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THE PURPOSE OF OUR INSTITUTE

We were waiting in a one-man barber shop while a customer had \$2.25 worth of work done to his head. On a barber chair next to the barber a little boy about eight years old was kneading with his knees, talking wisely and, to say the truth, toughly. He asked the barber all kinds of silly questions, and upon each answer from the barber he labeled him a stupid dunce, a snake, and a devil. This he kept up, until he got into the chair. Then the barber, who had to keep his customer's good humor, referring to a small boy with his mother among the waiting people, softly said to the patron: "That little boy over there is going to lick you after while." What the tough boy said, we shall not repeat.

When we train your boys and girls at our Institute, dear friends, we aim to instil in them a different character from that of the bad boy in the barber shop. We teach them, by the grace of God, to know, to love, and to respect their God and Savior Jesus Christ. As Christ has loved us and our children, and you and your children, so we love Him and your children, and we earnestly strive to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And our gracious God has blessed our school with many children and many, many friends. We are confident that He will continue, in His mercy, to give success to our humble efforts to bring your children to Him and to heaven; also that He will give us ever more friends, who will, as in the past, supply our every need.

G. M. KRACH
Chairman, School Board

OUR LADIES' AUXILIARIES MEET

Our Detroit Ladies' Auxiliary held its first after-vacation meeting on September 12th with a

noon-day luncheon at our Institute. Mrs. Zuelch had charge of the arrangements. Between two and three hundred members were in attendance. Chairman, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, presided.

Pastor Koehler, chaplain of the society, addressed the assembly on the Scripture text, "Who went about doing good." In the meeting which followed, among other things, it was resolved to give our family of children a home-coming dinner consisting of chicken and everything that goes with it. Our youngsters always look forward to this annual treat of our ladies, which helps so much to make our

pupils' coming back a pleasant one. It was further resolved to arrange and furnish a visiting room in which the parents of our pupils may spend pleasant hours with their loved ones on Sunday afternoon, which is more or less the official visiting time. The ladies also decided to replace all bed spreads and window drapes in the staff members' rooms with new ones, and to supply the necessary clothing for one of our indigent pupils. —The Aid's buying committee consists of Mrs. L. Buchheimer, Sr., Mrs. Ed. Knorr, and Mrs. Guetschow.

The following members of the

Society volunteered to assist at canning, in the event that more fruit is donated by friends of our Institute: — Mesdames Schatz, Hano, Reindel, Heuer, Pachalke, Rominske, Kling, Webb, Hoffman and Finks. — The number of jars of apples, pears, tomatoes, peaches, etc., that were canned in our kitchen this summer is near the two thousand mark at this writing, September 13th.

The Macomb County Ladies' Auxiliary met on the same date at Lenox, Michigan. This meeting, too, was well attended and much interest was shown for our cause. Besides many other things these



Officers of Our Macomb County Ladies' Auxiliary

Standing, left to right: Mesdames Winterstein, Treas., Timpf, Pur. Com., Schoof, Mem. Com., Schwark, Rec. Sec., Klemm, Pur. Com., Rudolph, Pur. Com.
Seated, left to right: Mesdames Heinecke, Sec., Sebald, Pres., Knorr, V. Pres.

ladies do for our Institute, their special contribution to our work is keeping our kitchen and dining room supplied with the necessary dishes, cutlery, and cooking uten-

sils. The group of ladies depicted in this issue of the Advocate constitutes the Board of Directors of this Society.

A Summer's Day in Our Secretary's Office

My, Oh My, how vacation periods do fly. Last June we were hustling around getting reservations and train tickets for the kiddies to be sent home for the summer vacation. Then it seemed like only a week later we were making arrangements to meet the incoming trains and busses, and every one was eager to see the happy faces of the youngsters again. You may wonder if the time really flies so quickly, but spend a day with us and see for yourself.

You may think that the children are not at the Institute, so what does the office force do during the summer. First of all we do like to take a little vacation and relax from the strain of the school year. — But along came Synod, and preparations for our display had to be taken care of. — Mr. Bellhorn and Mr. Klein, with three of our children, left to attend Synod. The two office girls tried their best to hold the "fort" in the meantime. Then there was the Synodical Conference that the Director attended, and we were again left alone to attend to the daily routine. Upon his return, the office girls rotated in taking a two weeks rest period. Then back on the job and just about caught up with accumulated work, when the fall literature is placed in our lap. — This is really a big job — but let us get back to our story. You probably are wondering what volume of work could accumulate during the summer, when the children and most of the staff members are not on the premises. — Well, we don't blame you one bit for wondering, but let us take a summer trip to the Institute and arrive there by eight-thirty in the morning.

