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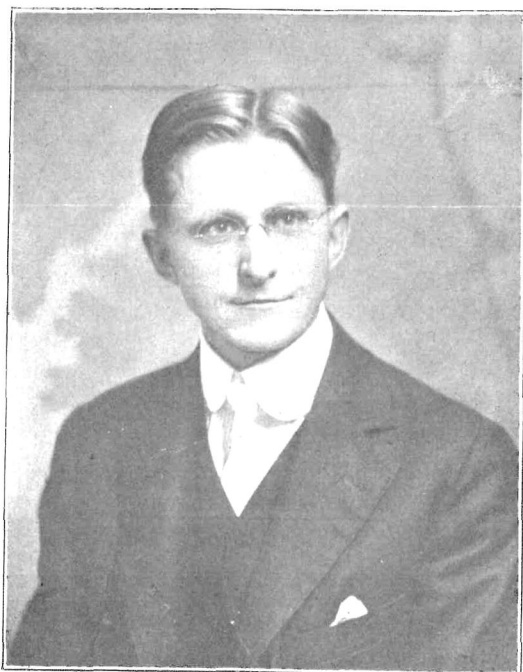
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Dr. John L. Salvner, Minneapolis

Fifty Years' Ministry to the Deaf

Daily dealings with the Deaf in the past half century have made Pastor John L. Salvner a wise counselor in Synod's Mission to the Deaf. Also our ministers to the Deaf have received valuable advice from him. Since 1943 his ex-



Dr. John L. Salvner, 1910 (?)

perience has found helpful expression as Executive Secretary to Synod's Board of Missions to the Deaf.

Dr. Salvner is known to hundreds of Deaf throughout the land. He is admired for his zeal and untiring devotion to Christ and the Deaf as well as for his ability and clarity in the use of the sign language. The Deaf and their pastors enjoy his signs. The Deaf under-

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Lutheran Pastors of Deaf Meet

St. Paul, Minn., August 24—28. — Twenty-nine of the thirty full-time pastors to the Deaf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod met in the Twin Cities for the annual Ephphatha Conference. Also present were Mr. Lee Lennon, full-time vicar (student who has not yet completed his seminary training), Pastor Arlen J. Bruns, part-time worker, and two former vicars now completing their theological training, Mr. William F. Reinking from the St. Louis Seminary and Mr. Laurence Stacy from the Springfield, Ill., Seminary. The members of the Board of Missions to the Deaf sat in the meetings, as did also the Rev. F. C. Streufert, D.D., Executive Secretary of Synod's Board of Missions in North and South America. Several pastors of hearing congregations attended part time. Among the visitors were Pastor Stewart Dale of Faribault, Minn. (of the Evangelical Lutheran Church), and several of the pastors' wives.

Devotional and Worship Services

Each session of the conference opened with hymn, Scripture reading, and prayer, and closed with prayer. A Communion service was held on Saturday morning, August 25, at which Pastor Gerhold preached on the words of Jesus: "This do in remembrance of Me." Pastor Nieman of the Board announced that 14 of the missionaries preached in hearing congregations on Sunday morning to acquaint the people in and around the Twin Cities with Lutheran Deaf Mission work.

Papers on Methods of Work

Pastor Gaertner read an inspiring essay entitled "The Church in Action." The chief thought of the essay was "Rallying the Deaf

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Know Them and Esteem Them

In the Bible the Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in Thessalonica: "We beseech you, brethren, to know them (the pastors) which labor among you . . . and to esteem (honor) them very highly." It was entirely right, therefore, that the Deaf and hearing Christian friends of Dr. John L. Salvner remembered his 50th anniversary as a worker in Deaf Missions and honored him.

However, such an anniversary does not have too much meaning if we just prepare a celebration, extend congratulations, and then forget all about it. In his anniversary sermon, Pastor W. Buege brought out that a much better thing to do is to examine the life of the person we are honoring to see what we can learn for our own spiritual life. Surely this thought was also in the mind of the Apostle Paul when he wrote: "*Know them which labor among you.*"

When we examine the life of Dr. Salvner, there are two things that stand out — his consecration and his humility.

Everyone who knows him, and especially we who have had the opportunity to work with him, can see clearly that here is a man who is convinced of the greatest fact in life, namely: *Jesus gave His life for me to save me from my sin; now I must give my life to Him, to serve Him in His kingdom.* He planned every day so that he could give the best of his energy to the great work of *Bringing Christ to the Deaf.*

Success crowned his labors. Yet there was never a semblance of pride. Several of the church bulletins he made up for the Deaf congregation in Minneapolis have come into our hands. On the top of each are printed the words "Jesus only." Whenever he speaks about his years in the ministry or gives a report on the success of our Deaf Missions program, we already know that his introductory and closing remarks will be: "All glory to God alone."

