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Ephphatha Conference, St. Paul, Minn., August 23—27, 1958. Mr. G. F. Kruse, treasurer of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, retiring after 28 years of service, in wheel chair before Board members Pastors E. Koberg and E. Drews

A very impressive and memorable meeting was held at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., August 23 to 27. The annual meeting of the Ephphatha Conference of Lutheran Minis-

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THE 1958 EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE

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nine months. All the names appear on page two of this magazine. Absent on account of official duties and excused were Pastors F. G. Gyle, G. E. Merrell, and O. C. Schroeder. All the members of the Board for Missions to the Deaf were in attendance and were very busy interviewing and counseling the workers.

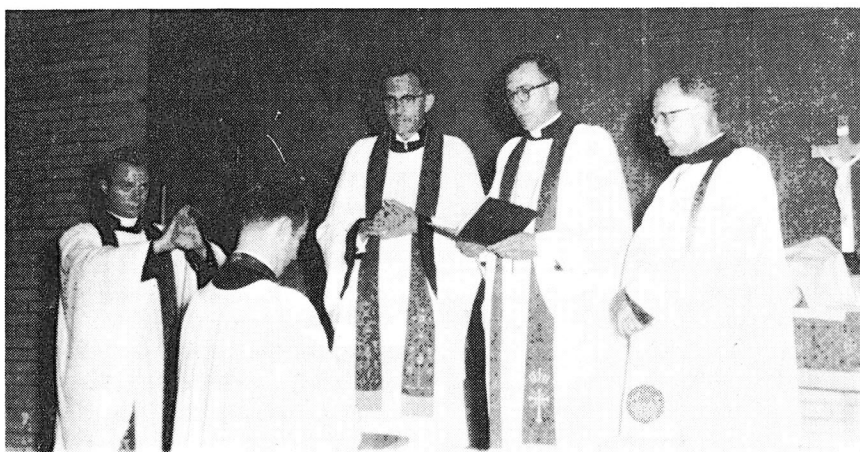
Among the visitors welcomed were Dr. J. A. Klein and Principal Walter Bellhorn of the Detroit school, Rev. R. M. Corl of Oak Harbor, Ohio, Rev. Olson of St. Paul, both of whom work with Deaf, Student Wm. Ludwig of Springfield, Ill., and Dr. Won Yong Ji, on his way to Korea to serve as a pastor there. A number of pastors had brought their wives, and these women were interested attendants at the sessions.

Several factors made the 1958 meeting historic. The resignation of Dr. J. L. Salvner as Executive Secretary and his retirement after 57 years of service in the Mission, the last 15 of which he served as Executive Secretary, and the induction

into office of Rev. Wm. F. Reinking of St. Louis, who succeeds him, mark an epoch, or era, in the work; the announced resignation of Mr. G. F. Kruse of St. Paul, who for 28 years has been the treasurer of the Board and who now is 82 years old and physically severely handicapped, also introduced a sad note, for the missionaries truly appreciated his concern for them and the promptness of the mailing of their checks; these things and the fact that very much excellent work was done at the conference made the meeting an outstanding one in the fifty years which have gone by since 1908, when the first Ephphatha meeting was held.

The Opening Service

A Communion service on Saturday morning, August 23, in the college chapel, opened the session. Chairman Ernest Drews of the Board was the liturgist, Pastor Geo. Kraus interpreting in signs, Pastor Gerhold leading in the congregational responses and signing the hymns. Pastor Robert Cordes de-

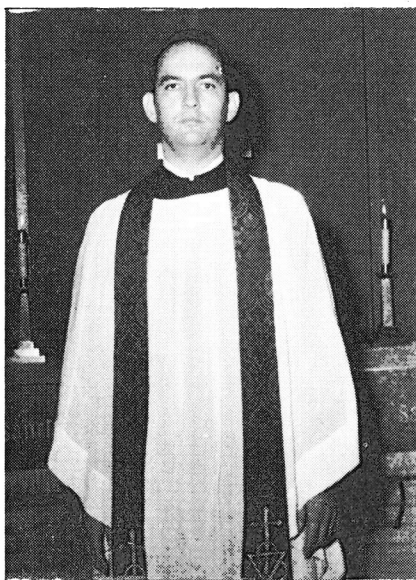


The induction of Rev. Wm. F. Reinking by Rev. E. Drews, chairman of Board for Missions to the Deaf, standing between Board members Rev. E. Koberg (left) and Rev. E. Schroeder, Board Secretary, Rev. Geo. Kraus interpreting

