has a great-granddaughter attending the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs. E. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — Since we are in charge of Synod's entire work among the blind, editing four periodicals and replying to hundreds of letters, it is impossible for us to act as a full-time missionary among the deaf. We continue to preach regularly, however, to various groups of deaf and to instruct a considerable number preparatory to confirmation.

A reader of the *Messenger for the Blind* in September sent us this message: "I must tell you how very much I am enjoying the *Messenger*. My sincere thanks for the very wonderful articles. It is a year now since you are editor of this splendid magazine. I greatly appreciate what you have done for the blind readers, as I know my *Messenger* gives me many hours of pleasure; all material is so very interesting. The articles which you write are most helpful. My sincere wishes for continued success in the fine work you are doing for the blind."

May God continue to bless His message everywhere. O. C. S.

SOME people complain that the churches are too expensive and that they call for too much money. Wouldn't it be better to say that sin is too expensive? Authorities estimate that crime in this country costs about \$12,000,000,000 a year. That is nearly \$100 for each man, woman, and child in the whole country.

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