What is the first thing any office would do but to check the unfinished work from the day before, get the work lined up for the morning, such as typing all the letters covering the day's correspondence. Then about 9 o'clock the mailman comes strolling in with the mail. This must be sorted and the staff's mail distributed or forwarded. — Oh, but you say the mail can't be so very heavy in the summer. — I grant you that it is not as heavy during July and August as it is in November and December. But we

do have friends who think of our needs all the year round. The nature of their thoughtfulness, whether it be cash, groceries, fruit, or whatever it may be, must be recorded as received and credited to each individual and his congregation, if this is known. — Then all items aside from cash are evaluated to the best of our knowledge and recorded on the individual's card. All monies received are



Our Boys Busy Pitting Potatoes

posted on the donor's card, be it an individual's or a congregation's, or both, if such records are available.

Then the bookkeeper makes her entries of all cash and donations in kind for the permanent institute records. If the kind friend who remembers us with a gift is not on our records, we immediately make out a card with the name and address and record the donation, and then send the new name and address to the publisher of our "Deaf Child's Advocate," so that our new friend may be kept informed of our activities through this periodical.

Besides all the above, we send a personal word of acknowledgment to all who so kindly support our cause, regardless of the size of the donation. When an acknowledgment is sent out, we enclose an "In Memoriam Folder" with its message of condolence which our friend may be glad to use at an

appropriate time. For those who are not familiar with the use of our "Memoriam Folders," we wish to say that you give or mail the folder to the bereaved family, and the donation you send to the Institute, either directly or through your pastor, mentioning the name and address of the donor and the name in whose memory this gift was dedicated. These Memoriam Wreath cards are sent gratis to all who request them. — Yes, then another thing that must be taken care of is requests for literature, catalog and other information concerning our Institute and its work. But then, if we had no requests for such material from parents who desire a Christian education for their afflicted little ones, all the above-mentioned duties would be in vain.

and the information concerning our home and school, a staff member accompanies them. Before they leave, they sign our visitors register and are supplied with informative literature.

In addition to all the duties mentioned, let us not forget the telephone which insists on interrupting us in our duties all day long. — By this time our electric clock tells us that it is 5:30 or even six o'clock, and so we close our office, tired but happy, knowing that this work, too, is done for Him who gave Himself for us.

M. H.—Bookkeeper-Sec'y.

NIELSEN MAKES ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION TRIP

In October, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nielsen of the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Co. in Detroit, will again visit the congregations in the Thumb District of Michigan for the purpose of gathering farm produce and canned fruits and vegetables for our large family. During the summer the many good mothers in these congregations, while canning for themselves, also filled a few jars for our Institute store room. We are confident that this year again, as in so many previous years, the several thousands of empty jars which we sent to our friends in the Thumb and elsewhere last spring will all come back filled with tasty canned fruits and vegetables. It is always a day of great rejoicing when Mr. Nielsen pulls into our yard with his large truck and semi-trailer loaded with from fifteen to twenty tons of produce and fruit. It is then when everyone lends a willing hand at unloading and storing the blessings sent us by our loving Lord through our good friends. —

We are indeed deeply grateful to the many donors for their many and valued gifts, and especially also to Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen who so willingly and graciously undertake this two-day trip each year in order that our family of children may be well fed during the winter.

Experience is not what happens to a man. Experience is what a man does with what happens to him.

All that I think, all that I hope, all that I write, all that I live for, is based upon the divinity of Jesus Christ, the central joy of my poor, wayward life.—Gladstone.

Now that we have our problems all solved to this point, don't forget we must take inventory of our stock and see that all orders for school supplies, books, janitor and pantry needs, etc., are placed early enough so they will be on hand before the children return. — Oh yes, we must not forget the Ration Board with whom we must make the necessary arrangements for our food points.

