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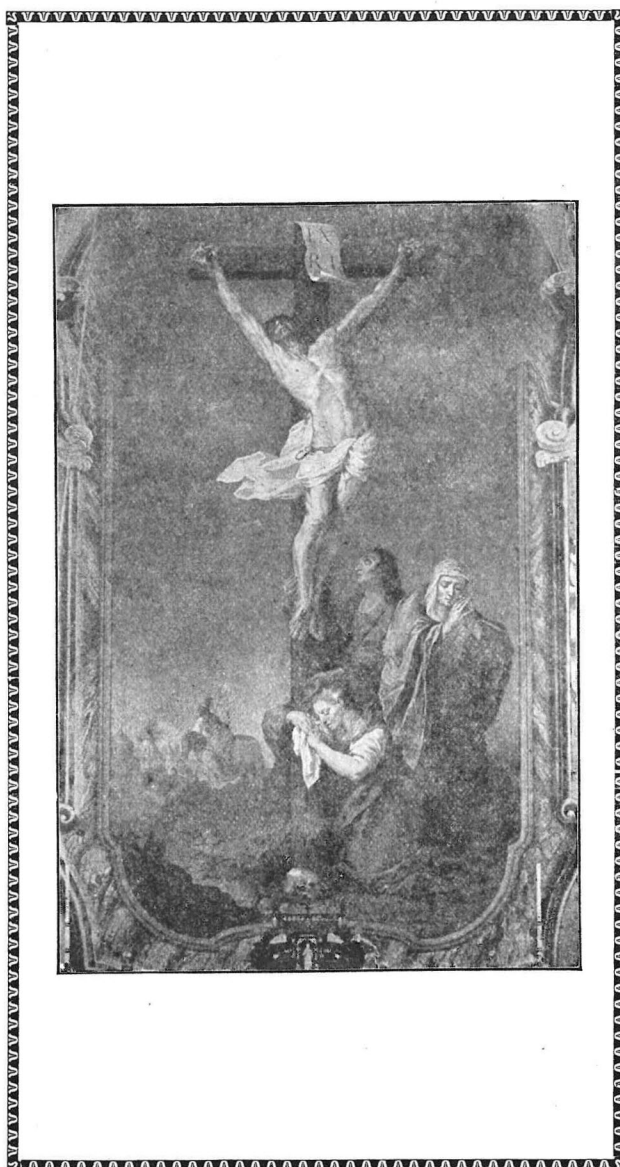
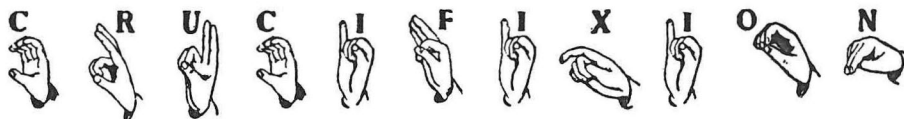
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CALVARY

Calvary,
What is it thou wouldst show to me?
Jesus hanging on the tree,
Curst, and racked by misery
On Calvary.

Calvary,
What is it thou wouldst say to me?
For your foul, accursed deeds
Jesus Christ, the Savior, bleeds
On Calvary.

Calvary,
What is it thou wouldst give to me?
On my brow is this device:
Here's the door to paradise
On Calvary.



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LENT

There is a passage in Roman history, which records the death of Manlius. He had repelled the Gauls and saved the city when all seemed lost. Later he was accused, and as he was about to be condemned, he stretched out his hands and pointed to the Capitol, towering in sight of the Forum, where he was being tried. At this the people shouted in sympathy and the judges could not pronounce sentence. The trial was resumed, but was again halted. Manlius could not be convicted until they had removed him to a spot from which the Capitol was invisible.

What the Capitol was to Manlius the Cross of Christ is to the Christian. While the sacred face of the Redeemer, covered with tears and stripes, is in view, the accusations of Satan are without effect in the presence of God. Calvary is the scene of our triumph.

On Calvary God manifested His love, giving His only begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3, 16. In this brief verse St. John includes the story of our redemption and the essence of all truths taught in the Scriptures. Luther called it the "Little Bible." It shows us how God gives and loves and how we may receive His forgiveness. God's love, as it was manifested on Calvary, is the crowning revelation of the Bible. Nature knows no pity, and forgiveness for the transgression of her laws, but the Son of God gave His life to save sinners. This abounding love should draw us to Him and make it easy for us to trust Him.

