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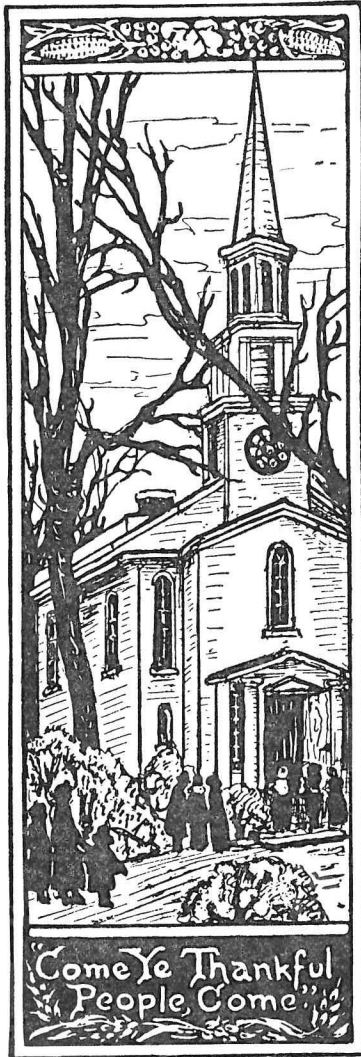
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O God, how good Thy Fatherhood!
The song of joy, the voice of praise
Could never in a thousand days
Recount Thy gifts of love. How could
We pay our debt of gratitude
In one brief day, when nation-wide
Thy people humbly come aside
To praise Thee for the plentitude.

We have not felt the woes of war,
Though other nations plunged in strife
Now mourn the toll of life for life.
Not ours to boast that near and far
Our stars of peace and plenty shine;
'Tis Thy great gift of grace. And yet
How soon the sons of men forget
That this great boon of peace is Thine!

God of the nations, hear our prayer
And praise! Oh, let Thy people sing
A hymn of homage to their King.
Bow down our hearts lest we should bear
A boastful pride. O let us see
That in the strength of far-flung fame
Thou art supreme. Let Thy great name
Exalted be from sea to sea.

The fields are full. "The valleys stand
All thick with corn; they laugh and sing."
With fruits and flowers Thou dost bring
A feast of fragrance o'er our land.
The herds upon a thousand hills
Are from Thy hand. And shall we take
These gifts of Thine, and with them make
A mammon of our selfish wills?

O God, forgive this sin of pride.
And fill our lives with love to Thee.
Oh, may thanksgiving daily be
Our song of life. Let joy abide
Within our hearts and homes, and may
The Prince of Peace, whom Thou didst give
To save from sin, within us live.
Accept our thanks, O God, this day.

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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving Day

It is well for an individual and for a nation to make the approaching Thanksgiving Day a day of repentance and prayer. Thanksgiving is practised infrequently enough; it should be prompted by love and genuine appreciation. If we thank God only for the purpose of receiving further gifts, that is not true gratitude.

God has created us, and He has certain rights with respect to us. Most men accept the gifts from the hands of a merciful God, but forget to offer thanks to the Giver. All men owe the Father in heaven thanks for His many undeserved blessings.

God extends some gifts to all men alike, and He blesses others with particular joys. We need to appreciate some of the more common of God's blessings. Plato thanked his heathen god that he was born a man, a Grecian, and a possible philosopher. How much more ought we to thank God that He has called us from the Egyptian night of spiritual darkness into the light of His glorious Gospel. Remember on Thanksgiving Day and throughout your life that God has saved your immortal soul from eternal ruin, that He has given you life in an advanced and enlightened age, that the darkness and despair of ignorance no longer need envelop you, that you may worship God in accordance with the dictates of your conscience, that you may foster the Christian education of your children unhindered by any one. All these blessings have been showered upon you in addition to the gifts common to all of us, such as life, health, food, clothing, consciousness, and the ability to think and to solve problems.

In gratitude for these undeserved blessings we need to cultivate the spirit of love and service of our Creator. Mere lips-service is an abomination to God. Jesus condemns it as hypocrisy. He says: "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Mark 7, 6.

