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CHRIST, OUR PRIEST AND KING

Christ is our Priest. Throughout His life He was obedient to the Law of God; because it must be kept if a man, any man, should be saved. "This do, and thou shalt live." But no man could do it; for, since the first disobedience of man, all men are disobedient sinners who can produce nothing but disobedience, which is sin, as an unclean fountain can bring forth only unclean water. Yet the Law had to be perfectly obeyed and thus fulfilled. Christ fulfilled it for all. Now it is done; now all sinners may live as far as its demands are concerned.

But the curse of the Law was still upon sinful man. In His suffering and death Christ endured this curse, even all punishment for sin, in sinners' stead, and thus atoned for their sins. A criminal's crime once paid for need not be paid for again. Christ became lowly in order to pay for our sins; He paid the penalty of our guilt and the guilt of all men.

But now behold your King! After He had completely fulfilled the demands and suffered the condemnation of the Law in man's stead and for man's salvation, He, having quickened Himself, descended into hell, arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now reigns in majesty co-equal with the Father and the Holy Ghost. Such is our King, and we are His subjects and jointheirs. Surely, He will provide for us while we live on this earth. He will bless all our endeavors to teach and preach His Word, which alone can impart His salvation to sinners. He will bless our work for the deaf. He will make the hearts and hands of the many friends of our Institute for the Deaf ready and rich to give for its support in its growing needs due to its increasing enrollment and the rise in prices of commodities. He will prosper us, because He is our King and whatsoever we do in His name is His work and the cause of His honor. How could we fail or want, if He is our King and we are His own and do His work?

And finally when our departure from this world of woe takes place He will receive us to Himself into His kingdom of glory, where we shall see and know Him, thank and praise His glorious name, honor and worship and serve Him with the Father and the Holy Ghost, and reign with Him, world without end, ages everlasting.

Oh, may the approaching Lenten season, in which Christ most emphatically will be presented to us as our Substitute and Lord, fill us with new faith, more love, greater hope, and an increasing zeal to do the work of His Kingdom! God let this Lenten season redound to ever greater blessings for our beloved Institute for the Deaf!

G. M. K.

MISSIONARY ZEAL

"Let us not be weary in well doing," Gal. 6:9. Just a few days before the Christmas holidays we received a letter which breathed such a fine Christmas spirit and expressed such fervent love for the Savior and zeal for His great cause that we feel we ought to pass it on to our readers. The writer is Mrs. Matilda Zeitz of Peoria, Ill. The letter reads in part:

"The beautiful Star of Bethlehem, our Dear Savior Jesus Christ, is again illuminating this dreary world of ours with the good tidings "Christ the Savior is born." With hearts full of love for His great Gift each Christian should be a real missionary, not only to aid in body, but all the more in spiritual need. The Lord has placed a large foundation before us, and with the trowel of currency and the mortar of prayer we Christians should be more than delighted to place one missionary stone beside another. If only all would work and pray, what a wonderful structure we could behold! Life is very short, so we all have a duty to work while it is day."

The writer then relates that she is providing the means for the education of ten students in India which are being prepared to assist our missionaries in instructing children. Several have already been graduated and are serving. And this Christian sister finds real pleasure in her work of promoting the Lord's cause in our own country. She has a warm heart for our deaf children and has sent us several donations and is active in winning others for the support of our work. Last October Mrs. Zeitz sent us \$25.00 for an electrical hearing device which is so sorely needed and which we should like to install in our school for the training of our deaf children in speech work. And as a Christmas gift she sent to the treasurer of her District the sum of \$74, partly for our Deaf Institute and partly for this hearing device. The names of the donors and the amounts are listed with the receipts. The School Board and our deaf children unite in extending our hearty thanks to these kind donors. May God bless them! More such mission workers, and the Lord's cause should suffer no want. Ph. H. B.

ELECTRICAL HEARING DEVICE

To the friends of our deaf children who have sent donations for the hearing device we express our hearty thanks. Inquiries have been made how this fund was progressing. To date more than \$400 has been received. The cost of equipping only one school room with this device is approximately \$600. We are hoping that the friends of the deaf children will help us to reach the goal. Donations, great and small, for this purpose will be welcomed.

Ph. H. B.

