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A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

Why Be Thankful?

God has provided you with food, clothing, shelter, health, strength, and all earthly blessings. Furthermore, He has showered spiritual gifts upon you, such as His Word, faith, love, and the greatest of all His blessings, a loving Savior.

The missionaries shown here bring this message of the Savior to you at all times.

How thankful our deaf ought to be especially in this 50th anniversary year of our Mission! You have been blessed with the pure Gospel and the unadulterated Sacraments above thousands of other deaf. Do you always show the proper appreciation for these wonderful blessings? Let us repent of our past neglect and be truly thankful in the years to come.

O. C. S.



Ephphatha Lutheran Conference, Meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Chicago, Ill., October 4—8, 1946

First row, left to right: Pastors: E. Mappes, Omaha, Nebr.; W. Ferber, Fargo, N. Dak.; A. T. Jonas, Seattle, Wash.; N. Borchart, Detroit, Mich.; C. Bremer, Minneapolis, Minn.; G. Gaertner, Oakland, Calif.; J. L. Salvner, Robbinsdale, Minn.; H. Rohe, Pittsburgh, Pa.; A. Ferber, Kansas City, Mo.; M. Mueller, Milwaukee, Wis. — Mr. G. F. Kruse, Treasurer of Board, St. Paul, Minn.

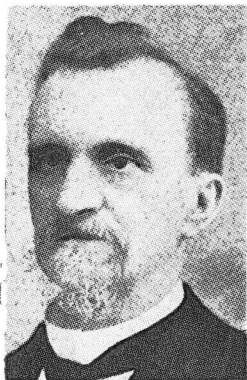
Second row, left to right: Pastors: W. Uhlig, Los Angeles, Calif.; O. C. Schroeder, Chicago, Ill.; T. Frederking, Cleveland, Ohio; F. G. Gyle, St. Louis, Mo.; T. M. Wangerin (one of first two missionaries called), Milwaukee, Wis.; Student A. L. Hauptmann, Great Falls, Mont.; H. A. Bentrup (one of first two missionaries called), Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. Westermann, Memphis, Tenn.; N. P. Uhlig, Jacksonville, Ill.; F. Possehl, New York, N. Y.; R. Cordes, St. Paul, Minn.; E. Scheibert, Chicago, Ill.; A. Lutz (going to India)

Pastors not on picture: C. Schleicher, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; N. Zellmer, Portland, Oreg.; and M. Kosche, Indianapolis, Ind.

Fifty Years Ago

"Praise ye the Lord"

In 1875 God led a group of our Detroit Christians to open a school for orphans and called Pastor Speckhard of Sebawaing, Mich.,



Rev. Augustus Reinke, upon whose appeal Synod took up the work among the deaf in 1896

as director of the school. In that city he had been instructing two deaf, and when he accepted the call, he brought them with him. When parents of deaf children heard of this, they sent their deaf children. At the close of the school year seventeen children had been enrolled. Thus the school for orphans became a school for deaf children.

Many deaf who had been instructed and confirmed in this school returned to their home. But while the hearing could go to the house of God every Sunday and learn the Word of God, these deaf had no such opportunity. Yes, they could read their Bible, and they did. One of these graduates one Sunday read the Gospel according to St. Mark. Un-



Mr. Edward Pahl, who, with other deaf in Chicago, pleaded for Lutheran services for the deaf. He also helped Pastor Reinke learn the sign language

able to forget the words of Jesus "Preach the Gospel to every creature" (ch. 16), he wrote a letter to his former teacher, Director Uhlig, and requested services for himself and other

deaf. And the director, instructed to do so by the Board of the school, sent this letter to Pastor Reinke, in Chicago, who had several graduates from the school in his church. And God led him to minister to their spiritual needs in the sign language. On March 4, 1894, he preached to sixteen deaf. It was the first Lutheran sermon ever preached in this language in America.

Soon calls came from other cities, and in a short time Pastor Reinke was preaching to deaf in a number of cities. Having done this for two years, he pleaded for the deaf at the convention of our Church at Fort Wayne, Ind.,



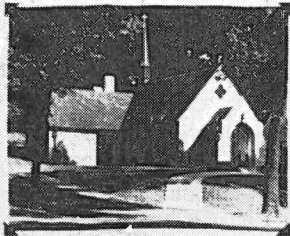
Pastors H. A. Bentrup and T. M. Wangerin, the first two pastors called to work among the deaf, in 1896

in 1896, and our Christians gladly heeded this plea. Immediately two candidates, T. M. Wangerin and H. A. Bentrup, were called. This was fifty years ago. Thus the Lord and Savior of all men led our Church into this work of bringing salvation also to the deaf.