Perhaps God has sent you also trials and tribulations. These, too, may be a blessing in disguise. Do not permit afflictions to sour your life. Sorrow and misfortunes come to all. Some people resent them with impotent rage. Christians accept them in repentance with bowed heads. Acceptance of hardships in a true spirit of obedience enriches the faithful. To them dark days are merely the preparation for future blessings. Christians look forward and not backward. Learning to be grateful for God's many blessings, especially for the fact that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sins, Thanksgiving Day and all other days are to Christians days of sincere prayer and genuine gratitude. O. C. S.

Obstacles

Skill and health are apt to make us proud, while obstacles and failures help us to cultivate humility. Through weakness and weariness God teaches men to cultivate the virtues which they neglect in health. Illness and misfortune help men to realize that health and success are from God; they develop a generous spirit and Christian tolerance toward other men.

A mighty brain, a full purse, the praise of men, all these gifts are not as great as faith in Jesus, largeness of heart, and generosity of spirit. The heart is greater than the brain. In the eyes of God a brilliant intellect is not as desirable as faith, humility and compassion. Satan is intellectual, but God is compassionate. Our heart needs training as well as our brain; the former grows as we exercise godly virtues. If we are unsympathetic and disinterested in the sorrows and sufferings of others we shall lack largeness of heart. Tenderness of spirit toward our fellowmen will help us to overcome obstacles and to forget our own weariness and afflictions. O. C. S.

Resignation

A memory comes to me tonight
Of vanished days,
When I could hear and all was right,
O dear, dead days.

The world was filled with various sounds
To me so dear,
Life seemed one long, bright, happy year,
When I could hear.

The rapturous songs of happy birds,
The hum of bees,
The plaintive whisper of the wind
Among the trees;

The faint, sweet sounds of distant chimes.
The thunder's roar;
The waves' low sobbing as they broke
Upon the shore.

In fancy I can hear tonight
Songs soft and low,
Which mother oft at evening sang,
So long ago.

It seems but yesterday I heard
Her low, sweet song;
But years have fled — I scarce can think
It is so long.

The world's a world of silence now,
The birds' soft trill
And mother's songs and evening chimes
Are hushed and still.

And yet I feel each day how good
God is to me;
'Tis true I can no longer hear
But I can see.

The glorious light that floods the sky
At rise of sun,
And misty purple shadows fall
When day is done.

Beauty in every form is spread
Over land and sea
Ah, yes, indeed, kind heaven has
Been kind to me.

My heart is grateful, love goes up
To that Blest One,
And lowly, reverently I breathe
"Thy will be done."

When this strange earthly life is o'er,
Death's angel dear
Will bear my soul to realms of bliss
When I shall hear.

Music of wondrous sweetness then
Shall greet my ear,
In that eternal glorious land
Where I shall hear.

— Marie Hughes Voss,
Oregon Outlook.

HISTORY OF OUR LUTHERAN MISSION FOR THE DEAF "The Deaf Lutheran"

Our Mission for the Deaf is dependent upon the financial support given by the members of our Missouri Synod. One of the helps to secure this support is publicity, the spreading of information concerning this mission, its needs and its success, among the members of our Church. Ever since this mission was founded, in 1894, our missionaries to the deaf have sought opportunities to acquaint the Christians of our Synod with the work among the deaf. Lectures on behalf of the mission make up a valuable share of the missionary's labors, particularly in the more populous districts of our Synod; the undersigned has spoken before 150 congregations and societies and older missionaries probably have a longer string of lecture appointments behind them. Such lectures arouse an interest among the hearing for the deaf and their salvation by the Gospel, and they make willing hearts and open hands for the support of this work. But missions need publicity also among those people who are to be served and won to faith in Christ. There is the publicity given by the missionary himself when he meets and visits the deaf who are to be served, as well as the information spread by those who have been served and have become members of the mission and Church. Added to this we have the great help of printer's ink in publishing bulletins, mission sheets, mission papers, tracts, and the like. Every missionary in every field makes use of these helps in one form or another. And nearly every mission makes use of the valuable mission paper, also our mission among the deaf. The paper which has been issued in the interest of our mission among the deaf is "The Deaf Lutheran," of which we shall tell you the life-story in this article.