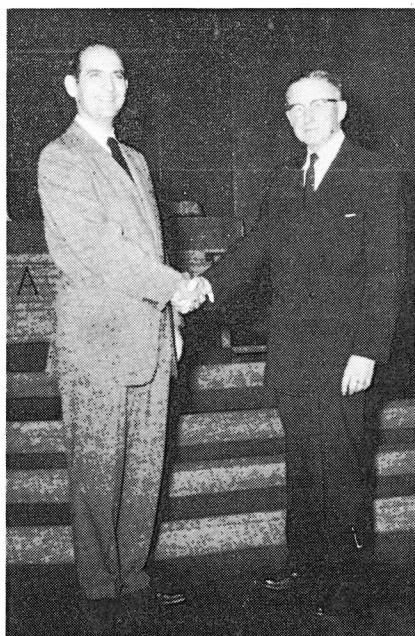
livered the sermon on Ephesians 6:10-18. He set forth the spiritual warfare which Christians must face, meeting the forces of Satan with the weapons of God, which will assure the victory. Pastor Cordes then addressed himself to Pastor Reinking, who after the address was inducted into the office of Executive Secretary. Pastor N. P. Uhlig interpreted in the sign language the sermon and address of Rev. Cordes.

Pastor Reinking was then inducted into his office by Rev. Drews, chairman of the Board, Pastors E. Schroeder and E. Koberg, Board members, assisting, Pastor Kraus interpreting. Then followed the Communion service, in which Pastor Schroeder assisted Rev. Drews. The benediction ended the impressive, solemn service.

NOTE: Rev. W. F. Reinking will have his office not in St. Paul, but in the Lutheran Building at 210 North Broadway in St. Louis, Mo.



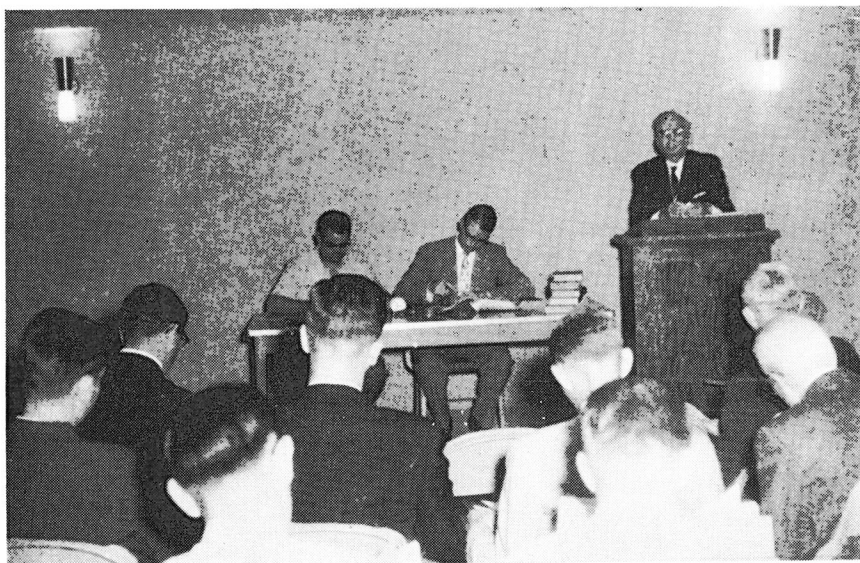
Rev. Wm. F. Reinking at his induction into the office of Executive Secretary of the Board for Missions to the Deaf



The new Executive Secretary, Rev. Wm. A. Reinking, shakes hands with Dr. Salvner, who smiles because he has just gotten rid of a heavy load

The Business Sessions

The men come from great distances and can meet only once a year for a few days; so naturally the most must be made of each day. A varied program is always prepared, and lively discussions usually result, showing the intense interest on the part of the members. Between Saturday noon and Wednesday noon, when the Conference adjourned, eight sessions were held. No sessions are held on Sunday; but in a number of the hearing congregations in the Twin Cities area, men from the conference presented the work among the Deaf in sermons. Devotions, by an appointed chaplain, open each session. Rev. W. Westermann at almost every session signed the hymns for present deaf persons. Pastors C. R. Bailey and Th. DeLaney, chairman and secre-



Dr. John A. Klein talks of the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf, Rev. DeLaney, secretary, and Rev. Bailey, chairman (with coat), at table

tary respectively, ably took care of the meetings and the minutes in each session.

