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## OH! MOTHER HANDS

O! Mother hands of balm and gracious healing,  
And cool, soft fingers that could heal and bless;  
So sure to charm the aching and the fever  
With magic power and healing tenderness.

O! Mother feet, that grew so very tired  
Treading life's pavements and its burning sands;  
Have they found rest at last and cooling waters,  
Where they may stop to loose their earthly bands?

O! Mother eyes, so quick to probe the sorrows,  
So keen to see the hurt and understand;  
Do they not shine tonight from highest Heaven,  
Bright with the old-time courage, high and grand?

O! mother heart, so wise, strong and tender,  
That has not died, nor changed, but lived and wrought  
In deeds and words, in daily work and action,  
In lovely memory and blessed thought.

O! mother love, that lives past death and parting  
That reaches still to bless and guard and guide,  
To hold me from the snare undreamed and waiting.  
To point the refuge where I yet may hide.

And oh; the things my heart hath yearned to utter!  
The joys that thrilled, the pain that seared and scarred;  
But I must wait until the sunset's splendor  
Shall hold for me its shining gates unbarred.

Past joy, past sorrow, past the driving rain  
Of tears, I see her stand and watch for me,  
And clear the sweet old Mother-word cometh:  
"My child, my child, it shall be well with thee."

—Author Unknown.



**Mother's Day***—Theodore Roosevelt—*

Let us unite in doing all we can to make the second Sunday in May a real Mother's Day, by especially honoring our mothers; in flesh, those of us who are so fortunate as to have our mothers with us; in the spirit, those who are not so fortunate.

If away from her write a good, loving letter, or telephone or telegraph to the best mother who ever lived—your mother. Send her some flowers, an appropriate present; go and spend the day with her or in some other way make her heart glad. Show her that you appreciate her and that you give her credit for a large part of your success.

Oh, there is no other human love like this, which follows the child from the cradle to the grave, never once abandons, never once forsakes him, no matter how unfortunate or degenerate he may become.

"In the shadow of every great man's fame walks his mother," says Dorothy Dix. "She has paid the price of his success. She went down into the Valley of the Shadow to give him life, and every day of years and years thereafter she toiled incessantly to push him toward his goal."

Everything that a man has and is he owes to his mother. From her he gets health, brain encouragement, moral character, and all his chances of success.

The testimony of great men in acknowledgment of the boundless debt they owe to their mothers would make a record stretching from the dawn of history to today. Few men, indeed, become great who do not owe their greatness to a mother's love and inspiration.

The first act of Garfield, after he was inaugurated President, was to kiss his aged mother, who sat near him, and who said this was the proudest and happiest moment of her life.

The woman's task is not easy—no task worth doing is easy—but in doing it and when she has done it, there shall come to her the highest and holiest joy known to mankind; and having done it, she shall have the reward prophesied in Scripture; for her husband and her children, yes, and all people who realize that her work lies at the foundation of all National happiness and greatness, shall rise up and call her blessed.

**Mother Love Thing Divine***—Buffalo Courier-Express—*

In the secret places of the heart there is an inmost sanctuary. The door opens only to God—and to one other. A man may lack religion in the accepted sense; may lack honor in the eyes of his fellowmen; may lack virtue, lack strength, lack everything almost that life requires. Yet, with that inmost shrine inviolate, there is hope for him. And in her who, with God, has place in that sanctuary, always there is faith.

Because of the sacredness of the relationship, it is difficult for men to speak or write readily of mothers, motherhood, mother love. For that reason, much that has been said and written as to Mother's day is weak, inadequate, hackneyed. It is difficult for those of the less demonstrative races publicly to proclaim their deeper emotions whether the subject be one's mother or one's God.

The average man or woman, striving to voice or depict that which is holiest, feels need of a medium of expression exalted beyond average powers. Motherhood and true religion are more than akin. They are inseparable, inseparable. Great painters of the Renaissance wrought marvels with sacred subjects. But divine inspiration and human craftsmanship blended most magnificently when the greatest among them drew Madonnas.

Through all the centuries, the pains, the joys, the sorrows, the sacrifices, the triumphs of motherhood have provided a bond joining humankind with the Divine Mystery. She who has gone down into the Valley of the Shadow that a soul may come on earth has offered a sacrifice not of this world alone. So, in the years that follow, time and again, she divinely makes new sacrifices in behalf of that same soul for whose life she walked with death.

When the Magnificat is chanted, only a mother truly can hear the exultant glories of the song of The Mother 19 centuries ago. And only a mother's eyes can pierce the mists of time, clearly to see Her who stood by the Cross at the place called Golgotha.

In the secret places of the heart there is an inmost sanctuary; and the door opens only to God—and to a mother.

The greatest thing in the world is LOVE.  
The highest human embodiment of love is MOTHER.