Our compassionate Savior made His sacrifice willingly. Jesus tells us: "I lay down my

life." John 10, 17. The death of Jesus was entirely voluntary. To a mere spectator of His crucifixion the death of Christ might have appeared as an event over which He had no control, but to those who know Christ's character and mission, it is plain that His death was a voluntary act. Christ possessed power to defeat all the evil efforts and designs of His foes. By submitting to a shameful death on the cross Jesus obtained salvation for sin-cursed humanity and secured the profound eternal love and undying gratitude of all His saints. Christians now serve Him joyfully and willingly obey His commandments, not to be saved by their good works, but because they are saved.

God's boundless love in Jesus prompts Him to extend this invitation to be saved to all men, to me and to you also. It is our call into the city of light and everlasting glory. May we accept it in true faith and in these days again ponder sincerely upon the suffering and death of our Savior, which was the stupendous price demanded for our deliverance; may we cherish the matchless love of Christ in offering Himself voluntarily for our salvation, knowing, also that such as reject His love, will reap only suffering, remorse, and bitterness of soul in time and eternity.

O. C. S.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY, 1929

"Christ loved me, and gave Himself for me"

Gal. 2, 20

The blessed season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 13. Lent brings us near, very near, to the suffering Savior and His cross. We hear Him say to us from the cross: "Fear not: for I have redeemed (saved) thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." Is. 43, 1. And this should urge us to say: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, 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." (Luther's Catechism.)

During Lent let us study the story of Christ's suffering and death! Daily let us think upon it and wonder! And also forget not to read these Bible Studies, one for every Sunday! They should help to make Lent rich with blessings for you. May God grant it!

Study for Sunday, February 3

"As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you"

John 20, 21

In your Bible read Luke 9, 1-9

Jesus has power over all things, and now He gives His disciples power and authority (right) over all devils, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. They should show what the kingdom of God is and how people can come into this kingdom, and by healing they should show that their word is the Word of God. Also to-day we Christians should preach the kingdom of God, and this word of the kingdom does wonderful things. By it sinners are made holy, by it men who loved sin and hated Jesus are made to hate sin and to love Jesus. No other word can do this.

And when they go out to preach, they should take nothing for their journey: no staves (walking sticks), no scrip (satchel), no bread, and only one coat. Ministers should not trouble themselves with the things of this world in their blessed work of saving souls. Why should the disciples not take these things with them? Will they not need them? O yes, but they should stay with the people to whom they preach, verse 4. These people should give them what they need. God wants those who hear the Word to support their minister. That is why we have collections and offerings for church and for missions. But if some people will not receive them? Then they should go out of that city and shake off the dust from their feet, and that will speak against them on the last day. It is a great sin to despise those who come to us with the Word of God. The disciples then went and did as Jesus told them.

Now when King Herod heard of Christ's wonderful works, he was perplexed (troubled), for some one told him that John was risen from the dead, others that the prophet Elias had appeared (come), and again others that one of the old prophets was risen. And why did that trouble him? Because he had beheaded (killed) John in prison. People who live in sin never have peace. Therefore blessed are they who know Jesus Christ and trust in Him!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 2, and answer these questions in writing: 1) Why should the disciples not take anything for their journey? 2) Why was Herod troubled when he heard of Christ's wonderful works?

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, thanks for Thy precious word of salvation. Now let us go out and spread the glory of Thy name in all the world that many sinners trust in Thee and find peace forever. Amen.

Study for Sunday, February 10

"Give us this day our daily bread"

Matth. 6, 11

In your Bible read Luke 9, 10-17

The apostles (12 disciples) came back and told Jesus all they had done. And He took them aside to a private place for a little rest. But when the people knew it, they followed Him, and the good Lord Jesus again preached to them and healed their sick. See how eager Jesus was to tell people the good word of salvation and to help them in their troubles! So eager He is to save and to help us! We have a kind Lord and Helper! Are we as eager to tell others of our Lord Jesus and kind Helper?