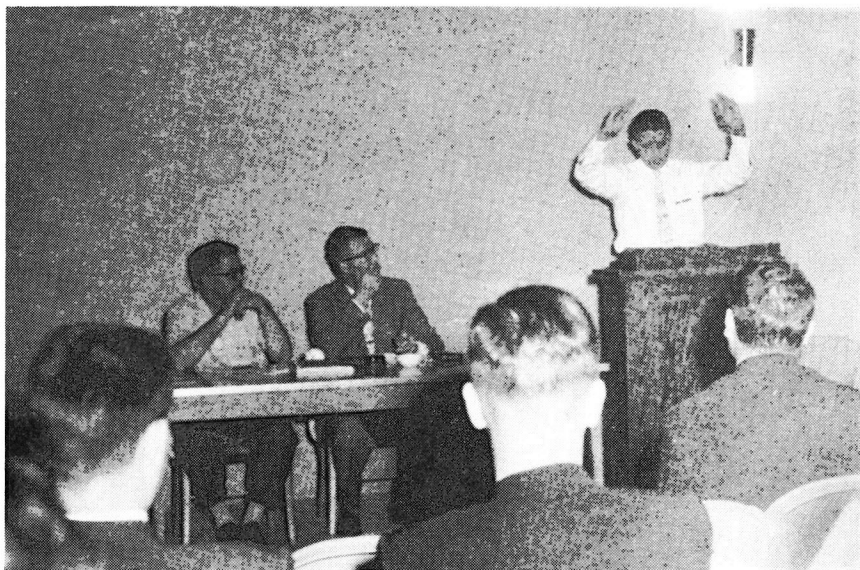
Dr. John A. Klein, superintendent of the Lutheran School for Deaf in Detroit, reported on the progress at that school, where 104 children receive training. There is a waiting list; but since one teacher never is given more than eight pupils for the sake of effective teaching and there are at present no more teachers available, therefore that is the limit that can be served at present. Having just returned from a trip to Europe on which he, as much as possible, visited schools for the Deaf and checked their work, he reported his findings that the schools over there are doing excellent work; methods and courses are more fixed, whereas in this country the Deaf unfortunately suffer from the fact that too much experimentation and too many fads slow up the instruction.

Rev. Herbert Drachenberg explained and signed Genesis 1:1-13.

Board Secretary Rev. E. Schroeder discussed the issuance of a set of "Guidelines for Missionaries to the Deaf," which systematizes the work and is very helpful, especially to younger men. In drawing up these guiding rules and directives he was very anxious to get the help of the experienced workers.

In the Saturday evening meeting Rev. Geo. Kraus presented suggestions for effective hymn signing. It frequently is very difficult to present hymns in signs. In connection with this paper Pastor Th. DeLaney offered to the conference the hymnbook which he compiled for use in the services of the Deaf. This is a selection of hymns from Lutheran hymnbooks that are usable for our services. The conference was glad to accept the offer of his copyrighted work.

Another valuable book is a dictionary of words occurring in the



Rev. Herb. Drachenberg signs "Heaven" in signing Genesis 1

Bible and our Lutheran literature with which the Deaf have difficulty. Dr. Geo. Gaertner and Pastor DeLaney have prepared the manuscript. It is hoped that this might soon become available; but publishing anything is an expensive undertaking, and more than one of the pastors present wished for some person to become interested who has a big heart for the Deaf and the means to do them a real service.

The meetings on Monday were held at the Lutheran Brotherhood Building in downtown Minneapolis. After the morning devotions led by Pastor Th. Frederking Dr. J. L. Salvner gave his last report as Executive Secretary, which position he has held for the last fifteen years, and in a farewell address encouraged the brethren never to become discouraged but to work and to pray and to trust the never-failing promises of the Savior. One could not help thinking of the old prophet Elijah walking with his young suc-

cessor, Elisha, towards the River Jordan and of the wish of Elisha that a double portion of Elijah's spirit might rest on him when Elijah would be taken from him. Considering the 57 years of hard but blessed work of Dr. Salvner for the Deaf one could only pray that "a double portion" of Dr. Salvner's consecrated spirit might stay with the large group of strong young men now making out the ranks of our workers among the Deaf. May God grant it.

The chairman of the Board, Rev. Drews, presented various matters in this meeting, and Rev. Elmer Koeborg, the newest Board member, spoke to the meeting.

Pastor A. L. Hauptman and Dr. G. W. Gaertner presented the Ten Commandments in the version best used with the Deaf, and Dr. Gaertner gave valuable hints on the procedure necessary to have the deaf child get the meaning of the lan-

guage of the matter that is being studied.

In the afternoon session on Monday Pastor J. A. Beyer presented Genesis 1:14-31, giving the explanation of the verses and then showing how they should be signed. These presentations always arouse great interest and a lively discussion, as there usually are more ways than one in which an idea can be presented, and thus one gathers valuable suggestions and valuable hints.

Pastor E. Mappes, signing, but not speaking orally while signing, presented the doctrine of God. To sit on the side and to watch the facial expressions of the brethren during such a demonstration is very interesting. One notices a sudden surprised look on some faces as a very effective way of signing this or that idea is presented; sometimes a look of challenging doubt can be seen, or a plain delighted approval.

