

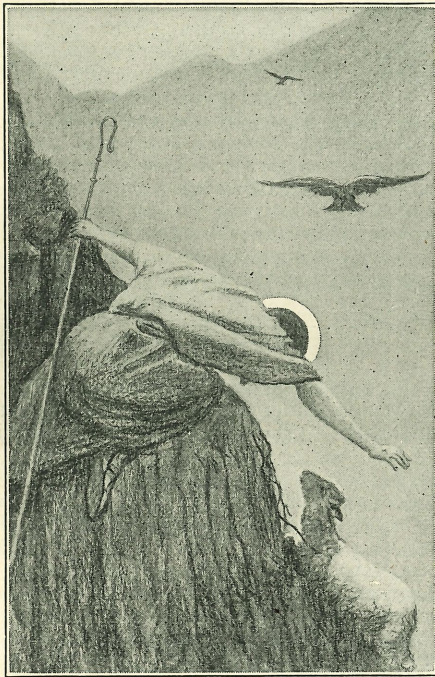
# The Deaf Child's Advocate

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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.

## THANKSGIVING

The Bible contains many exhortations "to give thanks unto the Lord." Christians, who in and through Christ can call God their dear Father, should take heed thereto. "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"; thus speaks St. Paul in his first epistle to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, verse 18.

In all conditions and circumstances of life a Christian can and will give thanks; but especially is that which God in Christ has done for us worthy of our loftiest praise; to have found mercy makes our temporal afflictions light.—It has been the privilege of the undersigned to be, for a number of years, the pastor of an aged blind-deaf man; this man, who is 77 years old, was born blind and lost his hearing at the age of 35. Although he can speak two languages, German and English, perfectly and distinctly, his only contact with the outside world is by the sense of touch. Still he

often says that in spite of his physical ailments, he feels thankful to God for many blessings, especially that He has led him to the knowledge of His only Savior, Jesus Christ.

God, the giver of all good gifts, daily showers on us innumerable blessings. Let us acknowledge them with thankful hearts and say with Jacob: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast shewed unto thy servant." Gen. 32, 10. God desires our thanks, not only in word, but also in deed! Our entire life should be a continuous prayer of thanksgiving and a song of praise. Wherever we are and whatever we do, may the sentiment of our souls be: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name; bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103, 1. 2.

If that is the attitude of our hearts, then we will also be ready and willing to open our hearts and hands for others who are less fortunate than we, and especially also for our handicapped deaf children. Yes, let us make use of the means which God has placed at our disposal to help extend Christ's kingdom among the deaf!  
E. J. S.

## DIFFICULTIES IN EDUCATING THE DEAF

In discussing the education of the deaf with lay-people, teachers often hear this question asked, "Isn't it a difficult task to teach a deaf child?" We answer this question with an emphatic "YES."

Mr. Elwood A. Stevenson, Principal, California School for the Deaf has the following to say on this subject:

"Of all the groups of handicapped children, the understanding and the education of the deaf are the most difficult and most technical. No other form of special education compares with that of the deaf. The technical training necessary for the work, the abnormal procedure of instruction, and the seriousness of the loss of hearing, all tend to make the subject of the deaf a very vital study. When you understand that 65 per cent of one's mental growth and educational accomplishment is obtained through the sense of hearing, you can readily visualize the enormity of the task."

A normal hearing child entering school has a fair knowledge of language, understands conversation and speaks distinctly. It's education began at home at an early age, even before it was one year old. The deaf child just entering school has no knowledge of these things, it doesn't know its own name, in fact, as far as the expression of thought is concerned, it is a total blank. Therefore, the teacher must lay the foundation of this child's education. Each word and combination of words and the meaning must be taught separately to each individual child. This is indeed a very difficult task.

Teaching the child to speak is probably the greatest task and saturated with difficulties. The pitch, quality and strength of its voice must be established. Because the child cannot hear itself talk, it cannot imitate the teacher nor correct itself except through sight and touch together with the teacher's constant help. She continually strives to make its mechanical voice as natural as possible. Be it later during an arithmetic, language, or religious class, the voice is corrected whenever necessary.