And this good Lord and kind Helper also is great and mighty. Jesus preached to the people, and the day began to wear (go) away. Night would soon be here. Therefore the disciples told Him to send the people away into the towns and country round about that they lodge (sleep) there and get victuals (food). But He tells them: "Give ye them to eat." But the disciples had only five loaves and two fishes, and that surely would not be

enough, for there were about five thousand men. If they should give all the people to eat, they must go and buy meat (food). But why worry? Also we so often forget that we have the mighty Lord Jesus with us and begin to worry. O see what He can do! By His blessing He can make much out of little. He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and gave to the disciples, and they gave to the people, and all were filled. Then they picked up the fragments, the broken pieces and crumbs, and filled twelve baskets. A mighty Jesus we have! At every meal look up to heaven, ask Him for His blessing and thank Him, and you always will have enough. They that first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness need not worry about food and drink and clothing as we learn from our lesson. Also read Matthew 6, 33.

And, above all, Jesus only can give us the true food also for our soul. He is the Bread and Water of Life. They who eat this Bread and drink this Water, that is, they who believe in Him, will live forever. Daily let Him feed both your body and soul!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 17, and answer these questions in writing: 1) How did Jesus show that He is a kind Lord and Helper? 2) How did He show that He is a mighty Helper?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Thou kind and mighty Helper, blessed are they that trust in Thee. Thou givest food and drink, Thou givest life and salvation. Grant that I always trust in Thee and bless Thy holy name. Amen.

Study for First Sunday in Lent, February 17

"Christ died for our sins"

1 Cor. 15, 3

In your Bible read Luke 9, 18-22

"Jesus was alone praying." He prayed much and often was alone praying. And so He wants us to go into our closet (room) and pray to our Father in secret, Matth. 6, 6. Yes, my friend, pray! Begin every day with prayer! Often be alone praying! Rich blessings wait for him who prays!

Now the disciples were with Him and He asked them what the people were saying of Him. And they told Him that some thought that He was John the Baptist, or Elias, or one of the old prophets. As it was then, so to-day people have many different ideas about this Jesus. Some tell us that Jesus is a good man, others that He is a wonderful teacher, and again others that He is a very wise man. But to-day Jesus shows us that it is not enough to believe that He was a great preacher and prophet, a good and wise man, a wonderful character. Therefore He asked the disciples: "But what say ye that I am?" and Peter answered: "The Christ of God," that is, the promised King and Savior, Son of God and Son of man. And what say you of this Jesus? Do you believe that He is the Son of the Living God come into the world to save sinners? And can you say: "He is come to save me, He is my Savior?" O then blessed are you!

Then Jesus straitly (strictly) charged (commanded) them that they should tell no man, for He first must suffer many things, and be rejected (despised) of the elders (leaders) and the chief priests and the scribes (Jewish teachers), and be slain (killed). The Jews did not believe although He had done so many wonderful works, much less would they believe if they would see Him in His suffering. So to-day many will not believe because Jesus suffered and died on the cross. They cannot understand it. It seems foolish to them. But if you like the disciples know that He is the Son of God come to save you from sin, then His suffering will make Him more dear to you. Come, during Lent daily go to the cross and see how God's Son gladly and willingly suffered and died for your sins! And rejoice in it, for He shall "be raised the third day." He will come out of the grave with the victory over death and devil! The glorious Easter Day follows Lent and Good Friday!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 20, and answer these questions in writing: 1) What say **you** of this Jesus? 2) How did Jesus show His great love for you?

Prayer: Thanks to Thee, kind Savior, for Thy bitter suffering and death. Bless the Lenten season in our hearts and let us never forget that for our sins Thou wentest into that shameful death on the cross. For this we praise Thee now and forever. Amen.

Study for Second Sunday in Lent, February 24

"If we suffer, we shall also reign (rule) with Him"
2 Tim. 2, 12

In your Bible read Luke 9, 23-27

To-day Jesus tells us that all who believe in Him must suffer with Him. They must deny themselves, that means, they must be ready to give up everything and anything for Him who loved them and died for them. They must take up their cross daily, and follow Him, that means, they must be ready to suffer shame with Him. Are you ready to give up all for Jesus?

Many will not do it, they will save their life, the things of this life; they will not suffer shame with Jesus and keep all their good things, their gold and silver, their joys and pleasures, their friends and their glory. And many people will call them blessed. But not so Jesus. He tells us they will lose their life, they can enjoy their life only a short time and then must give up all and everything they have. But they who will lose their life for Jesus, they who will gladly suffer shame for Him and give up anything, yes, their own life, they will save it. They suffer here a little while with Jesus, and then live with Him forever in glory.