When the Rev. Aug. Reinke first preached to the deaf in Chicago in the sign-language in 1894, there appeared, of course, a news item concerning this unique undertaking of a Lutheran pastor in the columns of the "Lutheraner," the official organ of our Synod published in the German language. From time to time, as events of general interest occurred, other articles appeared; the ordination and installation of the first missionary to the deaf, Rev. T. M. Wangerin in Milwaukee was told, the confirmation of the first catechumens, the dedication of the first church, services in new cities and fields, and other things were reported. Even "The Lutheran Pioneer," devoted chiefly to our mission among the negroes, would report some of these interesting and novel items from the deaf to its readers. But there was no special paper for the deaf mission, one which its members could read or in which the readers would find news only of the mission among the deaf.

The first attempt to provide regular news concerning our mission among the deaf, for the deaf to read as well as the hearing, came in October, 1901, when "The Lutheran Pioneer" gave up the last page of its large four-page paper to a department entitled "Among the Deaf." This section, however, brought only news from the deaf-mute mission field, reading matter for the Christian home being present in the "Pioneer" from the editor's table and accessible also to the deaf-mute reader. The first issue of the "Pioneer" with its page for the deaf called attention to the fact that "the Missouri Synod now has five missionaries laboring with success among the deaf of our country," it listed the following: Reinke in Chicago, Boll in Louisville, Hallerberg in St. Louis, Salvner in Minneapolis, and Wangerin in Milwaukee, with Claus in Elkhart, Ind., as a part-time worker. Sixteen preaching stations were listed in the directory on that page.

This paper was read, of course, by the hearing who had subscribed for the paper even before the deaf were mentioned in it. Now also the deaf subscribed for it and were informed concerning work of the Lutheran

Church among the deaf in various cities. That deaf did keep this paper we know to be a fact, because we are indebted to one of our parishioners (called to her rest some years ago) for an almost complete set of the "Pioneer" from the days when news of the deaf first began to appear as well as the complete file of "The Deaf Lutheran" from its very beginning. However, as the mission grew and there was more and more to be published concerning the work among the deaf, and as also a need was felt for articles on Christian life and doctrine specially prepared for the benefit of the deaf, the Mission Board and missionaries determined to have their own paper in the interest of the mission among the deaf.

So "The Deaf Lutheran" was launched. The first issue appeared in January, 1909. We have that first issue, and we will quote its first greeting to the readers: "In the name of God we launch on the sea of enterprise a new periodical which is to be published monthly in the interest of the deaf of our various missions and will be known as "The Deaf Lutheran." The purpose of the paper was stated very frankly also: "The Deaf Lutheran is to contain articles for the spiritual and moral betterment of its readers as well as news items from the various Lutheran deaf circles, thus keeping its readers in touch and sympathy with each other. It proposes to clear away misunderstandings and wrong notions as to Lutheranism. It will show what true Lutheranism stands for, what it believes, teaches, and confesses in word and deed. It is to be a Christian herald, a Lutheran instructor with the object of enlarging and improving the religious and spiritual knowledge of its readers." The first editor was the Rev. T. M. Wangerin of Milwaukee, Wis. He also had charge of the business management, the subscription price being 25 cents per annum in advance. The first issue contained the opening editorial on the first page, news on the second and third pages and part of the last page, one column on the last page was devoted to a directory listing 25 preaching stations and our school at North Detroit, Michigan. Seven men were working among the deaf. For six years Rev. Wangerin

had complete charge of the paper as its editor and manager under supervision of the Mission Board. At the end of 1914 the business management was given into the hands of the Rev. J. L. Salvner of Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. Wangerin continuing as the editor. The following summer, however, another change was made. Rev. N. P. Uhlig, of Chicago, was made the acting editor of the paper, and Rev. Salvner continued as business manager.

In 1916 "The Deaf Lutheran" appeared as a much larger paper with eight pages to its credit, pictures appeared frequently, although the price remained as before at 25 cents. In 1918 another change was necessary in the management of the paper when Rev. Uhlig was called away from the deaf. More than half a year the Chairman of the Board, at that time the Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim, of Minneapolis, edited the paper. In October Rev. Salvner accepted the editorial scissors, and Rev. Schumacher the manager's purse. In the summer of 1923, however, we again lost the manager when Rev. Schumacher was called by a hearing congregation, and Rev. W. Ferber was made the manager. He is still managing the money end of this paper to-day, with his office in Duluth, Minnesota. At the beginning of 1926 the Rev. Salvner was relieved of the arduous duties of editing the paper, and Rev. O. C. Schroeder, of Cleveland, Ohio, succeeded him, he is the man who applies the corrective pencil and scissors to these articles to-day.

