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## For Us.

The season embracing the forty days before Easter is known as Lent. Ever since the early days of the Christian Church this portion of the year has been set apart for special meditations on the sufferings and death of Jesus. A Christian never grows weary of this story. Christ's Passion ever stirs his soul.

In the Lenten season we behold Christ in His bitter agony. We go with Him on His way of sorrow and see Him bowed down under the wrath of a just and holy God. And yet He was no sinner. None of His enemies could convince Him of a sin. The judge before whom He was brought said again and again, "I find no fault in Him."

Yet Jesus was condemned to bitter sufferings and a shameful death upon the cross. How is this? Let the Bible tell you. It says, "His own self bare OUR SINS in His body on the tree," 1 Pet. 2, 24. "The Lord hath LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL," Is. 53, 6. Thus we "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." He took OUR place and suffered and died for us, —FOR YOU.

Woe to them who reject this Savior and with Him their only salvation. But a thousand times blessed are they who see in the sufferings and death of the Savior the punishment for their sins and trust in His work of salvation. Though their "sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

O come to Him for salvation, ye deaf! His arms are open to receive even the very chief of sinners.

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## Our Deaf-Mute Institute.

(Continued from February.)

With the new building completed in 1875 and twenty-three pupils in the school, it became

necessary to call another teacher. Subsequently the Messrs. H. Uhlig and G. Ritzmann were called as assistants to Mr. Speckhardt. After 18 months, however, Mr. Ritzmann resigned his position, leaving the whole work to the other two, who continued alone until 1879, when the institution suffered a severe loss through the death of Mr. Speckhardt, who died on November 20th of that year. Mr. Uhlig was then appointed superintendent and the Messrs. L. Zeile and H. Witte were called as assistant teachers.

The work was now well under way. The attendance grew from year to year, and in 1881 the school had an enrollment of 44 pupils. This reached its highest mark in 1889 when the school housed 47 pupils. Since then the attendance varied, being sometimes nearly as low as 30 and then again as high as 45.

At various times Mr. L. Krause, Mr. J. Etter, and Mr. H. Meyer were called as teachers to fill vacancies. Besides Mr. Uhlig, the Messrs. Krause and Meyer were still present in 1896, when a noteworthy and thorough change in the method of instruction took place at the school. Up to this time only the German Oral Method of instruction was in use at the school, and only the German language was taught. But in 1896, when our Synod authorized mission work among the deaf, it was resolved to introduce English as the medium of instruction, and to change the method of instruction from the Oral to that of the Combined System. Miss Thompson, a graduate of Gallaudet College, was then appointed to teach English and the sign-language. Thus both German and English were taught for several years until 1899, when German was entirely abolished. In 1900 Rev. Mr. Bentrup was appointed superintendent, but, being called away after a little more than two years of service, the Rev. Mr. Gielow became his successor, who is still at the head of the school.

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The present teaching force consists of the superintendent, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Mr. Meyer, who has been there since 1893, Mr. Quitmeyer, and a deaf lady, Miss A. Rechlin. Q.

QUARTERLY RECEIPTS. — The following amounts have been contributed by the deaf during the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1908:

Toledo \$8.25; Detroit \$5.75; Ft. Wayne \$12.00; Lima \$30.00; Cleveland \$7.00; Louisville \$6.00; Indianapolis \$3.00; Kansas City \$7.47; Omaha \$6.00; Joplin \$3.20; Caney \$1.75; St. Louis \$4.60; Chicago congregation \$29.86; Ladies' Aid Society \$30.75; Milwaukee congregation \$53.06; Ladies' Society \$10.00; Sheboygan \$2.49; Oshkosh \$1.99; Racine - Kenosha \$6.90; Minneapolis \$22.38; St. Paul \$7.45; La Crosse \$2.26; Winona \$2.59; Stillwater \$1.36.—Are you helping to spread the kingdom of Christ among the deaf? "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6, 9.

COMMENTING on the recent earthquakes in Italy a contributor to "The Deaf American" has this to say: "I have no doubt that some of these pious people will fold their hands and say that it was a visitation of God. Seems to me that is doing God a great injustice to imply that He has the power to stop such things and does not do it. I never could agree with the idea that earthquakes—were the work of God." The above may be the *writer's* blasphemous opinion, but it certainly is not in conformity to our Savior's teachings, who says that earthquakes are signs of His coming to judgment, signs for every wise man to heed. Upon the disciples' inquiry, Matth. 24, 3. "Tell us, what shall be the sign of the end of the world?" Jesus says, that among others there shall be "earthquakes in divers places."

Not that the people of Messina and Reggio "were sinners above all" and more wicked than the rest of the world,—“I tell you, Nay!” But the one great sermon God preaches to the world through this calamity is this: “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” Luke 13, 3.

**Chicago Mission.**

REV. A. L. REINKE, PASTOR.

In the fall of 1907, the wife of one of our voting members, Mr. F. Schmidt, died at the Cook County Hospital, leaving her husband and three daughters in very sad circumstances. These three orphans were last September admitted to the Lutheran Orphan Home at Addison, Ill. The second daughter, Clara, recently became the victim of pneumonia and died after an illness of but 4 or 5 days. Thus brother Schmidt is again put to grief, but he may console himself with the hope of a happy reunion above in heaven, where the Lord shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of the glorified.—

We extend our best congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Reineke who were blessed by the arrival of their second boy in January. Our best wishes go forth to the child and we “rejoice with them that do rejoice.” Rom. 12, 15.—

Mr. C. Morris and Miss Selma Swanson were married in the pastor's study on February 17th. After the ceremony they left for Terre Haute, Ind., to visit relatives for several weeks.