### He Loved His Mother

The following sketch of a ragged newsboy who had lost his mother is full of touching interest. In tenderness of his affection for her, he was determined that he would raise a stone to her memory. His mother and he had kept house together, and had been all to each other, but now she was taken, and the little fellow's loss was great. Going to a cutter's yard and finding that even the cheaper classes of stone were far too much for him, he at length fixed upon a broken shaft of marble, a part of an accident in the yard, for which the proprietor kindly named such a low figure that it came within his means.

There was much yet to be done, but the little fellow was equal to the task. Next day he conveyed the stone away on a four-wheeled cart, and managed to have it put in position. The proprietor, curious to know what the boy had done with the stone, visited the cemetery one afternoon, and he thus describes what he saw and learned:

"Here it is," said the man in charge; and sure enough, there was our monument at the head of one of the larger graves. I knew it at once.

Just as it was when it left our yard, I was going to say, until I got a little nearer to it and saw what the little chap had done. I tell you, boys, that when I saw it something blurred my eyes so I couldn't read it at first. The little man tried to keep the line straight, and thought capitals would make it look better and bigger, for nearly every letter was a capital. I copied it, and here it is, but you must see it on stone to appreciate it.

My mOTHER  
SHEE DIED LAST WEEK  
SHEE WAS ALL I HAD.

SHEE SED SHEAD Bee WAITING Fur

And here, boys, the lettering stopped. After awhile I went back to the man and asked him what further he knew about the little fellow who bought the stone.

"Not much," he said, "Not much. Did you not notice a fresh little grave near the one with the stone? Well, that's where he is. He came here every afternoon for some time, worked away at that stone and one day I missed him, and then for several days. Then a man came from that church that had buried his mother and ordered a grave dug by her side. I asked if it was for the little chap. He said it was. He had sold

his papers all but one, and was hurrying along the street out here. There was a runaway team just as he was crossing and—well, he was run over and did not live but a day or two. He had in his hand an old file, sharpened down to a point that he did all the lettering with. They said he seemed to be thinking of that until he died, for he kept saying, 'I didn't get it done; but she'll know I meant to finish it, won't she? I'll tell her so for she will be waiting for me,' and boys, he died with those words on his lips."

When the men in the cutter's yard heard the story of the boy the next day, they clubbed together, got a good stone, inscribed upon it the name of the boy and the touching, expressive words: "He loved his mother."

When the stone was put up the little fellow's Sunday School mates, as well as others, were present, and the Superintendent in speaking to them told them the little fellow had loved Jesus and tried to please Him, and gave utterance to this high encomium: "Children, I would rather be that brave, loving little newsboy, and lie here with that on my tombstone, than be king of the world and not love and respect my mother." The little newsman has left a lesson to the world.—*Exchange in Western Pennsylvanian.*

### This Is What The Mothers Do

Playing with the little people

Sweet old games forever new;  
Coaxing, cuddling, cooing, kissing,  
Baby's every grief dismissing,  
Laughing, sighing, soothing, singing  
While the happy days are winging—

This is what the mothers do.

Planning for the little people

That they may grow brave and true;  
Active brain and busy fingers  
While the precious seedtime lingers,  
Guiding, guarding, hoping, fearing,  
Waiting for the harvest nearing—

This is what the mothers do.

Praying for the little people

(Closed are eyes of brown and blue),  
By the quiet bedside kneeling  
With a trustful, sure appealing;  
All the Spirit's guidance needing,  
Seeking it with earnest pleading—

This is what the mothers do.

Parting from the little people

(Heart of mine, how fast they grow!)  
Fashioning the wedding dresses,  
Treasuring the last caresses;  
Waiting then as years fly faster  
For the summons of the Master—

This is what the mothers do.

*The Lutheran.*



## JOSEPH H. DODSON, BIRDMAN

Joseph Dodson, more than any other one man, has taught the American people to conserve bird life by providing suitable homes for the birds at a reasonable cost.

That Joseph H. Dodson is an authority on birds there is no doubt, one of the greatest, his friends say, since Audubon. Not only is he a lover of birds himself but he has made the American public "bird conscious!"

No place is too poor to have a Dodson Bird House; nor too rich. The blessed little birds don't distinguish between poor and rich when it comes to home-making time for them!

Many who have only a little patch of city garden have induced Song Birds to live with them by putting up these inviting houses.

The building of bird houses has been a hobby of Dodson's for years. It all grew out of his helping his mother to patch up the broken wings and broken legs of passenger pigeons which were wounded in the orgy of killing that finally made extinct this beautiful species of American bird.

Then and there he resolved that he would do something to help birds and to help humanity to appreciate birds.

Throughout his youth and his early manhood, and his middle age, Joseph H. Dodson was a busy man, but not so busy but that he spent all his spare hours designing and redesigning building and rebuilding bird houses.

Not content to study the feathered creatures and to write learned treatises about them—although he has done a great deal of that too—he turned his knowledge to supplying the birds with the proper kind of food and shelter, to protecting them from their enemies and to showing the public their economic as well as their aesthetic value.