How foolish that many people seek to save their life and the things of this life! That will help them nothing, for Jesus says: "What is a man advantaged (helped) if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, and be cast (thrown) away?" Woe to them who love the world and the things of this world and love not our Lord Jesus! Such a man will lose himself and be cast away. And also woe to them who will not suffer with Jesus, but are ashamed of Him! Jesus, the Son of man, will be ashamed of them when He shall come on the last day in His glory, and in His

Father's, and of the holy angels, and then they must go away into everlasting shame!

There were some standing there, some of the disciples, who did not die till they saw the kingdom of God. Some of the disciples lived till Jesus came and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. They saw how God punished those who will not believe in Him and not suffer with Him. O come, my friend, trust in this crucified Savior, be not ashamed of Him, but suffer shame with Him here on earth and you will save your life and live with Him in everlasting glory.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember verse 25, and then answer these questions in writing: 1) What does Jesus promise those who suffer with Him here? 2) What does He say of those who are ashamed of Him?

Prayer: Dear Savior Jesus Christ, O help me that I never be ashamed of Thee and Thy cross, but daily follow Thee and suffer with Thee for the glory of Thy holy name and the everlasting happiness of my soul. Amen.

J. L. S.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

The Law and Its Chief Purpose

What a pity if a man is sick, and he does not know it! He daily says, "I am not sick," and does not seek the doctor's help. But still more pitiful it is when a man does not know his sin and says, "I am not so bad; I have not done any crime," and therefore does not ask: "What must I do to be saved?" For the welfare of his soul a man must know his sin.

How can a man learn to know that he is a sinner and deserves punishment now and forever? "Sin is the transgression (breaking) of the law," (1 John 3, 4), and therefore only from the law can a man learn to know his sin. The law is a mirror or looking-glass. As a man sees his face with its spots and wrinkles in a mirror, so a man sees his sins from the law. Paul writes: "I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet," Rom. 7, 7. Therefore he also says: "By the law is the knowledge of sin," Rom. 3, 20. If any

one of us thinks he has no sin or only very little, then let him take the Ten Commandments and compare all his thoughts and words and deeds with this law, and soon he will say with Daniel: "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts (commandments) and from Thy judgments," Dan. 9, 5. Take the Law of God and see yourself as you are!

And thus this law shows us also that we are guilty before God and worthy of punishment. The law of God was written in man's heart in the beginning, and therefore Paul says of the Gentiles which have not the law: "Their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another," Rom. 2. Man's conscience tells him: "You are guilty before God." But especially we learn to know our guilt from the law as it is written in the Holy Bible. Paul writes Rom. 3, 19: "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Therefore the law also announces God's wrath and curse unto man, and he must say: "Therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him." Dan. 9, 11. When a man studies the law, he must say: "I am guilty; I have deserved God's wrath and punishment."

Therefore also Luther's Catechism urges us to study the law. In the fifth chief part of our Catechism, the Office of the Keys, we find this question: "Which are these sins?" and then this answer is given: "Here consider your station according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you," etc. And in the Christian Questions the second question reads: "How do you know that you are a sinner?" and we are taught to give this answer: "From the Ten Commandments: these I have not kept." Therefore let us praise God for the law!

But, thanks to God, in our dear Bible we find not only the law which shows us our sin and guilt and lost condition, but also the sweet gospel of forgiveness, life and salvation through faith in the bitter suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The Lenten season again holds forth the suffering Savior to the troubled sinner. Lent will be a blessing to you only if you know your sin, the cause of all His suffering. Therefore during Lent daily take the Ten Commandments and learn to know your sin, and then read the sweet gospel and turn to the cross on which God's only Son had to die for your sin and bear the punishment for you, and say:

"Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This the real cause hath been
Of Thy crucifixion." J. L. S.

"WITH THE BEREANS"

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

The month of February ushers us into the sacred time of Lent, the forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 13th, and closing with March 31st, Easter Sunday. These days should be days of sincere repentance and genuine sorrow over our sins that caused our Savior Jesus such tremendous suffering.

Study and remember the following verses during February:

February 3: "God commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30.

February 10: "I acknowledged ¹ my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity ² have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord: and Thou forgavest the iniquity ² of my sin." Ps. 32:5. ¹ confessed. ² wickedness.

February 17: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:7.

February 24: "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness sake." Psalm 25:7.

