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Thinking with God

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. Ps. 25:15, 16.

Mine Eyes Are Ever toward the Lord—

As we go through life we increasingly realize our helplessness . . .

And we realize too with startling clearness how powerless men are to aid us in any real crisis . . .

And so life teaches us, if we think at all, to turn more and more to God, whose power and mercy are limitless. . .

"Unto Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us." (Psalm 123:1, 2) . . .

For He Shall Pluck My Feet Out of the Net—

Daily we pray: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" . . .

Daily we Christians implore our heavenly Father to guard and keep us so that we may not be deceived nor seduced into misbelief, despair and other great shame and vice, but that He would deliver us from every evil of body and soul and finally grant us a blessed end . . .

And God is all-powerful and all-willing to hear our prayers and help us. . . .

Turn Thou unto Me, and Have Mercy upon Me—

He will, for He Himself has said: "Let the wicked forsake his way . . . and let him return unto the Lord . . . for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7) . . .

Again, when He walked the earth as man, He cried out: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (St. Matth. 11:28) . . .

And He died on the Cross with His arms out-stretched to assure us of a welcome always . . .

For I Am Desolate and Afflicted—

The first and essential requisites for gaining God's mercy are humility and repentance . . .

"He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts . . . and exalted them of low degree" (St. Luke 1:51, 52) . . .

"Desolate and afflicted" we all are in the inmost recesses of our souls and in the deepest trials of life . . .

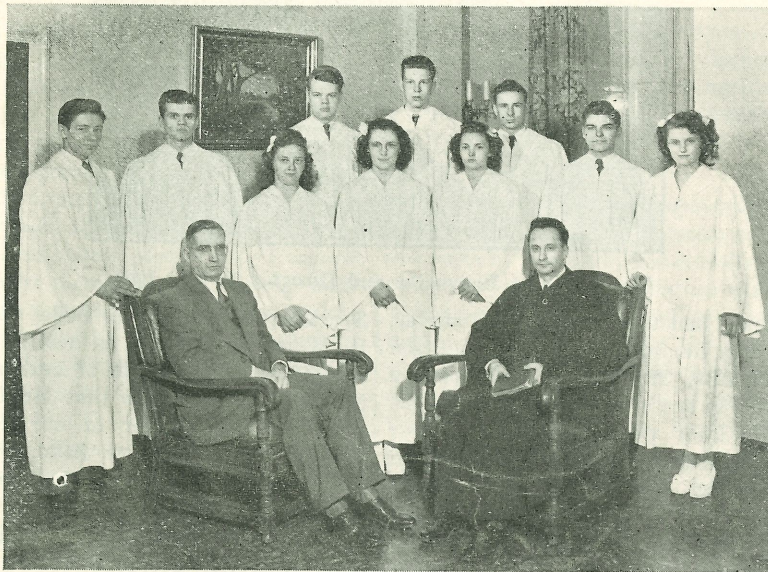
Dear Lord, in all humility we turn to Thee for help; be merciful unto us and deliver us from all evil and help us bear our crosses, for Thou hast said "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Let Thy Holy Spirit ever keep us in the true faith unto death that we, too, may finally receive the crown of life.

—Adapted

LIVING FOR CHRIST

On May 20th this year's Confirmation Class vowed, as so many before did, that they intend faithfully to conform all their life to the rule of the divine Word, to walk as it becomes the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word and deed, to remain true to the Triune God even unto death. This, in short, is a promise to live for Christ. We hope and pray that they may be able to keep that promise.

The world has no conception of what it means to live for Christ. Selfishness is the rule of the world. But selfishness can bring only discord. It brings unhappiness to the home; destroys the spirit of co-operation at work; and breeds prejudice and suspicion among nations. It has been said that the selfish person has a heart which, like a man's coffin, is just his own



Confirmation Class of 1945. Left to right: Fred Burtzloff, Eugene Winans, Jacklyn Searle, William McKinney, Shirley Hubbard, Norman Davis, Mary Ann Oetting, Henry Lukaszewicz, Peter Merutka, Irene Kelley.

measure, long enough and broad enough comfortably to hold him, with no room for anyone else. But selfishness, like all the inordinate affections of the heart after the Fall, "must be guided as a pilot guides his ship; must be checked as a rider checks an unruly horse; must be quenched as a blazing fire is quenched with water."