May we remember this anniversary by copying in our own lives the virtues of this man of God.

Lord, help us grow in humble consecration to the great work of leading souls to Thee.

WHAT do you like best in the DEAF LUTHERAN? Write to the Editors!

Rev. Eugene W. Rische

Among the latest to join the ranks of our workers among the Deaf is the Rev. Eugene W. Rische, who with Pastors E. J. Scheibert and O. C. Schroeder is working in the Chicago area.

Pastor Rische, a native Canadian, moved with his parents to Wisconsin when he was yet a very small child. His father, the Rev. Martin Rische, after serving a congregation at McLeod, Alberta, Canada, for a number of years, accepted a call to a country congregation near Kirchhayn, Wis. Here young Eugene and his brother and sister had the privilege of attending a Christian day school.

After finishing the eighth grade, Eugene decided to prepare himself for the holy ministry and enrolled at Concordia College in Milwaukee, Wis. He completed his high school course and two years of college, then entered Northwestern College at Watertown, Wis., and later attended the Theological Seminary of the Wisconsin Synod at Thiensville, Wis.

In 1949 Candidate Rische accepted a call to serve two congregations at Lemmon and White Butte, S. Dak. After almost one year of work in the Lord's kingdom in this region it became evident that the Lord of the Church had other plans for this young worker. A serious case of stammering interfered and made it difficult for him to continue his work in these hearing congregations and finally led him to resign from his charge. To gain some help in this matter, during the next year, he attended the University of Minnesota Speech Clinic. Then, through the guidance of his parents, who had since

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Bible Readings for November, 1951

November brings with it Thanksgiving Day. This day should remind us of the many blessings we have received during the past church year. David says: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2). Oh, so easily we forget the many good things we have received from our heavenly Father in Christ Jesus! Come, "enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4). Above all, let us praise Him for His precious Word, which He again brought to light for us by the Bible of Dr. Martin Luther, whose birthday we remember November 10.

May these Bible Readings also fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving to our good God!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — Read Luke 7:1-5

In All Trouble Pray to Jesus; Pray for Others

When Jesus had finished His Sermon on the Mount, He came to the city of Capernaum. And there was a centurion, a captain over one hundred soldiers. He had a dear servant who was sick and ready to die. And what did he do in his great trouble? He heard of Jesus and sent to Him the elders (rulers of the Jews), beseeching (praying) Him to come and heal his servant. So sickness and every other trouble should make us go to Jesus in prayer for help. He says: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver (help) thee" (Psalm 50:15). Learn of this centurion. In every trouble first hurry to Jesus for help.

Then let us also pray for others. The elders came to Jesus and prayed for this centurion and his servant. They said that this man was worthy for whom He should do this, because he loved their nation and also had built them a synagog (Jewish church). So let us go to Jesus and pray for our friends, and also for our enemies, that are sick or are in any other trouble. Jesus teaches us to do that in the Lord's Prayer, when we say: "Deliver (help) us from evil" (trouble). Our greatest trouble is sin. If people die in their sin, they will be lost forever. Daily let us go to our heavenly Father and pray in the name of Jesus for our families, for our friends and neighbors, yes, for all people, both Deaf and hearing. Pray that He will show them their sin and the need of a

Savior and that He will bring them to faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanses us from all sin. Pray also for your pastor and the other pastors of the Deaf, and ask God to bless their work. They go out to many Deaf with this good word of salvation by faith in the crucified and risen Savior.

PRAYER: Mighty Savior Jesus Christ, to Thee I come in every trouble, and for all people. Help us from sin and every other trouble that came in with sin. We trust in Thy wonderful promises. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — Read Luke 7:6-10

Trust in the Word of Jesus!

A centurion had sent the Jews to Jesus for his sick servant. And they went and prayed for him, and Jesus went with them. But when He was not far from the house, this centurion sent friends to Him, saying: "Lord, trouble not Thyself; for I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof. Therefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto Thee." He was very humble, knowing that he had deserved nothing. So let us humbly go before God in prayer for all blessings, both for body and soul, for we are poor, miserable sinners. Humbly pray as did the centurion.