Since each child must be worked with individually, much of the teacher's day is taken up with speech and speech correction work.

Then there are the individual cases of drawing, nasality, constriction of the throat muscles and breathiness which necessitate attention. It may take weeks, months, sometimes even years to overcome them.

Language also has its difficulties. The deaf child's natural way of thinking differs from that of a hearing child. Let us take, for example, the sentence, "I threw a ball." The deaf child thinks, "A ball threw I." This construction must be remolded in the child's mind. Each new language principle must be taught through the following steps: lipreading, speech, reading, commands, action work (child plays or "acts out" the sentence) and finally, the child must use it in its original work.

When a new language principle is taught individually to eight pupils through the five steps mentioned above, not only a day, but weeks have passed.

Teaching a deaf child concrete things is a strenuous task, but going over from the concrete to the abstract and teaching the true meaning of "God", "soul," "creation," "heaven," etc., is a task that requires unlimited patience, and God's blessing.

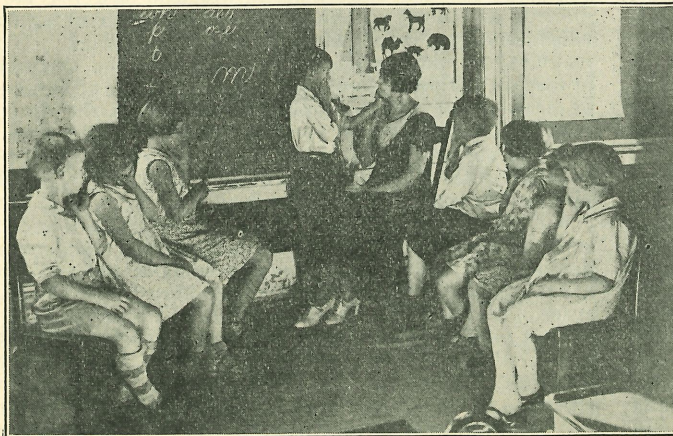
So one can see that with all the individual work involved it is possible for one teacher to have only from eight to ten children in a class to do justice to each one's education.

Incidentally, having small classes and needing more teachers brings the cost of educating a deaf child much higher than that of a hearing child.

Due to the increased enrollment we have at present five teachers employed in our school. The financial burden of educating a deaf child is too heavy for the parents and even the local congregation to carry. Therefore, our church at large maintains this school for such handicapped children. W.B.

### A MILLION DEAF PEOPLE

It has been estimated that there are at least a million deaf folk in the world. The ratio runs about one to each thousand of population. On that basis Canada has about ten thousand, the British Isles forty thousand and the United States a hundred thousand. Hundreds of



Teaching the deaf to speak

special schools are provided for these by the government or by private sources for teaching the deaf child.

In India there are over two hundred thousand deaf and only three schools for them.—Rochester Advocate.

### WAITING FOR THE LORD

While the cobbler mused, there passed his pane  
A beggar drenched by the driving rain;  
He called him in from the stony street  
And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.  
The beggar went, and there came a crone,  
Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown;  
A bundle of fagots bowed her back,  
And she was spent with the wrench and rack.  
He gave her his loaf and steadied her load,  
As she took her way on the weary road.  
Then to his door came a little child,  
Lost and afraid in the world so wild.  
In the big, dark world! Catching it up,  
He gave it the milk in the waiting cup,  
And led it home to its mother's arms,  
Out of reach of the world's alarms.

The day went down in the crimson West,  
And with it the hope of the blessed guest;  
And Conrad sighed as the world turned gray;  
"Why is it, Lord, that your feet delay?  
Did you forget that this was the day?"  
Then, soft, in the silence a voice was heard:  
"Lift up your heart, for I kept my word.  
Three times I came to your friendly door,  
Three times my shadow was on your floor;  
I was the beggar with bruised feet;  
I was the woman you gave to eat;  
I was the child of the homeless street."  
—Edwin Markham.

