

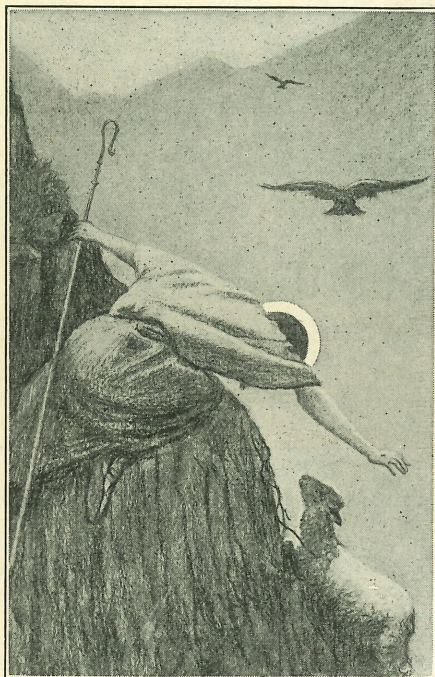
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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

A DEAF CHILD'S PRAYER

Give me faith that asks not "Why?"
I shall know God's plan by and by.
Give me the faith that looks at pain
And says, "Twill all be right again."
Give me the faith that clasps God's hand
When things are hard to understand.
Give me the faith to bow my head,
Trustfully waiting to be led.
Give me the faith to face my life
With all its pain and wrong and strife.
And then with the day's setting sun
I'll close my eyes when life is done;
My soul will go without a care,
Knowing that God is waiting there.

THANKSGIVING

What shall we be thankful for? Let the Lord's Prayer sum up for us the great gifts of God. He has given us the preaching of His Word, whereby we know Jesus as our Savior, who has bought us with His blood, and whereby we are enabled to lead a thankful, godly life. He has established His Church among us and grants us His Holy Spirit and the true faith which works by love in good works. He will also, by His Word and Spirit, preserve us, through all tribulation, in the true faith, so that finally we are eternally saved. Furthermore, our God gives us all that we need to support our earthly body and life: All we need for our person: "food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, field, cattle, money, goods"; all we need for our household: "a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants"; all we need for our country: "pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline"; and all other temporal gifts, as "honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like." God also forgives us our sins by His grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, through the Gospel. He keeps us from and in temptation. And He will finally deliver us, who believe in Him, from every evil of body and soul, property and honor, and take us to Himself in heaven. Think of these things, and you will know what to thank God for! Certainly, "for all this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him."

We also have reason to be thankful to God at our Institute for the Deaf. He in His mercy has granted us another record enrollment in the history of our school, namely 57 deaf children, whom we should train up in the knowledge and respect of the Lord. We now have six teachers, one supervisor, two trained deaconess matrons, and four other helpers to perform the great work of teaching and housing our deaf children. Our new dormitory is filled to capacity, and we can only hope and pray that soon we shall have our second dormitory. Our children are enjoying good health. Order and discipline reigns in the Institute, and the fear of God pervades the very atmosphere of its surroundings. Our God is good to us. For this we thank Him at this Thanksgiving time and always.

But, dear readers, do not think that everything is rosy with us. You can imagine that it takes money, means, and labor to house, feed, and educate 57 deaf children. Our local congregations cannot be expected to take care of this work alone, especially since most of the children come from all parts of the States. Therefore our Institute is a charitable institution of the Church at large and bespeaks your kind and increasing prayers and support. We commend our Institute to the grace of God and to your Christian love!

G. M. K.



Some of Our Children—Enjoying the Outdoors

WHAT CAN THE DEAF DO?

We are often asked, "What can the deaf do?" Given the proper education and an opportunity, normal deaf persons can fit themselves for many positions which hearing people hold as the following examples will show.

John Haapalasko of Deer Creek, Minn., is a successful farmer as well as a mechanical genius. He makes gasoline do as much of the heavy work as possible. He not only saws his firewood by gasoline, but also splits it with a sort of guillotine operated by his gasoline motor.

Mr. C. L. Talbot, a graduate of the Texas School, has been in turn a mailing clerk, stencil clerk, assistant bookkeeper, bookkeeper, and utility clerk for the Dallas Electric Light and Power Company of Dallas, Texas, since 1905.

