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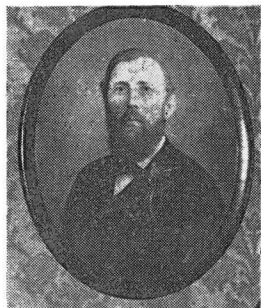
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"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Mr. Edward Pahl, a graduate of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, who departed this life in November, will be mourned and remembered with grateful thanks by thousands of deaf throughout the country. By his efforts and interest in souls the Gospel of God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus has been preached in the sign language throughout the land in Lutheran churches for the past 50 years.



Dir. D. Uhlig

Through the assistance of Dir. D. Uhlig of our Detroit school, Pastor August Reinke of Chicago received the following letter written by Mr. Edward Pahl in 1894: "I have been reading the entire Gospel according to St. Mark this Sunday afternoon. While reading the 16th chapter of the Gospel, a verse fastened itself upon my mind, and I have been thinking of it ever since. It is the great mission command of our Lord given to His disciples in verse 15: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.' It is true that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached to many creatures and that large numbers are won for Christ and His kingdom. But, dear pastor, how

is it that the Gospel is not preached to us deaf people? Are we not also creatures and therefore included in this mission command of our Lord? We see our hearing relatives and friends go to their respective churches on a Sunday, while we must remain home because no one will preach the Gospel to us in a language which we are able to understand."

Pastor Reinke saw the needs of these neglected people and began to learn the sign language. Then he preached his first sermon in signs to the deaf of Chicago and vicinity on the subject "God is Love." That was in the year 1894 and marks the beginning of public Lutheran preaching in the sign language and our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf. In the year 1896 our Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, at its regular triennial convention, resolved officially to engage in this work among the deaf and to support it with synodical funds.

Since 1896 many missionaries of our Church have engaged in this soul-saving work among the deaf and many blood-bought souls have been won for Christ and His kingdom.

In this year 1946, when we intend to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Lutheran Mission to the Deaf, 23 missionaries serve 300 stations with 2,700 communicants. More than 800 children at State Schools are being instructed in the way of life by means of the sign language.

Through Mr. Pahl's zeal for saving souls the prayers of many deaf and parents of



Mr. Edward Pahl

deaf have been answered by God. May the Lutheran deaf especially always keep in loving remembrance this Christian deaf man, who, by the grace of God, was instrumental in bringing them the Word of Life. O. C. S.

Laborers Are Needed

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Three of our missionaries, the Pastors Lutz, Streit, and Schauland, have accepted calls into hearing work. Thus we have four vacancies, including St. Louis, and two new fields ought to be opened. Six workers are needed. "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Friend, help us in prayer. J. L. S.

Pastor Eichmann Declines Call

One of our former missionaries to the deaf, Rev. E. Eichmann of Portland, Oreg., who had received the call to fill the vacancy in St. Louis, Mo., has decided to remain with his congregation at Portland. May God grant that a new worker will be found soon for the important St. Louis field. J. L. S.

Hiding the Light Under a Bushel

Silence is not always golden. Many Christians talk all day on the subjects of politics, sports, business, current events, but maintain a sphynxlike silence on matters of religion. It is a tragic mistake to think that you can be silent about Jesus and at the same time enjoy His blessing. He says: "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32-33). Have you ever spoken to your unchurched relatives, friends, or business associates about faith in Christ Jesus and the Christian hope of eternal glory? Do you really believe that knowledge of Jesus, or faith in Him, in this life determines your condition in eternity? If you do, you will cast aside earthly cares, thoughts, feelings, vanities, and Jesus will mean everything to you. You

will labor in His cause and consider a soul saved worth a lifetime of effort and suffering; for it would mean that a soul had been redeemed to everlasting joy and saved from everlasting misery. You will learn to sacrifice time, money, energy, and all your talents to Him.

If you have truly received Christ Jesus into your heart and life, you will also confess Him before man as your Lord. Confess your faith in Christ and the great hope for a blessed eternity that lies ahead for all believers. Saint Paul teaches: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

O. C. S.

Our Indianapolis Field

Fifty years ago the founder of our Mission, the Rev. Augustus Reinke, preached also in Louisville, one of the stations of the Indianapolis Field; and one of our first missionaries, the Rev. H. A. Bentrup, also ministered to the deaf of this city. Yes, another one of our missionaries, the sainted Rev. A. Boll, made it his headquarters. In December the writer paid a visit to the Indianapolis Field and therefore also to Louisville. Pastor H. Schauland has been in charge of this field for almost a year.