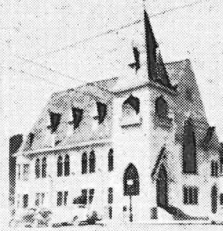
Let us thank and praise God for this. Especially our deaf ought to come before God with thanksgiving for directing our Church to them. If God had not done this, then very likely our Church would not be carrying on this blessed work, and many deaf would not have learned to know the Savior of sinners. Therefore, praise ye the Lord! J. L. S.

JESUS OUR HOPE: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins. Col. 1:14.

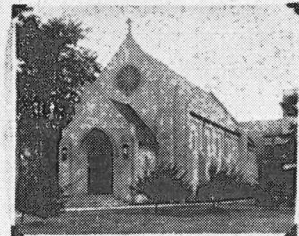
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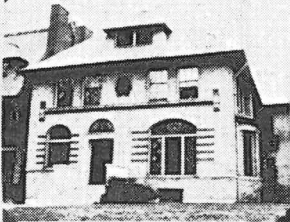
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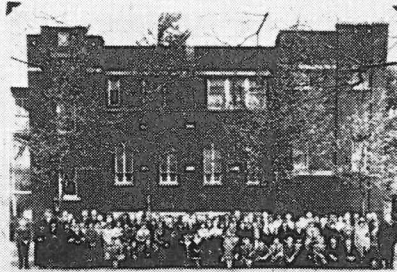
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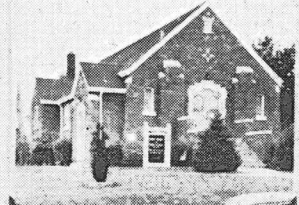
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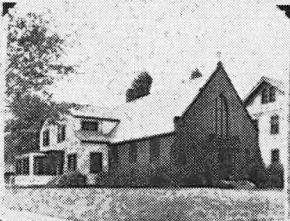
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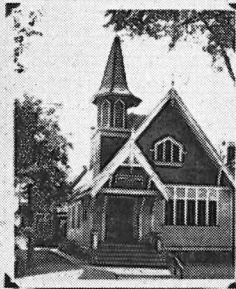
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Lutheran Chapels for the Deaf

The above picture is self-explanatory — eleven Lutheran churches for the deaf in all parts of the United States. They stand as monuments to the praise and honor and glory of our God, who made it possible to erect them. In these churches Christ, crucified for the salvation of sinners, is preached regularly, and many deaf people enter their doors, worship the Triune God, and receive comfort and peace for their immortal souls

Two other chapels, not shown, are at Spokane, Wash., and Los Angeles, Calif. — Three others, at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Cleveland, Ohio, and New York, N. Y., will soon be erected, according to reports. May God grant it!

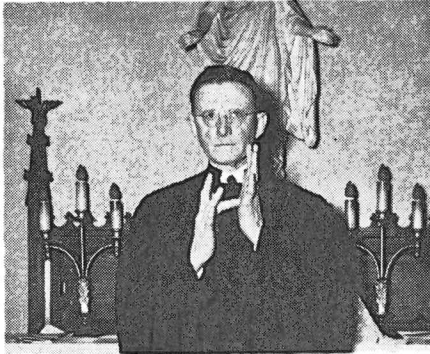
Fifty Years of Gospel Preaching Among the Deaf

"Thanks Be to God"

From 1896 to 1946 our Church has been bringing Christ to the deaf in our country and also in Canada. And His Word shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing whereto He does send it. This is His promise in Isaiah 55.

