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Second Grade Pupils "Collict" Tin-foil for New Building

Bristol, Conn.— An interesting letter comes from the second grade pupils of the Immanuel Lutheran School, addressed to the deaf children of our Institute in Detroit:

"Dear Children:

"During the past year our class has chosen the collecting of tin-foil as a means of earning our own money for missions. The small sum enclosed represents our humble efforts.

"We give it with all our heart toward your worthy cause.

"We hope and pray that the Lord may shower His blessings upon your school and enable you to secure new buildings.

Very truly yours,
GERHARDT BOBROSKE
Second Grade."

Editor's Note—

It is this spirit of mission interest displayed by these little ones at Bristol, Connecticut, which will enable us to keep our Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. Would it not be a wonderful thing if every parish school and Sunday-school of the Synodical Conference followed their example!

"...and, dear Lord Jesus, a New Building for your deaf boys and girls. Amen"

Ancient World Knew Nothing of Christian Love

St. Joseph Pastor discovers

St. Joseph, Michigan.—In his investigations of ancient history, the Rev. L. Nuechterlein advises that modern charity had its origin in the Christian Church. "The ancient philosophers," he says, taught that all the poor and needy should be driven out of the country. There should be no love but only contempt for the poor." A statement of Quintilian is also quoted, "the poor should not be given food and drink because this act of charity would only prolong their miserable existence."

We must come to the rescue

"It appears to me," Pastor Nuechterlein continues, "we would sink to the level of the ancient heathen, or even below, if we were to permit the school in North Detroit to be closed."

"Let us rather remember and follow the charity practiced by the

early Christians over and against those pagans. When the poor and needy were cast out, when the sick and dying were deserted and the poor dead even left unburied—the Christians came to their rescue. Their example should incite us. The whole Synod should be able to care for the poor and needy deaf boys and girls of our Institute in Detroit."

Institute Graduates Are Best Church Workers

Kansas City Missionary reports

Missionary A. E. Ferber, who has charge of a congregation of the deaf in Kansas City, Missouri, writes that "all the Lutheran boys and girls of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf whom I have met, after they went out into the world upon graduation, have proved themselves to be the dependable church members of our congrega-

tions." These exemplary Christians "confess Christ unashamed anywhere; they not only pray 'Thy kingdom come,' but they also work diligently to help proclaim the Gospel in their respective employment and friendship circles."

The last words of Rev. Frank Hischke

Missionary Ferber also reports, "shortly before his death I met the sainted Rev. F. Hischke, who is quite well known to the readers of the 'Deaf Child's Advocate.' At this time I heard him say: 'Much of the progress of my congregation was possible because we were privileged to have in our midst well-indoctrinated graduates of the Institute at Detroit.'"

Thank God If Your Children Are Bod- ily Sound

Says Pres. F. W. Ober- meier of the Colorado District

Greeley, Colorado.—"You have indeed a deplorable situation to cope with, but I am sure your appeal to our Christians will not be in vain."

Institute must not be closed

"The Lord Jesus, who opened the ears of the deaf and gave speech to the dumb, will also now warm the hearts and open the hands of our Christians to such an extent that you will not be forced to close the Institute after sixty years of blessed service."

Parents should be grateful

"May especially those parents support your endeavor whom the Lord has blessed with children who are bodily sound. Gratitude should prompt them to action. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'"

Encouragement From the Atlantic Sea- board

Doctor Arthur Brunn sup- ports the appeal

Brooklyn, N. Y.—In his report to the Atlantic Bulletin which has a large circulation in the New England States, Dr. Brunn, Pres. of the Atlantic District, calls the attention of all his readers to the booklet "I Know the Answer."

"Speaking of boys and girls," he says, "my eyes fall on the booklet which has just reached me from our Institute for the Deaf in Detroit. We have a home there for deaf children. It is the only Protestant home of this kind in our country. It was organized many years ago. The building was erected way back in 1874.

"It has outlived its usefulness. It has been condemned by the authorities. We must either put up a new building or close our home."

"It is one of the most worthwhile appeals that has come to us for a long time. I would urge all of our pastors to get a sufficient number of copies of this appeal and distribute them among the people. After they have seen the booklet, we will not have to do much talking. Our people will want to help."

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Dear Friends:

May God bless you for your interest in us
We are all hoping that our prayers for a new building
will be answered

Respectfully yours
The Pupils of the School.

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THE ONLY PROTESTANT SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN IN AMERICA

President J. W. Behnken Sends His Compliments

Likewise many pastors from all sections of the country

The office of the Committee for the new building was delighted to receive the following report from Dr. J. W. Behnken, the venerable President of the Missouri Synod.

"Permit me to compliment you on that splendid material which you folks have gotten out for your campaign for the Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf. It surely carries a fine appeal."

"Surely a graphic, touching, grip-the-heart booklet with its gorgeous yet revealing pictures! It

will open the hearts and hands"! This comes from Rev. E. Lehne, Dayton, Ohio.

"I certainly like the set-up of your publicity material—so appealing," writes Pastor Roeder of Chicago.

"Superbly beautiful literature," writes Prof. L. Buchheimer, Greensboro, N. Carolina.

