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"O Holy Spirit, Enter In!"

Little children of a certain age believe everything you tell them. To demonstrate this, a pastor during instruction with adults called his little daughter who was between two and three years old, and said to her: "Do you know what I saw today?" Anxiously the child said, "No." The father continued: "I saw a tree walk across the street." The girl doubted not a word; but ran and told her mother: "Daddy saw a tree walk across the street." When the mother remonstrated with her for talking foolishness, she insisted, "But daddy said so."

So we Christians believe the Bible, though foolishness it may seem to our sinful flesh, because God speaks in it and tells us everything that we need to know for our blessed life in eternity and for our sanctified life on earth, especially about ourselves and about His love in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who died and suffered everything that was necessary for our salvation, which engenders gratitude and praise in our hearts for the Lord. We believe because God in the Bible by His apostle says: "There is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." Romans 3:22-25.

This faith is worked in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. He comes to us in the means of grace, the Gospel, as it is contained and proclaimed in the Word and as it is confirmed and assured in the Sacraments, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost," 1 Cor. 12:3. "The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word," Acts 10:44. "He called you by our Gospel," 2 Thess. 2:14. Blessed are the people who use the means of grace, to whom the Holy Ghost comes by this means, and in whom He works by this means! Blessed is the man who can say with Luther: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

Therefore we pray:

O Holy Spirit, enter in and in our hearts Thy work begin, Thy temple deign to make us;
Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine, around and in us brightly shine, to joy and gladness wake us;
That we, in Thee truly living, to Thee giving prayer unceasing, may in love be still increasing.

G. M. KRACH

OUR LATEST AND YOUNGEST

Who is that group down by the fountain in the dining-room? Oh, they are the older children watching Jimmy eat his supper. Who is Jimmy? Oh, he is the latest and youngest member of our large family of deaf children. He came last month, and he's only two years old.

Jimmy from Chicago is a beautifully formed little fellow with an outgoing nature and a most responsive smile. He might be said, in the words of radio advertising, to be "so round, so fully packed" with little boyhood. If he is so young, why is he living in the necessary routine of a school?

Last fall, when the school was asked by his mother and the superintendent of a children's home to accept Jimmy, we refused because he was much too young to attend school. However, several weeks ago both the mother and a

pastor made urgent appeals in their applications. The father is in the armed forces. There are other children, five and three years



Jimmy Katzel from Chicago
Our Youngest and Everybody's Pet

old, in the family. At that time the mother was working and living with her parents who were physically unable to care for the child. The children's home felt that it was inadequate to care for a deaf child and urged our school to admit Jimmy. Under these circumstances it was decided to accept him in spite of our reasonable and wise regulations which are contrary to such an acceptance.

The little boy has made a warm place for himself. He has adjusted in a remarkable way to his schoolmates and to the staff. Although he runs eagerly to the various adults for demonstrations of affection, he soon returns to Miss Twenhafel, the deaconess, who cares for him. He has accepted her as his mother substitute.

It is felt that in receiving this unfortunate little boy we are demonstrating, "Whosoever receiveth such a child in My name receiveth Me."

AS OTHERS SEE US

We were pleased to have as our guests some weeks ago two young ladies from Valparaiso University. They were the Misses Maguerita Kurth and Roberta Ihde. Miss Ihde here records the impressions she received while with us.

We were walking to the shopping center near the Institute with a group of second graders who were on their Thursday dime-store excursion. Each was equipped with fifteen cents to buy whatever his fancy dictated: red hair ribbons, a glass bowl for mother, or even roasted peanuts.

Suddenly a totsized mitten was thrust into one of our hands, then a slightly larger red glove into the other hand. In another minute we were in the middle of a bounding group of youngsters. It was hard to realize that the barking of the neighborhood dogs, the rumble of the streetcars, or even their shouts were shut away from them by deafness.

This spontaneity is perhaps the most outstanding characteristic of the some ninety children of the school. Unlike other institutions for children, the students are strongly individualistic. Each little thing—the way Nancy wears her pigtailed, or the way Julie makes her bed, or Henry slides into his desk in the classroom—are firmly stamped Nancy, Julie, and Henry. "Individuals" repeated one teacher affectionately, "Hmm, they are rugged individualists."

Undoubtedly each one's varying personality is a direct result of patient classroom attention of the teacher to the child's own problems and social abilities. We found the classes small, informal, and up-to-the-minute. Miss Jaques, for example, related the current lesson in grammar to an incident that had happened on the preceding day on the shopping tour. Grammar disguised as a lively story was easier to give them than cod-liver oil in orange juice.