Moreover, he made it pay, but that is because he is a good business man. To make money is not the sole object of his business. Birds have made his life happier and he wants to pass on the good word and the good work.

In his investigation, Mr. Dodson soon discovered that birds have pronounced likes and dislikes and that they are fastidious in their tastes concerning dwelling places.

They are almightily particular!

True too with regard to their favorite foods and feeding habits, they are particular!

He patiently investigated foods and feeding habits of birds, until he became the foremost authority in the land.

He put up bird houses and more bird houses about his home and his garden. After a little, neighbors and visitors began to notice the wonderful variety of song birds he was attracting, and then they too wanted bird houses!

Therefore, he made and gave away literally hundreds of bird houses before he was practically compelled to put his bird house enterprise on a commercial basis.

Now he has a well developed business which is at "Bird Lodge," Kankakee, Illinois—a business which brings happiness to the maker of it and happiness to the patron of it as well.

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Deforestation of this country and the growth of the great cities is responsible for the decrease in bird life, says Mr. Dodson—and that the restoration of bird life is more desirable from an economic viewpoint than from a purely aesthetic one.

The native birds of America are worth millions upon millions of dollars yearly in the service they give by destroying insects and thereby protecting our grains and fruit trees. The loss to the country through the destructive work of insects has been estimated as high as \$800,000,000 a year.

For this reason alone they deserve a home and our protection.

As for Mr. Dodson, he is a Past President of the American Audubon Society, a sustaining member of the Illinois Audubon Society, a life member of the Michigan and Missouri Audubon Societies, member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the American Ornithologists Union, the Wilson Ornithological Club, the Meriden Bird Club, and the American Forestry Association.

With bird life as the heart and soul of his activities, he has nevertheless won fame as a writer, a lecturer, a scientist, a manufacturer, and a philosopher. He has achieved happiness by bringing happiness to others!

"Make Friends with the Birds," that's his slogan!—*The Roycrofters*.



## HERE AND THERE AMONG THE DEAF

### Carver of Church Altar

Ewald Emling of Waukesha, a member of Milwaukee Division, and employed by the Manhowoc Church Furniture Company as a wood carver, was assigned to carve floral pieces on a twenty-one foot oak altar for the Catholic cathedral in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The firm considers this the most outstanding work of the kind it ever turned out, and critics consider it one of the most elaborate designs ever carved from oak wood. The altar is now being installed in the cathedral.—*Catholic Deaf-Mute*.

### Invents New Calendar

Mr. Jacques Amiel, a deaf resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., who with his wife came here from France, has just received copyrights of a new style calendar. It is very useful in business, social engagements, etc. It gives corresponding days of the week of any given date.

The engraving of it was done by the Crescent Engraving Co., of which Mr. Emanuel Souweine, a deaf man, is the sole proprietor and the printing was done in the printery of Mr. Moses Schnapp, also deaf.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

### A Deaf Inventor

Mr. J. T. Cranwil has been completely wrapped up in his inventive work, burning midnight candles. He maintains a first class experimental work shop in one of his rooms. On one side is a work bench with a small automatic drill, heavy vise and many other tools with which he ably performs his work on some devices. It is nearly as complete a little work shop as one could wish for. He already has two patents pending in the United States and Canada. He expects to file applications for similiar ones in Germany, Switzerland and other countries. He hopes to be able to get the third patent in the near future.—*Kansas Star*.

### Deaf Blind Man Making Good

Fresno, California:—Mr. Berry Hancock, Fresno's deaf-blind man, wife and baby spent the day—Sunday recently with the Mayers in Selma. This plucky young man is winning the admiration of everybody. He is never idle and can do so many things, is so cheerful and is really more of a help than a burden. He is still as handy with hammer and saw as he was before losing his sight two years ago. He does repairs about the house and has put in many little

conveniences to make work easier for his wife. He has perfected a broom holder of his own design and make and has been making some sales on it—really a marvel for neatness and accuracy of make, for one who is blind.—*Ohio Chronicle*.

### Concerning the Deaf

About this time every year, Mr. Selwyn Oxley, principal executive of the Guild of St. John of Beverley, "Ephphatha" House, 5 Grange Road, Ealing, London, England, sends out literature about work among the deaf and the hard-of-hearing of Great Britain, accompanied with a special calendar that contains brief reference to historical facts, concerning the early efforts and progress in educating the deaf of different nations over a period of one thousand two hundred years—from the time of Venerable Bede to our own Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

The Annual Report mentions the fact that there are over 40,000 deaf people (exclusive of the hard of hearing) in the United Kingdom of Great Britain. He also asserts the astonishing information that there are "upwards of 1000" deaf-blind within the islands that constitute Great Britain.—*Deaf Mutes' Journal*.

