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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.

Detroit, Michigan,
Month of Thanksgiving.

Dear Reader and Friend:—
"LORD SAVE US!" With these words the Lord's disciples called upon Him when they were in physical distress. The good Master heard their prayer and helped them.—Our handicapped deaf brothers and sisters, too, are in distress. And for them, we, their friends, in faith cry unto Almighty God, "LORD HELP US!" Supply, O Lord, the necessary funds to enable us to continue this work of bringing Thy Salvation to these "Children of Silence." Lord, help us by making the hearts and hands of Thy believing children glad and willing to support this work of Thy Church, the work of relieving these afflicted little ones, not only of their physical and mental handicap, but most of all, of their terrible SPIRITUAL affliction.
This year the quarters in our Insit-

tute are filled to overflowing with the greatest number of little deaf children from far and near that we have had within the last 25 years. These children are here because their parents are vitally concerned about their eternal welfare. They were brought to us in order that they may here receive that Christian education and training which, due to their affliction, the home congregation cannot give them. Their parents know that our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is the ONLY school in which their deaf little ones are brought into the loving arms of their SAVIOR just as their hearing children are brought to Him by the religious instructions provided for them by their home congregation. These parents, upon whom the Lord in His wisdom saw fit to lay such a great burden when He permitted their little ones to be so sorely afflicted, cannot bear this heavy load themselves, and they look to their fellow Christians for assistance. Surely all parents whom the Lord, in His mercy, has blessed with healthy normal children, out of gratefulness for such blessings, will be willing and glad to give of their worldly goods to help bring these, their deaf brothers and sisters, to JESUS and everlasting bliss, and otherwise lessen their terrible handicap. All should be willing to make a sacrifice for these who have NONE TO HELP THEM. All CAN do their part.

Some can only PRAY.
Some can WORK and PRAY.
Some can GIVE, WORK, and PRAY.
What can, what WILL YOU DO?

We are well aware of the fact that the times are still hard and that you receive many appeals for assistance. However, since it is not so very often that we come to you with a direct appeal so urgent as this, we sincerely hope that you will find it possible to give the afflicted deaf child some support. It is the Lord's work that we are doing. And in His name, Who

has said, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you," we are now asking, not for ourselves, but for "THE LEAST OF THESE HIS BRETHREN."

Thanking you most sincerely for whatever support you have already given our cause and may give it in the future, I am

Most cordially yours,

J. A. Klein.

OUR ENROLLMENT

Due to the splendid co-operation of some of our pastors and teachers who sent us the names and addresses of deaf children, it was our great pleasure this year to enroll fifteen new children, the largest class of new pupils within the history of our Institute. The total number enrolled is greater this year than it has been at any time during the past 25 years. We are exceedingly happy to be able to bring so many of these afflicted little ones into the loving arms of the Good Shepherd. However, there are in our country still about 150 Lutheran deaf children who are not receiving the benefits of this Christian school maintained for them by our Lutheran church. One reason why so many are not yet in our Institute is because we have not their names and addresses and therefore cannot inform their parents of the many advantages our school offers them for their handicapped little ones.

We, therefore, again plead with you pastors and teachers to send us the names and addresses of all parents of deaf and hard-of-hearing children of school age in order that we may contact them with a view of gaining their children for our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. A post card addressed to the Ev. Luth. Institute for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan, will do it.

APPRECIATION

Herewith we wish to express our sincere gratitude to all our readers and friends who with their prayers and gifts so joyfully support the cause of the handicapped deaf child. May your number ever increase! — We also thank those of you who during the past months sent contributions for the purchase of an electrical hearing device, an instrument sorely needed in our school. To date we have received approximately \$100 of the \$600 necessary to buy such equipment for one of our class-rooms. — THANK YOU, and may God bless you. J. A. K.

LIVING AND PRAYING

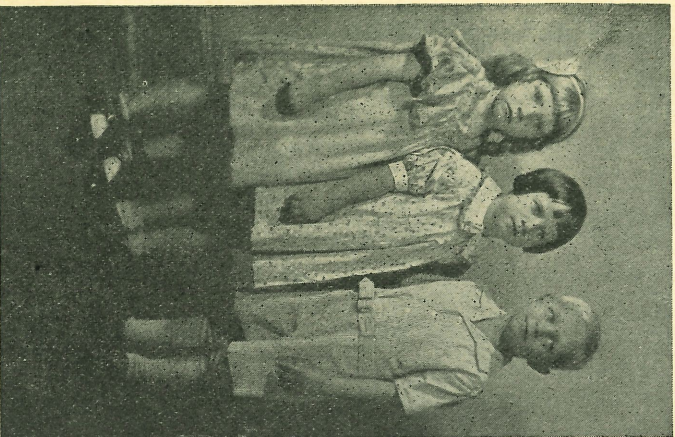
*I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "O Lord bless every one;
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on my road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again when day was done
I prayed, "O Lord, bless every one."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below."
And then I hid my face, and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me but see another day
And I will live the way I pray."
Selected.*

