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OUR DEAF-MUTE INSTITUTE AT NORTH DETROIT.

Among the many schools for the deaf of our country there is one which is absolutely unique in its history, in its purpose, as well as in regard to its teachers. This is our "Ev. Luth. Deaf-Mute Institute" at North Detroit, Mich.

As to the history of our institute, we cannot go back as far as can some other American institutions, whose history begins in the early years of the last century. Our institute was founded nearly ten years after the Civil War, the work of educating the deaf having begun at Sebewaing, Mich. The Rev. G. Speckhardt of that city, at that time had two deaf children in his congregation. Having previously been instructor of the deaf at Friedburg, Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Mr. Speckhardt was well qualified to undertake the education of these deaf children, which he did. Meanwhile, in 1873, there was organized at Detroit a society for the purpose of erecting a Lutheran orphanage. The society bought a ten-acre plot of land at Royal Oak, nearly ten miles north of Detroit, and called the Rev. Mr. Speckhardt to take charge of the home. He accepted the call and, unwilling to leave his two deaf pupils behind without completing their education, he took them with him to Royal Oak.

Swiftly the glad news spread within Lutheran circles that here was a man who could help their silent sons and daughters, a man of the true Lutheran faith, who would bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! It wasn't long when other parents entrusted their children to Mr. Speckhardt's care, and within ten months from his arrival at Royal Oak his class had increased to the number of fifteen deaf pupils.

The society was at a loss what to do.

Its purpose was the care of orphans, yet fifteen deaf-mutes, and they not orphans, had come into their charge. What next? The orphans should not be homeless nor could the deaf be neglected, yet it was beyond all possibility to house, clothe, feed, and educate them both, without neglect and injustice to one or the other, or even to both.

Just about at this time the Lutheran Orphanage Society at Addison, Ill., was incorporated, and then the course was clear. The orphans of Royal Oak were brought to Addison and the society at Detroit confined itself solely to the noble work of educating the deaf.

The buildings at Royal Oak being inadequate, a wealthy gentleman, Mr. Philetus W. Norris, presented to the society twenty acres of fine land a few miles North of Detroit, whereupon the erection of a large three-story brick structure with a cupola was begun, and completed in 1875 at a total cost of \$20,000. The same year the building was dedicated, and the deaf pupils were transferred to their new quarters.

(To be continued.)

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Milwaukee Mission.

REV. T. WANGERIN, PASTOR.

The Ladies' Society of Emmanuel Congregation last month contributed \$10 towards the support of our School for the Deaf at North Detroit, Mich. Supt. Gielow has conveyed to us the official vote of thanks from the Board.—

Oshkosh, Wis.—The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zuehlke was baptized at the home of the parents on Sunday evening, January 10th. Several deaf and hearing friends were in

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attendance. The following evening Pastor Wangerin conducted services with 16 deaf.—

Racine, Wis.—Miss F. Due of Racine died at the home of her parents on January 12th after an illness of but 9 days. She was one of our most regular church attendants, and departed, as we have all reason to believe, trusting in her Savior, Christ Jesus. Her remains were laid to rest at the West Racine Cemetary on January 14th, Pastor Wangerin officiating.—

Sheboygan, Wis.—Quite a number of deaf in our mission stations have offered our missionaries the use of their best rooms for conducting services. This is certainly worthy of praise. But several of our Sheboygan friends do even more. They willingly board and lodge their missionary whenever he comes to preach and instruct. Hospitality is a good, Christian virtue and in conformity to the exhortations of Sts. Paul and Peter: "Be given to hospitality," and "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." By so doing they not only save their pastor the inconvenience of going from one place to another, but also "communicate good into him that teacheth," as St. Paul demands Gal. 6, 6, thus indirectly supporting our mission. God bless them!

Chicago Mission.

REV. A. REINKE, PASTOR.