He did not want Jesus to come under his roof, but to "say in a word, and my servant shall be healed." He believed that one word of Jesus could do wonders. He knew what his commands to his soldiers did. He said to one, "Go," and he went; and to another, "Come," and he came; and to his servant, "Do this," and he did it. He believed that if his word and command did these things, surely one word of Jesus could make his servant well. Jesus was surprised to hear this and said to the people: "I have not found so great (wonderful) faith, no, not in Israel (among the Jews)." So let us trust in the Word and promises of Jesus. He promises: "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14). And many other beautiful promises we have.

The friends of the centurion now returned to the house, and they found the servant whole (well). Trust in His word, and you never shall be disappointed. Indeed, happy are they that trust in the Word of Jesus. They have help in every trouble. They have forgiveness of all sins by faith in His blood. They have the

glorious hope of rising again from the dead and of everlasting life with Jesus.

PRAYER: Dear Savior, thanks for Thy precious Word and promises. Help that I always trust in Thy Word and so receive Thy many blessings. Amen.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — Read Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Is Stronger than Death

Our Lord Jesus is on the way to the city of Nain. Many of His disciples and much people go with Him. And here Jesus sees death. They are carrying out a dead man, the only son of his mother. The father had died some time before. And many people are with her, feeling sorry for her. Also our kindhearted Jesus has pity upon her and says to her: "Weep not." He knows all our troubles and feels sorry for us.

But that is not all. He also can help, and does help. He stopped the men that were carrying the dead body. And He said to the dead man: "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And a wonderful thing happened! The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. He is the mighty Son of God. He can raise the dead. He Himself arose from His grave the third day. So He will raise up also our bodies on the Last Day. We shall hear His voice and come out of our graves. Then we that trust in Jesus and His blood shall enter with Him into life everlasting.

The people glorified God for this great Prophet and for visiting them with His love and mercy. The story of this wonderful work went through all the land. So we give glory to Jesus because He has saved us from death and the grave by His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection the third day. On the Last Day our dead bodies will rise again, and we shall give glory to Him forever and ever. Praise God for our wonderful Savior!

PRAYER: Praise and glory to Thee, dear Savior, because Thou hast saved us from death and the grave. Now we have the hope of rising from the dead and of everlasting life in glory with Thee. Amen.

THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 22 — Luke 7:18-23

Above All, Thank God for Jesus and His Love

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 106:1). Again during the past

year our good Lord has been with us and kept us until this day. Again we have enjoyed many good things. Forget not to count your blessings, and you will give thanks and praise to your heavenly Father.

John sent two of his disciples to Jesus and asked: "Art Thou He that should come or do we look (wait) for another?" When they came, they saw Jesus making well many that were weak and sick, casting out evil spirits, or devils, and opening the eyes of the blind. And He told John's disciples to go and to tell John the things they had seen and heard. And what did they hear? "To the poor the Gospel is preached." All this showed them that this is the One that should come. Jesus is the promised King and Savior. During this past year our King and Savior has given us health and strength, has healed our sicknesses and given us plenty of food and drink. And above all, He has let us keep the sweet Gospel of salvation. Oh, let us rejoice in Him and give thanks unto Him for all these blessings.

Therefore Jesus says: "Blessed is he that shall not be offended in Me (turn from Me and fall)." Oh, stay with Jesus. Do not turn away from the crucified Lord Jesus, for He also is the risen Lord. Without Him you shall not be blessed. Thank Him for His love, and serve Him with a thankful heart!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thanks for the many blessings that we have received of Thee, blessings for both body and soul. Keep us in Thy grace in Christ Jesus, the only Savior, unto the end. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 — Read Luke 7:24-28

Thank God for the Savior That has Come

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, the first of the four Sundays preparing our hearts and minds for the birthday of our Savior and King. Our lesson tells us of John the Baptist. God sent him to prepare the way for His Son, for the One that should come to save the world. And Jesus speaks well of him. John was not like a reed (tall grass) which the wind blows from side to side. He did not say one thing today and another thing tomorrow to please the people. No, he wanted to please God only. Then, he did not look for fine, soft clothing as the people in kings' houses. No, he had a cloak made of camel's hair, and a leathern

girdle (belt), and he ate grasshoppers and wild honey. But he was greater than any of the prophets. These spoke of the One that should come, but John came to prepare the way for this coming Savior. Therefore among the children of men there was not a greater than John the Baptist. He saw the Lord Jesus and spoke to the people of Him that was greater than he. He baptized the Lord Jesus and heard the Father say: "This is My beloved (dear) Son." He pointed to this Jesus, saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Indeed, he was greater than any of the prophets!

