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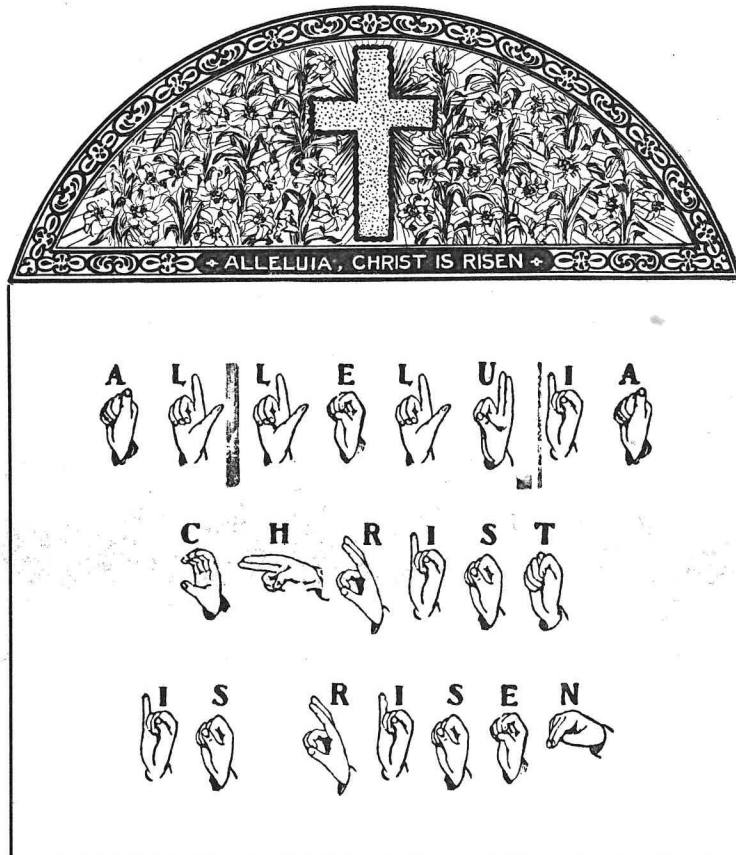
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Our Work Among the Deaf in the Eastern States

"If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is christ not risen: then is our preaching vain."

1 Cor. 15, 13, 14.



"But now is christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

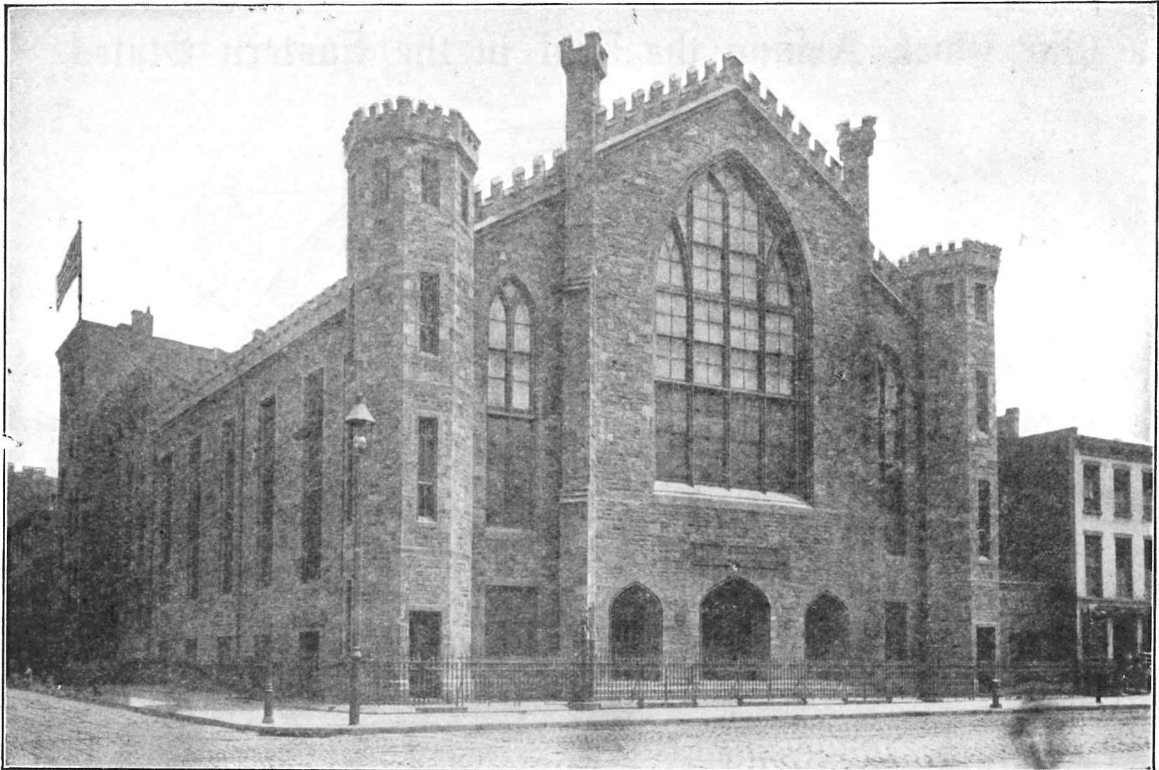
1 Cor. 15, 20.