Miss Bertha Savageau, graduate of the Hartford School, is a typist and clerical worker at the International Institute of Y. W. C. A. of her home town.

Mr. J. C. Frazier of Rossmoyne, Ohio, is a florist. He has 500 feet of growing space under glass, besides his flower beds in the open. In one year he raised 150,000 gladioli besides many other flowers. He sells both wholesale and retail.

Mr. Leo Kuehn, a graduate of our school, is a successful manufacturer in Foyal Oak, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. The water pump pulleys in all Ford automobiles are made in his factory. He also manufactures parts for other concerns. At the present time he has twenty-seven other deaf men employed in his shop.

Mr. Herman Fritz, another graduate of our school, besides being a valued employee in the Ford Motor Company, is an inventor, having invented an automatic popcorn popping device.

Mr. Berry, a deacon in Our Savior Congregation for Deaf in Detroit, is shop supervisor in the Oakland Machine Works, Royal Oak, Michigan.

From the above we see that if given an education and an equal chance with the hearing, the deaf will make good. Let us give them both for their temporal well-

being and above all, let us also give them the Bread of Life for their eternal happiness.

J. A. K.

MY IMPRESSIONS

It is difficult to say which of the two privations, blindness or deafness, is the greater. I am of the opinion, that of all natural imperfections, deafness is the most deplorable, as it is that which most excludes those so afflicted from society.

When I accepted the position as boys' supervisor and guide at our Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, naturally I expected to find an impatient, discontented group of children, lovers of solitude, and apt to be suspicious of everything. I was happily mistaken. It was just this that impressed me most—the untiring efforts, and the doubtless success of the school in overcoming these tendencies in the children, and making them far more than "a burden which society must bear." I found the youngsters as happy, confident, and sociable a group as I have ever seen. I have come to believe that it was not pure optimism, but definitely satisfaction on the part of the deaf man who told his pitying friends: "I know how terrible you people think it is, but just look at all the nonsense I never have to listen to, all the stupid gossip and petty persiflage that goes by me. I have come to enjoy life in a way you people know nothing of. No one speaks to me unless he really has something to say. I am like a walled garden, beautifully aloof from the clamor of the world, serene in my quiet, happy in my privacy." I believe the children here enjoy life similarly in their own way. A splendid school! An efficient staff! Unbelievable results!

Gerard Mensing, c. r. m.

Share your Thanksgiving and Christmas joys with our handicapped deaf children by sending a gift to your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf where these little ones are being taught to know Jesus, their Savior. "Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Luke 6:36.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Our 63rd school year began on September 9th. Thirteen new pupils were admitted, bringing our total enrollment to 57, which is, by far, the greatest in the history of the school. The new pupils came from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan.

Three of our recent graduates entered the Jacksonville, Illinois, School. They are Christel Erdman of Chicago, Wilma Pollmacher of Homewood, Illinois, and Raymond Hage of Yorkville, Illinois. Harold Jacobson of Niles, Michigan, entered the Michigan School. Raymond Hage, who was graduated from our sixth grade, entered the eighth grade at Jacksonville. Christel and Wilma were graduated from the eighth grade and entered the twelfth grade at Jacksonville.

The unusually large enrollment necessitated the employing of a sixth teacher. There being very few teachers for the deaf available, Mrs. Nutt, a former teacher in our school, kindly consented to help us out until we shall be able to find a person to fill the position permanently.

This year we have a special supervisor for our boys. Mr. Gerard Mensing, a graduate of our St. Louis Seminary, has charge of our boys during their study period and leisure moments. He also conducts the boys' manual training class. We and our boys are happy to have Mr. Mensing with us.

In place of Deaconess Clara Bekemeier who was married to Mr. J. Bethmann last summer, we now have Deaconess Mathilda Pfund. Miss Pfund was a nurse in the Lutheran hospital at Beaver Dam before she came to us. We were sorry to lose the services of Deaconess Bekemeier. However, in Deaconess Pfund our good Lord has again provided us with a competent assistant matron.

Doubtless many parents left the school September 9, with aching hearts and tearful eyes when they parted from their loved ones and left them in the care of seeming strangers, both to them and their children. On the way home, they may have asked each other the question as to how their little one would be treated and many times since that day they have wondered how their child is getting along. They again and again ask themselves: Is he happy? Is he homesick? Is he well? Does he cry?