Mr. Wm. Ludwig, a deaf man finishing his theological studies this year at Concordia Seminary in Springfield, gave a paper, read for him by Rev. E. J. Thaler, on

"A Deaf College Man's Opinion on Sign Language and Oralism." Mr. Ludwig led the discussion in signs himself. While firmly approving of the effort to give speech and a good language to a deaf child, he nevertheless feels that the sign language is the natural method of expression of a deaf person. The education of a deaf person is difficult, and every means should be employed to achieve the very best results possible.

The pastors were encouraged to present the work among the Deaf at the conventions of the Districts of Synod and if possible have short reports in the booklets distributed to the delegates at these conventions so that the matter gets not only oral publicity but is carried to the home congregations in print.

The Monday Evening Banquet

A surprise had been prepared for the retiring worker, Rev. J. L. Salvner, D. D., in the form of a banquet Monday evening at the Lutheran Brotherhood Building. The members of the Board and their wives,

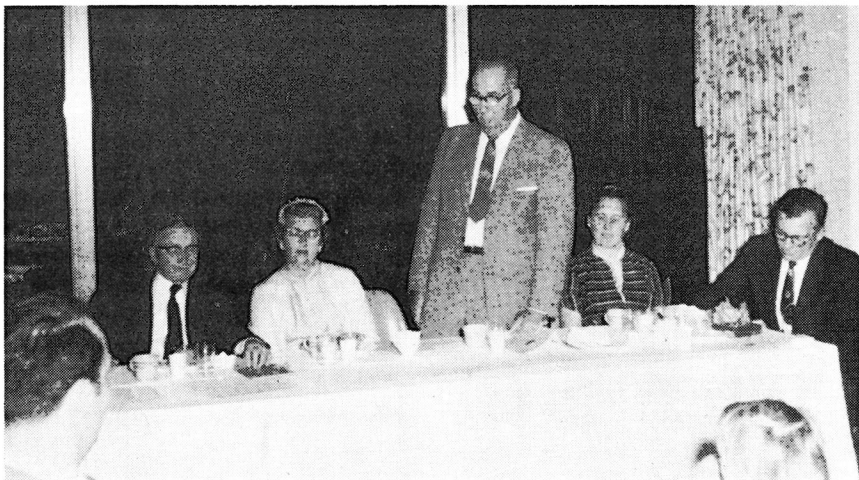


Rev. Wm. A. Buege, Vice-President of the Minnesota District and former member and chairman of the Board for Missions to the Deaf, is main speaker at banquet honoring Dr. J. L. Salvner

Dr. Salvner's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Schweigert, and her husband and children, Rev. Wm. Reinking, the new Executive Secretary, and his wife and children, and the entire Ephphatha Conference gave the esteemed brother a heart-warming evening. Mr. J. P. Miller, Board member, spoke the opening words

Mayer, whose home was Frankenmuth, Mich., near Saginaw, where Dr. Salvner was born, and who was always near and dear to him, related many interesting things.

The brethren of Dr. Salvner in the work had collected among themselves and from their organizations gifts in money for Dr. Salvner.

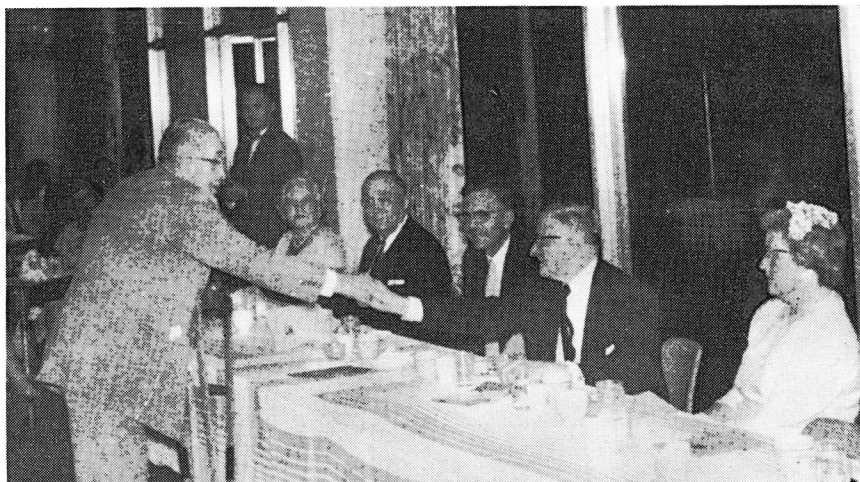


Dr. Herman Mayer, Executive Secretary of Home Missions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, speaking; left to right: Dr. Salvner, Mrs. Wm. A. Buege, Dr. Herman Mayer, Mrs. E. Drews, Rev. E. Drews, Board chairman; head of Rev. Wm. F. Reinking, new Executive Secretary, appears at left lower corner

of welcome. Rev. Wm. A. Buege, now Vice-President of the Minnesota District and for ten years chairman of the Board for Missions to Deaf, gave the main address, setting forth the difficulties encountered in our work and duly appraising the spirit and work of Dr. Salvner, with whom he has worked for many years. He spoke with conviction and fervor, and brought home many points in a telling way. Rev. Drews, chairman of the Board, was in charge of the meeting and called upon the speakers, and himself gave a talk befitting the occasion. He asked Synod's Secretary of Missions, Dr. Herman A. Mayer of Saint Louis, to address the meeting. Dr.