### DIRE NEED

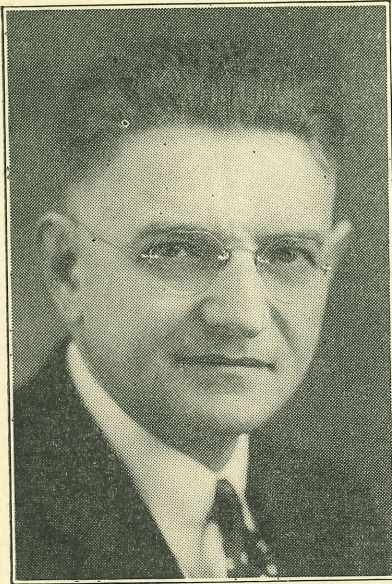
During the five years of the depression our income like those of most other charitable institutions dropped off tremendously. Where formerly we were able to close our fiscal year with but a small deficit or even at times with a little surplus, in the years just passed all this was changed. No matter how frugally we conducted our affairs the deficit mounted ever higher and higher until at the present time we have a debt in our maintenance fund of \$7,500.00. A factor which helped to contribute to this enormous deficit, of course, was also the growth of our school during the past two years necessitating additional household help and an enlarged teaching staff.

To operate our institution, which includes the housing and feeding of 54 persons and the salaries of five teachers, two deaconesses, a caretaker, a cook, and a maid, costs approximately \$1200.00 per month. Against this, our income during the past few months has been as follows: July \$640.92, August \$280.03, September \$607.87, and in October \$852.25

From this, dear friends, you will readily agree that we ARE in DIRE NEED—and that our cry for HELP is a real one. We need funds to repay our just debts, and we need funds to continue this work of feeding the Bread of Life to the handicapped little lambs entrusted to us. PRAY for us and, as the Lord has prospered you, help us. Please! J. A. K.

### FORMER TEACHER BECOMES FIELDWORKER

The Rev. and Mrs. R. Heschke of Hilbert, Wis., are ardent supporters of our Institute. Mrs. Heschke, formerly Miss Esther Zuberier until her marriage last June, was a faithful and most capable teacher in our school. We were very sorry to lose her services as a teach-



The Rev. and Mrs. R. Heschke

er, but since our Board asked her to officially represent our Institute and its work in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, she has not completely severed her connections with us. She is always ready to serve congregations or other church organizations with a lecture or demonstration of our work. Her address is, Mrs. R. Heschke, Hilbert, Wis. J.A.K.

**FROM THE OFFICE**

Our school opened on September 5th. Due to the large enrollment in the lower grades it became necessary to employ a fifth teacher. Miss Esther Zuberier and Mrs. B. Lamont having left us, the first to be married to Rev. R. Heschke of Hilbert, Wis., and the other to accept a position as teacher of hard of hearing children in a school at Holland, Michigan, our Board employed Miss Emma Bornitzke of Antigo, Wis., and Mrs. D. Nutt of Flint, Michigan, to fill the vacancies and Miss N. Lundwall of Flint, Michigan, as the fifth teacher. \* \* \*

A manual training department for our boys was begun this year with Mr. W. Bellhorn in charge. In it the boys receive instruction in the making of toys and other useful articles, which work they greatly enjoy. The girls' sewing class is being continued under the guidance of our good matron, Deaconess Martha Theilmann. \* \* \*

The erection of our girls' dormitory unit is progressing very nicely. At this writing the building is under roof and the work in the interior is well under way. We hope that we may dedicate the new building sometime in January. \* \* \*

Our increased enrollment made it necessary to furnish and occupy one of our teachers' cottages. Eight of our larger girls together with Deaconess Clara Bekemeier will live in this home until the new dormitory is ready for use. \* \* \*

By this time our annual appeal for funds to enable us to carry on this work of bringing Christ to our handicapped charges has reached our many friends. A goodly number of pastors and teachers have already requested the coin envelopes and literature offered for the purpose of lifting collections for our cause. We hope that many more such requests will reach us. A debt of \$7,500 in our maintenance fund as well as a larger enrollment and

personnel make our appeal especially urgent at this time.—May the Lord through His Christians answer our cry! \* \* \*