J. A. C. B.

SOWING

Every day of our lives we are sowing seed of some kind. It is essential for our best interests and for the welfare of those, who are near and dear to us, that we sow good seed.

Our actions leave impressions on all those with whom we come into contact. We influence them either for good or for evil, therefore, we should think right thoughts and practise ennobling habits. We need to read the Bible, to pray, to do acts of kindness and love, to show sympathy, and to live in the fear of God. Such practises and habits will have a blessed influence upon our relatives and associates.

Thoughts are the seeds of our actions; our deeds are the fruits of our thoughts. If we think good thoughts our deeds will be correspondingly good; if we think evil thoughts our actions will be in harmony with such thinking. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23, 7.

We need to develop a more Christian mind; the fruits of all genuine Christian thoughts are brotherly love, sympathetic understanding of our fellowmen's problems and trials, a loving heart, and a cheerful disposition. St. Paul admonishes the Galatian Christians thus: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal 6, 7-8.

O. C. S.

Then He took unto Him the twelve, and said unto them, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished." Luke 18, 31. Jesus knows all things, both things that have happened and things that will happen. Jesus also knew that the heathens, the Roman soldiers, would nail Him to the cross. This is important for us, since it shows, that Jesus did not try to escape from His enemies, but rather went to Jerusalem, to meet them. This last journey

of our Lord to Jerusalem also proves to us, that Jesus died willingly. An unwilling Savior could not comfort us when we suffer in the agonies of a guilty conscience, but a willing Savior is able to instill faith and trust into our hearts. May we see not only our sinfulness, but also our willing, merciful Savior.

W. F.

A COMMON FAULT

Amos John Traver in his little book "Life Service" tells an incident which might have been taken out of almost any pastor's experience. It tells of the general habit to divert the shafts of the sermon to the fellow in the next pew, rather than to let them sink into one's own heart. Dr. Traver says: "I recall an experience from the days when I was young in the ministry. A certain parish had been rent in twain by senseless quarrels. The church fuss had gone through the whole community till blood brothers would not speak to each other. The pastor left in disgust, and I was asked to preach as I had occasion on Sunday afternoon. I had vast faith in preaching. I have learned since then that something more than preaching is needed to save the world. I prepared sermons with the greatest care, pointed sermons, sermons that bit right into the heart of gossip and backbiting. The series culminated in a "magnificent effort" on forgiveness. Before me in one of the front pews sat the woman who was most responsible for the situation. I preached right at her. I put fire and pathos into my delivery. I saw tears here and there over the congregation. My heart began to swell with the pride of achievement.

"Well do I remember standing at the door as the people were leaving. One after another they came up to me and shook my hand and told me what a wonderful sermon it was. I believed them. My eye, however, was on the chief offender as she came down the aisle, stopping here and there to say a word, evidently of great approval. As she came to me I was all set for a real confession. I expected her to come to me and say, "Pastor, I have sinned; from this day forward I shall watch

my tongue, and permit the spirit of forgiveness to possess me." I even thought of the letter I should write to the president of synod telling him of my triumph. At last she was before me. These were her words: "Pastor that was a fine sermon," good so far! "Pastor, wasn't it too bad Mrs. Brown was not here today to hear it?" There you are. The typical dodger! We have no right to do else than pity her. For how often have the calls of Jesus, calls for repentance, for consecration, for life service, been cheerfully fitted to someone else."

—The Redeemer Record,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

FACTS CONCERNING CHINESE MISSIONS

The 400,000 deaf in China never received any instruction until the missionaries opened a school at Chefoo, where they taught modern methods of lip-reading and also prepared pupils to make a living by lace-making, carpentry, and gardening while teaching them the one thing needful.

The first place in all China where the insane were given any care and received scientific treatment was established at Canton by a missionary.

The General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, the Chinese Episcopal Church, has its own missionary program and without any foreign aid is supporting three missionaries in Shensi.

Chinese graduates of the first school for the blind, opened by missionaries in Canton, are teaching blind children in nine cities.

—Selected.