For a reply to these questions we wish that every parent could have a look into our kindergarten, when the children are in school, or a view of the playground when not in school, or a peep into the dining room when they are at meals. They would there see as happy and cheerful and carefree a group of little ones as can be found anywhere. They are all as happy and content as they would be at home.

The parents seem to suffer most from the separation and because they do, they imagine the child must suffer, too. However, this is not the case. Parents can rest assured that the children's guardian angels watch over them here as they did at home. Their children are housed comfortably, are fed plentifully, are taught skillfully, play heartily, and are very happy and healthy. So, parents, do not worry about them. J. A. K.

EHPHATHA

Our motion picture "Ephphatha" completed last Aug. has already been shown in Chicago and Bloomington, Illinois, Houston, Spring, Klein, and Tomball, Texas, and in numerous places in Wisconsin and Michigan. Requests for it have also reached us from Oklahoma, Maryland and Minnesota. Everywhere it has met with a very

warm reception. Expressions such as the following have been heard again and again: "A wonderful picture!" — "The pictures certainly are clear and give a very vivid view of what you are doing" — "I know our people went home with a deeper conviction of their negligence for not thanking the Lord for His gracious gift of healthy children to them"—"These reels will do much for your Institute. If they won't sell the idea nothing will." "Surely this is ONE picture we can wholeheartedly recommend to our people. So often we feel as though we should apologize to our congregation for having brought certain pictures or slides into our church, but this is one picture of which we need not feel ashamed. It should be shown in every congregation of Synod." etc. etc.

A copy of the picture is available through the Rev. and Mrs. R. Heschke of Hilbert, Wisconsin. Mrs. Heschke is a former teacher of our Institute. She will accompany the picture to all points in Wisconsin and upper Michigan, and make explanatory comments on the various scenes as they are being projected on the screen. We shall also try to arrange to have a member of our staff accompany our copy of the picture when it is requested in Michigan and other points not too distant. J. A. K.

OUR PERSONAL APPEAL

Friends, you have but recently received our annual personal appeal for assistance to carry on this work of leading souls of deaf children to Jesus, the Savior. Please do not let this plea, coming from these handicapped little ones, go unheeded. If at all possible, lend them your helping hand by sending in your offering and by interesting others to do so. You will do this out of a grateful heart to God for the many blessings He bestowed on you and your loved ones, especially that He has given you ALL your senses and still preserves them.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Prov. 19:17. J. A. K.

OUR LADIES' AUXILIARY

This organization of ladies for the benefit of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf is again preparing for a busy season. As usual, the ladies are going forward with plans for numerous functions to promote the welfare of our school.

On September 16 they gave a dinner to welcome the children back. This is an annual affair. Plans are now under way for another dinner to be given at the Institute. This organization with its always willing workers lately furnished the kitchen with new dishes and cooking utensils.

The hope is that our organization may grow ever larger. Ladies of Detroit and vicinity, if you are not already members, we cordially invite you to attend our meetings which are held the first Tuesday of the month at 2 P. M. in Trinity Parish House, Gratiot at Rivard.

Our auxiliary has one branch consisting of members of our Lutheran churches in Macomb County, Michigan. Mrs. George Sebald, R. No. 1, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, is the president of this branch. Friends of our Institute living in Macomb County and wishing to affiliate with the society should contact Mrs. Sebald.

The sisters in Macomb County have given us much valued assistance during the past year. They were instrumental in providing our Institute kitchen with a bake oven and a dough mixer and also helped to supply the funds necessary for the furnishings in our girls' new dormitory. We are truly grateful to the members of our branch society for their helpful cooperation. May the Lord bless them and increase their numbers.

Mrs. J. Pankow.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Class News

The First Grade—Mrs. Nutt.

Today is Wednesday. The sun is shining. It is warm. We went to the zoo Tuesday. Margaret Coperning. We walked and walked. We saw many pretty birds.

Carl Schneider.

We saw seven white bears. We saw some brown bears. We saw some black bears. Kathryn Bowers.

We saw three big elephants. We saw a yellow mother lion. Alice Helberg.

We saw four yellow baby lions. We saw a big yellow father lion. Mary Ann Oetting.

We walked and walked. We came home. We were tired. Dorothy Strehlow.

Individual News

The Second Grade—Miss Lundwall.