Several requests for demonstrations of our work before church groups again have reached us this year. We always gladly comply with such requests. Any church organization desiring a demonstration should write to us. In Wisconsin application should be made to Mrs. R. Heschke, our official representative in that state. \* \* \*

A merry-go-round, parallel bars, climbing bars, and a large sandbox filled with a lot of fine clean sand are new additions to our playground equipment. For the merry-go-round we owe thanks to the East Detroit Kiwanis Club. The bars and the sandbox were built by our caretaker, Mr. J. Bethmann. Our little tots enjoy the slide and the older children prefer the merry-go-round, see-saws, swings, and the bars. \* \* \*

Two of our larger girls, Wilma Pollmacher of Homewood, Ill., and Mary Hampshire of Toledo, Ohio, could not return to us this year on account of illness. Mary has throat trouble, and Wilma is under observation in the Chicago University Hospital Clinic for a very serious eye ailment. We hope that with the Lord's help both will recover soon. \* \* \*

Christel Erdman, twelve years old, completed the course in our school last June and was confirmed in her home church in Chicago by the Rev. Alfred Reinke. Although being totally deaf, Christel has mastered the art of lipreading to such an extent that this year she is continuing her education with hearing children in the eighth grade of Pastor Reinke's Christian Day School. Mr. M. C. Pieper is her teacher. In a letter recently received from Christel, she tells us that she likes very school and teachers and that she is getting along very nicely with her schoolwork. J.A.K.

**HELP WIN DEAF CHILDREN**

Although there has been a decided increase in the attendance at our school during the past few years there still are a great number of deaf children in our Lutheran circles who receive no or at the most a very meager religious education and training. We, therefore, again appeal to all our readers, and especially to our pastors, to send us the names and addresses of parents of deaf children in their congregations, so that we may contact them with the view of gaining such children for our school and so for Christ and His Kingdom. A post card with the parents' names and addresses is all that we ask of you. J.A.K.

**SCHOOL WORK**

**First Grade Dictation**

Donald saw two cars. Flora fell. She laughed.—Marion Hotchkiss.

Doris has a yellow ball. Ruth has two pencils.—Esther Wirgau.

A boy is thin. A baby is happy. A pig is fat.—Ruth Fabry. N.L.

**Second Grade Language**

Yesterday I went to a farm. I saw four ducks. I saw fifteen cows. I saw some baby cats.—Raymond Much.

I went home Thursday night. My mother bought some new shoes for me.—June Habermehl.

My father bumped his finger. It hurt.—Arthur Borgardt. E.B.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR  
INSTITUTE

I give, devise and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of ..... and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

## MEMORIAL WREATHS

Indiana: Avilla: In memory of Albert Beitz of Burr Oak, Mich., \$1 by Rev. Noffze.

Kendallville: In memory of Mrs. S. K. Randall, by St. John's Golden Rule Society \$2.

Logansport: In memory of Mrs. Maria Boetcher by Geo. Liebo of Peru, \$2.

Ohio: Defiance: In memory of Albert Rohmel by grandchildren through Edwin Ruess, \$5.

Michigan: Detroit: In memory of Miss Frieda Thaete by the Institute Personnel, \$5.25.

In memory of Ronald Konopka by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Koester, \$2.

In memory of Ernst Janke by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goetz, \$2.

In memory of Reinhold Honald by Mr. and Mrs. Luckhard and son, \$3.

In memory of Mr. Buddenbaum of Indianapolis, Ind., by Detroit Bach Choir, \$2.50.

In memory of Miss Anna Heidelberger by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Susick, Sr. and Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bahr and Mr. Mrs. Otto Pochert, \$5.00.

In memory of Mr. Buddenbaum of Indianapolis, Ind., by St. Thomas Senior Walther League, \$3.