Love for Christ annihilates the egotism of the heart. A Christian tries to remember at all times that "Christ died for all, so that they which live should henceforth not live unto themselves, but unto Christ who died for them, and arose again." When a Christian sets out to do a thing, his first question should not be: "What do I think of it?" but "What does Christ think of it?" He should seek God in everything, and for everything in God. The words of His Savior are constantly in his

mind, either consciously or subconsciously, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The more a Christian thinks, speaks and acts in accordance with these principles, the closer he gets to the ideal of living for Christ.

—N. E. BORCHARDT

"AND THE DEAF SHALL HEAR"

An article with the above title recently appeared in the Reader's Digest. The author, Lois Mattox Miller, glowingly describes the fenestration or "window" operation developed in recent years by Dr. Louis Lempert. This operation has been successfully performed in cases where the hearing loss is due to otosclerosis, a growth of bone impairing the function of the middle ear. This operation according to otologists with whom we have talked has shown very encouraging results in the treatment of selected cases of this type of deafness, and its further development will be observed with great interest.

While Miss Miller's article makes interesting reading, we feel that it is unfortunate in the impression which it definitely leaves with most readers, that it is the answer to deafness. This is, unfortunately, not the case, since in the majority of cases deafness is due to other causes, and articles of this kind can be harmful in raising false hopes and in causing many people to spend time and money uselessly. We know of three people who have gone down to New York for examination at considerable expense, since this article appeared, only to be told that the treatment was not applicable to their case.

Below is quoted a letter from Dr. P. W. Snelling, one of the leading otologists in New England, which appeared in the Hartford Bulletin published by the Hartford League for the Hard of Hearing. We believe this gives an accurate appraisal of this operation.

"In answer to your request for a statement on the fenestration operation from the point of view of the practicing otologist, I think the recent sensational publicity given to this operation is unfortunate. The procedure is applicable to only a minority of people with long-standing hearing impairment. The operation has been tried by a number of good men for years and

has not been perfected. While more progress seems to have been made the last few years in improving the operation, there are still failures. Even in the university clinics, where this operation is being done, it is largely an effort to evaluate the end results, which means it is still experimental. There are many outstanding ear clinics in the country where the operation is not performed. For a large majority of hard of hearing persons the use of a well-fitted modern hearing aid is at this time more advisable."

In her article, Miss Miller refers to 15,000,000 deaf or partially

deaf in the United States. This is a great exaggeration for, although the exact number is not known, statistics certainly indicate that there is only a small fraction of this number whose hearing loss is sufficiently severe to prove an occupational or social handicap.

The moral from this and several other popularized articles on medical matters which we have read recently is that newspapers and magazines should take greater care in having such articles carefully checked by competent authorities so that what is written does not give rise to harmful misconceptions.—American Era.

History of the Lutheran Institute of the Deaf

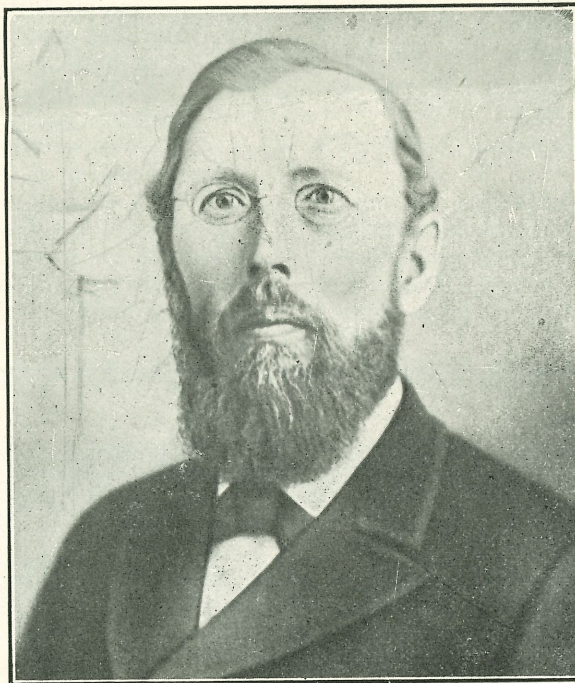
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After the Institute family had moved from Royal Oak into its new home and school at Norris in the spring of 1875, the enrollment increased to such an extent that another instructor, Mr. G. Ritz-

founder and faithful director, the Rev. G. Speckhardt. The assistant instructor, Mr. H. Uhlig, succeeded the deceased as director which position he filled most creditably for many years, at times under most trying conditions.

