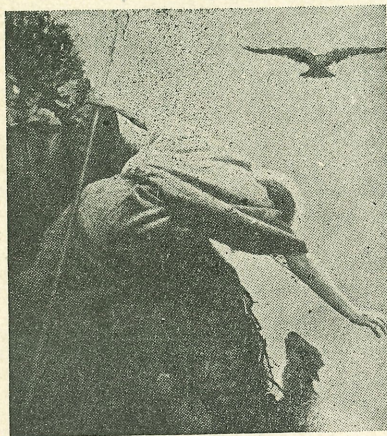


# The Deaf Child's Advocate

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*"It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little Ones should perish."* Matthew 18:14.

## ADVENT

'Tis the holy season of Advent. The theme song of the season is: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee." He comes, to establish and maintain his kingdom and rule in thee and thine heart. He comes, a deliverer from bondage, the fetters of sin, of guilt, of wrath. He comes, a Savior and a Helper bringing remission of sins, guilt, and punishment, bringing peace of heart and conscience. He comes, to make you children of God, heirs of heaven and glory, heirs forever you who were born far removed from fellowship with the Triune God.

He comes the King of ALL, regardless of race, age, physical or mental condition or accomplishments. He comes also to the deaf. They are His by creation, for "who maketh the deaf? Have

not I the Lord?" WHY He has created them so, we, of course, do not know. But the fact remains that God has made them just as they are. They are His by the right of creation. They are His also by the right of redemption, for Christ died for all, also for the deaf, that they too might live. His compassion is upon them, as is clearly indicated in the narrative of the deaf-mute being healed. Now He aims to be their King, to live in their hearts, to have His rule over them, to deliver them from the bondage, curse, and dominion of sin to the glorious estate of children of God and heirs of eternal salvation.

The King comes. His kingdom is created in us. Yet not without means. He comes to establish and maintain His kingdom by the use of definite media or means, the Word of the Gospel and the sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Supper. By these means He comes to the deaf also. It is the ONLY way, as far as we know, that He can come to us and we to Him.

When Christ entered Jerusalem, as King of His Church, he was assisted by many. Disciples brought him the ass upon which He rode. A multitude of people spread the message of His coming. WE are in Christ's kingdom and His kingdom is in us solely by the act of God alone. But many have assisted Christ in coming to us as King and Redeemer. It was the love of the children of God that lived before us to which we owe the pure Gospel and sacraments. WE, in turn, should be assistants of Christ, co-workers with Him, in bringing the Word and sacraments to others that by them Christ might enter their hearts. Let us keep our mission duty deeply in mind in this Advent season. Let us also remember the deaf child and our Ev. Luth.

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Deaf-Mute Institute which is endeavoring to keep the deaf child with Christ and in His kingdom. The deaf child and the Institute need, for the accomplishment of this purpose, your love, your prayers, and your gifts. Will you not be a co-worker with Christ and a benefactor to the deaf child for time and eternity?

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Concerning the spiritual condition of the uneducated deaf, the Reverend Mr. Collins Stone said: "The deaf-mute never reasons concerning the origin and destiny of the beings and things around him. Indeed, so heavy is the band of his calamity upon him, so nearly does it depress him to the level of mere animal life, so dead is the germ of thought and feeling in his soul, that the great facts and truths relating to God and the future state rarely attract his attention or excite his curiosity."

It was this sad spiritual plight of the deaf as expressed in the fore-going statement that moved the hearts of our Lutheran fathers, some sixty years ago, to establish the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in order that, through proper education and the work of the Holy Spirit, the souls of these handicapped little ones might be brought into the saving arms of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Just now the terrible depression is hampering our work, and we are laboring under a heavy debt. A gift from you, dear reader, for the continuance of this glorious work and the maintenance of this Christian home and school for deaf children will be greatly appreciated.

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#### A MEMORIAL WREATH

What is it? It is a sum of money given by a person or a group of persons in memory of a departed friend. We have been accustomed to send a floral offering to the home of a deceased friend or relative, as a last tribute of our respect and love to him. But, the departed cannot see nor appreciate these beautiful flowers, though they have cost a tidy sum. To be sure, the family of the departed appreciate them, but in a few days they are withered and gone. The Memorial Wreath takes the place of the floral offering. Instead of sending flowers you set aside a certain sum, perhaps the value of the floral offering, to be used

for a charitable purpose which will benefit the living. Don't you think this a better and more profitable memorial to your friend?

