

The Deaf Child's Advocate

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

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EV. LUTH. INSTITUTE SOCIETY

The meeting was held Monday, July 13. The opening remarks of the president of the society, the Rev. Mr. E. C. Fackler, based on Gal. 6:9, 10 were timely and to the point. Some extracts follow.

"In this epistle the apostle proclaims the heart of Christianity, salvation not by works but by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"Christianity stands and falls with the doctrine of Justification by faith in Jesus, the God-man and only Savior."

"But after setting forth the pure doctrine of Justification St. Paul makes his evangelical appeal, as does every minister of the pure Gospel, that this same faith is not to be a dead thing, but a living principle and that good works in abundance should adorn saving faith."

"Our work at our Institute is the work of Christian love and charity. By God's grace we have in our churches and schools the precious doctrine of Justification by faith. This faith prompted our fathers fifty-eight years ago to establish this Christian Lutheran School for the handicapped children."

"Applying St. Paul's inspired word to our task we are again charged: 'Do not become weary in well-doing. Wherever you have opportunity—do Good.'"

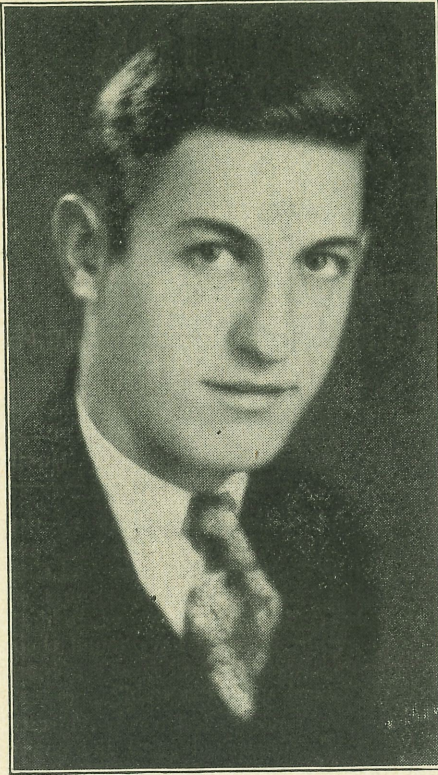
"So may St. Paul's words be applied to the work of our Institute in the past. Our school has been for fifty-eight years a monument of Christian faith. Estab-

lished to lead the Deaf Lambs to the good Shepherd our school has never wavered in its God appointed task. And God has visibly blessed our work. Scores of examples could be recited, where deaf pupils of our Institute have found their Savior and have remained good confessors of the Gospel until the end."

"I fear no contradiction when I state that by the unmerited grace and power of God, the Detroit Ev. Luth. Institute for Deaf has done more for the spiritual uplift of the handicapped deaf-mute than any other school in America. And this work was made possible through the continued, liberal, consecrated gifts of our brethren administered by our Association. Faith was active in works. Brethren ye did DO GOOD. Your work in the past has the Master's APPROBATION."

"I make Paul's word my plea to you brethren. 'Let us not grow weary in well-doing.' The present days are difficult days. Due to the economic condition of our day we are facing new and serious problems. Shall we grow weary and give up the battle for our precious deaf children, who cannot plead for themselves? No, hard times are a challenge and should stimulate God's children to greater activity."

"The Apostle reminds the Galatians of the certain reward. 'In due season we shall reap if we faint not.' Seeding time is the time of labor—hard labor. But there follows the time of harvest, the day of song and joy when the sweat and toil of the past are forgotten."



MR. WALTER BELLHORN

"We are assured that the works of faith will not be forgotten but shall receive recognition and eternal reward of grace. On the last great harvest day a final evaluation of investments will be made. Investments of greed and selfishness and sin will be consumed in the fire as straw and stubble. But the works of faith will stand, the giving of a cup of water, or a morsel of bread, a gift of money for the spreading of Jesus' Kingdom, and He will say: 'Whatsoever ye children of God have done unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'"

"God bless our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf."

The Rev. Mr. E. C. Fackler and Mr. Henry Nielsen were reelected to the Board of Directors. Mr. Fred Auch was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of Mr. Adolf Gaiefsky's term.