With the new year now approaching the "Deaf Lutheran" will again shed its coat and appear as a twelve-page messenger. This change is being made to make room for some Bible studies, for the benefit especially of those deaf who cannot have weekly services, they will then have weekly Bible lessons for their Sunday reading with some explanations and suitable prayers from the able pen of Rev. Salvner.

We have no doubt that "The Deaf Lutheran" has done much good in its own way during the years of its existence. There have been some very appreciative expressions from readers among the deaf and among the hearing

in the editor's mail, and there has been favorable comment on the paper and its efforts to supply the needs of our deaf from the editors of other papers in our Lutheran circles. "The Deaf Lutheran" has been one means of preaching the Gospel to the deaf and to lead them in observing all things which Jesus has commanded us. (Matthew 28.) We hope that also in the future, with the Bible studies added, the paper which we issue for the benefit of the deaf will accomplish its high purpose and bring much spiritual blessing to its readers.

A. C. D.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

The Fall of Man

When God had made all things, "He saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good," Gen. 1, 31. But to-day man and all the other creatures are no more "very good." Jesus Himself tells us: "There is none good, but (excepting) one, that is, God." Matth. 19, 17.

What has happened? Read that sad story in the third chapter of our Bible. Man has sinned, man has fallen! And how did he fall? Both Adam and Eve were good and holy, they were happy in their God and loved Him, who in His great goodness said to them: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat." And then God added this commandment: "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat." Now Adam and Eve disobeyed God and did eat of that tree. And how did that come to pass? The woman said to God, "The serpent beguiled (deceived) me and I did eat." The serpent came to Eve, and in that serpent was the devil or Satan. Satan, as he always does, changed the word of God and wanted to show Eve that God is not good to them, that He is trying to keep something good from them, that eating this fruit will bring them great wisdom and glory. And when the woman reminded him that God will punish this with death, he said to her: "Ye shall not surely die." And with his lie he deceived the woman, as he still deceives the world to-day with his many lies. For when

the woman "saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat." And not she alone, no, "she gave also to her husband with her: and he did eat." Gen. 3, 6. The first man and his wife disobeyed God and sinned. "By one man **sin** entered into the world." Rom. 5, 12.

And sin separated them from their God, as was the devil's aim. At first they were glad to be with their God, but now they "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord called unto Adam, and said to him, "Where art thou? And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself," Gen. 3, 7-10. And by sin he became God's enemy, for when God asked him about the forbidden tree, he tried to blame God for it, saying, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat," Gen. 3, 12. And likewise the woman, saying: "The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat," v. 13.

Man sinned and became God's enemy, therefore "God drove out the man: and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life," Gen. 3, 24, for God is not a God that hath pleasures in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with Him," Ps. 5, 4. Man must go out with God's wrath and punishment upon him, for God had told him: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Now man was dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2, 1), he could do only wickedly, he was dead while he lived (1 Tim. 5, 6); and also the body must die and "return to the ground, for out of it," as God said to Adam, "wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3, 19); and after death follows judgment and condemnation, for sin man must be separated from God forever and go to everlasting death (Rom. 5, 18). O see what sin has brought upon our first parents! Sorrow and trouble, sickness and suffering, death and damnation!

And this misery came not only upon them, but also upon all their children, as we shall learn next time. Therefore every one of us confesses in the Second Article of our Catechism, "I am a lost and condemned creature" and need to be saved "from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil." And "Fourthly" of Holy Baptism in our Catechism speaks of "the Old Adam in us." Sin has separated Adam and his children from God, but, thanks to our merciful Lord, He promised the seed of the woman to Adam and Eve who should bruise the serpent's head, Gen. 3, 15. And this seed of the woman is none other than Jesus Christ, "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own," as we are taught in the Second Article.

Let us remember this with praise and thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day and all the days of our life! J. L. S.

"WITH THE BEREANS"

They (the Bereans) received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures (Bible) daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11.