Yea, the Lord has done great things for us, and therefore we are glad and sing praises unto Him in this year of jubilee. Today twenty-two missionaries go from city to city, preaching Christ Crucified in about 275 cities. During these fifty years many deaf have been taught the Word of God and have been confirmed. And today — oh, praise and thank God for it! — we have more than three thousand communicant members, 38 of whom are deaf-blind. And also in heaven there is a

large congregation of deaf who learned to know the Savior through our mission. They have closed their eyes trusting in the blood of Jesus, which cleanses from sin, and now, with the saints, they sing unto Him "that loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood," and



Dr. J. L. Salvner

Executive Field Secretary of our Mission, who works, together with the board and the missionaries, in promoting and enlarging our mission among the deaf. Dr. Salvner has 45 years of service to his credit, and we hope a number of years of service lie ahead of him

they hear the heavenly choirs. Come, deaf friend, give thanks to our God for His rich blessings.

Again, in the United States there are 64 State schools, 113 city schools, and 20 private and denominational schools. During the last school year 17,674 attended these 197 schools. In 31 of the State schools and in seven of the city schools our missionaries, during the past school year, instructed 1,375 boys and girls in the precious truths of God's Word and showed them the way to true happiness here and to everlasting happiness in the heavenly Father's home. Furthermore, in State hospitals, homes for the aged, and other institutions our workers ministered to 155 deaf during the past year. Surely, in this jubilee year our deaf should return thanks to God because they and many others have found Jesus, and in Him they have forgiveness and life everlasting.

In the interest of our Mission the DEAF LUTHERAN is being published since 1909. It brings the Word of Jesus, which alone can save the souls of the deaf and strengthen their faith, and shows how the Word has won victory upon victory. Many deaf have services only once a month or once every two months. To these we are sending 21,500 monthly Bible studies, a study for every Sunday. Some of

our missionaries instruct by correspondence certain deaf people whom they meet only once in a great while. Yes, we have been, and still are, bringing Christ to the deaf also by the printed word.

Indeed, all ought to render thanks to God for His many blessings. But especially we deaf Christians ought to sing with thanksgiving unto God that during these fifty years of Gospel preaching we have learned to know Christ and that we are on the way to everlasting life. Thanks be to God!

J. L. S.

The Next Fifty Years

"Abide with Us"

After fifty years of this blessed work among the deaf we naturally ask: "What about the next fifty years?"

First of all, we who know Christ surely ought to appreciate the preaching of His Word among us. Gladly and regularly we ought to go to the house of God and attend services and thus be also a good example unto others. We ought not to miss one service. Gladly and



Pastor Martin Kosche and Pastor F. G. Gyle,

our latest missionaries among the deaf. Rev. Kosche, a graduate of the Springfield, Ill., seminary, was ordained and installed at Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 4, 1946. After some special training under Rev. N. P. Uhlig and Dr. J. L. Salvner he began his active ministry among the deaf in the Indianapolis field on Sept. 3 of this year

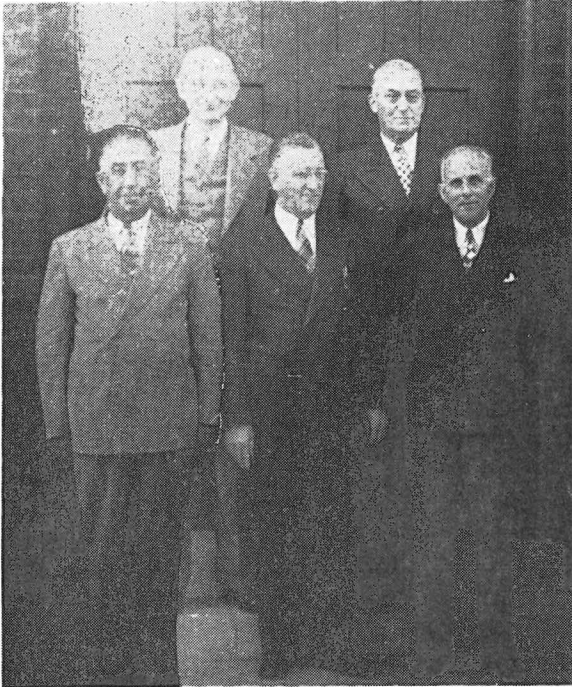
Rev. Gyle, who has been serving the deaf of the St. Louis, Mo., field since last February, was called, after his graduation from the St. Louis seminary, to this field and took over his duties as missionary in St. Louis and vicinity during the summer

thankfully we ought also to support this work among us with our prayers and contributions.