Our Savior's Congregation, in regular meeting assembled January 6th, elected the following officers for the present year: President: E. Weinrich; Vice-President: E. Pahl; Secretary: C. Hayman; Asst. Secretary: W. Frank; Treasurer: H. Retzlaff; Collector: O.

Meina; Trustee (3 year term): S. Breese. A Lay Reader has as yet not been chosen.—

About 30 deaf subscribed to "The Deaf Lutheran" upon its initial appearance the first week in January. Sample copies were asked for by others who are not subscribers as yet. May this new monthly be read in our midst as eagerly as its first number was awaited.—

Mr. Otto Lorenz, living in Mayfair, and a member of this year's class of catechumens, was a diphtheria patient for several weeks. His case was mild, however, and since the beginning of the year he was again able to join his classmates in regularly appearing for instruction in the pastor's study. His was a blessed New Year, indeed.—

Miss M. Mindemann, a former scholar of our North Detroit School, and until recently a resident on a farm near Boone, Ia., has found employment in Chicago as a domestic. She is well satisfied with the change, for now she has opportunity to regularly associate with former schoolmates and present friends, and "to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His Temple," (Pa. 27, 4).—

The Board of Directors of the North Detroit School for the Deaf, in regular session, passed a resolution to convey special thanks also to the Chicago Lutheran deaf, who so liberally contributed to the fund of that school, as reported in the first issue of "The Deaf Lutheran." Many of our deaf have their Alma Mater at North Detroit, and, due to the teachers of that school, not a few have come to the knowledge of truth and of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Having themselves found Jesus and through Him the way of salvation, they but show their gratitude in financially helping this school, so that also others may "come and see" what a lovely and precious Savior they have.

St. Louis, Mo., Mission.

REV. C. SCHUBKEGEL, PASTOR.

Among the deaf who attend the Lutheran services for the deaf here there are three former pupils of our North Detroit School, Mrs. S. A. Kugelmann, nee Heberer, Mr. Wm. Meyer, and Mr. H. Pundmann, the two latter residing in St. Charles, Mo.—

Rev. H. Hallerberg, former missionary for the deaf in St. Louis, Mo., and during the past few years pastor of the German Lutheran Congregation in Jacksonville, Ill., recently accepted a call to the German Lutheran Congregation near Arlington, Nebr.—

As stated in a recent issue of "The Silent Success," Mrs. E. Schubkegel, mother of our missionary for the deaf, Rev. C. Schubkegel, had been taken to the Lutheran Hospital in December for an operation for blindness caused by cataract. As Mrs. Schubkegel has been almost totally deaf for many years the loss of her eye-sight was a great calamity for her as well as for her friends and relatives, because now she could not, as heretofore, read the lips of those conversing with her. We are pleased to state, and think Rev. Schubkegel's friends will be glad to hear, that the operation on one of the eyes has proved successful, and that Mrs. Schubkegel is again able to recognize and to some extent understand those who converse with her. In the near future the doctor intends to operate on the other eye.

Minneapolis Mission.

REV. J. SALVNER, PASTOR.

Since New Year quite a number of deaf from other cities attended our services at Minneapolis. Among them were: Miss M. Johnson of Anoka, Messrs. Mansfield of Waterville, Cottet and Hagerstrom of Faribault, Wigen of Manitowoc, Wis., French of La Crosse, and Mrs. Doyle of Stillwater.—

The Lord has visibly blessed our work among the deaf in Minneapolis and neighboring cities. The following statistics will bear this out. Our Minneapolis Mission now numbers 21 communicant members. Pastor Salvner baptized 3 children, confirmed 5 adults, and gave Communion to 42 deaf, solemnized 4 marriages, and buried 2 children. At St. Paul we have 7 communicants, 2 deaf were confirmed, and Lord's Supper was administered to 16. La Crosse has 3 deaf communicants who take Communion at the local Lutheran churches, Winona 4 and Stillwater 1. Number of services held: At Minneapolis 54, St. Paul 40, La Crosse, Stillwater and Winona each 12. The average attendance at these services was 27 at Minneapolis, 10 at St. Paul, 15 at La Crosse,