LARGER PERSONNEL

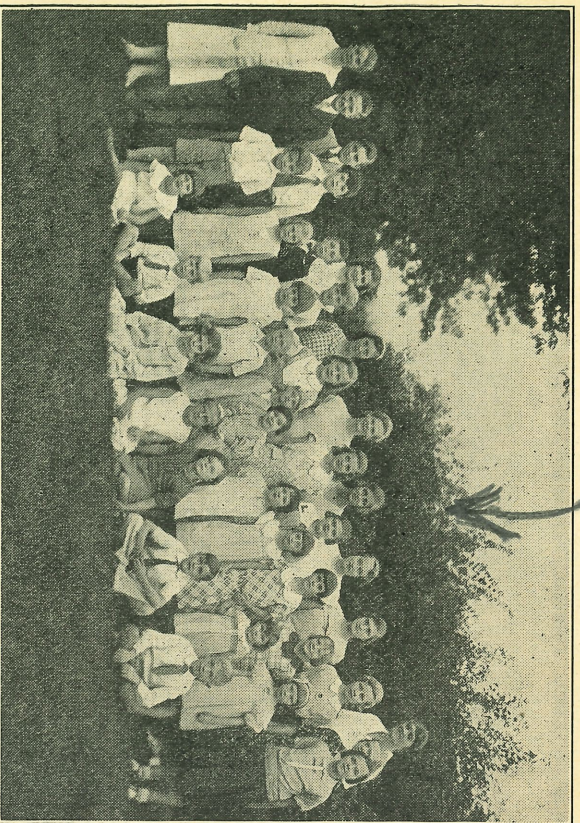
Due to the fact that our school experienced the largest enrollment of new pupils in its history, the teaching staff as well as the household force had to be increased.

Mrs. B. Lamont, of Crandon, Wis., a graduate of the Milwaukee Teacher's College, and a teacher of many year's experience, is the new member of our faculty.

The household force was fortunate in getting Deaconess Clara Bekemeier,



WILL YOU HELP US?



A group of our children.

graduate of the Deaconess Training School at Watertown, Wis., as the matron's assistant.

We are indeed happy to have these hard working people with us and wish them God's blessing in their new field.
E. Z.

INDOOR FUN

Should you take a look into the Institute some dreary afternoon when because of weather conditions the children cannot play outside, you would see a most interesting sight. In one corner of the living room you would see a number of children enjoying a game of Ping Pong, others playing a game of Carroms. Some of the more quiet and thoughtful ones you would find deeply in thought over the Checker Board. Still others you would see busy with the Flinch Cards, while the most jolly ones you would find in hearty laughter playing Old Maid.

For these pleasant hours we are most heartily thankful to the members of the Kiwanis Club by whom these games were presented. Special thanks go to Dr. J. V. Dneweke, also a member of this club, who has been greatly interested in our children and has been successful in creating interest for our cause among his fellow-members.

Such interest is deeply appreciated by everyone connected with the Institute, and it helps to bring "A bit of sunshine" to these afflicted children who must of necessity be away from home and their loved ones. **E. Z.**

SCHOOL NOTES

To house and otherwise provide for a much larger enrollment this year, it was necessary for our Board to make various costly changes in our building and to employ a fourth teacher and another deaconess. These extra expenditures have completely exhausted our maintenance fund. Hence our urgent appeal to the Christian friends of the deaf child. We are confident that He, who has sent us these afflicted lambs to feed spiritually, will also provide, through His believers, the necessary funds to carry on His work. "The Lord is Mindful of His Own."

Ladies' Aid Societies of our Detroit and nearby Lutheran Churches are this year again visiting our Institute. We enjoy having these friends spend an afternoon with us each month visiting the various classes and inspecting the building.

The saying is, "Seeing is believing," and we feel that when these ladies see the deaf children grasping for knowledge, both spiritual and secular, they will realize that the souls of these unfortunates dare not be neglected nor forgotten, but must be nourished with the sweet Gospel of their Savior.

During the past month demonstrations of, and lectures on our work were given at the following churches in Detroit, Our Savior, Rev. E. Buchheimer, Pastor; Pilgrim, Rev. E. Rossow, Pastor; Concordia, Rev. Ph. Bohn, Pastor; at Hazel Park Luth.

Church, Rev. P. Czernanske, Pastor; Owendale Luth. Church, Owendale, Mich., Rev. H. Ferber, Pastor; and before the Detroit Teachers Conference.

We are always glad to give lectures and demonstrations before congregations, schools, and other gatherings whenever desired, and the distance is not too great. It makes us and our children happy to know that others are interested in them and their welfare.