Rev. E. Koberg made the presentation speech, and then Mr. G. F. Kruse, the treasurer of the Board, handed Dr. Salvner a check of over \$700. Mr. Kruse, who on that day had announced his resignation to become effective December 1, shook the hands of Dr. Salvner affectionately across the table, and it was a touching sight to see these two veterans of many years standing there, like old soldiers, scarred but still carrying on, but now coming toward their well-deserved rest.

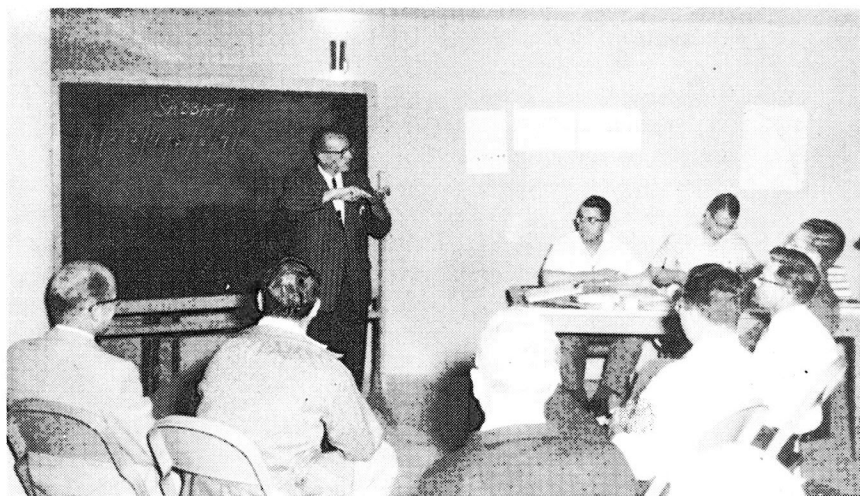
After Dr. Salvner had spoken hearty words of thanks, Rev. Erwin Schroeder, secretary of the Board, concluded the meeting with a brief talk and prayer.



Board Treasurer G. F. Kruse congratulates Dr. Salvner; left to right: Mr. Kruse, interpreter Rev. Kraus standing, Mrs. E. Schroeder, Mr. J. P. Miller, Rev. E. Koberg, Dr. Salvner, Mrs. Buege

It was a memorable and enjoyable evening; for it marked fittingly the farewell of a worker of our Mission whose work was marked by devoted consecration and who has left an unmistakable mark upon our work among the children of silence. His departure ends an epoch in our history. He will, however, continue in modified service according to

ability and will counsel whenever he is called upon. Already Dr. Salvner has marked his calendar for almost two months, preaching here and there, and then will take that "trip to Hawaii" which had been mentioned among the brethren, and about which some Deaf had asked him and he could not figure out what they were talking about.



Rev. A. T. Jonas presents lesson in sign language on "Remember the Sabbath day"



Older workers of the Mission to the Deaf who gave over 450 years of service. Left to right, front: Pastors Westermann, Uhlig, Salvner, Gaertner, Mappes, W. Ferber; rear: Beyer, Cordes, Borchardt, Frederking, Scheibert, A. Ferber. Pastors Schroeder and Mueller, not present, raise total sum to about 550 years in the ministry of the Gospel

The Last Sessions

On Tuesday and Wednesday more interesting and profitable papers and demonstrations were enjoyed. Rev. A. Ferber spoke on "A Pastor's Stewardship of Time"; Rev. H. Drachenberg gave helpful hints on "Keeping Records"; Pastor G. Ring spoke on "The Sunday Church Bulletin and Printed Announcements," warning against wasteful and ineffective methods; Rev. A. T. Jonas presented in signs a very interesting demonstration on "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Tuesday evening Rev. M. Kosche presented a demonstration of "Shading Signs for Variety of Meaning," and a committee on visual aids reported on its work of creating various helps to visualize the instruction. A report was given informing the brethren that a set of filmstrips of the Ten Commandments had been procured with money from the Deaf Foreign Mission Society and sent to a deaf school in Nigeria, Africa.