The annual financial report showed

that we closed the year with a deficit of \$5000.00. Brethren, we need your help.

The Ladies' Aid Society for Deaf supported our work in the past year to the extent of \$809.46. Of this amount \$135.19 was expended for clothing for some of our pupils.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

On the last Sunday in June we celebrated our annual outdoor Deaf Institute festival with morning and afternoon services. Approximately three thousand Lutherans from Detroit and vicinity attended. The Rev. Mr. Paul Waschilewsky of Inkster, Michigan, preached the German sermon in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. J. Todt of Manistee, Michigan, preached the English sermon in the afternoon. Loud-speaker arrangements enabled all present to hear the sermon distinctly in all parts of the grove. The Rev. Mr. E. Scheibert conducted a service in the sign language for the many deaf people who annually attend this big festival.



MISS ESTHER ZUBERBIER

Due to the existing business depression the net proceeds for the day, about \$700, dropped far below those of previous years.

ALL-LUTHERAN FACULTY

When school opens, September 9, our pupils will be greeted by an ALL-LUTHERAN faculty. Mr. Walter Bellhorn and Miss Esther Zuberbier are the new additions to our staff.

Mr. Walter Bellhorn is a graduate of our Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Illinois. Called by our Board in June, 1930, he spent the last year in preparation for teaching of the deaf in the Normal department of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Edgewood, Pittsburgh, Pa. This school is recognized as one of the best teachers' training centers in the country.

Mr. Bellhorn will have charge of the second and third grades with some additional work in the higher grades.

Miss Zuberbier who will have charge of the Kindergarten and the first grade comes to us with many years of successful parochial school teaching experience. She last served the Rev. Mr. L. A. Wissmueller's congregation at Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Her training course for the work with the deaf she took last year at the Michigan State School for Deaf, Flint, Michigan.

Through the efforts of the school Board a full scholarship for Miss Zuberbier and a partial scholarship for Mr. Bellhorn were secured to enable them to pursue their studies at the respective schools at a minimum expense.

May the good Lord give unto these new members of our staff the necessary

patience and perseverance in the arduous work of teaching deaf children that through them many, many of these unfortunates may be brought to their Savior, Jesus Christ.

WEDDING BELLS

Sometime before school opens, wedding bells will be ringing for our new teacher, Mr. Walter Bellhorn. Miss Junke, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Wm. Junke of Lenox, Michigan, is the happy bride. May God bless their marriage, and may it be a happy one.

18,000 DEAF CHILDREN

There are at least 18,000 deaf children in the United States. Of these about 17,000 are of school age. According to the law of averages there are more than 200 deaf children of school age in our Missouri Synod.

Our Lutheran Institute for Deaf, the only Protestant school for deaf children, is open to all. It is Synod's Christian school for its Children of Silence.

THE DEAF ARE NOT DUMB OR MUTE

The Deaf are not dumb or mute. Deafness is a defect of the ear,—not of the throat or organs of speech, nor of the mind. Because deaf children cannot hear, they cannot acquire language as hearing children do. However, almost all Deaf can now learn to talk since all schools for the deaf use the oral method of instruction. By this method the child through his senses of touch and sight learns to speak with his mouth, and to read the lips of those who speak to him.

RECEIPTS

Henceforth every issue of the Deaf Child's Advocate will receipt all donations received for our Institute, whether they come to us through the various District Treasurers, from congregations or societies direct, or from individual donors. This number has a rather lengthy list due to the fact that we are listing gifts received since the first of January of this year. Donations will be listed under the following three headings: MEMORIAL WREATH, CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, and BUILDING FUND.

FOR CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

CALIFORNIA—Trinity Luth. School, Los Angeles, \$4.85; St. John's, Covina, \$6.93; Legacy of Anna Barbara Dorn, Los Angeles, \$738.12; Mrs. John Cordes, Livingstone, \$1.00; Emmaus, Alhambra, \$25.00; Cong. at Alameda, \$2.50; Sunday School at Fresno, \$8.60.

CONNECTICUT—St. Matthew's, New Britain, \$3.45; Emmanuel's, Bristol, \$5.00.

FLORIDA—Mrs. Mabel Lamb, Pakokee, \$6.00.