There are so many deaf who do not yet confess Jesus. They must first have the saving Gospel of Jesus, without which they shall be lost forever. Next year our Church will

celebrate its one hundredth anniversary, and it is getting ready for expansion in all its missionary work, the slogan being: "Each One Reach One." In this year of jubilee also we deaf Christians ought to make that our watchword. As Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, so every one of us ought to go out and seek to win others for Christ. Come, let every one of us be a fisher of men.

Furthermore, we should pray the Lord for more laborers, for Jesus Himself tells us: "The



The Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind

These men, three pastors and two laymen, give much of their time in managing and supervising the work of our entire Lutheran mission among the deaf and the blind. Most of them have served for many years

harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37). At the present time we could place five, possibly six, additional missionaries. Pray for laborers!

We should think also of foreign countries. The 1931 census shows that there were more than 200,000 deaf in India, and of the more than 61,000 deaf children between the ages of five and fifteen not quite 900 attend school. Surely, today there are many more deaf in India. And twenty-five years ago our pioneer missionary in China, the sainted Rev. E. L. Arndt, wrote: "Oh, that one more wish be

fulfilled in the next quarter century—that something may be done for the poor deaf in China and India. I have seen so many of them here in China without being able to help them." Will his wish be fulfilled during the next fifty years? May God grant it! And just recently one of our missionaries in Africa sent a story about the little deaf boy Akpan, who "is living his life in silent loneliness, without men, without Christ." And the missionary closes his story with these words: "May deaf Akpan appeal to our Lutheran Church, especially to a few trained teachers, to open the first school for the deaf in pagan West Africa. Poor lad! There he is still sitting silent, alone, without Christ. Lord, make these deaf to hear Thy Word."

Oh, may the good Lord abide with us also in the future and cause His Word to spread unto the salvation of many deaf in all the world!

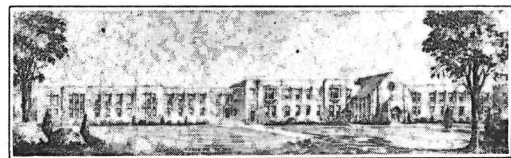
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Our Jubilee Thankoffering

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Our Mission grew out of our Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit. Graduates of this school were the instruments God used to establish our Mission. And God has been with us these fifty years and blessed His Word. Our hearts should be filled with praise and thanksgiving.

But, surely, we want to show our thanks also by bringing our thankofferings. And for what? For another school, and that in the East, similar to the one in Detroit, in which deaf children daily will be taught the Word of God and will be led to Jesus, the only Savior.



Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich.
Mr. John A. Klein, Director
6861 Nevada Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

Our hearing Christians are bringing their offerings. How much more ought our deaf Christians to bring a special thankoffering!

May God touch the hearts of all our Christians, both hearing and deaf, that they may bring a large thankoffering to the glory of our God and Savior!

J. L. S.

Lutheran Deaf Highly Favored

We are this year celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our Lutheran Mission among the Deaf. Lutheran deaf should be thankful that their Church is the Church of the pure Word and Sacraments. That is her true character. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches, and confesses the soul-saving truth, upon the basis of God's Word, which will abide forever. The Word of God is her never-failing source of strength and vitality. For fifty years Lutheran ministers to the deaf have remained faithful in doctrine and practice, bringing to the deaf the message of God's redeeming grace in Christ Jesus. Thousands of deaf have accepted their preaching in sincerity and truth. In this year of our fiftieth anniversary we thank God for these undeserved blessings. Thousands of other deaf in our country and throughout the world have not had the opportunity to learn this precious Gospel. Are our own deaf truly grateful to God, or do many neglect the Church and reject the faithful admonitions of their consecrated missionaries? Our deaf should know that the Lutheran Church engages more workers to bring the Gospel of salvation to the deaf than any other Church in America and that it supports the only Protestant school for deaf children in the United States.

This being a milestone in our Mission, we should thank God and conduct a soul-searching inquiry as to our attitude toward the Savior's precious gifts. Let us ask ourselves in all sincerity: Do we always attend services regularly, or do we make excuses? Do we contribute to the Church according to our means and as God has blessed us in material things?

May our deaf offer sincere gratitude to God for the pure Gospel; for only Christ's perfect work gives true comfort in life and in death to an accusing conscience. Where our deaf have failed to appreciate the Gospel, let them make humble confession and ask forgiveness for Jesus' sake, so that God may look with favor upon our anniversary celebration and new spiritual life may appear among us, with God-pleasing fruits, such as zealous missionary activities, regular church attendance, and an offering of gifts for the salvation of souls among the deaf. May God grant it!