### A Deaf Artist

Granville S. Redmond, graduate of this school in the nineties, had an exhibit of his paintings at the Ilsley Galleries, Los Angeles, during the week ending January 14. Redmond, while a pupil here, showed great talent under Mr. Theophilus d'Estrella, art-instructor. After graduation he studied at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art and then went to Paris where he afterwards exhibited at the Salon. At that time Douglas Tilden, another of our talented graduates, was in France pursuing his studies in sculpture. Redmond then returned to California and began his landscape paintings which won him fame. At present he has a studio in Hollywood in the Charles Chaplin film location. He is a great favorite with the actor and he has made many suggestions to Mr. Chaplin in filming his pictures. He even taught him the finger alphabet which he uses readily when conversing with the deaf artist. Redmond's large canvas, "On the Seine," hangs on the wall in the living room of our Principal's residence.—*California News*.



## ALUMNI AND OTHER DEAF

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leitch spent Sunday, April 23, visiting with their daughter, Vivian.

Miss Mabel Tippet spent a few hours at the school on Sunday, April 30, in the company of her sister Lillian.

Word has just reached us that a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Downes of Washington, D. C. She arrived on the 21st of April.

Mr. Roland Murray motored to Youngstown, Ohio, with a friend on the fourth and returned on the sixth of May. This was his first trip west thus far.

Mr. Alan Cramer acted the host at a party given to the Five Hundred Club at his home on April 20. An old time buffet luncheon was served during which the prize winners were announced.

After spending a month or so at the home of his relatives in Baltimore. Mr. Abe Stern departed for Tarrytown, N. Y., where he is now employed in a branch factory of the Fischer Body Works.

Mrs. August Wriede and daughter, Augusta, spent several weeks at the home of her husband's mother in New York City. Daddy August joined them on Easter and later brought them back to the Monumental City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Faupel entertained a number of friends at their home on the night of April 18 in honor of Miss Tillie Faupel who was visiting the couple at the time. Cards were played and refreshments served, to while away the hours.

Mr. Gervaise Neale and Mrs. Florence Wyrick quietly slipped out of Washington one day in the middle of March and were married at Gettysburg, Pa. However they did not keep their secret long, for their friends gained knowledge of it in some manner.

A new type of strawberry has been developed by Mr. P. H. Dorsett, veteran government horticulturist. It is named the Dorsett Strawberry in honor of Mr. Dorsett. The new berry is said to be delicate but delicious, and well adapted for shipping purposes. Mr. Dorsett is a cousin of Dorothy Dorsett, who is a pupil of our school.

Miss Rowena Nicol, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Nicol was recently operated on for appendicitis. At this writing she is up and about and none the worse for the missing appendix.—*D. M. Journal*.

Business brought Mr. and Mrs. Nicol to Frederick on April 28 and we had the pleasure of conversing with them for an hour or two.

With the advent of settled warm weather which is due soon, we will witness Mr. Leonard Downes shooting the "pill" across the home plate of the ball diamond to get himself in trim for the summer when he will pitch in the Washington County Baseball league. He has affixed his name to the dotted line on the contract to play with the Sharpsburg team this summer.

Mr. Joseph Volluse who has the knack of applying his hands to many a trade sent Mr. Faupel a fur cap recently for use by actors in plays given by the Ely Literary Society when occasion demands. The cap is unique in that it is made of the skins of three animals—a skunk, an opossum, and a ground hog. Joe himself trapped the animals tanned the hides and sewed them together to make the cap.

A Social was held at Christ M. E. Church on Saturday night, April 22, under the auspices of the Baltimore Division, N. F. S. D., to celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of the division's founding. The hall was filled. Several reels of entertaining silent movies were shown by Mr. Ray M. Kauffman. There were light refreshments. But the feature of the event was the formation of a Ladies' Auxillary. The following served as a committee to complete arrangements: Mesdames Rebal, Leitner, Feast and Dilworth.

We enjoyed the company of Rev. Arthur D. Bryant of Washington who was the school's guest on May 6 and 7. An address was delivered by him before the Ely Literary Society at its meeting on Saturday night. Most of the adult deaf of the city attended the meeting after which a social was held in the library.

In 1880 Messrs Arthur Bryant, John Hotchkiss and John Saxton rode Columbia high wheelers to Frederick and attracted a huge crowd of persons who had never seen such machines before.



**Philip J. Gehb**

Mr. Philip J. Gehb, late of Baltimore, was born on February 5, 1860. An attack of scarlet fever at the age of two deprived him of his hearing. He was admitted to the Maryland School September 16, 1868, therefore he was one of the very first to be enrolled when school was held in the Old Barracks. Seven years later he left school. He was a trucker and made a success of his business. His 20-acre farm was located near Mt. Winans, Md. Of thrifty habits, he saved and accumulated a large bank account, also he owned several pieces of real estate.

