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Spiritual Life

The crucified and risen Christ, who by His death on the Cross has shown His wonderful love for mankind, has become the refuge of all who are burdened with sin and tribulations. By His precious blood He has reopened the gates of Paradise and proved His infinite love for us.

It is a sign of your faith in Him if you support His Church in every possible way with your time, talents, and gifts. Live a godly life to His glory. Be sure that your amusements are the right kind. Be happy, but keep your conscience clean. The books you read may influence you for good or evil. Cheap reading material may lead you away from God and into sin. Read the Bible daily for spiritual growth and life. Have good and decent friends. Honor the judgment of your Christian parents; they are truly interested in your happiness. Prove to the world by your example that you have not only the form of Christianity but also the power thereof in your soul. St. Paul admonishes all Christians: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10).

O. C. S.

Rev. Waldemar Ferber

One of our pastors, who in this year is completing 25 years in the service of the Deaf Mission, is the Rev. W. Ferber of Fargo, N. Dak. Entering this blessed work in November, 1923, he has served faithfully and with marked success in both the United States and in Canada.

Pastor Ferber was born on Dec. 9, 1894, at Belvidere, Goodhue County, Minn. Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., is his Alma

Mater, from which he graduated in June, 1914. He attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., for three years, and after his graduation in June, 1917, he was ordained in his home town of Belvidere by his now sainted father, the Rev. G. Ferber. His first parish was at Park Rapids, Minn., where he had charge of four other preaching stations.

Accepting the call extended to him by the Deaf Mission Board after six years in the ministry, Rev. Ferber was stationed at Duluth, Minn. Immediately the work branched out to widely scattered sections in northern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and North Dakota and extending also into various parts of Canada. Stations were served in four provinces of Canada, namely, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Ontario, and included also two provincial schools for the deaf at Winnipeg and Saskatoon.



Pastor Ferber, the pioneer missionary for the deaf in Canada, through persistent and untiring efforts and long journeys was able by the grace and help of God to find such unfortunate people scattered throughout this vast territory who had never had the opportunity of having the Gospel preached to them. Oh, the joy that was theirs as they learned from a true servant of God that there was forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus, the Savior.

Among those who showed their sincere

desire and love for God's Word were such as drove to the services over many miles of rough mountainous roads in cars not to be compared with those of modern times. One young man, as Pastor Ferber relates, drove 200 miles in an automobile which needed repairs on the way, and after working several hours in repairing it, stopped en route to take with him other deaf passengers.

Another story which shows the persevering efforts made by the missionary in adding souls to Christ's Church, is about a boy who had attended the Winnipeg School and was prepar-



The picture is of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Little of Bismarck, N. Dak., members of Rev. W. Ferber's congregation in that city. Wilfred was confirmed while attending school in Devils Lake, N. Dak., and after his marriage he induced his wife to take the course of instruction and to join the church.

Although instructed chiefly by correspondence, she showed a great interest in her study of God's truths. On April 16 of this year she publicly confessed her faith in the Savior and was accepted as a member of the church by confirmation.

ing for church membership. Since he failed to return to school before finishing his instruction, a correspondence course was offered him, and when he was ready to be confirmed, Pastor Ferber traveled over 1,000 miles from Duluth, Minn., to have the confirmation service in the boy's home town of Seven Persons, Alberta Province. The day was July 4, 1927. This, then, was Independence Day for our Lutheran Deaf Mission in Western Canada. From this one trip our Mission branched out until it covered every important town in the western Canadian prairies. In churches, city and country homes, many of them merely log cabins, the Gospel of Salvation was brought to blood-bought souls, and the Lord granted His blessings upon the arduous work of the missionary.

Later on the field was divided, and other pastors took charge of much of the work in Canada and northern Minnesota, and in November, 1940, the Board saw fit to transfer Pastor Ferber to the North Dakota field with headquarters at Fargo, N. Dak., where he continued to serve those stations which had been on his former schedule and added many more. Since that time more concerted efforts have been given to the instruction of pupils at the Devils Lake, N. Dak., State School. Every Protestant child in this school is under Pastor Ferber's spiritual supervision, and at one time 95 children attended his classes. Each year classes of children are confirmed who have had a very thorough course of study in the fundamental teachings of the Bible.