Soon after the death of the Rev.



Mr. H. Uhlig, Instructor and Director 1875 to 1902.

man, had to be engaged. However, after having served some eighteen months, Mr. Ritzman accepted a call to one of our parochial schools. He later was a professor at our Concordia Teachers' College at Seward, Nebraska. His leaving again compelled the two remaining instructors, Messrs. Speckhardt and Uhlig, to assume the entire teaching load. This continued until November 20, 1879, when the Institute sustained a most severe loss in the sudden demise of its

Speckhardt, Messrs. L. Zeile and H. Witte were called as assistant instructors. (It may be of interest to our readers to know that Mr. L. Zeile was the father of our esteemed Pastor Andrew Zeile, the present president of the Michigan District of the Missouri Synod.)

In the place of Mrs. Speckhardt, who, with her deceased husband, had supervised the domestic arrangements of the Institute, Mr. and Mrs. F. Vogt were installed as manager and matron respective-

ly. The Vogts also were given charge of the farm connected with the school, heretofore conducted by farm hands.

Instructor Witte left the Institute in 1883, and Mr. L. Krause was called to fill the vacancy. In 1885 Mr. Zeile accepted a call to another school, and Mr. J. G. Etter succeeded him as instructor until 1892. Meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Vogt also left and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ketel were engaged as manager and matron. In 1893 Mr. Herman Meyer was called from the Teachers' College at Addison, Illinois. This very faithful teacher remained until 1910 when he accepted a call to St. Lorenz congregation at Frankenmuth, Michigan, where he taught successfully until his recent resignation from office and where he now lives in retirement.

The pupils enrolled from 1876 to 1880 were the following: Theodore Holtz, Indiana; Friedrich Stalring, Ohio; Allen Lambert, Chicago; Nikolous Steinmetz, Chicago; Mathias Steinmetz, Chicago; Bertha Weinsheimer, Chicago; Louise Bullermann, Indiana; Margaret Lutz, Michigan; Karl Loefler, Michigan; Jockal Heindol, Chicago; Arthur Kranz, Illinois; Paulina Zuehlke, Wisconsin; August Giffeg, Illinois; Eugenia Knaack, Iowa; Paul Schwandt, Illinois; Anna Schroeder, Chicago; Mathilda Kamm, Chicago; Anna Sir, Chicago; August Henschel, Chicago; Wm. Marschinke, Minnesota; Henry Cornelius, St. Louis; Karl Spraitis, Omaha; Wm. Krause, Michigan; Theo. Kielgas, Wisconsin; Wm. Schmeckpeper, Wisconsin; Herman Heier, Chicago; Eduard Pahl, Indiana; August Huhn, Wisconsin; Anna Schewe, Chicago; Amalia Hilpert, Wisconsin; Emma Munch, Wisconsin; Wm. Wittmann, —; Henry Zarlring, Wisconsin; Rosa Leeger, Ia.; George Masen, Illinois; Herman Retzlaff, Wisconsin; Marie Schroeder, Chicago; Fred Hahnen, Wisconsin; Wm. Hoeft, Chicago; John Nimmer, Wisconsin; Bertha Loppnow, Wisconsin; Elise Muellen, Wisconsin; Frank Allera, Michigan; Ella Heinrich, Minnesota; Auguste Ruebenhagen, Minnesota; Willi Alpers, Illinois.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF NOT PLACE FOR FEEBLE-MINDED

Spezialized Methods Required for Mentally Handicapped Deaf Children

Deafness imposes a very serious handicap. The sub-normal deaf

child placed in a class of normal deaf children poses an entirely different problem. This type of child cannot do the work of the class; the teacher cannot concentrate upon her main job; she cannot do justice to the slow-learning; and the effect is bad on normal children in the class and the slow-learning child, who needs a specially devised program.