Mr. Gehb was thrice married and death visited his home and left him a widower thrice. Miss Ollie Linthicum, married him in 1896. The second Mrs. Gehb was Kate Webster. Several years after she died he cast about for a helpmate and while in Charleston, S. C., he married Miss Lizzie D. Hamlin.

Mr. Gehb took a warm and lasting interest in everything pertaining to church affairs. When the church was acquired a debt was incurred. He gave freely to help wipe out that debt, once donating \$2000. He made other gifts.

At the time of death, which occurred from cerebral hemorrhage at break of day April 7, he was aged 73 years and 2 months. In his will he bequeathed \$5000 to the Christ Church for deaf and \$1800 to a sister and friends and directed that the residue of the estate estimated at \$8000 be given to the same church.

**Fifty Years Ago, May, 1883**

James Insley has a letter from Frank Martin in which he says, "Tell Mr. Grow, my former foreman, that I set up types (long Primer) over 7280 ems in 10 hours." Frank's home is now at Grand Crossing, Illinois.

A postal card from John A. Trundle was received some time since in which he says that he will subscribe to the DEAF MUTE BULLETIN and that he enjoys excellent health and likes farming with his father on the farm near Germantown.

Mr. Grow has rented the lot adjoining his home to a firm of marble workers, Messrs Uriah A. and John Q. Lough, of Woodsboro and Emmitsburg.

**Twenty-five Years Ago, May, 1908**

Mr. A. C. Buxton made a call here on Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Benson and two children are visiting her mother in Montgomery Co., Md.

Mrs. Harry M. Kemp, who has been on a visit to friends at Deal's Island, her old home, has returned.

Mr. Harry T. Creager, the well-known deaf baseball player, is a member of the Frederick professional team.

After the May-pole dance the little May Queen, Helen Moss, treated all her faithful subjects to strawberry ice cream and cake. This was a most delightful surprise and the crowning feature of the May Day party.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be entertainment and movies held at the Synagogue House, 1916 Madison Ave., on Wednesday, May 24, at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Jewish Deaf Society. Refreshments will be served also. Come one, come all. The admission is 25 cents.

Milton Friedman, *Chairman*.

Chairman Uriah Shockley of the Western Maryland Association of the Deaf wishes it to be announced in these columns that the annual picnic of the Association will be held on the third Sunday in July—the 16th—at the same place the picnic was held last year, Conomac Park, Williamsport, Md.

**If You Were Busy**

If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.  
If you were busy being glad,  
And cheering people who are sad,  
Although your heart might ache a bit  
You'd soon forget to notice it.  
You'd be so busy you'd forget  
And doing just the best you could,  
You'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.  
If you were busy being true  
To what you know you ought to do,  
You'd be so busy you'd forget  
The blunders of the folk's you've met.  
If you were busy being right,  
You'd find yourself too busy, quite,  
To criticize your neighbor long  
Because he's busy being wrong.

—Anonymous.



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## Close of School

Commencement exercises will be held May 25, in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors. Board meeting will be held at 10:30 and the commencement program will begin at 2 o'clock. These exercises will be followed by military and scout demonstrations on the front lawn during which time refreshments will be served by the young ladies of the domestic science department.

The children will go to their homes on Thursday, June 1, and parents are urgently requested not to take the children out of school until that date. A number of activities take place during the last two or three days of school and furthermore it is impossible to get the children ready to go home on the same day that the commencement exercises are being held.

## As to Size of Normal Training Class

In the February issue of the *Volta Review* under the topic "Teacher Training Course" appears the following paragraph:—

(b) the size of the training class.

"Modern practice restricts the size of the class of trainees. In schools offering training at this time it is apparent that institutions should not attempt teacher training unless there is an enrollment of at least 10 in the training class. The expense to the institution is not justified unless the class maintains the enrollment from year to year if conditions of instruction are to be carried out as here outlined. In the field of general

education the median class enrolls approximately 17.8 members. The class for teachers of the deaf should maintain an average enrollment of not less than 10 nor more than 15."

Mr. Tillinghast has the following to say in the April issue of the *South Dakota Advance*:

"Our training classes are strictly limited in number to from two to four members, permitting more practice teaching for individuals, and more intimate contact with pupils through supervisory duties—also a more discriminating selection of candidates, than would be the case with a much larger class."

As a matter of fact is not the size of a normal training class dependent largely upon the size of the school where such training is being given, and are not the results obtained determined chiefly by the qualifications of the teachers and the aptitude of the students?

To state that for teachers of the deaf "it is apparent that institutions should not attempt teacher training unless there is an enrollment of at least ten in the training class," is not borne out by the facts in the case. How many of the most successful teachers of today come from classes of ten or more normal students? If the survey brought out such a conclusion for teachers of the deaf, it is obvious that such survey was most limited in its scope. The solution to the problem does not lie in a regulation limiting the size of a class but in a certification scheme which shall set forth the minimum requirements and see that these are adhered to.