How is it done? Secure a memorial wreath card. Many charitable institutions furnish them without charge, or you may obtain them in book stores. You write upon it the name of your departed friend for whom the memorial wreath is intended, also the name of the charitable institution to which your gift is donated, the sum you give, and then sign your own name. The money you send to your district treasurer, or ask your pastor to send it for you, or it may be sent directly to the institution. The card is placed upon the casket of the departed and, after the funeral, is preserved by his family as an abiding memorial. An abiding memorial—it does not wither like flowers. It benefits the living, perhaps, helps to save a soul. It will be remembered, in the hereafter, by Him who has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25, 40.

(PH. BOHN).

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#### A JOURNAL

November 16, 1932.

The weather is cold to-day. The temperature was 26 degrees this morning. A light wind is blowing from the east. It began snowing yesterday noon and it is still snowing. The snow is ten inches deep on the ground.

Yesterday after school the boys ran out doors and made snowballs and threw them at each other. I threw one and hit Henry's face and he fell down in the snow. I laughed at him. He rose up quickly and made some snowballs and threw them at me. Then I also fell down in a big snow drift. We laughed and laughed. We had a good time and much fun. We like to play in the snow, and slide down the toboggan with our sleds.

(Donald Baumann, 12 years old, 4th grade. Printed as written.)

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#### "YOUR ZEAL HATH PROVOKED VERY MANY"

The following letter was received by the Reverend E. C. Fackler, president of our Association: "Hiermit schicke ich fuer die Anstalt \$5.00. Das moege auch

ein wenig mithelfen fuer das Werk an den Aermsten."

Hochachtungsvoll

Ihr J. C. K. R. R. 2,  
Trinity Park, Ill.

Needless to say that this letter and the gift were very welcome to the officials of our Association who are battling bravely in the face of financial difficulties to keep up the good work. The brother who wrote this is right when he calls the deaf-mute children the "poorest". Their condition is really pitiable, and our work to lead these handicapped children to Jesus is truly a great and blessed work. May the Lord awaken many such friends who are willing to support our cause. "Your zeal hath provoked very many".

Quite a number of congregations in Michigan have been zealous in helping us with food stuffs, in these days when money is coming in very slowly. From the congregations of Lenox, Pastor Junke, New Haven, Pastor Bublitz, Unionville, Pastor Wilkening, Sebewaing, Pastor List, Bach, Pastor Hahn, Kilmanagh, Pastor Stoskopf, Owendale, Pastor Ferber, Utica, Pastor A. Wuggazer, Waldenburg, Pastor Sebald, the Canal, Pastor Krentz, food-stuffs, consisting in potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beets, turnips, apples, beans, comb honey, squash, pumpkins, and canned fruit, have come to the Institute, making the buying of these staples unnecessary and saving that much in cash outlay. Many thanks to the brother in the faith for his cash gift and fine letter. Many thanks to the congregations of our faith which have been so generous towards us. And the Lord's blessing upon all.

(PH. BOHN).

#### SCHOOL NOTES

One of our pupils, Harold Jacobson, of Niles, Mich., is still at home, recovering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, with which he was afflicted shortly after arriving home for the summer vacation. May the Lord give him full and fast recovery, be it His will, and be the comfort and staff of his parents who are truly God-fearing people and members of our congregation at Niles.

The Christmas celebration will be held on the Sunday before Christmas in the church of Rev. G. Krach, of Detroit, a member of our School Board.

A demonstration tour showing how the work is done in the classroom was made, by two teachers and three pupils, in congregations on the Bay and Lake Huron side of the Thumb of Michigan. The tour lasted a week and it surely was fruitful in making the people acquainted with the work done on and for the deaf child and creating warm and responsive friends for the Institute.

Earl Burgess, 9 years old, and his brother Elmer, 7 years old, are a happy pair. They received, last week, a late snapshot of their mother and little sister, whom they have not seen since August, 1931, because the mother could not afford to have the boys come home for vacation.