In the final session on Wednesday forenoon Rev. Harry Hoemann gave

the explanation and signing of James 1. Various reports were submitted, and the resolutions committee gave its report.

An interesting report was presented by Pastor Uhlig, editor and circulation manager of the DEAF LUTHERAN. When he reported that the rising costs of production are endangering the existence of the DEAF LUTHERAN, the brethren were unanimous that we simply cannot afford to be without it. It was decided to raise the price to one dollar per year; the matter will be given appropriate publicity in due time. The brethren were encouraged to instruct the members to send in their subscriptions promptly and fully. It was also suggested that several additional departments appear in the periodical, and the various suggestions are being carefully weighed and will be announced and presented shortly.

The next meeting of Ephphatha will take place in 1959, and the site chosen is the Lutheran School at Detroit.

In a closing service Wednesday



Strong young workers of the Mission: Front row, left to right: Pastors Thaler, Ludwig, Gehrs, Reinking, Mason, Wagenknecht, Sampson. Second row: Bailey, Gerhold, Lange, Hoemann, Ring, Hauptman. Rear: Bauer, Anderson, Drachenberg, Bottlinger, Graef, Simon, Kraus, Stacy, Oermann. Absent were Jonas, Thies, Merrell, Rohe, Kosche, Gyle. — DeLaney was there but "balked," being too busy as secretary

at noon the services of Treasurer G. F. Kruse were particularly set forth, and he was thanked for his concern for the physical welfare of

"his boys." Rev. Kraus addressed the meeting in this service, and after a statement by Rev. Drews Dr. Salvner spoke the closing prayer.

A Hearty "Thank You" to You All

August 25, 1901, is an important date in my life, for on that day I was ordained and installed as missionary to the Deaf. Ephphatha Conference and our Board of Missions to the Deaf observed the fifty-third anniversary of my ordination August 25, 1958, and took special notice of my retirement from a long and blessed ministry with a celebration and banquet. At the close of the banquet, Mr. G. F. Kruse, the treasurer of our Board, to my great surprise handed me a check and some currency amounting to more than \$700 for a vacation trip to Hawaii. Deaf from all parts of the United States and Canada and their pastors had gathered this amount for this purpose. I want to thank each and everyone of you for this expression of love and esteem. God willing, I shall take such a trip to Hawaii and seek to learn what has been done, and still is being

done, among the Hawaiian Deaf. May the Lord bless also this trip unto the glory of our Savior's name.

Indeed, God has been very, very good to me and has richly blessed my work. Thanks to Him also for granting me this great joy and privilege of preaching His glorious Gospel and of leading many Deaf to the cross of Jesus on which He died also for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind. Thank you all for joining me in thanking and praising God for His wonderful grace shown to me. Of course, my greatest joy is that "He loved also *me* and gave Himself for *me*," a lost and condemned sinner, but also one redeemed by His blood, and that someday I shall be with Him in glory and with all the saints forever and ever sing: "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion forever and



Dr. Salvner thanking all; heads of Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Miller appear behind head of Rev. E. Schroeder, at right Mrs. and Rev. Drews

ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:5,6). Very likely I shall not meet the various groups again, but my sincere prayer is that you all will abide in Christ and in the one true faith to the end. Then we shall see one another again in heavenly glory. What a blessed and joyful hope! God grant it in the name of His dear Son and our blessed Redeemer!

And, now, may our dear Lord

and Savior continue to bless the preaching of His Word also among the Deaf according to His promise and grant that by His Holy Spirit many may come to faith in Jesus, the one and only Savior, and then live with Him forever in glory. I shall remember you all in my daily prayers.

Thankfully,

JOHN L. SALVNER

Pilgrim, Los Angeles, Breaks Ground for New Church

The rite of ground breaking was performed on the new property of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Los Angeles on Sunday, July 27, at 2:30 P. M. Approximately 175 deaf members and hearing friends were in attendance.

Honored in the ceremony was Miss Zadie King, who turned the first spade of ground. Miss King was a member of the first class of three confirmands who joined the Lutheran Church in 1917. Since that

time she has faithfully served her church. Other honored guests at the ceremony were Mr. Walter Hagedohm, the architect, and Mr. Henry Goodwin, the contractor.

Work on the new project, which will cost a total of \$175,000 for land and construction, will begin as soon as possible. Four old houses that were "eye sores" in the neighborhood have been removed. The church sanctuary which will be erected has been designed spe-



Miss Zadie King, standing between Rev. W. H. Lange and Rev. A. T. Jonas, who holds spade, had just broken ground for the new Pilgrim Lutheran Church at Los Angeles

cifically for the use of the sign language in the service, and great care and attention have been given to the seating of the congregation and the lighting, color, and design of the chancel. The church will seat 300 if the balcony is used.