Such a plan is now well under way and from the hearty cooperation already received it is manifest that many of the shortcomings of the past will no longer be permitted to reassert themselves.

## International Congress at West Trenton

We have purposely refrained from publishing any lengthy reports anent the forthcoming Congress which will be held at the New Jersey School for the Deaf, West Trenton, New Jersey, June 18 to 23, as the various exchanges have liberally disseminated this information. Suffice it to state that fourteen members of our staff have made reservations. A demonstration is also to be made during three of the convention dates by a group of pupils from the Mary-



land School. It is confidently expected that under the able direction of Mr. A. E. Pope, President of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and host to the joint conclave, that this gathering will be an outstanding one in our profession. Certainly no efforts have been spared that may make this conference most interesting and instructive to all in attendance.

#### *Minnesota Companion Honors Dr. Smith*

The entire April issue of the *Minnesota Companion* is dedicated to Dr. James L. Smith, who is rounding out his fiftieth year as an educator of the deaf. Dr. Smith has distinguished himself for boldly and courageously defending and promoting those methods of education which prove of most practical benefit to the deaf.

Who among us is more competent to judge than is Dr. Smith, who despite the obstacles imposed by deafness, has blazed the trail along which many another has followed with comparative ease. It is encouraging to Dr. Smith's many friends to note the following from the introductory paragraphs by Mr. Elstad: "Passing years have not dimmed his vision as far as our school is concerned. The fire of youth still burns in his heart, when the welfare of the deaf child is up for consideration."

#### *Educational Dangers of the Depression*

Probably the greatest speech in defense of education delivered during the week at the Minneapolis meeting of the N. E. A. Department of Superintendents, was that of Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin.

"A sword hangs over education throughout the United States," said President Frank. "To prevent this sword from sinking to the vitals of the whole enterprise of education, builded of the blood and sacrifice of pioneers, will demand the utmost of statesmanlike cooperation between the leadership of school and the leadership of society. This sword that hangs over education is but sign and symbol of the peril that confronts all of the social and cultural enterprises of our common life in this phase of unprecedented depression through which we and the world are passing.

"I want to state, with the utmost brevity, just what this peril is and to define, if I can, the problem it puts alike to the leadership of school and society.

"The sword that hangs over education

and the other social enterprises of government is the sword of imperative retrenchment, forged in the fires of an irrational depression. The peril lies not so much in the existence of the sword as in the way we wield it.

"That economy, drastic beyond anything we have been accustomed to think, is imperative in the conduct of local, state, and national affairs, no intelligent man will question.

"The very leadership that has done most to unbalance the nation's life is insisting that we balance the nation's budget by plunging a sword to the heart of all those scientific, social and educational enterprises to which we can look to produce a leadership for the future that will be less inept, a leadership that might conceivably use this magnificent economy of ours to free the race from drudgery, poverty, and insecurity instead of letting it starve like Midas in the midst of plenty.

"I, for one, protest the current attempt to make socio-educational leadership the scapegoat for the sins of economic leadership.

"Unless this fact is kept clear we shall see an uninterrupted increase in a propaganda that will, with insulting scorn, brand even the most self-sacrificing public servants as greedy and grasping pay-rollers. This now popular propaganda, if persisted in, will divert men of capacity and self-respect from public service for a generation to come. And our children will pay the price of this diversion."—*S. D. Advocate*.

#### *Tribute to Rev. Merrill*

The Rome, New York, *Register*, April number, features an article from the Syracuse *Post-Standard* covering the work of Rev. Herbert C. Merrill. This is a fine tribute to one of the most faithful and conscientious workers among the deaf of our land. To quote a single paragraph:

"Almost alone in his field stands this graying and kindly pastor who travels about the state most of the time, holding divine services in the sign language, celebrating holy communion, preaching, burying the dead he has ministered to during their lives, marrying deaf couples who cannot turn to a regular pastor for the sacrament of matrimony."

Would that there were more men of the type of Rev. Merrill ready to take up the work where he shall eventually leave off.



**Scout Court of Honor**

On Monday, May 1, the scoutmasters of Frederick County were entertained to a dinner given at the school following which a Court of Honor was held in the auditorium. A large number of merit badges were awarded, including one Eagle Scout badge which was presented to Norman Ford of Frederick.

Mr. Bjorlee awarded the Eagle badge and also paid a tribute to Rev. Dr. Charles E. Wehler, retiring president of the Frederick County Council. Due to ill health, Dr. Wehler has felt obliged to discontinue this work and is being succeeded by Rev. W. C. Royal, clergyman of the First Baptist Church, Frederick. A large number of deaf scouts were among those receiving merit badges. They also gave a demonstration of first aid.

Mr. Robert Nicodemus, chairman Court of Honor, presided. Brief remarks were made by Dr. Charles E. Wehler, Scout Executive Henry P. Coates and Rev. John S. Adam of Middletown. Mr. Jewett Orth of Frederick was an additional member of the Court of Honor Committee.