Louisville was the first station we visited with Pastor Schauland on Sunday, Dec. 2. Upon our arrival we visited an old member and friend of our Mission, confirmed by Pastor Boll. She is confined to her bed, and her pastor celebrated Holy Communion with her. In the evening a service was held, thirty deaf attending, and after the service the usual informal meeting. All showed great interest. The day following, services were conducted in Vincennes with eleven deaf and four hearing. Tuesday twenty-six deaf attended the service in Evansville. Wednesday we returned to Indianapolis. Thursday we drove to Columbus for a service and meeting with ten deaf, and on Friday we had a service and meeting with eight deaf in Alexandria. On Sunday services and a meeting were held in Indianapolis, lasting two and one half hours. In this service the infant daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Schauland was brought to Christ in Holy Baptism. For the evening a service had been arranged for the deaf of Terre Haute, which fifteen deaf attended.

We believe that this field offers wonderful opportunities. Before Pastor Schauland took over, Pastor N. P. Uhlig of St. Louis had taken care of this field, which had been vacant for some time after the death of Pastor Gielow. God richly blessed the work of Pastor Uhlig, both attendance and contributions having increased considerably. The Word of God never returns unto Him void (empty). And God has bestowed rich blessings also upon the efforts of Pastor Schauland, as

was manifest wherever we went in the field. We enjoyed meeting the deaf and seeing their interest in the Word of God. Several asked for instructions preparatory to Holy Baptism; one asked for Bible stories in simple language; and another said after the meeting: "I am going to read my Bible every day." In one city questions were asked in regard to the Holy Ghost, resurrection, the one way to heaven, justification, and sanctification.

Also our pastors in the various cities are deeply interested in this work among the deaf and give all the assistance possible. When Pastor Schauland was not able to hold a service in one city as scheduled, the local pastor preached, and a son of deaf parents interpreted. Another pastor is able to use the finger alphabet, performs wedding ceremonies, baptizes children of the deaf, and visits the sick. May God bless all the pastors who do so much for our missionary.

And may our good and gracious Lord be also with Pastor Schauland and richly bless the preaching of His Word in the sign language unto the salvation of many deaf in this field according to His many promises.

J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — The American Bible Society is printing the picture of deaf-blind Mrs. Emily Eaton in one of its publications. She has the complete Bible in Moon type. The picture shows her reading in the Book of Psalms. It is opened at the 23rd Psalm. Mrs. Eaton's finger is resting on the line "He leadeth me."

In 1928, when our *Herald* first appeared, Mrs. Eaton became one of its first subscribers. She was baptized and confirmed by Rev. N. Jensen, 29 years ago, in Seattle, Wash., where she attended services regularly until 1943. Mrs. Eaton has signed hymns regularly at



Mrs. Emily Eaton

services for the deaf. She now lives with a son in Toledo, Oreg.

A professor of History and Philosophy in Italy recently wrote: "I am a reader of your *Messenger for the Blind*, which I read with great pleasure. I assure you of my gratitude and pray God for your long life and happiness."

Mr. J. Wong, Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies, wrote and expressed his thanks in these words: "I enjoy your splendid magazine. It is a source of comfort, courage, and cheer to me and my eight blind friends. We enjoy every line of it." O. C. S.

Kansas City Field. — Since the time of our last reporting to the Editor's Mail the following friends have expressed their wish to walk closer with the Lord, to make a public confession of their faith (Matt. 10:32), and to work together with other Christians: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brown of New Cambria, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stucky of Murdock, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pratt of Wichita. Also the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt was baptized into the kingdom of Jesus in the same service. Wayne Gerald Jordan was baptized into the kingdom of Jesus, in Leavenworth, in early November. Miss Blanche Benoit of Goodland and Mr. Vincent Wickware of Overland Park, Kans., were united in holy matrimony at Mission, Kans., and Miss Wilma Hall of Bethel, Kans., and Mr. Homer Burns of Kansas City. The latter couple exchanged their wedding vows before the altar of Pilgrim Chapel on Dec. 15 in a particularly impressive one-ring ceremony. We congratulate the happy couples.

In addition to the weekly Bible class of twenty-seven students of the Kansas school, the pastor has the privilege this year to conduct weekly Bible lessons with thirty-four hard-of-hearing students of the Kansas City Benton School. The Mothers' Study Club of the latter school has rendered wonderful assistance. In addition to giving splendid gifts of love for the Army and Navy Fund of the Lutheran Church, the young students have brought wonderful gifts for the expansion of the Lord's kingdom in the Philippine Islands, to be used when our Church begins its program there.