One thinks one has things well under control, when the parcel post man brings a package from the Advocate publishers with hundreds of address changes received from the post office. — Then, too, sometimes we must stop for a short period when a friend of the Institute brings some visitors who desire to see our school. We are always happy when visitors arrive and are glad to make the tour with them. In order that these visitors may see our entire place and get

THIS AND THAT

Because of a poliomyelitis epidemic, we and all other schools in the Detroit area, heeded the Board of Health's request to keep all schools closed until September 18th. But since that date everyone in our large family is busy again, the children in the class rooms and on the play field, the teachers in their school rooms, and the household staff members in their respective departments looking after the welfare of our pupils.

There are a number of new faces among the pupils as well as among the household and teaching staff. The new members are Mrs. Ruth Wiggin who came to us from Vancouver, Washington, as an addition to our faculty, and Mrs. Lucille Kirchhoff who came to take Miss Martha Bell's place. The latter could not return to us on account of ill health. Mrs. Kirchhoff is really not a newcomer, since she previously taught in our school.

The new household members are Mrs. Amanda Powers, Mrs. Lucille Lyter, Deaconess Irma Gade, and Miss Frances Patton. Mrs. Powers, having been in charge of our St. Louis Seminary kitchen for twenty-one years, is well known among our pastors who were graduated from the Seminary within that period of time. We all appreciate Mrs. Powers because she is a lovable person and a very good cook.

Deaconess Gade was assigned to us by the Deaconess Association upon her graduation last June. Her home is near Knoxville, Tennessee. She is an assistant house-mother on the girls' side.—Mrs. Lyter came to us from Louisville, Kentucky. She is an assistant house-mother in the boys' residence.—Miss Patton, who is deaf, is a helper in the girls' dormitory. Her home is in Mancelona, Michigan. Mr. Tarr, our assistant janitor, came from Pennsylvania. We hope that these new workers will soon feel at home with us and enjoy their work.

Even with another teacher on our staff and an additional class room, all our classes are again filled to capacity, and to many applicants admittance had to be denied for another year.

The interior of our girls' residence received a coat of paint during the summer, and our Ladies' Aid placed a beautiful 7 cu. ft. Frigidaire refrigerator in our

kitchen to be used for the smaller items of food which cannot be kept so well in our large commercial refrigerator.

In August, Mrs. Wm. Knudsen called us per telephone from her summer home on Grosse Isle and told us that she had 28 bushels of pears for us. We rented a trailer and got the pears. Then we got busy and called members of our Ladies' Aid to help us can the fruit. The Mesdames Twork, Moore, Clawson, Finks, Tatum, Reese, Witt and Mr. Witt responded, and for two days did nothing but peel pears which members of our staff then canned. Our sincere thanks go to the donor and to the canners of the fruit.

Our little girl from Pasadena, California, Sheilla Riddell, who, on account of the great distance, could not spend the summer vacation at home with her loved ones, found a pleasant home with Mr. and Mrs. Bahr's family. We know that Sheilla spent many happy days at the lake cottage with these loving foster parents.

Due to our over-crowded condition of some of our classes, we could not receive a class of nursery room pupils this year, but accepted only such children as had already attended other schools, and who could be placed into the classes which still had room for one or two pupils. The children who were accepted for these openings come from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, North Dakota, Texas, and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmitz welcomed the stork on September 5th, who brought them a bundle labeled Roberta Christina Maria. This all occurred on the 1st wedding anniversary of the happy parents. Mr. Schmitz is a member of our faculty.

COOPERATION

All have a share in the beauty,
All have a share in the plan;
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of a man?

Someone has blended the plaster,
Someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the master
Ever builded alone.

Building a room for the weather,
Or building a house for the king;
Only by working together
Men have accomplished a thing.

—Anon.

History of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf

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The thought of sitting in lengthy meetings for hours at a time is not relished by any of us. However, as we glean from the early historical recording of our institute we are amazed at the number of meetings held from June 30th to Dec. 28, 1874, and the momentous problems which confronted our forefathers. The average was one meeting every five days, and some of them adjourned only because of the lateness of the hour.

Only the historical gleanings from June 30th to August 31st are brought in this issue due to the tremendous volume of business transacted during these months.

New Building to Be Erected in Royal Oak, Mich.