The parish hall has been designed to provide a social center for the Lutheran Deaf of Los Angeles and their friends. There will be a small stage for dramatic presentations, a kitchen, and enough floor space for dinners. Needless to say, the members of Pilgrim Lutheran Church for the Deaf are joyfully looking forward to moving into their new church home.



Fargo, N. Dak. — On July 15 **Pastor and Mrs. Waldemar O. Ferber** of Fargo celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. He and Miss Otilie Uecker were united in holy wedlock on July 11, 1918, near Gaylord, Minn., by the groom's father, who at that time was pastor at Goodhue, Minn. The first five years they lived at Park Rapids, Minn.; then Duluth was their home until 1940, when his work as a missionary to Deaf took them to Fargo. At the celebration on July 15 Rev. Frank J. Werth of the (hearing) Grace Lutheran Church of Fargo preached the sermon, and Rev. Clarence Bremer interpreted for the Deaf; he formerly served the Deaf of the Minneapolis area. Not only many Deaf and hearing friends of Fargo were present, but many pastors of

southeastern North Dakota and their wives came to thank God for His mercies extended during the years to Pastor and Mrs. Ferber. A purse was presented to the honored couple. Mrs. Ferber has been a very faithful helper of Pastor Ferber; for many years she has helped him especially in the vacation Bible schools that were conducted in North Dakota and Canada by them. The celebration served as a reunion for the family; a married son living in Fargo and a married daughter living in Minneapolis with their spouses and the six grandchildren and a number of other relatives had come to be present on this happy day. — **Miss Anna Medjaa**, born January 31, 1882, fell asleep in Jesus on August 1. Miss Medjaa had been unable to attend services for the

Deaf with the Fergus Falls group for some time but was being privately served by her pastor, Rev. W. Ferber. Miss Medjaa joined our church at the time Dr. John L. Salvner was serving Fergus Falls and had been a faithful member ever since. God was kind to her and blessed her with an almost painless death. May we all through the years of our life follow the example of Miss Medjaa and remain true to our Savior. Repeatedly the services for the Deaf were conducted in her home at such times when the ever-growing congregation of hearing people did not know where to seat even its own members.

Des Moines, Iowa — The angel of death touched **Rasmus Watne** of Eagle Grove, Iowa, July 19, and he was laid to rest July 23 there, Pastor L. M. Stacy interpreting the service. He lived to be 75 years old. — And at Mason City **Thomas F. Christian** departed this life at the age of 71. He was buried July 30. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." — **Cheryl Ann Stacy** came to the parsonage to join her sister and her two brothers on July 18. Congratulations!

Indianapolis, Ind. — The quiet of the home of Pastor and Mrs. Gene Merrell was broken on July 11, when the Lord blessed them with the gift of a strong son, **Charles Edward Merrell**, who was laid into the arms of Jesus in Holy Baptism August 10. God bless that child and home! — Church services are being resumed at Vincennes, Ind., after having lapsed for a while. They are again being conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church. May the Deaf of that vicinity avail themselves of the opportunity to hear God's Word. The Deaf have so few chances in this

hearing world; and a service once a month surely is very little at that. The pastor must come a great distance; so may the Deaf also come; not to meet the visiting pastor but Him whose servant the pastor is and who has promised to bless those that hear the Word of God and keep it. — Wedding bells ring also for the Deaf; and on August 9 **Miss Barbara Howard** was united with **Mr. Zane Adams**, both of Indianapolis. The ceremony was at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, the pastor, Rev. Russell Harnack, reading the service, while Pastor Merrell signed it. And Pastor Merrell officiated August 23 at Our Redeemer Lutheran when **Miss Nancy Coston** became the bride of **Mr. Jerry Taylor** of Nevada, Iowa, who took her to Ogden, Utah, where he teaches at the Utah School for the Deaf. May God bless both couples. — Again work has been started with a class of children of the Indiana School for Deaf, and Pastor Merrell meets the class every week. One meeting a week is little time for such an important matter as the religious training of deaf children; but such is the situation at every school; so it is important to make the most of these precious minutes. May God bless the classes at this school as well as in all the other institutions where the pastors are giving the deaf children religious training.