Help the Deaf Child's Advocate by pleading its cause with your friends.

#### WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF DEAFNESS?

Forty per cent of the deaf are born deaf or become deaf before acquiring speech. The principal causes of deafness for fifty-four per cent are brain fever, meningitis, scarlet fever, catarrh, convulsions, measles, mastoiditis, abscess of the ear, whooping cough, falls, and accidents. For the remaining six per cent the causes are unknown.

#### SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF

There are in our country sixty-four residential schools, one hundred twenty day schools, eighteen Roman Catholic schools, and ONE Lutheran school. Our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is the ONLY Protestant school of its kind in our country. Ought we not nourish and cherish it?

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 1932

##### MEMORIAL WREATHS

In memory of Martin Guenzel by Carl Kuenzel, Harlington, Texas: \$5.00.

In memory of Reinhold Bienert by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Paul, Dearborn, Mich.: \$2.00.

In memory of Eliz. Gnadt, by Detroit S. S. Association, Detroit, Mich.: \$5.00.

In memory of J. Schettenhelm by Vestry E. S. Concordia, Detroit, Mich.: \$19.00

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THE 60TH SCHOOL YEAR OF THE EV. LUTH. DEAF-MUTE INSTITUTE  
OPENS WEDNESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY

The purpose of the Institute is to give our Lutheran deaf children and other deaf children a proper secular education and a Christian education in conformity with the Confessions of our Church.

Its purpose is, in short, that of the Christian parish or day school.

The course comprises the teaching of the English language, of arithmetic, drawing, penmanship, some geography and United States history, the history of the Old and New Testaments, the teaching of the chief Bible doctrines preparatory for Holy Communion and communicant church membership. It teaches speech and lip-reading to all deaf capable of learning it. It teaches these deaf by the oral method. It uses writing, finger spelling, some signs in the teaching of those deaf that cannot be taught orally.

The course consists of Kindergarten, 1 year pregrade work, and six years of grade work.

Only deaf and deafened children from six to twelve years of age (older children are accepted, if they have been to another school before), whose mentality is normal and who are not afflicted with a communicable disease, are accepted as pupils.

For tuition charges and other information write the Editor of The Deaf Child's Advocate.

Our slogan: "Every Lutheran Deaf Child a Pupil of our Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute."

Friends of the Institute, who prefer sending their gifts directly to the school and who will receive due credit during the year, please send the gift to our cashier: Mr. Fred Auch, 3646 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

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**DONATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS**  
(Current Expense Fund)

Illinois: Berwyn: Rev. W. H. Grothman: \$1.00; Ottawa: Mrs. Chr. Kellman: \$5.00; Mt. Prospect: E. Jackisch: \$2.00; Pekin: N. N.: 50c; Grant Park: for Anna Nissen by Y. P. S.: \$10.00; Petersburg Ladies' Aid: \$10.00; N. N. N., each \$1.00.

Kansas: Bremen: Immanuel Lutheran School: \$4.50.

Michigan: Birch Run: Busy Workers Sewing Club: \$5.00; Colon: St. Paul's Congregation: \$7.86; Detroit: Lutheran Associates: \$40.00; Owosso: Salem Ladies' Lutheran Aid Society: \$5.00.

Missouri: Perryville: Anna Estel: \$5.00.

Nebraska: Seward: Paul D. Vogel: \$5.00.

Wisconsin: Milwaukee: Miss Hannah Herrmann: \$5.00; Racine: Rev. Walter Hilman: \$1.00.

(Building Fund)

Pennsylvania: Pittsburgh: N. N. \$2.00.

**DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS**

(Building Fund)

Michigan: \$23.15.

(Current Expense Fund)

Atlantic: \$10.00; Central: \$54.52; Central

Illinois: \$17.00; English: \$101.10; Iowa: \$3.00; Michigan: \$214.87; No. Ill.: \$57.55; No. Nebr.: \$18.25; No. Wis.: \$5.00; Oregon-Washington: \$17.37; Southern: \$5.87; So. Calif.: \$47.36; So. Ill.: \$10.20; So. Nebr.: \$6.00; So. Wis.: \$1.00; Texas: \$7.28; Western: \$81.13; Joint Synod of Wisconsin: \$36.27.

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