During the month of November Americans set aside one day for the special purpose of rendering thanks unto God for all blessings of the closing year. It is, of course, perfectly proper to do this, though **every day** should be a day of thanksgiving. And we have so much to be thankful for!

A famous author said: "I hate ingratitude in a man more than lying, vainness, babbling, drunkenness." And God hates it also.

Let us be more thankful for His countless blessings!

The following verses are to be studied and remembered.

Week of

- November 4 "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully ¹ and wonderfully made; marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Ps. 139:14. ¹ beautifully.
- November 11 "O Lord, how manifold ¹ are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches." Ps. 104:24. ¹ many kinds, plentiful.
- November 18 "He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and Holy is His Name." Luke 1:49.
- November 25 "Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth ¹ forever." Ps. 136:1. ¹ stays, continues. J. A. C. B.

DEAF-MUTE CONGRESS

A congress of deaf-mutes was held in Rome on September 7. Speech after speech was made in gestures, and the entire proceedings were held in deep silence.

There are 40,000 deaf-mutes in Italy, only 10,000 of them educated in special schools. They are seeking more schools which will train them to take their places in factories and workshops on an equality with others.

—New York World.

NOTICE TO MISSIONARIES

Beginning with the month of January, 1929, "The Deaf Lutheran" will go to press on the 12th of the month. Communications intended for publication must be sent on or before the 10th of the month. O. C. S.

MISSION NEWS

Duluth Mission—Preaching the Gospel to the Deaf in Canada.

A few months ago the editor of "The Deaf Lutheran" asked us to give a report of our work among the deaf in Canada, telling, what results we have had up there. As far as the results of this trip are concerned, they have been quite visible. Mission trips into Canada during the summer months are not connected with many hardships. Train

services is excellent, due to the heavy tourist traffic. Pastors and laymen alike offered the best of hospitality. Parents of deaf children opened their doors to us, and in general it was quite a pleasant experience to work in the three western Canadian Provinces. The only thing, that could be mentioned as a hardship was the continual tired feeling, caused by the nearly daily change of climate and altitude and by the necessity of catching trains at any hour of the day or night.

Over 60 different deaf people attended our services at the different places. In these services some difficulty was experienced in the difference of signs employed by the deaf. Some of these deaf come from across the sea, others hail from the eastern Canadian schools, schools more than a thousand miles away, where signs do not correspond with the signs employed by the western Canadian deaf. Other deaf naturally had never seen a signed sermon of any kind, and although able to converse freely about everyday affairs, could not understand the religious signs. So it was quite a problem to get the sermon into such a shape and deliver it in such a fashion, that all could understand it. In order to do this, some preliminary work was done. A letter was sent to every deaf, whose name could be secured, telling him, what the contents of the sermon would be, asking him to look up the different Bible passages, that would be referred to in the sermon, besides, of course telling him the exact time and place of the services. Then at the beginning of the services the letter was again read and explained, every Bible passage was read and minutely explained. After that came the sermon. This sermon was filled with repetition, new things were both signed and spelled out. One such service in Saskatoon lasted for exactly one hour and 55 minutes. But the deaf paid attention from the very beginning to the very end. Still it cannot be said, that everyone understood everything, and we must hope, that in later visits the mutual understanding of our signs will be improved. In the Saskatoon services a deaf-blind boy from Vancouver also took part, the sermon being interpreted to him by the double hand alphabet, a seeing person spelling the entire services into his hand.

Wherever possible, deaf were gained for confirmation. In Sturgis, Sask, a small town in north-eastern Saskatchewan, 4 deaf attended services. One of them will attend my services and classes in Winnipeg, preparing for confirmation there with the other school-children. Another lady will also begin to take instruction, preparing for baptism. In southern Saskatchewan services were held in a farm-house, with three deaf attending. They will all three take up the mail course and be instructed in the one thing needful.

An important feature of this trip was the work that is now being carried on by our pastors to hearing

congregations. These pastors were given the names of all deaf school children within their reach, and were asked to see, if they could not find the parents of these children, and ask them to permit their deaf children to attend our classes in the Winnipeg school. At the rate, in which these written permissions are coming in, it seems as if this was one of the important things accomplished on this trip. The class in Winnipeg this year will have an addition of at least 8 new members.

