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CHRISTIAN TRAINING

The Book of Proverbs tells us: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The first impressions which a child receives in life, be they good or bad, are the ones that are retained the longest. It is with these as with the emblems cut into the bark of a young tree. They are never erased, but grow along with the stem and in the course of time become broader and greater.

The proper training, the Christian training of a child, the creating of right impressions and correct attitudes early in its life, is most important. To train a child in God's way, to impress upon its little heart and mind the truths of God's Word, to teach the child to know the horror of sin and the love of its Savior—all this is without gainsay a most important duty placed by God upon parents when He commands them to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

This is certainly also the duty of the parents of deaf children. To assist such parents, our Church has established and maintains the Institute for the Deaf. At our Institute deaf children are trained in God's way. Christian teachers instruct in God's Word. A Christian atmosphere prevails. Christian discipline is maintained. Here we have a school, the purpose of which is to train deaf children in the way they should go, the paths of righteousness in Christ, the way to salvation.

Parents of deaf children, friends of our Institute, thank God for this school! Pray down upon it God's choicest blessings! Support it cheerfully and liberally with your gifts! Do this in the interest of the handicapped boys and girls that attend here!

Rev. L. H. Koehler.

LARGEST CONFIRMATION CLASS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Sunday, May 24th, was Confirmation Day for fifteen of our pupils. The services were held in our Gloria Dei Clara Elizabeth Knudsen Chapel. Friends who had come from far and near to witness the solemn act filled our beautiful house of worship to overflowing. Pastor N. E. Borchardt of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for the Deaf confirmed the class after which all partook of Holy Communion.

Following the services a dinner was served to the Confirmation class and their families, members of the Institute staff and all the pupils of the school.

Out of town guests attending the exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fabry of Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Strehlow, Alice Strehlow and Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel of Ringle, Wisconsin, Mrs. J. B. Beavie, Mrs. Waldo Marlett and Waldo, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio, and Mrs. Louis Meyer of Aliceville, Kansas. Telegrams wishing the class the Lord's blessing for steadfastness in faith and a Christian life were received from Deacon-



1942 Confirmation Class. Bottom row left to right: Director J. A. Klein, Dorothy Meyer, Betty Beavie, Donna Lee Beck, Rev. N. Borchardt. Second row: Clarence Allmandinger, Betty Burgess, Betty Smith, Shirley Ery, Dorothy Strehlow, Raymond Much. Third row: Glenn Wilson, Arthur Borghardt, Raymond Berry, Gordon Bergmann, Wilfred Oliver.

esses Martha Theilman and Anchen Vierck of Watertown, Wis., the former housemothers in our school, and the Rev. G. C. Albers of Decatur, Illinois.

FAITHFUL TEACHER RESIGNS

A familiar face will be missing from the ranks of our teaching staff when school resumes next September. Miss Nancy Lundwall,



one of our faithful, and responsible teachers, has resigned her position here after seven years of consecrated service. She will go to Seattle, Washington, to take up new and different duties there after a vacation at her home in Palmer, Michigan.

The children as well as the teachers will feel the absence of Miss Lundwall next year. She was always a good friend as well as teacher to her pupils. A deep understanding of children made her ready to listen to, and adjust difficulties which arise in the lives of little folks who live away from home. Our best wishes for success in her new work will go with her.

HELP WANTED

We shall require the services of two cooks and a caretaker when school reopens in September. Interested persons should communicate with Director J. A. Klein, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit, Mich.

ZELONA'S MOTHER WRITES IN THE VOLTA REVIEW

Zelona, four years old, attends the Evangelical Lutheran School for the Deaf, in Detroit.

Zelona has gained very much in sense training, and can match any group of colors or shapes—such as the geometrical forms and cutouts used at school. She loves to have me make a rough sketch of an object in the room and then tell me what I'm trying to sketch. She usually knows long before I finish what I am trying to draw.

She will point to my watch and then to the clock, holding up two fingers, then she will go into the living room and show me that

clock and hold up three fingers, then to the bedroom and show me four fingers. If whatever she is counting takes more than five, she holds up all her fingers. She never tires of looking at picture books, and will bring her handmade elephant and match it with the picture showing a real elephant. She points to the tusks on each, though really there isn't much similarity, as her elephant is made of blue and white print with blue trim. She loves to match objects and pictures in this way.

We had one bad experience when she took hold of a dog's throat just as it growled. She immediately repeated the sound, putting her hand on her own throat. I explained to her that the dog didn't want to be bothered, and that he might bite her. The next few days she went around growling most of the time, and she still growls if we do something that she doesn't like.

When she came home for her Christmas vacation she had learned many new words—*papa, top, mop, pop, ball, one, two, four, boy, man, mine*. She puts voice into all of these. Other words she says correctly, but only in a whisper. She will not try a new word aloud until she has been taught the sound through vibration.

She lines up the whole family in a row of chairs and plays teacher. In that way we find out what she has learned. She was giving us commands as in a lip reading class, so I thought I'd see what would happen if I did it wrong. When she said "run" (whispered) I got up and skipped across the floor



1942 Teaching Staff.—Left to right: Miss Edith Fauth, Mrs. Elsa Vogel, Miss Cora Gade, Robert Schmitz, Mrs. Vide Shinnars, Miss Nancy Lundwall, Walter Bellhorn, Miss Emily Born, Miss Elenor Aumann, Miss Elsie Forsberg.

and back and sat down. She shook her head and shook her finger at me, and proceeded to show me, then she repeated "run," and I had to do it right.

I find that when I work on new commands with her if I have her dolly obey the command I can keep Zelona's interest much longer. I mix in old commands with the new ones.

I haven't had much experience with people "poor thing-ing" Zelona. The usual comment is "What a sweet child." I hope this doesn't change as she grows older.

MRS. M. H., Michigan

THE LADIES' AID IS ACTIVE

We all know what the children like to make them happy, so the Ladies' Aid gave them a treat of

ice cream at Easter time. For their playground we furnished the boys with a climber and the younger children received a swing. Just watching them gleefully trying out these new gifts gave the ladies a unique pleasure and a desire to continue to add to their joys and recreation needs.

For the ladies' own kitchen we purchased a much needed stove and a coffee urn. These two items were put to good service at our annual festival when dinner and supper were served by our Ladies' Aid.

We were privileged to extend a most hearty welcome to ten new members of our Aid within the last three months.

ROSE BURGER, Reporter

A PROFITABLE SUMMER VACATION FOR YOUR CHILD

It is within your power to make your child's summer vacation one of great profit and pleasure. But there is a catch to this—you must be willing to give the matter your earnest attention. The good things

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Zelona Hotchkiss