O. C. S.

Golden Jubilee Conference of Lutheran Pastors for the Deaf

Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Deaf Congregation at Chicago, with their pastor, the Rev. E. J. Scheibert, entertained Ephphatha Conference from October 4 to 8, and they are to be commended for their fine hospitality.

Since this year marks the 50th anniversary, not only of our Synod's work among the deaf, but also of the founding of the Chicago congregation, it was very fitting that our conference met in that city.

During the entire celebration of this important event—in the services and in the fellowship gathering on Sunday, as well as in the conference business sessions—one theme or motto always received prominence, namely, "All Glory to God." Yes, all glory and praise and thanks to our God, through whose wisdom and mercy and love true Gospel preaching for the deaf was begun 50 years ago and has been carried on through all these years by many pastors and servants of the Word.

Golden Jubilee Celebration

On Sunday, October 6, at 1:30 P. M., a Communion service was held for pastors and members of Our Savior's Church, at which Pastor N. P. Uhlig preached the sermon and Pastor W. Westermann gave the preparatory address. About 150 deaf attended this service. Following this service, at 4 P. M., the Golden Jubilee banquet was held. Pastor A. C. Dahms, former pastor of Our Savior's Congregation, served as toastmaster. The program consisted of various songs, signed by several deaf ladies and sung by the hearing audience, and of a number of addresses, given by various missionaries. We were also happy to have among us the first two pastors called, in 1896, to work among the deaf—Rev. H. A. Bentrup and Rev. T. M. Wangerin, both of whom addressed the audience in the sign language. Many congratulatory messages from individuals and congregations in all parts of the country were read.

On Sunday evening, at half past seven, the Jubilee service, attended by both hearing and deaf, was held. Dr. J. W. Behnken of Chicago, the President of our Synod, preached the anniversary sermon, which was interpreted by

Dr. G. W. Gaertner of Oakland, Calif. Over 200 deaf and a large number of hearing friends were present. 55 deaf had come from Milwaukee, and some from New York, St. Louis, Indianapolis, and other cities.

The two services and the banquet were held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where Pastor Augustus Reinke preached the first Lutheran sermon to the deaf on March 4, 1894, and where for many years services were held until the deaf in Chicago completed their own house of worship.

On Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. Scheibert held open house and entertained all the pastors.

Conference Business

Four full days were used to consider the important matters pertaining to our work as pastors and spiritual advisers of our deaf people. Every business session was begun with song, prayer, and Scripture reading, giving honor, thanks, and praise to God for His grace and blessings and asking Him for guidance in our tasks.

Rev. R. Cordes read a paper and gave the signs on the last part of 1 Corinthians 9. Rev. W. Uhlig treated Romans 2, and he also signed the text. Rev. W. Westermann read an essay on "Uniform Practice in Communing Guests." Pastor F. Possehl read a paper on "Trends and Developments in the Deaf World." Dr. J. L. Salvner led a discussion on the *Ephphatha Manual*, a book of forms and agenda to be used in our services and at various church functions. Some time was also allowed for members of our Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind to present various matters pertaining to our work. Five members of the Board were present. It was stressed again how necessary it is to have close co-operation between the missionaries and the Board in order to carry on our work successfully and in a God-pleasing manner.

A part of one session was devoted to discussing the glorious work done in printing literature for the blind. Pastor O. C. Schroeder, the editor of these publications for the blind in the Braille and Moon type, is to be commended for his untiring efforts in behalf of these people. He also preaches to the deaf on Sundays in various places.

The following officers were elected for the

next two years: Chairman, E. Mappes; vice-chairman, N. E. Borchardt; secretary, F. Possehl; Program Committee, G. Gaertner, A. T. Jonas, and M. E. Mueller; Resolutions Committee, H. Rohe, W. Westermann, and C. Bremer; reporters, J. L. Salvner, E. Mappes, and F. Possehl.

It was decided to meet, God willing, in Detroit, Mich., in 1947.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the Chicago deaf congregation, to the pastor and his wife, to the ladies' aid, to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and to all others who helped make this Jubilee Conference a most pleasant and profitable one. E. M.