"Christ is risen!" This Easter message full of hope and joy is being brought also to the deaf of our country in more than 100 cities. During the Eastertide the words of the Easter angel will be spelled on the fingers, as shown above, and also be given in the sign-language by our 16 missionaries. This number of "The Deaf Lutheran" will tell you of our work especially in the Eastern states. Three missionaries, Arthur Boll, Otto C. Schroeder, and Ernest J. Scheibert, are preaching in this territory to the deaf of twenty-seven cities in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut.

NEW YORK MISSION

The impetus to take up work among the deaf in New York came from the aggressive Mission Board of the then newly organized Atlantic District. They pleaded for an inspection and called attention to the schools for the deaf. Accordingly a six weeks' canvass was made, at the end of which two services for the deaf were conducted, 12 and 15 deaf attending respectively.

On Easter, 1913, the first confirmation took place, and soon after there was organized the St. Matthew Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. However, the district underwent a change, Jews and Italians now surrounded the old landmark. Old St. Matthew Church was sold. We worshipped with a remnant of the old congregation in a store, but the attendance did not reach its previous mark. However, we were organized. Our congregation had a



OLD ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY,

now torn down, where first Lutheran services for the deaf were held in New York and where the confirmation of the first class of deaf took place on Easter Day in 1913.

The Board for Deaf-Mute Missions therefore tendered a call to the writer who moved to New York in the fall of 1912. The oldest Lutheran Church in the country was secured as a place of worship. The news of regular divine services was broadcast and the attendance was fair from the start. Interest increased. The Mission grew apace! Classes of instruction preparing for confirmation were organized which met after the services and during the week. At times the greater part of the assembly remained for the instructions.

number of faithful men and women who were willing to stand by God's word and Lutheran doctrine, be the place of worship ever so humble. We then resolved to hold services in Brooklyn and Manhattan, taking the morning for the Sunday-school, the afternoon for the Manhattan, and the evening for the Brooklyn service. However, a few years of effort proved that the splitting up of the membership was not justified.

Our attention about this time was called to three pupils of Lutheran faith at the New

York Institution for the Deaf. The principal agreed to send, under escort, to a place of worship any pupil who had the written consent of his parent or guardian. Thereupon a class was begun in upper Manhattan, in the parish house of St. Matthew Church. The number increased to 12 later on. To-day this class numbers 22 pupils, who meet every week to receive instructions in Bible history and Luther's Catechism. The older pupils assist in hearing recitations and also teach the younger ones to render Luther's Catechism in signs. From this source we have received material for the confirmation class which meets on

At our Christmas festival in St. Luke Church, when a program is rendered by the pupils of the Sunday-school and adult members, we have had as many as 200 deaf. At present there are six deaf under instructions, three from the School, two adults from Manhattan and Queens, and one from distant Throggs Neck. Recently two more have applied, one a Jew, and the other an Austrian.

The New York Mission for the deaf extends also beyond the confines of Greater New York with its 5 counties. In Kingston services are held attended usually by six deaf. In Albany the usual attendance is 10, but has



New York Congregation of Deaf on the day of its 10th anniversary in 1923, praising the name of our risen Lord and Savior.

Saturday morning. These pupils by no means all live in the city. We have had children from Kingston, N. Y., far-away Schenectady, and even from outside of New York State.

The congregation now resolved to hold services in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brooklyn. Here the adult members meet for divine services every Sunday, coming from the five boroughs of Greater New York. Instructions preparing for confirmation are given in the section in which the members of a class live. In this manner 69 deaf have been instructed and confirmed. Some of them have been removed from us by a blessed death, some have moved away, others have left us of their own accord. At present we have 44 communicant members.

been as high as 20. In Schenectady we have found two pupils, who are now attending the New York Institution and also attend our Sunday-school. At Gloversville there is one lone deaf from our circles and occasional services have been held there. In Meriden, Conn., we have two deaf confirmed in our Detroit School, and services there are attended by 8 deaf. In Holyoke, Mass., we have one confirmed member, who is seen regularly in the church of his hearing brethren. The services there have been attended by as many as 20 deaf.