In seventh and eighth grade these non-hearing students showed an understanding of world problems that would stand up well with a hearing adult's interpretation. The affairs of Yalta, the Yank push on the Rhine were familiar material to all of them. In fact, we heard of a boy in a lower grade who had become so enthusiastic over the Dewey campaign that he refuses to acknowledge anyone else as president. He'll outgrow the prejudice, but never his interest in national and world events.

Do the children miss the trivial but important phases of life with their own family, we wondered. Two days at the school answered this question, and one incident particularly.

A tousled, blond head came slowly around the heavy door to Mr. Klein's office. Then all at once a little girl in blue slacks rushed in, and tumbled into the lap of the director. She found the paper weight on the desk fascinating. And he loved the informality.

From breakfast in the spacious handsomely-designed dining room at 7:30 a.m. until the children are tucked into bed at hours suitable to their respective ages, they live a normal, busy, happy life. Because they receive specialized attention for the deaf, and because they grow up with children with the same disability, life at this school is closer to normal than they could find anywhere.

Furthermore, because of the religious training, the confirmation-instruction, their life takes on the all-important Christian signifi-

cance. Morning devotions before the work of the day begins are symbolic of the whole approach of the school.

One realizes that without the patient, repeated instruction of the fundamentals of living, these children would live in a very strange world. It would be a quiet world filled with incomprehensibles and question-marks. Through their training at the Institute it becomes intelligible and meaningful.

—Roberta Ihde, Valparaiso University

"FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE IS GAIN"

Again we mourn the departure of some faithful supporters of our Institute and readers of the Advocate from this vale of tears. But we also rejoice with them, for "Blessed are the dead which die in

the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Among those who have fought the good fight and now stand before the Lamb in all the glory of heaven are Mrs. Geo. Grovert of Newhall, Iowa; Mr. Wm. H. Friedrich of Coldwater, Mrs. Wm. Dittmer, Dearborn, Mr. Alfred V. Hacker, Mrs. Martha Nagorsnick and Mr. Herman Rath of Detroit, Mr. Geo. Eischer, Sr., of Frankenth, Mrs. Mary Young of Gladstone, Mrs. Paul Lenski, Sr., of Jackson, Mr. Herbert J. Leppel of Monroe, Mr. Henry Breiholz of Richmond, Mr. Fred Thede of Sebawaing, Mr. O. A. Johnson of Traverse City, and Mr. Harry Ziegler of Walled Lake, Michigan; Mr. Richard O. Zeroll of Elyria, Ohio; Mr. Otto Freiwald of Big Stone City, South Dakota; Miss Clara Kuegele of Richmond, Va.



Estelle Provov, Annette Duesler and Grace DeRouville
Taking their doll babies out for a ride

Kiwanians Our Guests

On Tuesday, April 10th, the children of our school were "adopted" by the members and wives of the Northeast Kiwanis Club of Detroit. Each of our children was invited to sit beside a club member and his wife at dinner at our institute from whom he or she also received a very appropriate gift.

The members also took this occasion formally to present the school with a very complete electric train, which, with its entire equipment, is valued at approximately \$500.00. The various combinations of tracks are mounted on a platform measuring 12 by 20 feet in the school basement. Besides three engines, passenger cars, freight cars and a wrecker repair train, the equipment includes such features as electric switches with signal lights, cross-

ing blinker lights, automatic traffic gates, a watchman who "flags the crossing," warning signals and bells, railroad station and other items, all of which are governed from a mounted control board by the operator of the train. The two trains, a passenger, and a typical freight train, can be run at the same time in an interesting way over the many track series through all the combinations of switches. One of the most interesting attractions of this gift is the realistic landscaping in miniature, which covers the entire platform. You will find a well-organized distribution of roads, street lights, shrubbery, trees, bridges, tunnels, a farm, an airport, army camp, and other miscellaneous vehicles and figurines. Some of the above features were a direct creation of

HELP WANTED

When our new school term begins next September we shall be in need of the services of several housemothers and assistants to the housemothers. Girls and women who love children will find this work most interesting as well as remunerative. We shall also have an opening for an unencumbered couple, the man to be our caretaker and the wife to assist our matron or cook.