The following students are taking part in our Bible class in the Colorado school: Gladys Lahmann, Alvin Lungren, Verna Magheim, Alvie Moser and brother, and Harvey Schwindt.

Pilgrim Church of Kansas City is humbly happy to state that when a local department of Federal employees recently had a photographic display of Kansas City churches (taken by the above group), the picture of Pilgrim Chapel again won the first prize. We invite all friends to worship the Lord with us often.

A. E. F.

Central Illinois Field. — In summer, 1945, the Saint Louis field was divided and the undersigned relinquished the Missouri stations. He preached his farewell sermon at St. Louis Sept. 30. On this date the congregation tendered him and Mrs. Uhlig a farewell party, at which he was remembered with a purse. Similarly the deaf of Fulton, St. Charles, De Soto, and of the St. Louis Negro group remembered him. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

We moved to Jacksonville, which is the headquarters of this field with the large Illinois School for the Deaf. Stations at Springfield, Quincy, Decatur, and Effingham are also served. Concordia Theological Seminary of Springfield is now receiving more attention. There a class of eleven interested students is busily learning the use of the sign language. These students conducted the Springfield Christmas service on Dec. 16.

Sonja Kaaren Goddard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goddard, was baptized at Jacksonville Oct. 21. Mr. Goddard is instructor of printing at the School.

The 38 children of our Jacksonville classes presented a Christmas program in connection with our service there on Dec. 16.

At Decatur, Ill., 62 deaf attended the Christmas service on Dec. 23. In this service Miss Zona Cullison and Mr. Clifton Rash were united in marriage. Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Geo. Albers, pastor, tendered us a party after the service. Similarly our groups were entertained at Quincy at St. James' Lutheran Church, Rev. Titus Lang, pastor, and at Effingham, where Rev. E. C. Zimmermann's church members have been very kind to us. N. P. U.

Chicago, Ill. — On Sunday evening, Nov. 4, 1945, the Lord of the Church called Mr. Edward Pahl to his eternal rest at the age of 78 years. Mr. Pahl was one of the few remaining charter members of Our Savior Lutheran Church for the Deaf of Chicago. It was through a letter which Mr. Pahl in his youth had sent to his former teacher, superintendent of the Lutheran School for the Deaf of Detroit, Dir. D. Uhlig, father and grandfather respectively of two of our present ministers to the deaf, the Rev. N. P. Uhlig of Jacksonville, Ill., and the Rev. W. Uhlig of Los Angeles, Calif., that our Lutheran mission to the deaf in this country was begun. We all feel deeply grateful to God for having used Mr. Pahl as an instrument to help bring spiritual blessings to the deaf of our Church and country. We shall all keep him in honored remembrance. The undersigned, his pastor, was privileged to visit him but an hour before his passing and to administer the Lord's Supper for the strengthening of his faith in his Savior. He had a clear mind to the very end. At the funeral his pastor spoke words of comfort to the bereaved on the basis of Psalm 94:19: "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul." Mrs. Wm. Maiworm rendered the song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," in signs. Mr. Pahl is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren.

Sunday, Dec. 2, we had the privilege to welcome into membership of our congregation Hiram V. Haarvig and Robert E. Munroe. We sincerely hope that both of these young men will receive much spiritual blessing from association with us. The following officers were elected by Our Savior Church for 1946: President, Jos. Miller; vice-president, Floyd Baumann; secretary, John Anderson; treasurer, Carl Heyer; third deacon, Wm. Maiworm; third trustee, Louis Igleheart and by the Silent Lutheran Club: President, John H. Anderson; vice-president, Clarence T. Hayman; secretary, Benjamin J. Greenheck; treasurer, Wm. Maiworm; and

by the Ladies' Aid Society: president, Mrs. W. Thiele; vice-president, Mrs. C. Leise; secretary, Mrs. C. Heyer; treasurer, Mrs. L. Igleheart; and for the Sick-Visiting Committee, Mrs. E. Stahr, Mrs. M. Henning, and Mrs. Anna Struve. E. J. S.

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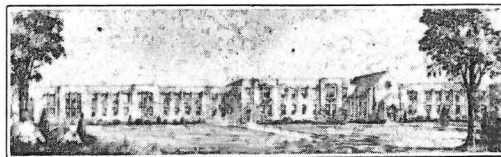
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