**Minneapolis Mission.**

REV. J. SALVNER, PASTOR.

Mr. C. Fels of San Diego, Cal., a former communicant of our Minneapolis Mission, sent us a letter enclosing 25c for the Deaf Lutheran, 25c for the Pioneer, and 50c for our mission. Mr. Fels and his family also sent greetings to all their friends.—

The school children of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minneapolis have again remembered our dear deaf mission with a collection amounting to \$4.00. The next collection is intended for our School for the Deaf at North Detroit. Our Heavenly Father reward these little mission workers!—

Mr. P. J. Linde of Robbinsdale, who has

been confined to his house now for nearly one and one-half years, is still unable to go about. He is a communicant of our Minneapolis Mission.—Do not forget to visit the sick! Our Savior says, “Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25, 40.

#### Kansas City, Mo., Mission.

REV. N. JENSEN, PASTOR.

Omaha, Neb.—The confirmation of Mr. and Mrs. J. Baumann on Sunday, Jan. 31st, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church was a glad event. Owing to a blizzard the attendance at the service was but small. Pastor Jensen based his address on John 8, 31. 32: “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The confirmation was followed by a communion service in which the newly confirmed and other members partook of Holy Communion.—

Mr. and Mrs. C. Spracktes of Ft. Calhoun, Neb., both communicants of our church, have moved to Omaha. Mr. Spracktes is a graduate of our North Detroit School. We are glad to see them back in Omaha, where they can attend services regularly.—

Mr. H. Buchmeier, living at Beatrice, Neb., 100 miles from Omaha, attended services on Jan 31. He has quite a distance to come, but manages to attend services several times a year either at Omaha or Kansas City.

#### Toledo Mission.

REV. A. BOLL, PASTOR.

Three deaf, the Misses M. Wright of Toledo, J. Arnold of Findlay, and Mrs. J. Swaney of Lima, O., have applied for baptism. They will previously take a course of instructions in the chief parts of the Christian faith. For, according to Mark 16, 15.16, only believers are to be baptized, and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?” Rom. 10, 14. Instructing adults before administering baptism is a necessity which we emphasize against such denominations as make a practice of baptizing adults and confirming them without previous instruction.—

Through a fall from a scaffold Mr. H.

Subkowski of Ft. Wayne last month sustained injuries which resulted in his death several hours later. He leaves four children, of which Ernst and Lena are deaf. Ernst was confirmed by Supt. Gielow last summer, while Lena is still a pupil of the North Detroit School. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.—

Mr. J. Berry is conducting a Bible class of regular attendants at Detroit. He is well versed in the Catechism, having gone through it twice, once before his confirmation and another time when his wife was confirmed. We also report with pleasure the fact that the pupils of the graduating class of our North Detroit School are regular attendants at our monthly services. Coming to the services ought also (though never exclusively) become a habit, and the sooner such habit is formed, the better.—

To date we have received 36 subscribers to The Deaf Lutheran.

#### St. Louis Mission.

REV. C. SCHUBKEGEL, PASTOR.

In spite of the cold and rainy weather on Sunday, Feb. 14th, 14 deaf attended the Lutheran services, two of whom had come from East St. Louis, Ill. Six months have now elapsed since your missionary was installed here. Although the time is too short to make a definite statement about our mission here, we can truly say that our work during this time has been successful, and that the prospects for the future are very encouraging. Our object in establishing this mission here is not to entertain the deaf, but rather to make them truly happy not only in this world but also in the world to come. That can only be accomplished by the preaching of Christ Crucified. The unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ is the one and only remedy which can save man from sin, death, and the power of the devil, and make him truly happy here and forever. This Gospel is being preached here, and we are glad to say that during the last six months many have come to “hear” this sweet message, and, as we have reason to believe, have received it with joy. We know quite well that many of those who receive the Word of God with joy, may fall away in time of temptation. We know that the Gospel of

Christ is the power of God unto salvation only to those who believe unto the end, and that none can become rooted in faith and stand firm in all temptations without a good knowledge of God's Word. Therefore we not only tell the people to hear and read God's Word as much as possible, nor do we only preach the Gospel, but we also think it our duty to give a thorough course of instruction in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine to all whom we can prevail upon to take them. And since we have reason to believe that, besides those who are at present receiving such instruction, several other deaf will apply for them in the near future, we hope soon to report more about the progress of our Lutheran Mission for the Deaf in this city. "The beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our HANDS establish Thou it."

#### Milwaukee Mission.

REV. T. WANGERIN, PASTOR.

Sunday, January 24th, Rev. T. Wangerin was the guest of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan. He conducted services in the chapel Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, following which a communion service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson on Institute Hill for the students of Lutheran parentage. Eighteen deaf were present. There are from 25 to 30 Lutheran pupils at this school. In the evening the pastor addressed a joint meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies. In company with the ever hospitable Supt. Walker Rev. Wangerin visited the various departments of the school on Monday morning.

Mr. A. H. Kobustein of California was a recent visitor at our services.—

Hilda, the 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schoknecht died at her home on January 31st of spinal meningitis, leaving her parents and brother to mourn her departure. Appropriate services were held at the home and in the church on February 4th, Pastor Wangerin officiating. She was interred at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery on February 6th, together with her aunt, who died on February 3rd. May the God of all Comfort console the mourning parents.

#### 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, e. 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.