Mr. Klein went to Chicago on a train last Saturday. He showed a movie to some people. He saw my mother and father. Ruth Fabry.

I received a box from my mother last Friday. Yesterday morning I received two pretty aprons. Flora Kinney.

Some boys and girls went to the zoo last week. We saw many animals and birds. We had fun. Odis Landsverk.

Halloween will be here soon. We shall have a party. Helen Winkelman.

A Trip to the Zoo

The Fourth Grade—Mr. Bellhorn.

On October 6th, all the teachers and children went to the Detroit zoo. A large Edison Company truck took us there. We enjoyed the ride so much.

We saw many pretty birds and animals. I liked to watch the lions. Four lion cubs were sleeping in the cage. The mother lion looked at us. She guarded her babies. One big lion jumped at us and snapped its teeth.

We walked very far to see all the animals. The truck brought us back to the school about five o'clock. We enjoyed the trip very much, but we were very tired. Dorothy Wenner.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will offer to thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving." Psalm 116:12, 17.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPTS

July to October

California—Glendale, Bertha G. Cockrane, \$6; Orange, Imm. Congr., \$5; Santa Barbara, Emm. S. S., \$3.63.
 Connecticut—Glastonbury, St. Marks, \$2.50.
 Illinois—Chicago, Mrs. Wm. Hames, Membership, \$1; Louis Jaschinsky, \$10; Danville, N. N., \$50; Peoria, Christ Congr., \$15; No. Ill. Dist. (Not itemized) \$41.75.
 Indiana—Decatur, Krueckeberg Reunion, \$3; Crown Point, Mrs. Fred A. Hack, \$5.
 Kansas—Independence, W. A. Baden, \$1.
 Michigan—Arcadia, Arcadia Luth. Congr., \$1.72; Battle Creek, St. Paul's Congr., \$2; Bay City, Imm. Congr., \$0.50; Bridgman, Luth. Congr., \$25; Detroit, Bethany Congr., \$25; Bethel Congr., \$21.50; Bethlehem Congr., \$51.50; Herman Bock, \$2; Det. Walther League, \$14.67; East Bethlehem Congr., \$24.01; Emmaus Congr., \$20.16; Holy Cross, \$4; Imm. Congr., \$21.25; Mrs. B. Lenstra, \$2; Messiah, Y. P. S., \$20.81; Nazareth Congr., \$14.50; Mrs. C. Otto, \$1; Our Saviour Church for Deaf, \$19.25; Peace S. S., \$16.29; St. Mathews, \$4.29; St. Peter's Congr., \$40; St. Thomas Congr., \$50; Trinity Congr., \$1; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wrobbel, \$1; Zion Congr., \$98.55; East Detroit, St. Peter's Congr., \$50.01; Farmington, Luth. Congr., \$7.75; Flint, St. Paul's Congr., \$19.50; Frankenmuth, St. Lorenz Congr., \$100; Fraser, Luth. Congr., \$13.50; Grand Rapids, Imm., \$20; Jackson, Trinity Luth. L. A., \$10; Millington, Ewald, Ill. Membership, \$1; Rev. A. F. Ness, Membership, \$1; New Haven, Rev. Bublitz's Congr., \$21.25; Pontiac, Trinity Congr., \$7.50; Saginaw, Bethlehem Congr., \$1; Trinity Congr., \$2.35; Taylor Township, \$7.25; Wilson, Earl Brukaradt, \$3; Vassar, Alvin Weber, Membership, \$1.
 Minnesota—Arlington, St. John's Congr., \$0.25; Galena Township, Imm. Congr., \$5; Hay Creek, Imm. Congr., \$4.05; Truman, St. Paul's L. A. \$10.
 New York—Bronx, Concordia, Mrs. Wilson, \$0.50; Buffalo, Mrs. Paul Juengel, \$1; Mrs. E. Schneider, \$5; Wakefield, Redeemer, \$10.
 South Dakota—Not Itemized, \$21.40.

Texas—Houston, Mrs. V. Carpenter, \$1; Spring, Mr. Bartels, \$0.50; I. O. W. Hall, \$7; Wm. Klenk, \$0.50; Mrs. Wm. Roth, \$1; Rural High, \$20.12; Tomball, Com. Hall, \$11.64; Tex. Dist. (Not Itemized), \$27.48.