May our dear Lord move Christian women to serve Him by helping us to mother and rear the deaf children He has entrusted to our care. Anyone interested should address the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, 6861 Nevada Ave., Detroit 12, Mich.

our teacher, Mr. Walter Bellhorn, under whose supervision, our boys, Norman Davis and Noah Wertz took the initiative in erecting and connecting the entire equipment. Eugene Winans, Kenneth Harlan and Robert Gordon were helpful in completing the project.

A project as interesting and complete as this, is valuable not only as a fascinating recreation for the children, but also as an aid to our teachers in illustrating any of the many concepts represented in its different aspects of reality. For instance, a teacher desiring to teach specific "nouns" such as may be represented on the farm or airport, can easily point to the objects as they view the landscape. The operation, maintenance, and reorganization of such a project also has many other educational values for the boys.

Dr. Jerome V. Duewecke, a long-time friend of our deaf children and past president of the Club, in a short address, formally presented this desirable gift to the school on the afternoon of their visit. Mr. Walter Bellhorn, introduced by Director Klein, accepted the gift in behalf of the children. Our children were capably represented by one of our eighth grade pupils, Fred Burtzloff, who expressed the feelings of all the children in words of appreciation for the train. It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that we say "thank you" to the members of the Northeast Kiwanis Club.

Our readers might be interested in knowing that one of the major objectives of the Northeast Kiwanis Club is to help dependent, handicapped, and indigent chil-

dren. We have had frequent demonstrations of their realized objectives. Both hospital wards in our building were equipped by this Kiwanis organization. It stands ready and willing to furnish optical needs to those of our children who are financially unable to afford them. These men have been consistently alert to the heart and cause of our institution and have exemplified liberally their willingness to assist us.

May we ever be blessed with friends such as these to continue the task which God has entrusted to us.

CAUSES OF DEAFNESS

One question which we, at the Institute, are asked many times is, "How do these children become deaf?" We feel that many of you readers of the Advocate may be interested in this question also, and we, therefore, have prepared the following table, listing the causes of deafness among our children and the percent of frequency.

Causes:	Per cent:
Congenital (Inherited)	50%
Meningitis	10%
Measles	5%
Abscessed ears	4%
Colds	3%
Strep	3%
Whooping Cough	1%
Infantile Paralysis	1%
Scarlet Fever	1%
Tonsillitis	1%
Falls	1%
Pneumonia	1%
Instrument Birth	1%
Unknown or not reported	18%

A VISIT TO PETERSBURG

On March 7th, one of our teachers, Mrs. Heschke, accompanied by Barbara Brauer, a second grade pupil, spent a very pleasant afternoon at Petersburg, Michigan. The Ladies' Aid of St. Peters congregation (Rev. Staudacher, Pastor), which is always interested in our Institute and has done much for us, had expressed its desire to hear more about the work at the Luth. Institute for the deaf. The ladies' wish was granted and Mrs. Heschke and Barbara were sent to deliver the message.

Since there are no train nor bus connections from Detroit to Petersburg, one of the Aid members, Mrs. W. Menzel, met them at Monroe. The ladies had planned a very fine program for the after-

noon. After the usual opening with a hymn, prayer, and Scripture reading by the pastor, the Rev. R. C. Staudacher, Mrs. Heschke spoke on the work of the school, depicting a day at the Institute from early morning until evening when the entire family has again drifted into peaceful slumber for a much needed rest.

She also spoke on the work in the schoolroom, showing the infinite amount of patience it takes to teach language to a deaf child who has none when he comes to school. Then the ladies were given an idea of the time and patience it requires to teach speech and speech reading which puts the deaf child into closer contact with his hearing associates. She pointed out that the aim and goal of this work must at all times be to prepare the child for church membership and

to make of him a good citizen for this world and the world to come.

Barbara definitely proved to the ladies that the deaf can be taught to speak and to read lips.

To beautify the program vocal numbers were rendered by one little boy of the local congregation and a quartette of schoolgirls.

The Ladies' Aid and its pastor, the Rev. A. Gehner, of the neighboring congregation, had been invited, consequently a fine crowd of ninety-eight ladies and two pastors were present.

After the program a tasty lunch was served to all present in the church basement. Late in the afternoon, Mrs. Heschke and Barbara returned home tired but with the satisfaction of again having performed a worth-while service for our Institute and its large family of deaf children.