AN EXAMPLE OF PRAYER

On St. George's cemetery in Berlin rests the godly Baron Von Kottwitz, born September 1, 1757, a faithful disciple of Christ, who led many upon paths of peace and provided hosts of poor people with bread, though he himself was by no means rich. Upon the occasion of a visit to John Godlove Fichte the philosopher, the subject of prayer was discussed. In his proud self-consciousness the philosopher exclaimed: "The child prays; the

philosopher wills." But he was soon taught better. "O professor," was the reply of the benefactor, "I have to make provision for six hundred poor people. With that responsibility thrown upon me, what can I do but pray?" Fichte was silent for a moment; presently his eyes filled and he said: "Baron, I wish I were as far advanced as yourself; but here I stand at the limits of my philosophy."

A few weeks later the Christian worker received a message that the philosopher had in the meantime died and appointed him guardian of his only son. —Selected.

THE PRAYER OF THE DEAFEND

God grant that I may know
So little need of sound,
That I may lightly bear
The chain by which I'm bound.
God, will it so to be,
That out of silence grim
I may be brought to see
My kinship nearer Him.

Grant yon this boon to me —
A vision strong and clear
The way of life to see,
God, since I cannot hear.

Life, love and beauty, all
Were made to see, to feel.
God, grant that I may call
These mine, and find life real.

—Emery E. Vinson.

DEAF-MUTE WIFE WHO "READS" TO BLIND HUSBAND

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farrer, of Victoria Park Avenue, Scarborough, a deaf-mute couple, recently celebrated the diamond jubilee of their wedding.

Mr. Farrer, who is aged 86, is also blind, and Mrs. Farrer each morning reads "The Daily Mail" to him, holding his hand and spelling out the items in the manual alphabet. This she has done for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrer first met while pupils at Dancoster School for the Deaf. They have five children, all of whom are in full possession of their faculties.—English Newspaper.

A DEAD CHURCH WANTS NO MONEY

You will not have to wait long before an opportunity comes to you of making effective use of this little tale told by the Bishop of Nelson in New Zealand.

Two men met recently, and one asked a subscription from the other for his church. The reply was an irritated refusal with the remark that the church was always wanting money. The other man received the refusal and the criticism meekly and then said quietly:

"When my lad was a boy he was very costly. He was always wanting boots and shoes and stockings and clothes. He was always wearing them out, fast as boys will wear things out, and the older and bigger and stronger he grew, the more money had to be spent on him. I was always having to put my hand in my pocket to find money to keep him going; but he died, and now he doesn't cost me a shilling."

"Yes," said the bishop, after telling his tale, "a live church always wants money."

— Lutheran Standard.

The public at large have the mistaken impression that persons who are totally deaf are shut out entirely from all sound perception. They do not know that the deaf become very sensitive to certain sound vibrations through the sense of touch or feeling. An instance of this erroneous idea of the public was seen in the moving picture film, "You'd Be Surprised," which was shown in our auditorium on February 22. Its special interest to us lay in the fact that a well-known deaf man, Granville Redmond, the deaf artist, played a part in it, and conversation was carried on by means of the manual alphabet and a few signs. In one of the scenes, the chief of police accused Redmond of being an impostor. Raymond Griffith the star of the play, in order to prove to the officer of the law that Redmond was really deaf, approached him from behind and suddenly discharged a revolver close to his feet. Redmond never batted an eye, and this test convinced the chief that he was the real thing

as regarded deafness. To the deaf such a test appears utterly ridiculous, for a bona fide deaf man, if a revolver were discharged close behind him, would jump a mile high, figuratively speaking. The vibration would have almost as much effect upon his touch-perception as it would have upon the sound-perception of a hearing person. A practically sure test for deafness in such cases would be a small whistle with a sharp and clear sound or a small silver bell. The vibrations of such instruments are so rapid that they are imperceptible to the sense of feeling.

It is surprising that Redmond did not call Griffith's attention to this point. It is possible that he did so, but that Griffith preferred to sacrifice truth to effect, as is so often done in the movies.

— Minn. Companion.

DON JAMIE OF SPAIN

The newspapers report that the eldest son of King of Spain is an invalid and may be unable to ever occupy the throne. The second son Don Jaimo, is deaf and therefore according to the Spanish law is not eligible as heir. If this deaf young man had been educated in our American schools and had been to Gallaudet College, he could in all probability take the lead in the emancipation of the deaf of his country. There are a few schools for this class of children in Spain and they are far below those in this country in every way. It is not too late to send Don Jaimo to America for the finishing touches to his education which has been conducted by private teachers under the oral method.

—The California News.