As between the school for the feeble-minded and the school for the deaf, what choice are we to make in the placing of slow-learning deaf children? The only solution possible must be a compromise. It cannot be denied that a school for the deaf is better equipped to train some deaf feeble-minded; but it must also be admitted that special techniques, such as are used in schools for the feeble-minded, must be applied in the education of these children. The compromise is to draw a line between slow-learning deaf children who are able to perform simple daily routines and move about without need of constant supervisor, and those who are unable to perform these routines. The former group can best be trained in schools for the deaf, segregated for educational purposes with both techniques. Schools for the deaf are not equipped to care for the latter group and cannot be under its type of organization. These children can best be provided for by a special teacher of the deaf feeble-minded working within the organization of a school for the feeble-minded. — *The Illinois Advocate*

PARENTS APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR INSTITUTE

You, who so kindly and consistently support the work of your Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, may, at times, wonder how parents and relatives whose deaf children are the real recipients of your gifts of love and faith feel towards the school and home which you help to maintain for their loved ones. The following letter recently received from Mrs. Weyforth of Chicago, the grandmother of our little Jimmy Katzel, whose picture appeared in our April issue of the Advocate, is but one of the many expressions of appreciation we receive throughout the year. We hope that, after having read it, you will feel assured that your offerings sent for the support of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf are accomplishing the pur-

pose for which they were intended, namely to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the many deaf children entrusted to our care, by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Klein:

No doubt you are wondering why you haven't heard from me after that plea I made to you folks to take our little Jimmy into your home. Well, we certainly have had a very trying time since that day. Our dad and husband has passed on to be with our Savior, and now I am writing this from a hospital bed on which I have been for a week. The doctor has tried to get me well and strong enough for a much-needed operation. My cross is heavy, but when I stop to think

being foolish going on and on, but my heart is so full of thankfulness to you all, please believe me.

I am very weak, but before I may be entirely unable to write I had to express my gratitude to you. Your efforts will succeed, for God is with you as He is with me in my pain, sustaining me every minute.

God bless you all.

—Mrs. W. Weyforth

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Winans of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, express their feelings in the following words:

Enclosed is \$20.00 for Eugene's board for the month of April. I wish it were two hundred. . . .

"We could never, we feel sure, be able to place a dollar value on the amount of good you have done in the training of our son. All we

which could not have been avoided.

As he is one of the few maimed amongst many normal, hardships spring up as stumbling-blocks upon his path. He is compelled to rely upon endurance, and time soon forms him into the wiry being which marks the characters of many deaf people. As a rule he is upon his own feet as he makes his way through life's many thorns. He suffers unemployment as a result of the misleading idea that describes the deaf as helpless people.

In spite of this the deaf person is no worse. No insult, however deadly, can get the upper hand of the self which is the result of years of endurance. No serious strife, war or poverty can drive the same self to its wits' end for a remedy, as would be the case of those not yet hardened by hardships; and the bombing of Britain has proved this.

In a London factory being "blitzed" where 11 deaf men were employed, the coolest was not a member of the factory A.R.P. squad, but a deaf worker. He directed to a safe retreat two fellow-workers with death-pale faces, who were at a complete loss of knowing what to do. The other ten deaf men acted so cool as to convince others that there was something remarkable in the deaf. —A. F. Dimmock, in the *British Deaf Times*



Peter Merutka of Chicago, the bicycle custodian. Bicycling is one of the larger boys' and girls' chief sports.

of the cross our Jesus bore, my cross is light. What it means for a Christian to have pain and tribulation is very light compared to a person who does not have Christ in his heart.

What I want to write and tell you is that I have the Advocate with little Jimmy's picture. It has made me so happy to see his smiling face again and to read the wonderful article about him. Mr. Klein, my heart is so full of thankfulness to you all and your marvelous home and work, I cannot begin to express my feeling without a prayer in my heart for you all. Had it not been for you receiving Jimmy into your home and giving him that which we could not give him, I wonder what we would have done. God bless each and every one of you and may our Lord give you all His grace and blessing for which I pray daily. I want to thank the housemother for being so good to our boy. I know she must be a good Christian woman, thank God for such women. Please, Mr. Klein, don't think I am

can do is repeat, we are deeply grateful to you and the school.— We are looking forward to a joyful vacation with Eugene."