OUR CHIEF NEED

The maintenance of our Deaf School must of course remain our chief concern. And that is our great problem. The Lord has graciously blessed our prayers and efforts in behalf of our school, and has entrusted a large number of pupils to our care. Most of our pupils can neither pay board nor tuition and are dependent upon our charity. And all we can do is to ask the Lord in prayer for His help and to appeal to our dear Christians to come to our assistance. Our expenditures are greater than our receipts. Dear reader, can you help us? We are fully aware of the fact that many appeals of this nature come to you. But do not murmur or complain that your charity is being taxed too severely. Ought we not thank the Lord for granting us an opportunity to become rich in good works, works which our Lord will remember on that Great Day? "Whatsoever ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," says He. Among the least of the Lord's brethren are the handicapped deaf children. Through them the Savior appeals to you. "Let us not be weary in well-doing."

A REMINDER.

It frequently happens, due to a misunderstanding, that monies intended for our Institute for the Deaf do not reach us. Donations sent to the District Treasurer for Deaf-Mute missions flow into Synod's treasury for the support of the missionaries of the Deaf-Mute Congregations. Donations intended for our school should be sent in for the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit, Mich. All contributions so received are used for the maintenance of our school. Donations for the hearing device should be so designated. Let us remember. Ph. H. B.

THE DEAF IN BUSINESS

May I have the "floor" and speak a few words regarding the deaf in business for themselves?

The consensus of the general public is that the average deaf person is incapable of taking upon himself a business undertaking simply because he is deaf. Nothing is more erroneous than this opinion. Deafness is looked upon as an unfortunate thing in the life of a person, and for this reason the deaf have been unjustly discriminated against by life insurance companies and not a few employers.

During the depression just past, the deaf were perhaps of all working classes the hardest hit because of insistence of the insurance companies backing the compensation and liability insurance of the manufacturers that only GOOD risks be employed.

Before I speak of my object, permit me here to point out the foolishness of this attitude on the part of these people. Back in the summer of 1901, a handful of young graduates of the Michigan School for the Deaf organized and established, in a competitive spirit, an insurance company whose membership consists entirely of deaf people. This organization has spread all over our country and north into Canada until today its enrollment is well past the six thousand mark and its coffers boast nearly two million dollars.

The purpose of this article is to speak of one Leo. H. Kuehn, a graduate of our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit. Michigan. He, perhaps more than any other deaf person, is showing the skeptic public the fallacy of their opinion regarding the deaf man as a business man.

When Henry Ford, about two years ago, conceived the idea of decentralizing his immense plant into a dozen or more small plants scattered within easy shipping access to the mother plant and offered the opportunity



"Our Baby"

of establishing such small plants to some of his employees, Mr. Kuehn was one of the first to make use of the offer. And because of his excellent record as a tool and die-maker in the Ford plant, Mr. Kuehn's request was readily granted. Accordingly he rented a small shop in Royal Oak, bought a few necessary machines and chose to manufacture the water-pump-pulley, which is considered one of the hardest Ford-parts on which to earn a profit.

True to his faith in his fellow deaf, Mr. Kuehn employed none but deaf help. As is natural to the lot of the beginner, he encountered many difficult manufacturing problems, very discouraging at times, but by courage and determination which are inherently his, he surmounted them one by one, whereas several of his hearing colleagues who were granted similar opportunities by Mr. Ford failed dismally. Today, as this is being written, Mr. Kuehn is well on the road to success. He has shown what courage and determination can accomplish despite his physical loss. Another remarkable thing is, that, although he has been operating his plant for a year and a half, no more serious accident has befallen any of his deaf employees than dust caught in the eyes. Nothing evil will happen to anyone who trustfully looks up to the Heavenly Father not only for protection but also for his daily bread. That should be plain to every believing man and woman.

John Berry.

MR. JOHN BERRY

Mr. John Berry, the writer of the foregoing article, is a deaf man himself. For a number of years he was a foreman in a factory in Windsor, Canada. He is now the bookkeeper and shop manager in Mr. Kuehn's factory. Both, Mr. Kuehn and Mr. Berry, and their families, are staunch members of Our Savior Congregaton for the Deaf. Every Sunday we see them attending divine services in our Institute chapel. Whenever the regular missionary is absent on a Sunday, Mr. Berry conducts a reading service for the congregation. May the Lord's blessing be upon the business venture of these men.