In memory of Mr. Wm. Turnow by Mrs. Wm. Turnow and children, \$10.

In memory of Mrs. Louise Glabke by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riemer, \$2.

In memory of Elizabeth Schlueter by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dally, \$10.

In memory of Mrs. August Thoms by Mrs. E. Trosien, \$3.

In memory of husband by "Grandmother N. N." \$50.

In memory of Mrs. Christine Jankowski by her daughter, Mrs. Duke, \$5.

In memory of Otto Justus by mother Emma Justus, \$5; by Mr. and Mrs. O. Trusien, \$2.50.

In memory of Dorothy Parker by Martha Schmidt, \$2.

In memory of Gustav Krueger by Mr. and Mrs. B. Meier, Rose Meier and Mr. and Mrs. F. Zielke, \$5.

In memory of G. Homburg by Mrs. M. Frenzer, \$2.

Frankenlust: In memory of Geo. Helmreich by Mr. and Mrs. Hy. List, Alice List, Edna and Helen Nuechterlein and Stella Knop, \$4.

Frankenmuth: In memory of Edna Buetow by Mr. and Mrs. Fred List, \$1.

In memory of Mrs. Geo. Keinath, by Martin Bunjes, \$1; by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zehnder and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Zehnder, \$3; by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schluckebier, \$1; by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nuechterlein, \$2.

In memory of John Frank by Mrs. Barbara Engel, \$1; by Mrs. Geo. Keinath, \$1; by Mr. Martin Veitengruber, \$1.

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Voss by Martin Zucker and Wm. Mayer, \$2 each; by H. W. Meher, \$1.

In memory of Geo. Schleier by Mrs. Leonard Hildner, \$1.

In memory of Elizabeth Mayer by Mrs. Martin Zucker, \$1.

Harbor Beach: In memory of Mrs. Rosa Hiller by Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Nuechterlein, \$1.

Highland Park: In memory of Mary Ladpke by several friends, \$6.

Jackson: In memory of Mrs. Anna Berswenger by Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid, \$5.

Richville: In memory of Otto Rodammer by Mrs. Geo. Engelhardt, \$3.

Sandy Creek: In memory of Mrs. Walter Meininger by Holy Ghost Ladies Aid, \$3.

Sterling: In memory of Carl Matz by Family, \$3.

Nebraska: Poole: In memory of Wm. Gruhn by Pastor D. Scheer, \$2.50.

Wisconsin: Milwaukee: In memory of Rev. J. C. Strasen by Cross Church Jr. Club, \$2.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth." Rev. 14:13.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RECEIPTS FROM JULY TO  
OCTOBER

California: St. John's Church, Orange, \$5.00; Immanuel Church, Orange, \$20.11; California District (not itemized) \$4.72.

Idaho: Eden, H. C. Westendorf, \$5.50; Latimer, Ladies Mission Society, \$25; Charter Oak, St. Johns Ladies Aid, \$5; Iowa District Walther League, \$15.

Illinois: Chicago, Louis Jaschinsky, \$10; Andrew Fabry, \$10; Faith Church \$1.40; Teacher T. Breihan's pupils (for hearing aid) \$37; Legacy Greenberger estate, \$110; Augsburg, Immanuel Congr., \$6.38; Springfield, Trinity Congr., \$8.25; Forest Park, Stanley Bergman, \$1; Addison, Miss L. Kropp, \$1; No. Illinois Dist. (not itemized) \$99.20.

Indiana: Peru, Geo. Liebo, \$10; St. John's Congr., \$5; Friedheim, Zion, Stoppenhagen Golden Wedding \$7.50; South Bend, St. Paul's Congr., \$3.71; Bingham, 50th Wedding Ann. of Mr. and Mrs. Dieksen, \$32.11; Lafayette, St. James S. S., \$13.76; South Whitley, St. John's Congr., \$7.25; Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glock, \$10; Mrs. R. Truelzsch (hearing aid) \$5.10.

Iowa: Waterloo, Mrs. W. Koob, \$1; Iowa District (not itemized) \$11.