St. Louis — A few names were in the news of Holy Cross Lutheran in the last months, and friends near and far may be glad to hear. **Mrs. Mary Lee** and **Mrs. Dorothy Austin**, who had undergone serious operations, are well on the way to recovery after many weeks; likewise, **Mrs. Elsie Viets** is recovering from the effects of a serious fall in which

she fractured some vertebrae in her backbone. The Lord is the Great Physician for soul and body; may He be thanked. — **Mrs. Mary Wallace, George Parker, and Cleveland Young** made a good profession of faith and were confirmed by Pastor Reinking July 5. May the Lord keep them and bless them. — On July 4, at Flora, Ill., **Miss Miriam Spencer** was united in wedlock with **Harold Rash** by Rev. Reinking. He also officiated on September 6 at Jennings, Mo., when **Miss Dolores Davis** and **James Lutze** were united in marriage. May these young people walk their ways together with Jesus as their Guide and Protector. — **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jasper** were made happy when on August 22 a daughter arrived at their home to give them new responsibilities, which, however, are coupled with

wonderful joys. May God bless baby and parents! Mr. Jasper, who is completing his last year of study at Concordia Seminary, has been asked by Holy Cross Deaf Congregation to assist Pastor Reinking until next June. A pastor is to be called in January, but Pastor Reinking has consented to serve as interim pastor in the vacancy with Mr. Jasper's assistance. Rev. Reinking has now established his office as Executive Secretary to the Board for Missions to the Deaf at the Lutheran Building, 210 N. Broadway, St. Louis, and will for the time being continue to occupy the parsonage of Holy Cross at 6301 Alamo Ave. The decision not to call any other pastor now was made because thereby only another vacancy would be created in the Mission. Seminary students can serve this field.

The North Central Regional Conference Meeting

The North Central Regional Conference met August 9 and 10 this year at Milwaukee. This city and date were chosen because Emmanuel Deaf Church of Milwaukee on Sunday, August 10, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary; and this enabled the visitors to the conference to join in thanking God for the blessings which have come to this congregation and to the Deaf Mission since and partially through the influence and development of this congregation, the first organized group after Synod in 1896 took over the work among the Deaf, which Pastor A. Reinke of Chicago had begun in Chicago March 4, 1894.

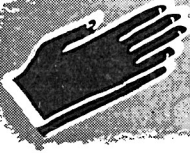
Since the area included in this district extends into Canada and as far west as North and South Dakota,

it was not surprising that the distant sections could send only a few delegates. Still approximately sixty ladies and gentlemen attended the Saturday sessions. The topic of the meetings was "Holy Baptism." Several papers by laymen and pastors were read and discussed. Let us never forget what a precious blessing this Sacrament is.

In the anniversary service on Sunday Dr. Salvner preached the sermon; Pastor M. Mueller was the liturgist and Pastor W. Ferber interpreted. The hymns were signed by ladies of the congregation.

A banquet, served by the ladies of Emmanuel, concluded the conference. Next year the meeting is to be held at Delavan, Wis.

W. F.



Devotions

"Light for Your Way"

Daily Readings for October

October 1 — Romans 1:1-17
October 2 — Romans 3:9-31
October 3 — Romans 5:1-17
October 4 — Romans 6:1-23
October 5 — Romans 8:12-39
October 6 — Romans 11:13-36
October 7 — Romans 15:14-33
October 8 — 1 Corinthians 1:4-31
October 9 — 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
October 10 — 1 Corinthians 7:12-35
October 11 — 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
October 12 — 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
October 13 — 1 Corinthians 12:1-26
October 14 — 1 Corinthians 12:27—
13:13
October 15 — 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

October 16 — 2 Corinthians 4:1-18
October 17 — 2 Corinthians 5:16—
6:13
October 18 — 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
October 19 — 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
October 20 — 2 Corinthians 11:30—
12:13
October 21 — Galatians 1:6-24
October 22 — Galatians 3:1-18
October 23 — Galatians 3:23—4:11
October 24 — Galatians 5:13-25
October 25 — Galatians 6:1-18
October 26 — Ephesians 1:1-22
October 27 — Ephesians 2:1-22
October 28 — Ephesians 3:1-21
October 29 — Ephesians 4:1-16
October 30 — Ephesians 5:15-33
October 31 — Ephesians 6:10-23

"How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God!" (Psalm 36:7)

BIBLE QUIZ

Where was the foundry located where Hiram cast the articles of brass and precious metals for King Solomon's home and temple? 1 Kings 7:46.

In what respect should we be like children [weak and inexperienced], and in what respect should we be adults [strong and perfect]? 1 Corinthians 14:20.

What does God like much better than a very beautiful church building? Isaiah 56:1, 2.

In addition to praying for help when he was in great trouble, what self-encouraging words did the psalmist say to his soul about God? Psalm 42:5.

Why were the sacrifices evil (Malachi 1:8) that some people brought and some priests accepted for sacrifice? Leviticus 22:22.

What dress does God wear? Psalm 104:1.

How did Jesus make things very clear to the people in His sermons? Mark 4:33.

Why was it perfectly right for the Israelites to capture the land of Canaan? Numbers 33:53 and Genesis 12:7.

Why did Simon and Andrew throw something into the Sea of Galilee? Mark 1:16.