But now Jesus says: "He that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he." John died and did not see the finished work of Christ. Therefore they that know and see the crucified and risen and glorified Jesus are greater than John. Do you know Him who died on the cross for you and then arose again and so finished the great work of salvation? Yes? Then rejoice and thank God!

PRAYER: Glory be to Thee, O glorious Savior! Thou hast finished the work of salvation and now art with Thy Father in glory. Thanks for this finished salvation. Bring us to Thee. Amen.

J. L. S.

DR. JOHN L. SALVNER, MINNEAPOLIS

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stand him, and he understands the Deaf. He has been a true shepherd of his flock for half a century.

We know him as the writer of the monthly Bible Readings and Catechism articles. He is also the author of a Catechism and Bible Stories for the Deaf. In addition, he edited the DEAF LUTHERAN for a number of years.

Dr. Salvner has a love for the Lutheran doctrines and a deep reverence for the eternal truth of salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ Jesus. In times of affliction he has shown spiritual strength and a childlike faith in the guidance of God. His degree, Doctor of Divinity, was bestowed upon him in 1944 by the faculty of our St. Louis Concordia Seminary. Our Church needs many pastors who will follow his example.

We first met Pastor Salvner in May, 1911, at Ephphatha Conference in St. Louis, Mo. At that time the conference consisted of Pastors

T. Wangerin, N. Jensen, A. L. Reinke, A. Boll, C. Schubkegel, J. Salvner, and O. C. Schroeder. Having served as a pastor to a hearing congregation for two years, we were at once deeply impressed with Dr. Salvner's enthusiasm, sincerity, and guiding influence in this specialized field of Synod's work.

Of the seven pastors who were serving the Deaf in 1911, only Dr. Salvner and O. C. Schroeder are still active in the ministry. By the grace of God Dr. Salvner is the first and only minister of our Church to serve the Deaf fifty years.

Pastor Salvner was born October 17, 1876, in Saginaw, Mich. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in 1890. In 1892 he entered



Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., to begin his training for the holy ministry. In June, 1901, he was graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Having accepted a call as missionary to the Deaf, he was installed at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on August 25, 1901. On July 29, 1909, Grace Lutheran Church for the Deaf was organized. Dr. Salvner brought the Gospel of Jesus to the Deaf of other cities and towns in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota.

On October 14, 1903, he married Miss Anna Stelzriede in Saginaw, Mich. She remained his faithful helpmate until May, 1933, when she passed away. He has been blessed with one daughter, Marie Cathryn, now Mrs. R. Schweigert, and four grandchildren.

On August 26, Grace Church, Minneapolis, held a beautiful anniversary service to praise God for His mercy on the fiftieth anniversary of Pastor Salvner's ordination. The Rev. W. A. Buege, chairman of Synod's Board of Missions to the Deaf, delivered a comforting anniversary sermon, which was ably interpreted to the

Deaf by Dr. G. W. Gaertner. The members of Ephphatha Conference, many visiting pastors, Deaf and hearing friends, attended the service and personally extended their congratulations.

A banquet was held in the dining hall of Concordia College, St. Paul, the same evening; the Rev. E. Mappes was the genial toastmaster. Messages from many well-wishers, including President Truman and Dr. J. W. Behnken, were read, and gifts were presented to Dr. Salvner in token of appreciation.

We firmly believe and know that Dr. Salvner agrees with us when we say that all successes in life are solely dependent upon the mercies of God and that He alone should receive our praises. The Scriptures tell us: "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

May God's gracious promise of His abiding presence cheer Dr. John L. Salvner in his remaining years, and may he hear at last the words of his gracious Savior: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant! . . . Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Matt. 25:21.) O. C. S.

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for Work in the Church." He stressed the fact that the Lord has given to each church member some talent and that the Lord has a use in the Church for every talent He gives. It was decided to publish this essay in pamphlet form.

An essay entitled "The Pastor as a Stewardship Leader" was given by Pastor Mueller. He spoke only on the stewardship (use) of treasure (money). He urged all pastors to have a positive attitude toward all of our Church's work. That means, that whenever there is a new request for money to do some church work, the pastor should be happy about it and feel anxious to support the offering. In order to have such a positive attitude, we must pray and study the Bible verses that tell about giving to the Lord.

Pastor Jonas demonstrated how he signs the Catechism teaching on the Sacrament of the Altar. He was commended for his plain and simple signing, which everyone could understand.