J. A. K.

"Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God; I am the Lord." Lev. 19, 14.

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear reader, you will notice that "The Deaf Child's Advocate" has grown. From a small 6x8 paper it has attained its present size. The reason for a larger paper is that our school is growing and that we have more to tell our many friends about our school and home for deaf children than was possible in our smaller paper. We hope that you will enjoy receiving and reading our little messenger in its new form.—The "Advocate" is mailed free to every one sending us a contribution for our Institute.

The picture in this issue is of our "Baby," June Weinmann, and our good Deaconess Clara Beckemeier. June came to us last fall when she was but a little over two years old. As a rule we do not admit children so young. However, in this case we made an exception because the mother of June has been confined to a hospital since June's birth and there was no one who could properly take care of the little deaf child.—The Lord says, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me," Mark 9, 36. Dear contributor to our cause, YOU have taken this child in, and our Lord will surely bless you for it.

The latest additions to our growing family came after Christmas. They are Sarah Jones, formerly of Oklahoma, now of Detroit, Clara Wager from Hemlock, Michigan, Wilma Pollmacher from Homewood, Illinois, and Percy Blumhorst from Marshall, Missouri. These bring the number of new pupils enrolled this year to eighteen, which is by far the greatest number of new pupils enrolled in any one year in the history of the Institute

If our good pastors will continue to co-operate with us by sending us the names of deaf children in their congregations, we soon shall have the majority of all Lutheran deaf pupils sitting at the feet of our Christian teachers and learning from them the way to eternal salvation. May the good Lord hasten the day when all parents of deaf children will realize that a Christian training and education is the most precious inheritance they can leave such afflicted offsprings. Equipped with the assurance of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, such a chlid has nothing to fear, neither in this world nor the next, even though the protection afforded by loving parents be removed from them by death. Dr. Martin Luther said, "I certainly would not advise anyone to place his child where the Holy Scripture does not rule." This advice is indeed doubly necessary when it pertains to a deaf child.—Send names and addresses to the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

Because, due to the depression, the parents of three of our pupils could not afford the transportation expenses necessary to send their little ones back to our school last fall, a kind member of Christ Lutheran congregation in Detroit paid the fares for these children in order that they might be able to continue their Christian education. Would that all Christians felt equally concerned about the soul-welfare of all such as are still without Christ and His salvation.—In the name of the Savior we thank you, dear friend.

During the past year there came to our desk from a dear friend in Chicago, a Mr. L. J., a substantial monthly contribution for our Institute. Mr. L. J., as a good Christian, undoubtedly realizes that he IS "his brother's keeper" and has chosen to be the keeper of his less fortunate deaf brothers and sisters in our home. Through his offerings he is helping to bring these handicapped little ones to Jesus and salvation. Surely, a deed well-worth imitating! On the Last Day when the Lord shall come in His glory, Mr. L. J. will hear Him say. "Inasmuch as thou hast done this unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me. Inherit thou the kingdom prepared for thee."

May we all realize more and more that we ARE our brother's keeper and, as we have opportunity, help to bring him to Jesus and everlasting bliss. This, in the end, is the sole purpose of our lives.

During the past months we received many contributions from many of our friends, congregations, Sunday and Day Schools, and especially from the dear Ladies' Aid Societies. That Ladies' Aid societies are particularly interested in the deaf child again shows that our good mothers are the ones who always have a warm spot in their hearts for the afflicted little ones. Grateful to our dear Father in heaven for having given them healthy normal children, these dear mothers send us their offerings to help provide for the bodily and spiritual needs of our handicapped charges.—Again we express our sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you who have so kindly supported our cause with your contributions. May the Lord be your rich reward.

Recently our Institute was inspected by the State Inspector of Special Education, Mr. John J. Lee. Among other very favorable statements in his report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Lee also made the following:

the following:—
"The teachers, including Mr. Klein, Superintendent, are all adequately and satisfactorily trained in comparison with the standards of the State School for the Deaf and the Department of Public Instruction through the day school for deafened children. In observing the work of the teachers and the ability of the children in oral-speech, I would say that the work of the school would compare favorably with the work of our public schools.—I was very pleased with the Institute, the program of training, and the teachers and care of children. The facilities for laundry, furnishing of meals, etc., are indicative of a splendid, well-supported institution."