In the summer of 1947 Pastor Ferber was appointed Visual Aids Director of the North Dakota District, a position which he is very capable of fulfilling, since for many years he has used the Visual Aids Method of instruction in the schools as well as among the adult deaf.

To this faithful and energetic worker in the Mission of the Deaf we say, God continue to bless his labors for the welfare and salvation of many souls.

How Far?

We are told that when Christ was being dragged through the streets of Jerusalem the night before His crucifixion, Peter followed him "afar off."

Every community has its share of people who follow Christ "afar off." They approve the Church's program, they wish the members well, they "wouldn't think of living in a town without a church," and yet they themselves keep a convenient distance from the churches of their neighborhood.

Christ minced no words when He spoke to the unbelievers of His day: "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

To follow Christ "afar off" may be as fatal as going in the opposite direction. Your eternal destiny depends upon a fellowship with Him, most intimate, most close, and most enduring. How far are *you* from Him today?

A Note from India

From Rev. A. J. Lutz, former missionary to the deaf, comes word that he now has spent a year in India. During this year he spent the greater part of his time studying the language of India. However, Pastor and Mrs. Lutz were also placed in charge of the Boarding Home for white missionary children in the beautiful hills of Kodaikanal during the school year. Pastor Lutz had charge of the regular services and confirmation classes. About 30 children are under their care and supervision.

In case some of our readers wish to write to them, we herewith give their address:

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E. M.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Milwaukee, Wis.—In the space of less than one month Emmanuel Congregation mourned the loss of three members, who were called out of this life and accorded Christian burial by the undersigned.

Stanley Osburn was born June 22, 1888, in Huntington, Ind. He was instructed and baptized in our church on March 17, 1940. Although he was afflicted with diabetes, his end came rather unexpectedly on May 6. His widow is a member of our Emmanuel Congregation. Six grown hearing children, 4 sons and 2 daughters, also survive.

Mrs. Clara Becker suffered a stroke as she entered our church on the arm of her husband on Sunday morning, May 23. The Lord relieved her from all suffering the following Tuesday. May God comfort her sorrowing husband, Hubert Becker, to whom she was married only since last August and who is preparing for membership in our congregation. Mrs. Becker was confirmed April 6, 1941, and remained loyal to her Savior and her church. She was 54 years old.

The only hearing member of our congregation, Raymond Ringland, passed away on June 2, one day after a serious brain-tumor operation, at the age of only 29 years. Our deep sympathy goes out to his sorrowing wife Selma (nee Zarba) and her little daughter Karen Ann. Raymond Ringland attended the Christian day school of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, where he was also confirmed. After his marriage he became a member of our congregation in order to worship together with his wife. During the war he served in the U.S. Navy and survived combat in the European Theater. On his deathbed the undersigned ministered to him with Word and Sacrament. Raymond Ringland received Christian burial with military honors on June 5. "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26) were the words which conveyed comfort to deaf and hearing mourners in signs and speech.

Thus far this year thirteen deaf persons have been received as communicant members after instruction in God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure.

Preparations are in progress for a fitting observance of the 50th anniversary of our Emmanuel Congregation at Concordia College on Aug. 15, and also for the sessions of Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Ministers to the deaf, Aug. 13—17. We expect one of the largest gatherings of Lutheran deaf in the history of our congregation. We pray that this Golden Jubilee will redound to the glory of God and the salvation of many more souls among the deaf. M. E. A. MUELLER

Sioux Falls, S. Dak.—Received into the kingdom of Christ through Holy Baptism were Darrell Duane Kinkade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kinkade of



Pupils of the Sioux Falls, S. Dak., School Confirmed by Rev. C. Schleicher

Milford, Iowa, in the service at Spencer, Iowa, on April 4, with Mr. and Mrs. Eldor Rauss as sponsors; and Mary Lou Giese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giese of Worthington, Minn., in the service at that city May 23, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giese as sponsors. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