5 at Winona and 9 at Stillwater. The following collections and contributions were received during 1908: Minneapolis \$101.75; St. Paul \$24.62; La Crosse \$12.74; Winona \$11.34; Stillwater \$6.23. In May the Lutheran Ephphatha Conference convened at Minneapolis and held combined services at the Twin Cities. These were attended by 30 deaf at St. Paul and 65 at Minneapolis. The collections in these services amounted to \$38.05 at St. Paul and \$37.15 at Minneapolis. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." Psalm 115, 1.

Kansas City, Mo., Mission.

REV. N. JENSEN, PASTOR.

The first number of "The Deaf Lutheran" has been kindly received. Several members have expressed their appreciation of this new feature of our mission. This publication is an undertaking in which we all are equally interested. Hence all of us ought to do our share in making this new venture a success. Let every one help the good work along by paying the subscription price of 25 cents per annum.—

Our quarterly reports on finances which have appeared heretofore at stated intervals in "The Lutheran Pioneer" (the next report to be published in the March number of "The Deaf Lutheran") ought cause us to reflect. In my opinion the Sunday collections could be greatly increased with but little effort. The money contributed by the deaf does not go into the private purse of their missionary, but is sent to the general treasurer of our mission, who uses it in building up this particular mission. True, the greater part of the money needed in carrying on mission work among the deaf is contributed by liberal minded, benevolent hearing friends of our cause, whom we owe our sincerest thanks. But our deaf friends should not entirely depend on their hearing benefactors. Rather should they do all in their power to support their mission, which is conducted for their direct benefit and aims at their soul's salvation. It was gratifying to read that the Chicago Congregation of Our Savior "paid off \$250, the efforts of 1908." Such "efforts" show that the deaf are thankful for the Word of God and mindful of the

words of St. Paul, Gal. 6, 6: Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

Toledo Mission.

REV. A. BOLL, PASTOR.

It has pleased the Lord of life and death to take unto Himself Mrs. Clara B. Richards of Huntington, Ind. She died January 13th at the age of 50 years. Having been baptized a year ago in St. John's Lutheran Mission at Ft. Wayne, she, together with her husband, was receiving instructions from Pastor Boll, preparatory to her confirmation, which was to take place next month. After a very painful operation she was dismissed from the hospital apparently with the best hopes for a speedy recovery. Upon the pastor's last visit, the day before her departure, she was cheerful and content in the Lord, and on Wednesday morning peacefully departed this life. Her remains were laid to rest at Roanoke, Ind., on Friday, January 15th, awaiting the glorious resurrection of the dead. What no eye hath seen, no ear hath heard, and hath entered into the heart of on man is hers forever. A goodly number of deaf from Peru, Wabash, Huntington and Ft. Wayne as well as many hearing friends and mourning relatives filled the church at Roanoke. The sermon delivered in signs and thereafter in English was based on Rev. 14, 13. The hymns "Rock of ages" and "Jesus, lover of my soul," sang by a quartette, were rendered simultaneously in the sign-language. God comfort the surviving mourners.—

By special request services were conducted with the deaf of Cleveland in November. It was a week-day service, and in spite of a lively snow flurry 15 deaf were present. By a rising vote the deaf requested Pastor Boll to repeat his visits, and, as a result, another service was held in December with 22 deaf in attendance. The last service at Cleveland was conducted Sunday, January 31.

Due to an oversight on the part of several of our missionaries, the financial reports for the quarter ending December 31st have not been received. Missionaries are, therefore, requested to have their reports ready for the March issue.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 145 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zion Church, 21st and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4165 A Pleasant St., St. Louis, Mo.

TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. A. Boll.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 8 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services the fourth Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. A. Boll.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Wabasha and Tilton Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

NEENAH, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.