**Apple Blossom Festival**

A number of staff members have taken extensive motor trips during the past few days for the purpose of enjoying the gorgeous views afforded by the thousands of apple trees now in full bloom. While every one is familiar with the beauty of an apple tree in blossom, it is difficult to describe the appearance presented by such a scene when, from an altitude affording an unobstructed view, one can witness orchard upon orchard extending as far as the eye can reach. Winchester, Virginia, has for years celebrated an apple blossom festival. This event was held on May 3 and 4, and thousands of motorists from all sections of the East were in attendance.

**Death Claims Two Faithful Workers**

The deaf have recently lost two devoted friends in the passing of Miss Mary J. Purtell and Miss Juanita O'Hara. Miss Purtell, of the LeCouteulx School, had given 56 years of her life to the deaf. She was a sister of Rev. Michael Purtell, S. J., formerly of Baltimore, where he ministered to the deaf of his faith. Miss O'Hara was superintendent of St. Joseph's Institute in Brooklyn. At the Conference of Executives

held in Frederick in 1926, Miss O'Hara represented St. Joseph's School.

**Rev. Smielau Retires**

In a communication just received from Rev. Franklin C. Smielau, the announcement is made of his retirement from the ministry. Rev. Smielau has been a most active worker in the field of the deaf, not only in his official capacity with the church, but also as indicated by his being chosen President of the National Association of the Deaf, a position which he has also been obliged to relinquish upon the advice of his physician. Rev. Smielau is moving to 259 Jordan Avenue, Montoursville, Pa., where it is sincerely hoped that the mountain air may prove sufficiently invigorating to restore him again to health and vigor.

Mr. W. H. Schaub, vice-president, succeeds Rev. Smielau as President of the N. A. D.

**A Side Light on the Depression**

There is hoping this is the last year of the depression. It has been the worst in the memory of living inhabitants—the worst panic, with a mild, tame name—depression. The name probably got its start in the hope of softening the panic that was predicted, to fool the public in order to preserve the calm equanimity of the nation, but no matter under what name it started, it is not going to end without distributing a liberal quantity of bitter pills some of which are already reflected in the nationwide salary cuts and reductions in appropriations for the maintenance of educational and eleemosynary institutions, some cuts and reductions so drastic as to suggest "cutting the dog's tail off just behind his ears." This depression should have been called confusion in the first place or as Milton, if alive, might suggest "confusion worse confounded."

We can sympathize with England when she went through a gruelling depression just after her second Hundred Years' War, with France, which began in 1704. "Taxes had gone on increasing until the people could no longer bear the burden." Everything was taxed, so said Sydney Smith. "The taxes began in childhood" and the dying Englishman poured his taxed medicine into a taxed spoon, flung himself back on a taxed bed and died in the arms of an apothecary who had paid a tax of a hundred pounds for the privilege of putting him to death."—*North Dakota Banner*.

**William A. Caldwell, LL. D.**

Dr. William A. Caldwell, for a number of years principal of the California School for the Deaf, passed away at his home in Berkeley, March 22, at the age of eighty years. Dr. Caldwell's career as an educator of the deaf began at the Indiana School in 1877, and concluded by his resignation from the California School exactly fifty years later. In addition to the schools named, he had been affiliated with the Pennsylvania Institution and the Florida School. Dr. Caldwell was a scholar and a brilliant writer. The *California News*, April issue, is a memorial number in his honor.

**Miss Reinhardt's Visit**

Miss Anna C. Reinhardt, principal of the Reinhardt School for Deaf Children, Kensington, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Congdon, the latter a member of the teaching staff, and two of the older pupils were interested visitors on May 2.

**At Rotary Conference**

Mr. Bjorlee delivered an address on "Community Service" before the 50th District Conference of Rotary International at Allentown, Pa., on the afternoon of April 25, also speaking on the same subject before the 34th District Assembly held at Baltimore on April 26.

**Attend Boys' Week Movie**

On Friday, May 5 of Boys' Week, the Frederick Rotary Club again sponsored a free moving picture entertainment for the benefit of the boys of the city. Needless to add the deaf lads were present one hundred per cent.

**Inter-City Zonta Tea**

A tea was given at the school on Sunday afternoon, April 30, in honor of visiting members of the Zonta Clubs from Washington, Annapolis and Hagerstown. The local club members acted as hostesses to the occasion.

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We hear people say "had went" and "where at,"  
And make other "breaks" without number,  
Till the sound of bad English, so needless and flat,  
Is enough to cause uneasy slumber.  
But the culprits that worry us most of them all—  
I hardly know just what to style 'em—  
Are the obstinate, obdurate people who call  
A school for the deaf an *asylum*.