History of the Lutheran Institute of the Deaf

VI (Continued)

In the March 11th, 1875, board of directors' meeting it was resolved that the new building which was occupied by the Institute family the previous month should be dedicated on Pentecost Day and that the dedication date as well as the location of our new Institute be published in our church papers as well as in the Gemeinde Blatt of Wisconsin. In this meeting Pastor Huegli, the president of the Association, suggested that it be made known through our religious periodicals that deaf children may now be enrolled in our new Institute. Superintendent Speckhardt, however, was of the opinion that this should not be done until all such as had already applied for admission had been enrolled. He feared that such a general announcement would result in an overcrowded school. He further called attention to the fact that there were no teachers nor the necessary equipment properly to care for and instruct many more pupils.

In a subsequent meeting, when the acquisition of various necessary items was discussed, it was resolved to purchase only the most necessary lamps, namely one for each of the dormitories and the kitchen and a hanging lamp for the 1st floor corridor. (When one remembers that all these rooms were 16 x 32 feet in size, one can realize how dimly lighted the home must have been with these oil lamps.)

In the April 8th meeting the following arrangements for the dedication of the Institute were adopted: That Professor Krull of Fort Wayne be asked to preach a sermon in the English language, that pastors Huegli and Boehling deliver short German sermons, the latter's talk to be on missions; that all congregations located in and near Detroit, especially those of Wyandotte, Dearborn, Waldenburg, Monroe, Adrian, Ridgeway, Fraser, and Roseville be invited to the service by letter, and that a general invitation be extended all congregations through the Lutheran; finally, that a special excursion train leaving Detroit at nine o'clock in the morning be chartered.

The names of the pupils who were enrolled in 1875 are as follows: Johannes Lotz of Buffalo,

New York; Heinrich Hinneberg, Palatine, Illinois; Anna Heth, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Augusta Hermsdoerfer, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Karl Burmeister, Friedrich August Hagemeyer, Pamberville, O.; Ludwig Berghorn, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Friedrich August Moelering, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Karoline Henrietta Fleischhut, Fraser, Michigan; Addie Estella Rine, Michigan; Heinrich Schippel, Kelleys Island, Ohio; Emil Mathias, Bloomfield, Wisconsin; Wilhelm Bierkamp, Michigan.

The following interesting letter received from the daughter of one of the above named pupils, Mrs. Otto Rolf, also mentions some of our early students. Mrs. Rolf, however, is in error when she thinks that her parents were among those enrolled during the first year.

Fort Wayne, In., Mar. 18, 1945
Dear Mr. Klein,

I have been following up the "History of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf" and to my disappointment, in your last issue, none of the Fort Wayne deaf were included.

In one of your previous issues of the Advocate, I wrote you and mentioned my mother must be one of few who were still living and was very anxious to hear from you.

I knew my parents were one of the first ones, as both were confirmed in 1879. I stated in my letter to you early last summer that my mother at that time was laid up with a broken hip. She still is confined in a hospital. She now is 85 years old. Her maiden name was Augusta Hermsdoerfer, born January 17, 1860, confirmed in 1879. My father, John H. Lotz, born October 15, 1860, also was confirmed in 1879.

I recall my parents speaking of Marg. Frisch, Anna Kalb, J. Maas,



Springtime is clean-up time and do our boys love it!



Everybody enjoying a nice red juicy apple on the playground.
One bushel is just about enough for our gang.

B. Reuter, and I also personally know Mr. Albert Orth. Mr. Louis Berghorn also is still living and is 80 years old.

The following who were school-mates of my parents were August Moellering, Lizzie Bullerman, Henry and Carl Bullerman, Chas. Schroeder and Anna Heth. All the above are deceased.

According to your last issue of the Advocate, it seems that my mother is the oldest and still living.

Will you kindly look this up and let me know if I am correct.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Otto Rolf

We were indeed glad to receive Mrs. Rolf's letter since it adds something real to these recordings. We wish that Mrs. Lotz could find it possible to visit her old Alma Mater and see the tremendous changes which have taken place.