The large picture in this issue depicts a group of our children. Deaconess Martha Theilmann, our matron, is at the extreme right, and Deaconess Clara Bekemeier at the left. **W. B.**

OUR LITTLE ONES

First Grade

June has two new bracelets. We have four plants. Mrs. Lamont painted the desks orange.—Gordon Bergman. We colored some leaves. We colored some leaves red. We colored some leaves yellow. We colored some leaves orange.—Florence Braun.

Florence got a box from her mother. She got a new white dress. She got a new blue coat and cap. She got four apples. She got some brown candy.—Dorothy Ohlberg.

Dorothy has a new note book. Her father bought it.—Irene Allmandinger. We colored some pumpkins yesterday.—Arthur Borghardt. **B. L.**

MEMORIAL WREATHS

Kansas: Ramona: Ramona Luth. Ladies' Aid in memory of Philip Brutz, \$2.

Michigan: Detroit: In memory of Louie Knorr of East Detroit by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Knorr, \$5, Mr. and Mrs. C. Koester, \$2, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knorr, \$5, Mr. L. C. Knorr, \$3, Misses Martha Theilmann and Clara Bekemeier, \$2.
Sandy Creek: Mr. and Mrs. G. Finzel, Vernon and Kate Finzel in memory of Katie Rosenstreter, \$5.
Big Rapids: Mr. and Mrs. T. Martz in memory of Mrs. Albert Grunst, \$1.
Sault Ste Marie: Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Henning in memory of Miss Hennon, \$2.
New York: Orchard Park: By six brothers and three sisters in memory of Henry Haas, \$10.
Ohio: Cleveland: H. Niemeyer and family in memory of Wm. Becker, \$3.
Euclid: In memory of Landenberger in memory of Martha Dorothy Smith, \$5.
Ohio City: St. Thomas Church Choir in memory Lawrence Merkle, \$2.
Napoleon: In memory of Henry Westinghouse by three children and grandchildren, \$4.

Oregon: Klamath: In memory of Mr. E. Ountich of Oakland, California, by Zion Luth. Ladies' Aid, \$3.
Pennsylvania: Bradford: In memory of Mrs. John Gold, Otto, N. Y., by the Bradford Walther League, \$3.
'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.' Rev. 14:13.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RECEIPTS

July to Oct.

California: Oakland: Mrs. Mary Kirchner, \$5.

Illinois: Addison: Rev. A. Photenhauer's cong., \$9.

Chicago: Louis Jaschinsky, \$15; Lutheran Teachers at River Forest Summer School, \$38.

Florida: Rev. Hy. Witte, \$1.

LaGrange: Mary Hedorn, \$1.

Nokomis: Yimly Luth. Ladies' Aid, \$5.

Washburn: Luth. Ladies' Aid, \$5.

Pearia: Mrs. Matilda Zeitz, \$25.

Iowa: Fredericksburg: Luth. Congr. \$9.32.

Lawler: Olivia Thernagle, \$1.

Michigan: Adrian: Luth. School, \$2.19.

Bay City: Zion cong., \$3.50.

Detroit: Bethel cong., \$8.55.—Polish cong., \$9.

Nazareth cong., \$6.—Immanuel cong., \$22.50.—Bethlehem cong., \$32.79.—Stephanus cong., \$22.85.—Zion cong., \$102.70.—Trinity cong., \$1.—Tabor cong., \$9.90.—St. John cong., \$10.30.—Gethsemane cong., \$127.42.

—st. Andrew cong., \$28.14.—Mrs. Nellie Dreyer, \$5.

Hamtramck: Luth. cong., \$2.

Flint: St. Paul cong., \$11.40.

Paindsale: Mrs. P. Grehmann, \$25.

Pontiac: Luth. cong., \$5.40.

Rapid River: Henry Janke, \$1.

Royal Oak: Luth. cong., \$5.55.

Saginaw: Trinity cong., \$1.80.

St. Clair Shores: St. Paul S. School, \$5.

Taylor: Luth. cong., \$2.

Wyandotte: Luth. cong., \$27.

Minnesota: Albert Lea: Rev. E. Hansan, \$1.

—Luth. Ladies' Aid, \$5.

Lewisville: Luth. Ladies' Aid, \$2.

Truman: St. Paul Ladies' Aid, \$10.

Missouri: Farmington: M. W. Muehler, \$1.

DeVey: Huda Hesse, \$1.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma City: Lutheran Women's League, \$7.71.

South Dakota: Columbia: Mrs. W. Ramthun and son Henry, \$1.50.

Rosholt: St. Peter's Ladies' Aid \$5.

DeMont: Kennard Klein, \$1.

Texas: Spring: John Klein, \$1. Mr. Seals, \$1.

Wisconsin: Sheboygan Falls: M. J. Newer, \$10.00.

Watertown: Rev. Wm. Naumann, \$1.

Wittenberg: Ladies' convention No. Wis. District \$50.07.

Virginia: Richmond: Miss Clara Kuegel, \$5.

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