Virginia—Richmond, N. N., \$3.

Washington, D. C. — Miss H. Herrmann, \$2.

Wisconsin—Sheboygan Falls, J. H. N., \$5; Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pingel, \$2; Watertown, L. Pingel, \$5.

Canada—Ontario, Not Itemized, \$6.

Fred J. Auch, Cashier, 3646 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Mich.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

Illinois, Melrose Park—For Mrs. Sophia Buckholz of Maywood, \$3.

Peoria—The Zeitz family for Miss Henrietta Zweifel, \$5.

Iowa, Whittemore—Mr. and Mrs. L. Braatz for Miss Carrie Breistedt, \$2.

Michigan, Detroit—Fred Goodman for Harvey Goodman, \$2; for Mrs. Louise Misch, \$5; for Mrs. A. Scheck, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. John Knorr, for Jos. Siess, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Priebe, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Priebe, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Priebe for Jos. Siess, \$3; St. Peter's L. B. M. for Henry Ulbrich, \$5.

East Detroit—Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Goetz for Ernst Goetsch, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beck for Mrs. Louise Misch, \$1.

Farmington—Rev. and Mrs. P. Graupner, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lind for John Dashner, \$2.

Frankenlust—Mrs. Geo. Helmreich and family for Mrs. Geo. Hecht, \$2.50; Mrs. Margaret Boehm, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boehm, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schwab for Mrs. Anna M. Helmreich, \$1.50.

Frankenmuth—Wm. G. Loesel for Mrs. Geo. M. Bickel, \$1; Mrs. John Loesel for Mrs. Geo. M. Bickel, \$1; John Keinath and family for Mrs. Geo. Bickel, \$2.50; Lena Witt for Mrs. Geo. Bickel, \$1; Mrs. C. Heine, Richard, Carl, Rudolph, Mr. Herman Ortner for Mrs. John Bickel, \$4; Edwin Nuechterlein for Mrs. John M. Bickel, \$1; J. H. Bernthal for Mrs. John M. Bickel, \$2; Mart and Nick Zucker for Konrad Borth, \$2; Mr. Carl Nuechterlein, \$1, Martin Zucker, \$1, John Schreiner, \$4, Otto Kueffler, \$1, for Mrs. Leonhardt Daenzer; L. B. M. for Herman Hoerauf, \$2.50; Geo. Keinath for Mich. Kern, \$1; M. Zehnder for Margareta Rittmeier, \$1; Children of Mart. Rittmeier for Margaret Rittmeier, \$1.25.

Frankentrost—Mr. and Mrs. H. Kueffler, \$1, Magda Kueffler, \$1.50 for Mrs. Leon. Daenzer; Conrad Kueffler for Mrs. John Kueffler, \$1.

Grand Rapids—Imm. S. School for Fred Kalschinske, \$3. Harbor Beach—Luth. Sewing Soc. for Augusta Kolberg, \$5.

Iva—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rohn for Vera Craz, \$1.50.

Jackson—Trinity L. A. for Mrs. Minnie Strick, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Rosin, for Mr. Joe Wondrasch, \$10.

Richville—N. N. for Mrs. Geo. Helmreich, \$10; L. Winterstern's pupils, \$0.35.

St. Clair—Mr. Herman Reackhof, Mildred Reackhof, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Reackhof, Mrs. Betty Reackhof, Arnold Mehlberg and family, and Mrs. Augusta Klissendorf for Mrs. Ella Reackhof, \$25.

St. Joseph—Mr. and Mrs. G. Busse, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Busse, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Busse for Mrs. Christina Redman, \$3; St. Joseph School for Lucille Trost, \$14.60.

Sturgis—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goetting for Mrs. Wilmar Redman, \$5.

Ohio, Toledo—Holy Cross Congr. for Rev. H. Muhly, \$5. Pennsylvania, Pitscain—Trinity L. Aid and L. Guild for Mrs. Lena Bowers of Turtle Creek, \$5.

Scranton—Mrs. Mishura for Mrs. Muranka, \$2.50.

So. Dakota, Mission—N. N. for Mrs. Elizabeth Jedermann, \$5.

Winner—Rev. R. J. Bittorf for Melvin L. Mahoney, \$1.

Virginia, Richmond—Misses Kuegele for J. H. Nolde \$3.

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

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