Kansas: Agra, Miss Frieda Levin, \$1; Lyndon, Mrs. Herman Poertner, \$1; Kansas Dist. (not itemized) \$54.75.

Michigan: Detroit, Nazareth L. Aid, furnishings \$25; Farmington, St. Paul's L. Aid, furnishings \$5; Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rosen, \$5; Flint, Redeemer Church, \$20.07; Sandy Creek, Holy Ghost Church, \$2; Frankenmuth, J. P. Bickel, Herbert Weiss and Ernst Kern each, \$1; St. Lorenz L. A. Society, \$15; Kern-Weber Wedding, \$22; Sterling, Luth. L. A. Society, \$5; Sterling Congr., \$2.75; Mt. Clemens, Trinity L. A. Society furnishings, \$25; Richville, Rev. and Mrs. Bekemeier, \$1; Adrian, Rev. Manske's Congr., \$4.50; Teacher Bierlein's pupils, \$10; New Haven, Rev. Bublitz's Congr., \$7; Farmington, Rev. Graupner's Congr., \$25; Wyandotte, Rev. Krahnke's Congr., \$7.20; Utica, Rev. A. Wuggazer's Congr., \$23.50; Royal Oak, Rev. Fricke's Congr., \$2.02; Macomb, Rev. Beyerlein's Congr., \$12.20; River Rouge, Rev. Ebendick's Congr., \$8.21; Saginaw, Trinity, \$10; Kalamazoo, \$10; Redford, Lutheran Day School, \$3; Detroit, Redeemer Congr., \$13.25; Miss Louise Potter, Christ Church (for hearing aid) \$35; Christ Church, \$28.50; Mt. Olive Church, \$3.50; Messiah Church, \$36.35; St. Peters, East Detroit, \$47.75; St. Peters, \$25; Concordia Congr., \$1; Nazareth, \$3; Trinity Congr., \$11.20; Tabor Congr., \$10; Immanuel Congr., \$23.15; Our Saviour Congr., \$5.53; St. John's Congr., \$32.65; Epiphany Congr., \$2; Gethsemane Congr., \$18.50; Emmaus Congr., \$61.54; Peace Congr., \$2; Bethany Congr., \$45; Stephanus Congr., \$14.75; Louis Geo. Koch (for furniture in new building) \$25; Bethlehem L. A. Society, West Side, furnishings, \$50; Roseville, Bethlehem L. A. Society, furnishings, \$5.

Minnesota: New Germany, Rev. Rolf's Congr., \$5.75; Lake Benton, Rev. Paul W. Spaude's Congr., \$10.

Missouri: St. Louis, Mrs. Ed. Wahmueller, \$1; Western District, (not itemized) \$82.

Montana: Laurel, Rev. H. E. Vomhof, \$1.

Nebraska: Omaha, Arthur Krueger, \$25; Staplehurst, Pastor F. W. Bangert's Church Schaefer-Daehling Wedding, \$17.17; Palmer, Schlueter-Meyer Wedding, \$5.39; Seward, Prof. H. B. Fehner, \$1; No. Nebr. District (not itemized) \$8.36.

New Jersey: Secaucus, Rev. H. C. Beckmann, \$10; No. Bergen, Our Savior Luth. L. A. Society, \$5.

New York: Hamlin, St. John's Congr., \$17.50; N. N., \$1; Buffalo, Leona Yuengel, \$1; N. Tonawanda, St. Mark's Lutheran Day School, \$1.

Ohio: Defiance, Edwin Ruess, \$2; Cincinnati, Mrs. A. Herbert, \$5; Wren, St. Thomas Congr., \$12; Liberty Center, St. Paul's Congr., \$1.50; Wausean, St. Luke's \$2.50.

Oregon: Marshfield, Vacation Bible School, \$4.20.

Pennsylvania: Marwood, Robert Oestreich, \$1.

South Dakota: Fairfax, Rev. and Mrs. A. Oesch, \$1.

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Virginia: N. N. Richmond, \$20.

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