A very difficult piece of work was done by

Pastor Hauptman, who translated Chapter 5 of the Letter to the Romans into signs. The pastors agreed that, in signing such Bible lessons, we must aim to simplify and to sign the meaning of the passages rather than the exact words.

Reports

Pastor Uhlig reported on his survey on Sunday school materials and other instruction materials being used by our pastors. He suggested that several of our older missionaries be relieved of some of their duties so that they can give more of their time and experience to the preparing of simple and usable materials, which will be of great value especially to our younger workers. In this connection Pastor Kraus showed a set of placards and a filmstrip on the story of Jonah which he had designed.

A report on the Mill Neck Manor (Long Island, N. Y.) Lutheran School for the Deaf, which was dedicated on September 23, was given by Pastor Possehl. He said the cost would be \$1,800 per child for the year. Funds are needed for furnishing the buildings. It was decided that we ask the Deaf congregations to have an offering before the end of November for the furnishings of the chapel.

The most far-reaching report was delivered by Pastor Kraus, who spoke about a new society which the Deaf on the East Coast have tentatively organized, called "The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society." The purpose of the society is to gather funds for doing mission work among the Deaf of foreign lands. (Until now our Church has done work among the Deaf only in the United States and Canada.) He announced that the Board of Missions had approved this society and urged all our Deaf to join. Your pastor will tell you more about this great venture.

Six of our Lutheran leaders (Pastors Kraus, Gyle, Westermann, Possehl, Gerhold, and Mr. Luebke, superintendent of the Mill Neck Manor School) were present at the recent convention of the *Social, Moral, and Religious Conference of the Deaf*, at Washington, D. C. Pastor Westermann reported on this conference and showed how the *Christian Deaf Fellowship*, a religious organization, had hoped to "take over" the leadership of this conference and

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Thank You for the Anniversary Gifts

August 26 was a day of rejoicing, with praise and thanksgiving unto God for His great mercies towards me in granting me the great privilege of preaching Christ, and Him Crucified, to the Deaf for fifty years, and furthermore for so richly blessing the preaching of the Cross unto the glory of His name and the salvation of many. I must say with Jacob: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto Thy servant" (Genesis 32:10), and with Paul: "Yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10). "All Glory to God Alone."

And to show their appreciation of this preaching of the Cross for fifty years our Deaf and their pastors have gathered more than \$400 as a gift. Hearty thanks to all and to everyone! This gift shall be used unto the glory of our Savior's name by adding it to a Mission Fund now being raised for work among the Deaf in foreign lands and in the meantime being used as loans to congregations of the Deaf for their building projects. Thus it will always be working for Jesus.

Aside of this the Spokane congregation gave a beautiful plaque of the Lord's Supper which adorns my room, and the Minneapolis congregation and their friends surprised their pastor with a fine traveling bag and a sum of money with which cuff links and a tie chain and clasp were bought, each piece, at their request, being mounted with a gold cross. What an encouragement to continue preaching "Jesus only"! God bless you all for it! JOHN L. SALVNER

Field Gleanings

Manitowoc and Sheboygan, Wis. — July 29 the Deaf Lutherans of these two cities sponsored a fellowship picnic at beautiful Lincoln Park, which lies on the shore of Lake Michigan. About 60 Lutheran Deaf and their friends attended the morning church service held at the picnic grounds. After lunch a softball game was begun, and Pastor Mackensen pitched for the "South Side" team. Who won? Surely the "South Siders."

Again the merits of such Lutheran fellowship picnics were made clear. All of the people present joined in the fun. Even some of the

ladies played in the softball game. Later the children had races and contests. More than 100 Deaf were present during the afternoon.

R. M.

Minneapolis, Minn. — Richard Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Arthur Sherer of Watertown, S. Dak., was baptized into Christ in our service on July 22. And on September 17 the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Werner were baptized by Pastor Walter T. Meier of St. Martin's Church, Pastor Salvner interpreting the service for the benefit of the children's mother and their grandparents. May our dear Lord keep these His children in His grace to the end! J. L. S.

Rockford, Ill. — "Pastor, this is a day for true rejoicing!" said Bert Kuykendall in the church basement on August 19. Standing about, visiting, and enjoying the reception fellowship were 19 Deaf friends, who had attended the Lutheran Church service during which Mr. Kuykendall and his wife, Phyllis, and Mr. F. Richard Nelson were received into membership of the Lutheran Church through confirmation. Mr. Kuykendall was also baptized that evening. Yes, it is true, our confirmation day is one of great rejoicing. We are happy to be members in a Church that teaches only the Bible and all of the Bible. R. M.