In conclusion we might add that St. Matthew Lutheran Mission to the Deaf has a chapel fund of \$5,000, the bulk of which was contributed by the deaf themselves. They



REV. ARTHUR BOLL,

pastor of New York congregation, who for a little more than 25 years has been bringing the glorious Easter message, "He is risen!" to many deaf.

look forward to the day when they can erect their own house of worship in which the saving Gospel will be preached in all simplicity for the glory of our risen Lord and the salvation of souls.

A. B.

CLEVELAND MISSION

With the exception of a few months prior to 1921 the deaf of Cleveland have been served by Lutheran missionaries residing in other cities. Pastor Boll first came from Toledo, Ohio, to preach to a number of Lutheran deaf in Cleveland during the year 1910. Visitors from the Episcopal mission, who at that time had no weekly services, increased the attendance. Since those days, however, they have acquired a church property where services are being conducted every Sunday. In the past few years also the Catholic Church has started to hold meetings for its deaf every week. Deaf from our circles in Cleveland grew up, to a great extent, in the Episcopal Church, which for many years has made Cleveland one of its chief centers of activity among the deaf. There was no Luth-

eran mission for the deaf in this city prior to 1910.

At this writing Cleveland has a resident Lutheran missionary. The territory includes



REV. O. C. SCHROEDER,

pastor of Cleveland Mission, who for almost 14 years has been preaching to the deaf, "Jesus lives."

six other cities in Ohio as well as three cities in Pennsylvania and one in New York State. The Lutheran work among the deaf in the city of Cleveland is divided into three separate activities. Its total membership is at this



OUR CLEVELAND DEAF,

who with us rejoice in the finished salvation of our risen Lord Jesus.

time forty-two souls. We have a Bible class for the "Hard-of-hearing," a Catechism class, composed of pupils from the Cleveland Day-school for the Deaf, and then the Lutheran



OUR PITTSBURG DEAF,
who also rejoice with us, saying, "The Lord is risen, indeed."

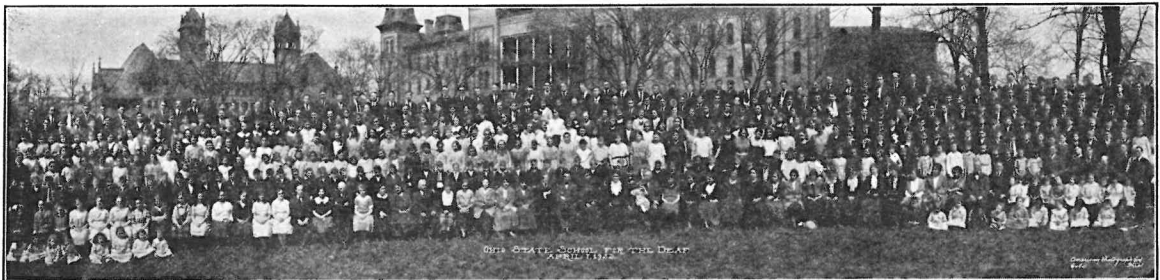
Deaf Congregation. In addition to the work in the city of Cleveland the missionary serves the Ohio School for the Deaf, which has at the present time the largest enrolment of any school for the deaf in the country, as well as Gallaudet College, the only college for the deaf in the world. By request of the superintendent at Columbus the missionary addresses the entire student body of five hundred and thirty pupils and instructs thirty-seven Lutheran pupils in Luther's Catechism. At Gallaudet College we have fourteen Lutheran students who attend Rev. Wenchel's church and receive the sermon by means of an interpreter. The Cleveland missionary makes occasional trips to the college for a sermon in the sign-language and a Communion service.

The Cleveland territory includes also a deaf congregation and the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, Pa. Both, the Cleveland and Pittsburgh congregations, have building funds which they hope to use within the

next year or two as a down-payment on a church property.

Since 1921 the large class of Lutheran pupils at the Ohio State School for the Deaf in Columbus has been a particular joy to the missionary. Last year one of the class after his confirmation addressed, with the consent of the superintendent, the entire student body and faculty at a regular chapel service, explaining to them the way to salvation as he had learned it from Luther's Catechism. We wonder how many of our hearing confirmed youths would request the privilege to address six hundred of their fellow high school pupils and teachers on that important subject.

Missionaries realize that they are unable to convert sinners to Jesus by their own power. All that is required of them is that they be faithful in sowing the seed of God's Word into the hearts of men. God has promised the blessing, and we are happy to state that His promise has been accomplished also in the



INSTRUCTORS AND PUPILS OF THE OHIO STATE SCHOOL,
to whom Rev. O. C. Schroeder preaches upon the request of the Superintendent. Among the pupils are 37 Lutheran children whom he instructs regularly in the way to life through our victorious Lord.