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

Is it nothing to you that a sinner must die
For want of the soul-saving Word?
Can you turn a deaf ear to the heart-rending
cry

Of millions that never have heard
That wonderful story of pardon and peace,
With power to revive and renew
How can you believe it and still be at ease?
Dear friend, is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you that the harvest is white
 And is ready for reapers today?
 It will soon be too late with the on-coming
 night,
 Consider your fatal delay;
 While the call unto service is urgent and clear,
 And the workers today are so few,
 As the call of the Savior reaches your ear,
 Dear friend, it is nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you, as you hear from abroad
 How millions of heathens today
 Are waiting to hear of the only true God,
 Who taketh transgressions away?
 If you have accepted the gift of God's love
 And gladly His bidding would do,
 Can you turn a deaf ear to the call from above?
 Dear friend, is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you that the soul-saving cause
 Is neglected by those who profess
 To be saved by the blood shed on Calvary's
 Cross —
 And by faith life eternal possess?
 When you think of the many in darkness of
 sin,
 Must you not to the Master be true?
 When He calls you to serve Him, lost sinners
 to win,
 Dear friend, is it nothing to you?

— C. K. Solberg.

THE MISSIONARIES

Out from the doomed Jerusalem, in days of
 long ago,
 By two and two they saillied forth to lands of
 sun or snow;
 And each slow century since then has seen this
 loyal clan
 Break out to bear the blessed news to all the
 sons of man.

Beside the slim, tall temples, where the tawny
 rivers run,
 They set their tents where shining stars looked
 down on Babylon.
 Through Memphis' linteled gates they passed,
 and sang a holy psalm,
 Where carven gods looked down on them in
 immemorial calm.

In single file, on lonely paths, they walked
 through forests dim,
 And stirred the Saxon silence with their solemn
 matin hymn;
 The bloom of Irish primroses fell on their
 wandering feet,
 And heather on the Scottish hills made all their
 garments sweet.

Beside the stormy Northern capes they taught
 the Vikings bold
 And in the English meadows green the
 wondrous tale they told;
 Amid the cairns, among the oaks, they reared
 the holy crypt,
 And dared to tell of dying love where Druid
 altars dripped.

And still o'er all the earth they fare, where'er
 a soul hath need;
 My heart leaps us and calls to them: **O Brothers
 Mine! God Speed!**
 What time within the jungle deep ye watch
 the daylight die,
 Or on some lonely Indian steep see dawn
 flush all the sky.

Far is the cry from here to there, yet hearken
 when we say:
 Ye are the brethren of the Book; in Khartoum
 or Cathay,
 'Tis ye who make the record good, 'tis ye,
 O royal souls!

O Missionaries of the Blood! Ambassadors of
 God!
 Our souls flame in us when we see where ye
 have fearless trod
 At break of day; your dauntless faith our
 slackened valor shames,
 And every eve our joyful prayers are jeweled
 with your names.

Robert McIntyre, in
 "Christ in the Poetry of Today."

Few books can stand three readings. But
 the Word of God is solid; it will stand a thou-
 sand readings, and the man who has gone over
 it the most frequently and the most carefully
 is the surest of finding new wonders there.

— Hamilton.

"OTHERS"

By C. D. Meighs

Lord, help me to live from day to day
 In such a self-forgetful way
 That even when I kneel to pray
 My prayer shall be for — **others.**

Help me in all the work I do
 To ever be sincere and true
 And know that all I'd do for you
 Must needs be done for — **others.**

Let "Self" be crucified and slain
 And buried deep; and all in vain
 May efforts be to rise again,
 Unless to live for — **others.**

And when my work on earth is done
 And my new work in heaven's begun,
 May I forget the crown I've won,
 While thinking still of — **others.**

Others, Lord, yes, **others.**
 Let this my motto be,
 Help me to live for others,
 That I may live like Thee.

—The Oregon Outlook.

MISSION NEWS

Minneapolis Mission—Again death has taken away one of our communicant members, Mrs. Inga Byrne. She had been in the Thomas Hospital for many years, but was able to be about and came to our services occasionally. On Christmas Day she was taken ill with pneumonia and on the following Saturday, December 29, she passed away trusting, as we sincerely believe, in the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Friday evening we were called to her bedside, spoke to her of her sin and the only Savior, and then she partook of the Holy Supper for the strengthening of her faith. She was ready to go and closed her eyes in peace. She was 54 years of age and is survived by two sons, one sister and one brother. May God comfort them with the glorious hope of the resurrection of those that sleep in Jesus. And may God grant that we all be ready when death calls us and through death enter life eternal!