A very encouraging farewell was given the missionary in the last services. These services were held in a town, whose existence very likely is utterly unknown to the majority of our readers. It is Brandon, Manitoba. Here 17 deaf had gathered for the services, some attending in the afternoon, and then hurrying home, for they had come a distance of more than a hundred miles, others attending in the evening, while a few were able to attend both afternoon and evening services. These deaf are already making plans to induce a larger number of deaf to come to our next year's meeting. With such a parting greeting from Western Canada, it is to be hoped, that next summer the work can be more successfully carried on.

W. F.

Minneapolis Mission—"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!" With these words deaf of Minneapolis and St. Paul gathered in Grace Chapel on October 14 with the pastor and his wife in order to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Pastor Beyer gave a brief address and deaf of the Twin Cities rendered hymns in the sign-language. Mr. Gruber, president of Grace Congregation, spoke a few words and handed the happy couple a little box containing 25 shining silver dollars. Thereupon Mr. Brueske, president of the St. Paul congregation, addressed a few words to the Minneapolis pastor and his wife and then handed them a silver wedding wreath beautifully framed with the hymn "The Lord hath brought us hitherto" printed in silver. The pastor and his wife wish to thank all most heartily for the gifts and for singing the praises of God's wonderful grace with them!

On Friday, September 28, Mrs. Martha Garrison was taken from this vale of tears to the heavenly home where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain," Rev. 21, 4. For eight years she had been lying on her back in the Glen Lake Sanitarium. On the morning of September 27 she suddenly became unconscious. Only now and then she seemed to understand what we were telling her. Since the pastor was out of town Rev. Beyer was called to her bedside and ministered to her. In the evening her pastor hurried to her death-bed and reminded her of Jesus and His blood, whenever she opened her eyes. We can sincerely hope that she now is with Christ. During her long sickness she eagerly read the Word of

God, rejoiced to have us speak to her of the Savior, was much in prayer for our work in Minneapolis and for her family. The funeral service was held in Hopkins on October 1. There her body now awaits the glorious resurrection day. "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. May these words comfort the sorrowing husband and four children!

J. L. S.

Kansas City Mission—Some times it happens during the summer months that attendance at services decreases. We are thankful to have escaped that disappointing experience this year. With twenty-nine (29) services held in the first quarter total attendance was 297. In the third quarter, ending September 30th, with twenty-eight (28) services, total attendance was 452.

Among visitors at our services at Joplin we were pleased to see Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Baynes of the School for the Deaf at Baton Rouge, La. Mrs. Baynes has been a reader of our Bible Studies for a number of years. She was formerly teacher of deaf-blind negroes at the Overlea, Maryland, school.

In the month of July Alfred Mueller was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Hanover, Kansas. Alfred received religious instruction for a number of years while attending State School for Deaf at Olathe, Kansas. Early in September Misses G. and S. Kickhaefer were confirmed at Herington, Kansas. Several other confirmations were scheduled to take place but when the day arrived our friends could not make up their minds whether to join or not, and, asked for more time to consider the matter.

While the foregoing paragraph speaks about increase of memberships we will also have to report the loss of one member, Mrs. A. Crisp of Kansas City. During her illness it was our privilege to frequently visit her and also give her Holy Communion. Before her death on September 4, she made a fine confession of her faith, confessing herself an unworthy sinner, but firmly trusting in the promises of the Lord. In memory of Mrs. Crisp and in place of perishable flowers, members and friends of Pilgrim Congregation made a "Memorial Wreath" gift of more than three dollars (\$3.00) for our chapel fund.

On August 25th, Miss I. J. Thomas of Aurora, Mo., and Mr. W. J. Hodgson of Chicago, were united in holy matrimony in the home of the bride. Mrs. J. Bowen of Springfield, Mo., "sang" the wedding march in our sign language. The ceremony included preaching of a sermon.

It has been our privilege to preach and lecture on our Mission at the recent mission festivals of Jefferson City, Mo., and Holyrood, Kans. At the latter place eight deaf friends attended. Total attendance that afternoon 660 with a collection of \$423.00 for missions. Total that day \$960.00. A. E. Ferber.