Watertown, Wis. — On July 21 Mrs. August Schiefska attended our church service with her husband and received the Lord's Supper. She and her husband always came to church. On August 1 she had a heart attack while sleeping, and died. Pastor Mackensen buried her on August 4. We know Mrs. Schiefska's soul is now in heaven with Jesus, her Savior. She trusted in Jesus, who paid for all her sins. It is better to depart and to be with the Lord than to continue here on earth. May God give Mr. Schiefska much strength and faith and patience now. R. M.

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establish a great non-denominational Protestant Deaf Church of America under their leadership.

Pastor DeLaney, of our Deaf historical committee, reported on the vast amount of work he has done in gathering all manner of infor-

mation about our workers, our Deaf churches, the history of the work of other denominations, and the Deaf in other countries. He was commended for his efforts.

Report of the Board

Dr. Salvner reported for the Board of Missions and urged us all to give thanks unto God for the wonderful growth of our mission during the past two years.

Considerable discussion arose on the matter of training young Deaf men to become Lutheran pastors. Several students at Gallaudet College have expressed their desire to become ministers to the Deaf. The Board shall continue to work toward making arrangements with our seminaries in St. Louis and Springfield to accept qualified Deaf men.

Dr. Salvner's 50th Anniversary

The highlight of the conference was the anniversary celebration in honor of Dr. Salvner, who on August 25 completed 50 years of service as a missionary to the Deaf. To commemorate this event, a special service was held Sunday afternoon, August 26, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, at which Pastor Buege, chairman of the Board, preached the sermon. He compared Dr. Salvner to the Apostle Paul, because both worked untiringly in the Kingdom, and often against great odds. Pastor Gaertner interpreted for the many Deaf who attended. An anthem was sung by Immanuel Choir and beautifully interpreted by five Deaf of the Minneapolis congregation, who stood in the front row of the choir.

After the service an anniversary banquet was held at the Concordia College dining room in St. Paul. Pastor Mappes served at toastmaster. Speakers were Pastor O. H. Lottes, member of the Board; Pastor H. Gamber, former president of the Board, now President of the Minnesota District; Pastor O. G. Schupmann of Immanuel Church; Mr. Wesley Lauritsen, teacher at the Minnesota State Deaf School; Mr. Berger, chairman of Calvary Church of the Deaf in St. Paul; Pastor Uhlig, on behalf of our Ephphatha Conference; Mrs. Arnold Dreher, chairman of Grace (Deaf) Ladies' Aid Society, Minneapolis; and Mr. Roy Klein, chairman of Grace congregation.

An interesting diversion was the "picture album" act, in which members of Grace Con-

gregation enacted humorous scenes from Dr. Salvner's life. Many beautiful gifts were given the honored guest.

Finally Dr. Salvner was given opportunity to speak. In his customary humble manner he emphasized his 50-year wish, namely, to preach and teach "Jesus only" and he urged us all to join him in giving "all glory to God."

Social Get-Together

On Monday evening, August 27, all the pastors (some of them brought their wives) enjoyed an evening of fellowship at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Bremer. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sweigert, son-in-law and daughter of Dr. Salvner, were co-hosts to the affair. The chapel-parsonage and grounds at Minneapolis were absolutely spotless. We could understand why Pastor Bremer looked so worn out and why Dr. Salvner came to the first conference session with paint spots on his glasses.

The conference ended all too quickly on Tuesday afternoon. Remarks like these were heard: "Many must have prayed for the success of this conference." "Wasn't it encouraging to see the zeal and vigor of the new young missionaries?" Everyone left with a brisk smile, anxious to return home to take up again the work of *Bringing Christ to the Deaf*.

A hearty "Thank you" to the host pastor and his congregation and to all others who worked for the success of the 1951 Ephphatha Conference.

M. G. K.

REV. EUGENE W. RISCHE

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moved to Mayer, Minn., Pastor Rische began to study the sign language under the able leadership of Dr. J. L. Salvner. He made fine progress in this work, and recently the Board of Missions to the Deaf called him to Chicago. At present he serves St. Philip's Deaf Congregation in South Chicago and six other preaching stations: Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Valparaiso, Ind.; Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and St. Joseph, Mich.

Pastor Rische is a most humble and consecrated young man, willing to work hard for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this blessed field of labor. God grant him good health, strength, and wisdom so that he may continue in this work for many years.

E. M.