Cleveland territory of Lutheran missions to the deaf. To Him alone be all glory.

O. C. S.

DETROIT MISSION

The first Lutheran service for the deaf in Detroit was conducted by the Rev. Enno Duemling, now of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1901. Rev. Duemling was at that time pastor of Emmaus Congregation, but occasionally preached the Gospel to the few deaf who came to "hear" him. The first man



REV. E. J. SCHEIBERT,

pastor of Detroit Mission, who also preaches the Risen Christ.

who was gained and who continued a member of Rev. Duemling's hearing congregation until Rev. Arthur Boll began to serve the Detroit congregation of deaf about the year 1905, was Mr. J. T. Berry, who, by the grace of God, is a hard worker for our church to this day. Rev. Boll served Detroit from Toledo, and about 10 deaf of the Lutheran faith met regularly every month for services in the down-town Trinity Lutheran Church.

When the pastor in 1911 was called to New York City, the congregation had already grown to a communicant membership of 18.

However, before his departure for his new field, Rev. Boll installed Rev. Otto Schroeder as the new pastor of the congregation. Rev. Schroeder made Detroit his residence. At this time the great industrial boom began in Detroit and both men and women flocked to Detroit in search of work and opportunities. Of course, among them were also many deaf, and also a few of the Lutheran faith. These, together with newly confirmed members increased the membership to about 53 by January, 1918.

Rev. Schroeder was now called to the vacant Kansas City field and the Detroit Mis-



OUR SAVIOR CHAPEL, DETROIT,

property of Rev. Smukal's Congregation, where the Living Christ is preached to the Detroit deaf.

sion was again without a pastor. During Rev. Schroeder's pastorate the congregation was formally organized, weekly services were started, and a new place of worship was secured through the kindness of Rev. Smukal's congregation which donated the use of their old chapel to the deaf. The deaf immediately set about to decorate this building inside and outside and to install pews and an altar so that they could dedicate the building to the service of the Triune God in July, 1915. After Rev. Schroeder's departure Rev. Gielow, the Superintendent of the Deaf-Mute School, assented to become pastor-in-charge of the Detroit flock and continued in that capacity till the spring of 1923.

At present we have a membership of 60 and services are conducted every Sunday morning in our temporary chapel on Pulford and Meldrum. The Ladies' Aid Society has been active for a number of years and has helped to work for a building fund to which it has thus far donated \$469.00. It is a matter of uncertainty just how long we shall be able to continue to occupy our present quarters. For that reason the congregation is gradually gathering a fund for a church home of its own. The congregation, although it will exert itself to the utmost, will hardly be able to bear the entire burden itself when the time is at hand



**DETROIT CONGREGATION OF
DEAF-MUTES,**

for whom also Jesus died and rose again.

to build. Then we shall call upon the lovers of Zion and ask them to lend a willing hand and purse that the kingdom of God may come to the deaf of our city and many be saved by the word of God and Luther's doctrine pure.

Although we now have our headquarters for the Michigan field in Detroit, this city was not originally the center from which the surrounding stations were served. It was in 1911 when Detroit became the home city of the missionary, who served this field. This change was warranted because of the rapid growth of Detroit at that time.

However, the other stations were not neglected because of that change. Toledo, Ohio, where we now have 20 communicants, continued to receive the service of the missionary once every month; Ft. Wayne, Indiana, also, where preaching for the deaf was begun 30 years ago by the Rev. A. Reinke, of Chicago, the pioneer worker for the Lutheran deaf of this country, continued to receive regular

monthly services, first being served from Chicago and later from Detroit. We have a faithful flock of 17 communicants in our Ft. Wayne congregation.

Besides these three organized congregations, the following stations are being served by the Detroit missionary: New Haven, Michigan, with 6 communicants, Flint, Michigan, with 5 communicants, and Saginaw, Michigan. Of the 20 Lutheran pupils at the State School in Flint, Michigan, 15 are being instructed twice every month. E. J. S.

“I am the Resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.” John 11, 25-26.

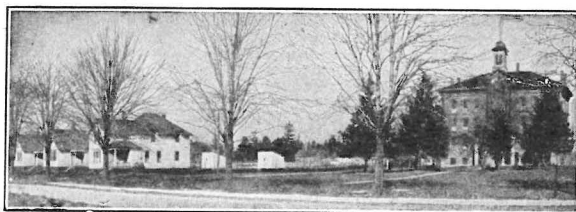
“Jesus Christ was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” Romans 4, 25.

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.” Col. 3, 1.

“If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.” 1 Thess. 4, 14.

“He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentence gives,
‘I know that my Redeemer lives!’”

**LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF,
DETROIT, MICH.**



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