W. A. C. in the *California News*

**Theatre for Deaf a World Achievement**

The following clipping from *Collier's Weekly* of Jan. 14 was sent to the BULLETIN and we are glad to give it space.

Moscow is building a large theater—The Palace of Silence—for its deaf and dumb; England has completed the card records of its 30,000 racing greyhounds; and Italy has perfected broadcasting equipment which sends a message in one direction—straight to the spot and to the receiving apparatus for which it is exclusively intended.



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## ELY LITERARY SOCIETY

An Easter program was rendered at the regular weekly meeting of the Ely Literary Society held on April 15. It follows: Current Events by Walton Stancliffe; reading, "The First Easter Rabbit," by Vera Draper; essay, "Easter's Miracle," by William Taylor; stories, "Tom's Easter Gift," by Esther Steele; "Walter's Easter Eggs," by Gibson Thorpe; "Daisy's Easter," by Peggy Main; "The Iron Egg," by Charles Frye; "The Easter Gift," by Jeannette Wootten; "Alice's Easter Lily," by Edward Bodensteiner; dialogue, "A Happy Easter," by Ethel Huff, Dorothy Dorsett, Annie Meredith, Anna Menhorn and Nettie Poe and declamation, "Easter Day," by Irma Hopkins. Evelyn Wenner gave the critic's report.

April 22 the Ely Literary Society had a program rendered by the Girl Scouts in the auditorium. The audience said that they enjoyed seeing the play called, "What Every Modern Young Man Wants." The play was directed by Miss Mary Benson and her assistant was Miss McClain.

- I. Salute of the flag.
- II. The Girl Scout's Promise.
- III. Games: Book and handkerchief race, handkerchief snatch, stunt race.
- IV. The Girl Scout Laws.
- V. Play—"What Every Modern Young Man Wants."

Jack Clayton, A modern young man	Ethel Hall
Susan Jones, A Girl Scout	Mary Stump
Kate	Evelyn Wenner
Janet	Marie Meyd
Jess	Esther Lowe
Susan's mother	Geneva Cooper
Janet's mother	Edna Hall
Old Lady	Elizabeth Schafer
Old Man	Kathlyn Strosnider
Little Girl	Mildred Dick
Clerks	Helen Hook, Vera Draper, Elsie Bealmear
VI. "Taps."	

At the weekly meeting of the Ely Literary Society on April 29 silent motion pictures were shown. The subjects were "The Fair of the Iron Horse" which was held in 1927 to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and "Lindbergh." The latter reel showed the flight from New York to Paris and the receptions in his honor at Brussels, London, Washington and New York, also his good-will flight to Mexico City. The audience showed its interest by paying close attention.

*Evelyn Wenner, Secretary.*

## THE BOY SCOUTS

Monday night, May 1, the Boy Scouts of our school and a number of hearing scouts, scoutmasters and officers attended a Court of Honor held in our school auditorium.

The Court of Honor was opened with the Scout Oath. Then we had a candle ceremony when giving the Scout laws. Each of twelve scouts lighted a candle in turn.

Mr. Nicodemus, Chairman of the Francis Scott Key Council, who was in charge, awarded 163 merit badges to 43 deaf and hearing Boy Scouts.

A young man named Norman Ford was awarded the Eagle Scout badge. It is the highest honor in Scouting and every scout wants to get it. Mr. Bjorlee made an address. The badge was pinned on Norman's coat lapel by his mother.

Before the Court of Honor eight girls gave a tap dance. After the Court our boys gave a demonstration of first aid, then amused the visitors with a blindfold boxing contest. We closed the meeting with the Scoutmaster's prayer.

*Sheldon Blumenthal, Scribe.*

## GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts gave their program in the chapel on Saturday night, April 22.

Our meetings since the play have been full of plans for the week-end which we expect to spend at Camp Baker in the near future. We are also very busy working on the tenderfoot test, tying knots, learning more about our flag and memorizing the Girl Scout Promise, and the ten Girl Scout Laws. We have had one or two new games at each meeting which have been great fun.

*Elsie Bealmear, Scout Scribe.*

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

With the coming of spring, the girls have been able to play different games in the yard. They have enjoyed playing dodge ball, captain ball, slog ball and different relay races.

The older girls have been playing tennis. They have practiced the various strokes as the serve, forehand stroke and backhand stroke. They have also learned to count the score.

Among the younger girls two dodge ball teams have been formed with Doris Faupel and Cecelia Wolsky as captains.

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*Baker*  
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## MY MOTHER

I walk upon the rocky shore,  
Her strength is in the ocean's roar.  
I glance into the shaded pool,  
Her mind is there so calm and cool.

I hear sweet rippling of the sea,  
Naught but her laughter 'tis to me.  
I gaze into the starry skies,  
And there I see her wondrous eyes.

I look into my inmost mind,  
And here her inspiration find.  
In all I am and hear and see,  
My precious mother is with me.

*Josephine Rice Creelman*