In the Association Meeting held June 30th, 1874, the President, Pastor Huegli, stated that the matter to consider was the question whether or not the Society was ready to concur in the recommendation of the trustees and the building committee to erect a brick building in Royal Oak, Michigan. After a lengthy discussion the Society unanimously resolved to erect a brick building. (Ed. note: 1. The general plan of this building was set forth in the preceding issue of our Advocate. 2. The treasury contained but \$711.30 at this time. Truly we must marvel at the faith and spirit of our forefathers in passing the aforementioned resolution.) Matters pertaining to ways and means for the raising of the necessary funds for our building projects were then discussed and it was resolved to

sell four hundred ten dollar five-year non-interest-bearing bonds.

Chicago Brethren Favor Relocating New Institute in their Midst

Supt. Speckhardt reported on his work in the Institute as well as on his visit to Milwaukee and Chicago. He stated that he had given demonstrations of our work in Chicago with a group of deaf children in the congregations of Pastors Wagner, Wunder, and Grosse. The demonstrations aroused an intense interest in the audiences, and the desire was expressed that our Institute be located in their midst or near Chicago. A letter from the Pastoral Conference in Chicago pleaded that the Institute be relocated in Addison.—After each member of the Association present had expressed his personal opinion in the matter, it was resolved to keep the Institute in our midst. Pastor Moll was asked to inform the pastors of the Chicago Conference of this resolution.

Dr. Walther, Pres. of Synod, Speaks

Having disposed of the Chicago matter, the Association again settled down to the business of building in Royal Oak. But in the Board of Directors meeting held July 27th, barely one month later, history was made. We quote from three minutes: "The meeting was opened with a prayer. Pastor Huegli reported on the Synodical Conference convention held in Pittsburgh, at which meeting matters pertaining to our Institute were discussed. During this dis-

OUR ANNUAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

In the very near future all our readers will receive our annual message in which we make our needs known to you. We sincerely hope that both, the letter and the folder, will be read, and that their content will strike a responsive chord in your hearts for the cause of our deaf children.—The self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

May the Lord who has, no doubt, blessed you in divers ways in the past year also bless us through you in order that His work of leading deaf children to Him may continue and prosper.



Eugene Winans of Ft. Wayne Returns to School

WAR BONDS — INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

In recent months a number of our friends have sent us gifts of War Bonds in various denominations. Such substantial offerings are indeed most welcome gifts. They are added to a fund which we hope will grow to an amount which eventually will enable us to carry out our plans of enlarging our facilities so that we shall no longer be compelled to deny a Christian education to any deaf child.

Your Institute for the Deaf is recognized by our United States government in Washington, D.C., as a legitimate charitable institution and, therefore, all contributions to this charity, be they War Bonds or cash, are deductible when making out your income tax reports. At your request, we shall be glad to send you special receipts for your gifts which you may need in connection with your income tax report.

discussion the opinion was expressed that too many orphanages are being established in our midst and that there is danger that the support of these institutions will become too heavy a burden for the members of our Synod. Since another new orphanage is being built in Addison, Illinois, at this time, it was unanimously resolved to suggest to our Association that it transfer its orphans to Addison and that it, in the future, operate its Institute as a school for the deaf exclusively, and that we devote all our energy and means to the promoting of this worthwhile endeavor. It was also stated that for the latter venture we will be permitted to solicit funds throughout Synd. — Pastor Huegli further stated that Dr. Walther favored this resolution, urged its adoption, and advised that we locate our Institute in or near the city of Detroit, and that instructions in the English language be begun in order that English speaking people might also become interested in the school.

The logical suggestions of Dr. Walther were accepted, and the orphans were transferred to Addison, Illinois.

Various Properties Are Scrutinized

In subsequent meetings various pieces of property and plans to acquire property in or near Detroit were considered. One was a free

owner of an acre of ground by the Street Railway Co., on Russell St., near Milwaukee Junction. Another was a petition to the City Council to present the Association with a plot of land on Russell St., just north of Gratiot Ave. Since the Council did not have the power to grant this petition, an attempt was made to lease such a plot from the city for 99 years.

Mr. Norris of Norris Station had 20 lots plus 15 acres for sale near the Lutheran church located on the Plank road (Mt. Elliott Ave. and Davison Ave.) He also had 20 acres for sale east of the Plank road near the Bay City Railroad, which had fruit trees, a good barn and a residence on it.

After many meetings and lively discussions, it was finally decided to have a committee thoroughly investigate the 20 acres near the Bay City Railroad even as to the water and climatic conditions.