Six pupils of the South Dakota School for Deaf became communicant members of our Church by the rite of confirmation in the service at Sioux Falls on May 2. Besides the regular deaf congregation, relatives and friends of the confirmands swelled the attendance to seventy-five. As their class hymn, the confirmation class signed "My Dear Jesus I'll Not Leave." The choir, composed of high school students at the School for Deaf, signed the hymn "Thine Forever." Members of the class, left to right in picture, are Marie Mueller, Charlene Newsam, Patty Faulkner, Herbert Pietz, Ronald Bock, and Steve Anderson. May all of them have joy in Jesus on Judgment Day as they did on their confirmation day!

For the second year a baccalaureate service was conducted at Sioux Falls for our members, and others interested, who were graduated from the School for Deaf. It was held May 23. Five seniors participated; they are Lucille Knittel, Raymond Ellis, Alvin Harold, Martin Ziegeldorf, and Leonard Ortman. C. S.

Jacksonville, Ill.—May 16 a class of thirteen was

confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church. Five of these were also baptized, namely, the first five mentioned in the following list: Kathleen Nolan, Melrose Park, Ill.; Doris Smollinger, Pocahontas, Ill.; Robert Montfort, Danville; Imogene Ragland, Tamaroa, Ill.; Wm. E. Boyd, Bridgeport, Ill.; Don Merriman, Jacksonville; Irvin Carlstedt, Chicago; Edward Raffel, Chicago; Betty Schubert, Mascoutah, Ill.; Dale Buck, Chicago; Ralph Hunt, Chicago; Hannah Takagi, Chicago; Kathryn Taylor, Hurst, Ill.

In the same service an adult class of six was received into full membership, namely, Mrs. Hildur French, Mr. and Mrs. John Huff, Mr. Wm. Lebkuecher, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Lupien; all are from Jacksonville. May the good Lord keep and bless all these in His mercy. Another class of adults is being organized.

Mr. Felix Lupien is just recovering from injuries received last September when a backing truck fractured his thigh and leg. He was hospitalized for six months.

The members of the Jacksonville group are contemplating organization of a congregation.

For some time already we have severely felt the lack of a headquarters building adjoining the I. S. D. campus, which would greatly increase opportunities for instruction of smaller groups and afford the children a chance to attend our church services regularly, besides giving space for educational and social meetings and a residence to the worker. This handicap will, God willing, be eliminated, since our Board has endorsed the erection of a chapel-parsonage.

The Central Illinois Lutheran Women's Missionary League, in its recent convention, voted to aid in the erection of such a building to the extent of \$10,000.

The men's club of Salem Lutheran Church is sponsoring an overture to the Central Illinois Lutheran Laymen's League to buy us a lot, now owned by an interested Lutheran family and adjoining the campus, within 300 feet of the School chapel and gymnasium, the center of the I. S. D. social activities.

Evidently the Lord is moving the hearts to advance the work among the deaf in this field, which with its present eight preaching stations in Central Illinois is developing well.

55 children were in our classes at the close of the school year. These classes were taught every Thursday by students from the Concordia Seminary of Springfield, who made the trip by car. Mr. A. Hauptmann, was an efficient leader of the Springfield student group this year, and he with Lee Lennon, Laurence Stacy, Donald Boerner, Elmer Crosmer, and others performed excellently and were loved by the children. On Sundays we were assisted by Miss Helenclaire Wilkins, one of the teachers and our member, who with older children of the class worked in the Sunday classes. Miss Wilkins is developing a choir of some of the pupils for the services. She has been a precious blessing of God to our work here.

During the year a flannelgraph was provided us through Rev. F. W. Hein of Chestnut, Ill., and the Guild of Salem Church here gave us an S. V. E. projector for our work. Thanks to God and to them for all blessings!

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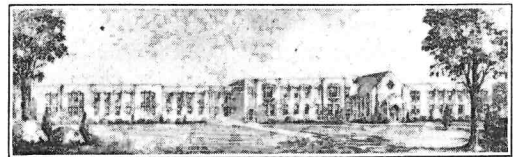
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