WHAT IS DEAFNESS?

Deafness is looked upon as a misfortune which makes living seem worthless. But this notion seldom or never occurs to disturb the mind of those who have actually experienced being deaf.

Childhood or infancy is generally the threshold upon which many are overcome by deafness, and a violent change of livelihood or future difficulties are never perceived at that stage. The child accepts the fate with a shrug of its shoulders, and seems to recognize it as a mere trifle. This manner is, however, far more different to that displayed by deafened adults who unduly drive themselves to extreme worry, but it dwindles as soon as those concerned become accustomed to their altered environments.

Firmly in the grip of deafness one finds oneself made a laughing-stock for a fault not one's own and

THE DEAF GIRL

And God in love doth give
To her defect a beauty of its own,
And we a deeper tenderness have known
Through that for which we grieve,
Yet shall the seal be melted from her ear,
Yea, and my voice shall fill it—
but not here.
When that new sense is given,
That never woke to meaner melody,
Than the rich songs of heaven—
What rapture will its first experience be
To hear the full-toned anthem swelling round,
While angels teach the ecstasies of sound!
—Ephphatha

THIS AND THAT

Our recent out-of-town visitors were the Rev. Floyd Possehl, missionary to the deaf in New York, Mrs. Ida Jaecks, Madison, So. Dakota, Mrs. H. E. Farrington, Lansing, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allwardt, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Miss Martha Mezzner, New York City, Howard Qually, Fargo, No.

Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Uelting, Seymour, Indiana, and Miss Esther Belcher, Department of Special Education of Lansing, Michigan.—We appreciate the following bouquet from Mrs. Louise Tracy, Director of the John Tracy Clinic of Los Angeles, California. In a letter to Mrs. Provow Mrs. Tracy writes, ". . . We know of the work of the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, and all we know of it is excellent. The daughter of one of our corresponding mothers, little Barbara Brauer is a pupil there and her work appears to be outstanding. . . You are so fortunate in having your daughter, Estelle, in such a school as the Lutheran Institute." — The John Tracy Clinic was named for the adopted deaf son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Tracy, and was established for the purpose of assisting parents by giving them information pertaining to the best methods of rearing and educating deaf children. John Tracy is now twenty years old and is attending Junior College. — The following came from Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mader of Parma, Ohio: "On May 12th, Mrs. Mader and I will celebrate our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Instead of spending money for a gift for each of us, we have decided to send the money to you for the good work that you are doing."

"In commemorating our Silver Wedding Anniversary we are forwarding to you a check for \$25.00. Sincerely, A. C. Mader." — The Institute herewith extends most hearty congratulations and wishes the celebrants the Lord's richest blessings for many more happy years of wedded life.— We wish that it were possible for us to acknowledge all such unique thank offerings in these pages, but space does not permit it.

The pupils of our school who were confirmed on Pentecost Day, May 20th, are Shirley Hubbard of Royal Oak, Michigan, Irene Kelley of Missouri, Mary Ann Oetting of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Jacklyn Searle of Port Huron, Michigan, Fred Burtzloff of Three Oaks, Michigan, Norman Davis of Silver Lake, Indiana, Henry Lukasiewicz and William McKinney of Detroit, Michigan, Peter Merutka of Chicago, Illinois, and Eugene Winans of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. — From June 19th to the 22nd our Institute will be host to the English District Convention.

From June 25th to the 30th the Walther League will hold its Seminar within our walls, and the Lutheran Deaconesses will hold their

annual conference in our midst at the same time. Arrangements for these gatherings entail much planning and work in these days of meat shortages and food point requirements. But we are happy to place our facilities at the disposal of these organizations, whose members have always been so liberal in the support of our Institute and its work. We sincerely welcome all pastors, delegates, deaconesses and W. L. students, and hope that they will enjoy their stay with us to the utmost.

By the time our readers receive this issue of the Advocate, our pupils, teachers and most of the members of the household staff will have left for home for a well-earned vacation period. A few of us consisting of Miss Caroline Kruse as housemother, Miss Marie Hartos, our bookkeeper and secretary, Miss Ruth Ludjin, our typist and clerk, Mr. Stacy, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Bellhorn and the Director, will remain to hold down the fort. Deaconesses Marie Bliefnick and Marie Twenhafel will return to us by August 1st to help us get things ready for the return of our large family of children and the reopening of our home and school in September.