In the Association meeting of August 27th the committee reported as follows:—"Mr. Norris agrees to let us have this twenty-acre tract of land east of the Plank Road (Mt. Elliott Ave.) with improvements, if we will assume a mortgage obligation of \$1,000.00 resting on the property, and provided that the deed is placed in escrow until building operations according to the proposed plans have actually begun." (\$50.00 an acre was probably all this property was worth 70 years ago.)

"Concerning water and climate, the committee reported that the water was good and plentiful at Norris Station, and that there was no doubt that it could also be obtained at the proper depth in the sandy soil of the offered site. A favorable report concerning "healthy air" at Norris Station was also received by the committee from the local residents."

Present Property Is Purchased

Finally, in the meeting held August 31st, 1874, the Association purchased our present property. The minutes state:

"It was unanimously resolved to relocate the Institute at Norris Station. And a

A motion was then made to accept Mr. Norris' second offer (20 acres of land with improvements) and that we assume the mortgage indebtedness of \$1,000.00 which rests on the property. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that we accept the offer of the improved 20 acres of land located east of the Bay City Railroad with the conditions stipulated by Mr. Norris."

Ed. Note: Since we feel that the historical beginnings of our Institute are most interesting to our readers, we have dwelled on the recordings of 1873-74 quite extensively. We hope to complete the history of 1874 in the December issue of the Advocate. Then in subsequent issues only the high spots of our history will be brought.

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TO PARENTS OF LITTLE DEAF CHILDREN

Suggestions Offered by The Lexington School for the Deaf

(Continued from June Issue)

III. PERSONAL HYGIENE

1. Give your child a daily bath and change his under clothing daily, so that children may learn to be sweet and clean. It takes but a minute to rinse out socks and underthings.

2. Wash hair at least once a week. Watch carefully for vermin. Any child might get them, at any time.

3. Teach your child to brush its teeth, night and morning.

4. Teach your child to wash his hands before each meal, and after going to the toilet.

5. If a child is a bed wetter, find the cause for it: frequently it can be stopped by not giving the child any liquid whatsoever after 5 P.M. If it is necessary to take the child to the bathroom during the night, awaken him fully and let him walk to the bathroom, so as to put responsibility on him, since that will also help. If none of these help and if bed wetting persists beyond the age of 3 or 4, a doctor's examination is advisable to make sure there is no local, physical cause for it or some deeper-seated unhappiness or dissatisfaction within the child. Nail biting, bed wetting, or tics (nervous twitching of muscles of the face and body) are often symptoms of some lack of adjustment within the child or within the family.

6. Teach the child to blow his nose properly every morning. He should blow one nostril at a time, and should not blow too hard.

IV. HEALTH HABITS

Note: There are four fundamental processes of life without which we could not exist. We must all:

1. Breathe; 2. Eat; 3. Sleep; 4. Eliminate.

So far as a child is concerned, he should not be asked if he would like to do these things. He must do them in order to live. A child should never be asked to do what

must be done. For instance, it is not good policy to say, "How would you like to go to bed now?" Rather, "It is time for bed." It is fair and wise to give a child warning that a certain thing will happen at a certain time. If a child is busily engaged at bed time, or meal time, or any special event is approaching, warn the child. Say, "In five minutes, it will be time"

TEACH PROPER EATING HABITS

1. Teach your child to eat whatever is set before him. Children like most foods until they hear grown-ups talking about what they like or don't like. If the child is a small eater, put small helpings on his plate. If he is a poor eater, don't force him. Put a small portion before him and leave it there long enough to be eaten. If it is not touched, don't fuss, but do not give him any dessert, which most children like. Doctors say that no child will be harmed even if a meal is skipped occasionally. Perhaps this method will teach the child to eat.

If your child is old enough to understand, give him a gold star for every meal he finishes completely, and let him paste it in a little book or on a calendar. Give him a reward for a perfect record, first at the end of a week, later at the end of a month.

Older children should be told about average weight of children at a certain age, and should make it their responsibility to weigh themselves monthly to see whether they are eating enough. As soon as the child feels responsible for his actions, his interest becomes greater.

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a committee was appointed to seek a new site for the Institute in or near Detroit to follow the advice given by the committee in Dr. Walther's report. The original plan was to purchase property in or near Detroit. The logical suggestions of Dr. Walther were accepted, and the orphans were transferred to Addison, Illinois. Various Properties Are Scrutinized. In subsequent meetings various pieces of property and plans to acquire property in or near Detroit were considered. One was a free