December 30, 8 P. M., we had our children's program in which the children of our deaf parents and our two oral Sunday-school classes in words and signs told us of the Savior's birth. The members of our Sunday-school classes gave their answers and

recitations in speech and were interpreted to the deaf by the pastor. The children of the deaf spoke and signed their answers and recitations. Both deaf and hearing enjoyed the program. Especially it made the hearts of all glad to see the fingers and hands of the little ones spell and sign the precious name of Jesus and the story of His birth. The children, all hearing children of deaf parents, sang several Christmas hymns among which was "Silent night, holy night" which was rendered in signs by the daughter of one of our deaf. About 55 deaf and quite a number of hearing friends attended this service.

Mr. Rudolph Ekstrom and Miss Inga Iverson, both of North Dakota, were united in holy wedlock on New Year's Day in Grace Chapel. Miss Iverson was a member of one of our confirmation class at Devils Lake, North Dakota, years ago. May the good Lord Jesus be with them at all times, in good and evil days, in joy and sorrow, in life and death!
 J. L. S.

Cleveland Mission—We take this opportunity to express to the deaf and deafened of the Cleveland field our sincere appreciation of their holiday donations.

While visiting the Kentucky School for the Deaf recently we signed a sermon also to the colored department. The gathering was one of the most attentive which we have ever addressed. Many thanks to Superintendent Lee for his hospitality. O. C. S.

Chicago Mission—South Side members in Chicago will have regular services twice each month in the new year, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M. Services will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 65th and Peoria Streets.

Ten deaf attended a service and meeting at the Leise home on the South Side on December 9th, in the evening. The congregation and the ladies held their elections December 9th. The ladies made \$118.29 profit at the sale on December 8th. The large profit came through donation of many things by the members. Our congregation has no debts. Our treasury has a good balance. The ladies have over \$200.00 now. The Club has money on hand, too. The Club can easily pay for our repairs and painting next spring. The ladies should have outside charities on their regular program. The congregation can now start building up the Independence Fund.

A. C. D.

Milwaukee Mission—The last of a series of eight silver anniversaries was enjoyed on the 22nd of November at an informal dinner in the Crystal Room of the Marshall-Field Tea Rooms in Chicago by the eight pastors of the class of 1903 now located in Chicago and suburbs.

Seven of the above celebrations had been arranged during the past months by the congregations of the pastors. The one on November 22nd was

given by the class members in honor of Rev. F. L. Gehrs of Euk Grove, Ill., one of the members of the class. By special invitation Rev. F. C. Gade, pastor of the deaf-mute congregation in Milwaukee, was present as a brother classmate of honor.

A very enjoyable feature of the gathering was the presence of the faithful wives of the pastors, who had rendered an appreciable part to the successful work of the pastors during their 25 years of service in the office of the ministry.

During the course of the dinner reminiscences of college days enlivened the spirits, and brought back to memory many enjoyable features of college life. These beamed forth in the humorous addresses by the members of the class, in which also with high regard Rev. Gehrs was remembered for his true and sincere faithfulness as pastor of the charges he has held and especially in the many years of service in his present congregation.

The affair was a real enjoyable taste of that blessed unity of faith and spirit expressed in the words of the Psalmist: 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!' Ps. 133, 1.

Where such unity in the true Word of God prevails among pastors and congregations and the members are surely to reap a blessing by the grace of God. All glory and honor be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

By the kindness of Mr. Bray, Superintendent of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, I was invited to take part in the Thanksgiving Program, given in the auditorium of the school. To be sure, I was ready to do this. My regular day for visiting the school is on Friday. This simply threw my work ahead one day. Yet in the end I did very little on that day. I worked out a number of short speeches, eleven in all, and the children learned these and signed them to the audience. Indeed, the children delivered their little speeches well.

Here is the program as outlined by the Superintendent:

- 1) The Lord's Prayer. . . Read by Miss Linda Prill
- 2) The Thanksgiving Proclamation—Edw. Austin
- 3) Thanksgiving Address. F. C. Gade
- 4) Meaning of Thanksgiving Day. . . Mr. Bray
- 5) America. Read by Selma Zelasne

F. C. G.

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