Mission Board Members

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Missionaries Who Served in the Mission During the Past 50 Years, but Not Active Now

Rev. Aug. Reinke	Rev. A. C. Dahms
Rev. H. A. Bentrup	Rev. J. Schumacher
Rev. T. Wangerin	Rev. Wm. G. Harms
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Rev. A. E. Ferber	Rev. E. Scheibert
Rev. W. Ferber	Rev. C. Schleicher
Rev. Theo. Frederking	Rev. O. C. Schroeder, B. D.
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Rev. F. G. Gyle	Rev. W. Uhlig, M. A.
Rev. A. T. Jonas	Rev. W. Westermann
Rev. M. Kosche	Rev. N. W. Zellmer
Rev. E. Mappes	Student A. L. Hauptmann
Rev. M. E. Mueller	

Others Who Served Part Time in the Deaf Mission

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Rev. E. B. Fox	Student E. Luessenhop
Rev. W. C. Brauer	Rev. K. A. Kriesel
Prof. E. Wolfram	Rev. A. H. Besalski

Salvation Is the Gift of God

Many people have wrong notions about their salvation; some think that they must first improve their life or have certain experiences and feelings before they can come to Jesus, but Saint Paul teaches: "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Others think they must purchase salvation by gifts to the Church or for charity, or work for it by doing all manner of good deeds. People as a rule find it very difficult to believe that salvation is. "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:9) . . . and "that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law" (Rom. 3:28).

Let us always keep in mind that this free justification means everything for nothing to one who deserves only judgment and condemnation. Jesus "gave Himself for our sins" (Gal. 1:4). Therefore we are saved "freely" and "by His grace." Rom. 3:24.

This is the blessed doctrine of the Bible which Dr. Martin Luther restored to the world. May we ever adhere to it to the glory of Christ and our own salvation! Are you well grounded in this faith, or do you waver with every wind of new ideas in religion contrary to the doctrines which you have learned?

O. C. S.

BE HUMBLE: God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. 5:5.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — On Ephphatha Sunday, September 8, we addressed several hearing groups in northern Michigan churches on the subject: "The Fiftieth Anniversary of our Missions to the Deaf." The audiences were keenly interested. Some of those present stated that they intended to show a greater interest in missions in the future.

We were pleased to see that the U. S. Navy Department in its recent *Handbook for the Newly Blinded* places at the head of its list Biblical faith, hope, and comfort for a proper philosophy of life to account for the things that happened to blinded veterans. We quote from this handbook: "The first step in making the best of things is to call upon your spiritual reserves. Many a blinded veteran has testified that were it not for the recollection of the comforting and stimulating Scriptural passages learned in childhood, he would never have been able to survive."

The John Milton Society for the Blind in New York City recently sent us a request from a blind man in China for our *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*.

A blind friend in Minnesota wrote: "I continue to enjoy the *Messenger* as much as ever. I always read it from cover to cover and much of it more than once."
O. C. S.

Cleveland, Ohio. — Wedding bells rang frequently here of late. On Aug. 3 Miss Martha Lake was married to Mr. Edward Reinbolt in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cleveland. Miss Josephine Lypuma was maid of honor, and Mr. Richard Connell the best man, and other attendants were Miss Dorothy Cutshaw and Miss Betty Hartinger, and the Messrs. Robert Himmel and Edwin Opatriny.

On Aug. 24 Mr. Harry S. Dobson and Mrs. Hazel V. McKenzie were married in the bride's home in Akron, Mrs. Eulalia Burdick and Mr. Clifford Thompson having been the witnesses.

On Sept. 14 Miss Shirley Byam was married to Mr. Bernard Marquis in the home church of the bride at Elyria. The groom's sister, Mrs. Marjorie Frederick, was the matron of honor, and Mr. John Debnar the best man, while the other attendants were Miss Lois Hahn and Mr. Robert Morris.

On Sept. 22 Mr. John Riddlebaugh and Mrs. Sara Carson were married in Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Mary Case, Jr., and Mr. John Schwartz attending as witnesses.

May God abundantly bless these marriages, so that all may keep the faith of Christ and also remain true to their marriage vows.

On Sept. 15 Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, observed the 25th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. Theo. Frederking. The Rev. Herbert Rohe of Pittsburgh had been invited to preach the anniversary sermon, and, after the service, the members and friends assembled in the hall for the dinner, where the pastor was honored by various addresses and a very welcome gift.

T. F.