Our beautiful Gloria Dei Chapel was redecorated recently. — The Ladies' Auxiliary resolved to purchase a new scrubbing and polishing machine for us. This society also replaced a dozen worn out bed springs with new ones, and purchased some new table cloths, and window drapes.

Two of our teachers received degrees in education recently. Mrs. Lucille Kirchhoff was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and Mr. Robert Schmitz received his Master of Science degree. — Mrs. Kirchhoff was also awarded a scholarship at Columbia University in New York City, where she and Miss Olive Jaques will continue their education this summer.— Miss Emily Born and Miss Elsie Forsberg received their degrees a year ago.

DEPARTED FRIENDS

The following readers of The Deaf Child's Advocate, friends of our deaf children and supporters of their school and home, have entered the Kingdom of Glory and are now enjoying eternal happiness in the presence of our Savior, Jesus Christ: Mr. Wilfred Weyforth of Chicago, and Mrs. George Harms of Peoria, Illinois; Mrs. George Toepfer, Sr., of Peru, Indiana; Mr. Geo. Haab and Mr.

Fritz Rosswag of Ann Arbor, Mr. Henry Behmlander of Bay City, Mr. Martin Buss, Mr. William Frank, Mrs. Geo. James and Mr. Ferdinand Witzke of Detroit, Mrs. Albertine Wendt of Palms, and Mr. Gustav Manthey of Vassar, Michigan; Mr. Harold W. Leistritz, Jr., and the Rev. L. A. Wisler of St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. J. S. Fladt of Columbus and the Rev. G. Luedtke of Toledo, Ohio; and the Rev. Gustav J. Schlegel of Moberg, South Dakota.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN JERUSALEM

From the *Teacher of the Deaf* published at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, we learn that the school for the deaf in Jerusalem now has twelve pupils, all boys. The school was established by an English lady, Miss Mary F. Champman, who is assisted in her work by Miss Walden. Miss Champman is now collecting funds for a building for girls. The sum of \$6,000 has already been collected.

OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL

June 10th was the day of our annual festival. This day always marks the close of our school year. Friends by the thousands again gather in our spacious grounds to worship with us and to express their gratitude to the Lord for the blessings showered upon the work of our Institute during the past year.

Pastors Luther Schuessler of Redeemer Church in Chicago, H. F. Hertwig, R. H. Wacker and N. F. Borchardt of Detroit were in charge of the main afternoon service. Pastor Schuessler preached the sermon and Pastor Borchardt interpreted the same into the sign language for the large congregation of deaf people who had assembled to celebrate the day with our many hearing friends. — The Rev. M. Haendschke, pastor of St. Thomas Church, Detroit, had charge of the evening vesper service. Both services were beautified by choir selections sung by the Detroit Bach Choir directed by Mr. Carl Munzel, St. Thomas choir directed by Mr. Walter Braun and the Detroit Lutheran Quartette under the direction of Mr. Fred Kirchhoff.

Aside from the beautiful and inspiring church services, the deaf children's program which was presented immediately after the afternoon service, and which was the

result of long planning and much hard work on the part of our good teachers, was one of the chief attractions of the day.

The arrangements for this great festival were all in the hands of our very capable Mr. Elmer Engel and his many able committee men and women who labored from early to late in order to make the festival one which will long be remembered as a complete success. The ladies of our ever-willing Ladies' Auxiliary with Mrs. Henry Zuelch and her ever-ready helpers again satisfied our many hungry guests by serving a most delicious evening dinner.

WE NEVER KNOW

I spoke a word, and no one heard;
I wrote a word, and no one cared,
Or seemed to heed.
But after half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,
Sowers of seeds unconsciously.
Our hearers are beyond our ken,
Yet all we give may come again,
With usury of joy or pain, we
never know

To what one little word may grow.
See to it, then, that all your seeds
Be such as bring forth noble deeds.

—John Oxenham

FORM OF BEQUEST TO OUR INSTITUTION

I give, devise and bequeath to the vangelical Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and located in the city of Detroit, the sum of and the receipt of the Treasurer of said corporation shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor for same.

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