THIS AND THAT

The Lord signally blest our large family with good health during this entire school year. For this we are truly grateful. — We were happy to entertain the Misses Marguerite Kurth and Roberta Ihde of Valparaiso University for several days. These girls will undertake the writing of a scenario for our proposed new film. — Our ever-obliging photographer, Mr. H. Windhorst of the Windhorst Studio, recently spent the better part of a day with us taking pictures for a proposed publicity folder. — For money appropriated by our Ladies' Aid Society we have ordered two additions to our playground equipment; one is a 16 ft. Travel Climb and the other a Triple Horizontal Bar. — Our Macomb County Ladies' Society, besides buying the necessary dishes and cooking utensils, have ordered a

much-needed cooking utensil rack to be attached to our kitchen work table. — Our Detroit Aid celebrated its anniversary in a vesper service in Rosedale Park Church of which the Rev. A. G. Sommer is the pastor. A delightful luncheon was served after the service. — Confirmation of this year's confirmation class consisting of ten pupils will take place on Pentecost Sunday in our own Gloria Dei chapel. — Miss Aileen Curtis, one of our faithful teachers, entered the holy state of matrimony soon after Easter. Our sincere prayers for God's richest blessings went with her. — To fill the vacancy in the classroom for the rest of the school term we engaged Mrs. Campbell of Windsor, Canada. — To fill the teacher vacancies caused by the marriages of Miss Curtis and Mrs. Stevenson, we have engaged two graduates from the Milwaukee State Teachers College. They are the Misses Dorothy Eske and Harriet Scherbarth. Having acquired their necessary degrees in special education these girls will come well-equipped to render the type of service required in our school. — Recent visitors at our school were Mrs. John Horn of Van Nuys, California, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin E. Fritz of Milwaukee, Wis., Prof. W. A. Baepler of Springfield, Ill., Mr. H. M. Finch of Windsor, Canada, Mr. Hugh Pierce, Supt. of Veteran's Technical School of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mr. H. Earl Corrent, Director of Rehabilitation, Lansing, Michigan, and a committee of women from the Detroit Visiting Housekeepers Association. — Spring having returned, our big boys under the guidance of Mr. Bellhorn, have been kept active on the lawn and among the shrubbery cleaning and beautifying our campus. — On the first Sunday in May Our Savior (Deaf) congregation will cel-

brate the 5th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful Gloria Dei Chapel in which this group of deaf people worships regularly. The Rev. N. E. Borchartt is the pastor of the congregation. — On the second Sunday of June we shall again celebrate our annual festival which always marks the close of the school year. All friends of the institute from far and near are cordially invited to attend this yearly event and rejoice with us. — Some good friends have recently again generously remembered our Institute with cases of eggs and other valuable food items. May God richly bless them.

THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross Society made its annual drive for funds during March. Every dollar given it must be accounted for to government officials, since the American Red Cross Society was incorporated by Congress in 1905. The President of the United States is president of the American Red Cross Society. Its operation is in the hands of a committee whose chairman is named by the president. Headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

The American Red Cross is active in foreign as well as domestic relief in times of peace as well as in times of war. It alleviates the distress of mankind during great calamities such as fire, flood, earthquake and famine. During this present war, it has sent nurses, doctors, hospital supplies and equipment, medicines, food, and clothing to Europe and the Orient. It has collected blood plasma; made bandages; trained hospital aides, canteen aides and nutrition aids; given courses in home nursing and first aid; packed and distributed parcels to prisoners of war; assisted in the location of relatives of Americans in the war zones; and established rest camps and clubs for soldiers. During the recent annual appeal for this worthy cause the members of our Institute staff contributed \$190.00.

The American National Junior Red Cross was organized during World War I to allow school children to participate in the Red Cross program of service. Millions of school children are now enrolled and so have become an integral part of the war effort.

From their small allowances, the children of this school have contributed \$46.30. This is the third contribution they have made to charitable organizations this year.

The purpose of their contributions to the Red Cross was explained by their teachers so that even the youngest ones understood that they were helping to make the lives of unfortunate children less miserable.

In many cases children wished to give far beyond their means: quite willing to go without something for themselves in order to make the gift. All of the children sacrificed a highly-valued trip to the store so that they could add a few extra pennies to their gift.

To see the quick compassion of these deaf children for the sufferings of others is a lesson in itself of true charity. Instead of bemoaning their own condition, with sweet sincerity they reach out their little hands and hearts to help others who are afflicted. Their gifts are indeed, "twice blessed."

LITTLE KINDNESS

You gave on the way a pleasant smile

And thought no more about it:
It cheered a life that was sad the while

That might have been wrecked without it:

And so for the smile and its fruitage fair

You'll reap a crown some time, somewhere.

You spoke one day a cheering word,

And passed to other duties:

It warmed a heart, new promise stirred,

And painted a life with beauties.

And so for the word and its silent prayer

You'll reap a palm some time, somewhere. —Selected

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