An interesting comment comes from Pastor Karl Kretzmann of Orange, New Jersey: "We are

burdened with a large debt but my congregation resolved yesterday to make a special effort for your school. Your appeal touches the heart."

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"Your publicity material is the finest I've seen for a long time," says Rev. E. C. Malte, Braddock, Pa.

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A number of pastors ran short of their supply in a short time and requested additional copies to supply their needs.

"I Know the Answer"

Did you receive your copy?

A beautiful sixteen-page booklet containing many striking, original photographs which present the actual needs of our Institution has been offered for distribution to all of the members of our congregations.

If, by any chance, you did not receive your copy, we shall be glad to send it to you at once. It will serve as a souvenir which you may wish to keep. Send your request to the

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for the Deaf
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19130 Bauman Avenue
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CONTRIBUTIONS

In order that all of our congregations may receive due credit for their collection for the building fund, all of our contributors are asked to place their envelope with their contribution on the collection plate or to hand it to their pastor.

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Why Not?

What better memorial could be raised to perpetuate the name and memory of some loved one, than a room or bed at our new Evangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf? So often we spend hundreds of dollars on expensive tombstones, and so often we wait until our aged Christian parents are gone before we give them tangible evidence of how much we appreciate what they have done for us.

Already some thirty people in Greater Detroit have pledged sums of from One Hundred to a Thousand Dollars to furnish beds and rooms at our Institute. The cost of a bed and furnishings in an eight- or six-room dormitory is One Hundred Dollars per child. Recognition of such special gifts will be made on a bronze plate in each room of the new Institution.

NOTE

The little four-year-old boy, whose picture appears on the front page, is William Ludwig of Ogden, Utah. He is also shown on the back page peeping into the mailbag. Everyone who comes to the Institute falls in love with him.

Perhaps many readers of the "Deaf Child's Advocate" will be glad to have such an opportunity to set up a memorial that will keep on doing good for scores of years to come. If you are interested, dear reader, why not write the director of the campaign, Rev. E. T. Bernthal, at 19130 Bauman Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, to receive full information on this memorial plan?

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not."

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"And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name, receiveth Me."

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"O make the deaf to hear Thy Word and teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord."

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"Wise unto Salvation."

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"Then shall the ears of the deaf be unstopped,—and the tongue of the dumb sing,—they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

I Know the Answer



Dorothy Meyer of Aliceville, Kansas, a deaf pupil of our school, knows the Answer

DOROTHY SAYS:

"If all the members of the Synodical Conference to whom this appeal is addressed will do their part:

"Then we will soon have a new building for our Institute.

"Then we will not have to eat our meals in the hall because the dining-room is overcrowded.

"Then we can comfortably and safely sleep at night without the fear of fire.

"And then other little deaf boys and girls, who are now on our waiting list, may be able to enter our school."

Thou, Lord Jesus, in Thy bounteous grace hast blest our institute with an overflow of such children as are longing to know Thee, and more are waiting for the opportunity to be admitted. We thank Thee cordially for such blessing.

The Big Event of the Day

When the mailman arrives these days at the Institute, Director Klein is surrounded by an anxious army of deaf boys and girls and has to answer a lot of questions, some in sign language and some orally. Did my pastor write? How many from Kansas? How many from Missouri? How many from California? How about Detroit and Michigan? Each child at the Institute is confident that the folks from the home state will respond to their appeal.

"He Maketh Both the Deaf to Hear and the Dumb to Speak"

When Norman Hollrah (boy at top of picture) of St. Charles, Missouri, first came to a school for the deaf he could not speak a word. A few weeks ago he appeared, with other children of our Institute, before the microphone over a state-wide hook-up and recited the Apostles' Creed with such clear enunciation that thousands of listeners could hardly believe that they were hearing a boy who at one time could not speak a word. Norman is only one of many reasons why our Institute for the Deaf must be continued.

Institute Overcrowded

The enrollment at our school is now so large that twenty children are forced to eat their meals in the hallway at the foot of the stairway. For the first time in its history, our Institute has a waiting list. Parents of deaf children in many parts of our country are anxiously waiting to send their children to us that these little ones might be made "wise unto salvation."

We appeal to Thee who alone canst move the hearts of all that love Thee, and especially of such as love Thee and have no such handicapped children, to contribute freely toward the erection of the sorely needed buildings. O move their hearts, Lord Jesus, lest some of those children applying for admittance be lost. Thou hast shed Thy precious blood for them. Thou also sayest, that it is not the will of our Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. (Matth. 18:14)

Every day the children of our Institute eagerly wait for the mailman

This may be Roberta Lewis



"Mr. Mailman, how many contributions for the new building today?"

THIS WE KNOW—

Whatever we do, if it be done in faith, will make glad the heart of the Savior, there will be joy in heaven among the angels of God, gladness in the hearts of our little ones, and one day in heaven the Lord shall praise us for what we have done. For He did promise His blessings for time and eternity to those who heed His words, "Whoso receiveth one such child in My Name receiveth Me." And those who receive the Lord Jesus in the person of a little deaf child will on the last day hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."