J. A. K.

GUESTS

"Whew! yum, yum! Such delicious meat. I have never eaten any like it before." "Boy, oh, boy, this pumpkin pie is the best that I have ever tasted"—and similar expressions were heard December 11th, by members of the N. E. Branch of the Detroit Kiwanis Club while enjoying a delicious dinner at our Institute.

For the benefit of those readers not familiar with the Kiwanis Club let me say that this club is an association of business men whose one and only purpose is to help the needy and afflicted. Each and every member of the N. E. Branch has a soft spot in his heart for our children and has in more than one way brought joy to them. We thank you, members of the N. E. Branch, most heartily!

OUT OF THE CLASS ROOM Sixth Grade

When I was a small girl, I went to a public school for hearing children. But in the spring of 1933, when I was nine years old, I lost my hearing through Spinal Meningitis. After that I could not go to the hearing school anymore, and I went to a public deaf school in Chicago for one year. But they did not teach us anything about Jesus there, and so my mother decided to send me here to the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. She wanted me to learn about Jesus Christ every day in order that I might be confirmed in the Lutheran faith. My father also is glad that I can go to a Christian school for the deaf and get a good education.

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All the children here are Lutheran boys and girls. They are all learning the way to Salvation and heaven. Some day when we all go to heaven we will realize why we became deaf. I, therefore am so glad that I am here and hope that more Lutheran deaf girls and boys will come to this school and learn about Christ so that some day they will all find themselves in glorious heaven with God.

Christel Erdmann (Age 11) J. A. K.

Pregrade

I have some roller skates. I have a new green dress. I did not have the measles.—Ruth Fabry.

I went to the dentist Saturday. I sat in a big chair.

The dentist fixed my teeth.—Betty Burgess.

I have a rabbit at home. It is white. It has pink eyes. It has whiskers. It has two long ears.—Raymond Much.

Kindergarten Speech

I have a top.—Clarence Allmandinger. I have a ball.—Esther Wirgau.

A ball, a mouth, a knife, father, mother. Odis Landsverk.

A mouth, a tooth, an eye, a thumb, a pie.—Marion Hotchkiss.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

Indiana: Fort Wayne: In memory of H. W. Meinzen by Rev. and Mrs. Wacker, \$5. Kendallville: In memory of Louise Holzer by Julie Weh-

Logansport: In memory of Henry Denkhard by St. James

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In memory of her mother by Mrs. C. Rosentrader, \$2.

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In memory of Gilbert Stit by G. Liebo and children, \$5. Vallonia: A Memorial Wreath, N. N., \$2.

In memory of Don. Wolka by sisters and brothers, \$5.50. Versailles: By H. R. Wacker and L. R. Wacker, in memory of A Arend, \$5.

Maryland: Baltimore: In memory of John Salmon by the Misses Kuegele, \$1.

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In memory of Mrs. Frida de Beau Claire by Charlotte de Beau Claire, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. L. Robertaille, \$2.

In memory of Mr. E. Buelow by Employees of the Inst. for the Deaf, \$6.00.

In memory of Earnest Seabrook by Mr. and Mrs. C. Spens, \$3.

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In memory of the father by Mrs. J. E. Roths and daugh-

In memory of Christ Tietze by Mr. and Mrs. G. James, \$2. In memory of Chas. Erkfietz by Mr. and Mrs. J. Siesse, \$2. East Detroit: In memory of Louis Knorr, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. E. Schroeder, \$3; Mrs. J. Weitzlein, Mrs. M. Bierlein,

\$1.

In memory of Mrs. Leitz, Fort Wayne, by St. Peter's Congr., \$10; by F. Kirchoff, \$2; by Mr. and Mrs. M. Grueber, \$2; by Mrs. Louise Arendt, \$2.

Minnesota: New Ulm: In memory of Prof. E. Sperling and wife by N. N., \$2.50.

Nebraska: Meadow Lane: In memory of Mrs. J. Seckel by Miss M. Theilmann, Miss C. Bekemeier, \$2; Mr. H. Hiller, \$0.25

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family, \$5.
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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence-

forth," Rev. 14, 13.

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