ILLINOIS—St. John's S. S., LaGrange, \$10.00; Lydia Koehnig, Arlington Heights, \$10.00; St. Paul's, Mattoon,

MEMORIAL WREATHS

A. For the Building Fund.

C. Nuechterlein and the Frank brothers and sisters, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$11.00; Bauer family, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$3.00; Felske family, Richville, Mich., \$2.00; Esther Hammerbacher, Amelith, Mich., \$1.00; Vera Ludgin, Amelith, Mich., \$1.00; Adam Zammer, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$2.00; C. Weiss, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$2.00; Edward Kern and Ralph Frank, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$2.00; Trinity Luth. Jr. High School, Los Angeles, Cal., \$2.50; Bethany Men's Club, Detroit, \$5.00; Gertrude Pohlman and Hildegard Pohlman, Detroit, each, \$1.25; Ladies' Aid, Onekama, Mich., \$3.00; Sunday School, Niles, Mich., \$5.00; Caroline Apfel, Cincinnati, O., \$25.00; Mrs. Carl Matz's children, Sterling, Mich., \$3.00.

B. For the Current Expense Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Draeger, Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$2.00; Ernest and Henry Machmeier's families, Cleveland, O., \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. Muckenfuss, Logansport, Ind., \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lenski and Mrs. Margaret Lenski, Jackson, Mich., \$2.50; Luth. School, Alma, Mo., \$8.75; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckman, Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$2.00; F. Weiss, Frankenmuth, Mich., \$2.00; Mrs. C. Macker, Seymour, Ind., \$1.00; Congregation at Doverville, O., \$5.00; St. Peter's cong., Cleveland, O., \$8.00; E. G. Dankworth, Los Angeles, Cal., \$5.00; N. N., Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$5.00; N. N., Tyro, Kans., \$5.00.

\$13.74; Anna Puscheck, Forest Park, \$5.00; Mrs. Anna Witte, Pekin, \$2.00; Ladies' Aid, Buckley, \$25.00; Faith, Chicago, \$10.00; Ladies' Benevolent Society, Melrose Park, \$10.00; Mrs. K. Hufnagel, Oak Park, \$5.00; Ladies' Aid, Thawville, \$5.00; Luth. School, Springfield, \$16.33; Mission Guild, Quincy, \$10.00; Peace, Thomasboro, \$8.00; Ladies' Aid, Beardstown, \$10.00; Christ, Peoria, \$2.00; St. John's, Effingham, \$7.14; Trinity, Stewartson, \$12.00; St. John's, Pekin, \$50.00; Sunday School, Athens, \$5.00; Salem, Jacksonville, \$10.00; Trinity, LaRose, \$6.07; Congregation at Warsaw, \$5.00; Concordia, Geneseo, \$12.00.

INDIANA—Trinity Ladies' Aid, Suburban Ft. Wayne, \$10.00; St. James S. S., Lafayette, \$27.09; Bethlehem, Ossian, \$3.00; Emmaus Ladies' Aid, Ft. Wayne, \$15.00; Zion, Ft. Wayne, \$42.31; Emmanuel's, Ft. Wayne, \$45.00; St. Paul's, Ft. Wayne, \$50.00; Rev. Gallmeyer, Peru, \$5.00; St. James', Lafayette, \$50.00; St. John's, Lafayette, \$5.20; Walther League, Logansport, \$5.00; Bethlehem, Ossian, \$0.25; Tabea Society, Ft. Wayne, \$10.00; St. Peter's, Mishawaka, \$8.50; Christ, Woodburn, \$13.52; Emmanuel, Inglefield, \$5.00; Emmanuel, Decatur, \$10.00; Trinity League, Crown Point, \$13.00; Ladies' Aid, Crown Point, \$5.00;

Y. P. S., Crown Point, \$5.00; Trinity Alms Box, Crown Point, \$8.00; Mrs. Fred Hack, Crown Point, \$2.00; St. John's, LaPorte, \$25.00; Zion, Kokomo, \$1.00; Trinity, Evansville, \$41.42; St. James', Logansport, \$7.00; Concordia, Ft. Wayne, \$25.00; Emmaus, South Bend, \$3.67; St. John's Luth. School, LaPorte, \$21.69.

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