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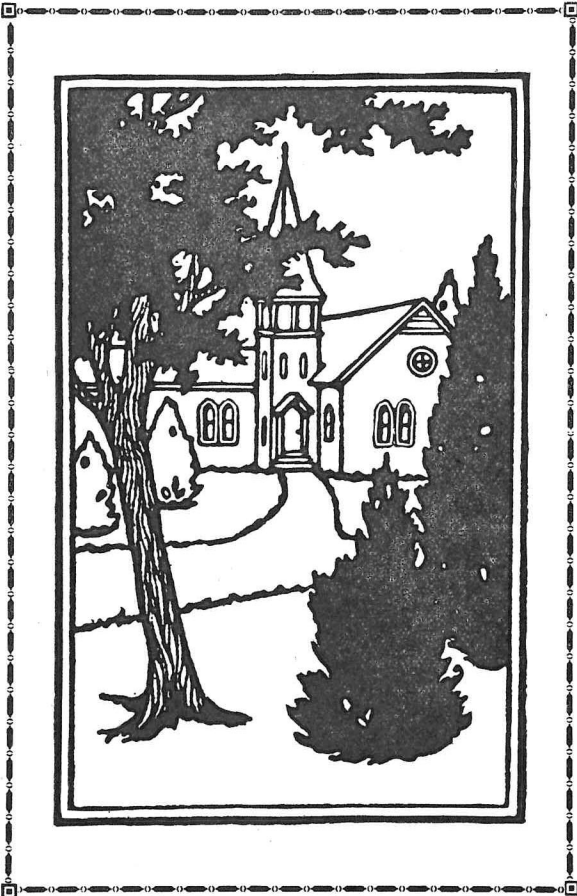
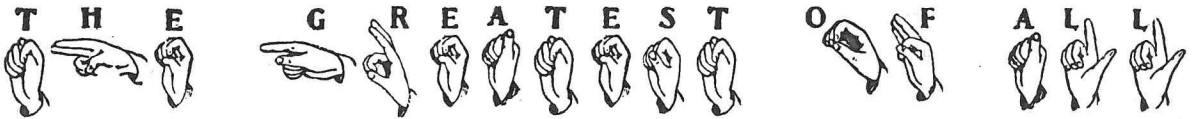
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THE GREATEST OF ALL

My greatest loss. To lose my soul.
My greatest gain. Christ as my Savior.
My greatest object. To glorify God.
My greatest prize. A crown of glory.
My greatest work. To win souls for Christ.
My greatest joy. The joy of God's salvation.

My greatest inheritance. Heaven and its glories.

My greatest neglect. The neglect of so great salvation.

My greatest crime. To reject Christ the only Savior.

My greatest privilege. Power to become a child of God.

My greatest bargain. The loss of all things to win Christ.

My greatest profit. Godliness in this life and that to come.

My greatest peace. The peace that passeth understanding.

My greatest knowledge. To know God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.

— Selected.

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EDITORIAL

The Prosperity of the Wicked

The apparent triumph of evil over good, combined in many instances with an amazing superiority complex of the wicked, has been and still remains a cause of serious concern to many of God's children. Although ungodly men and women ridicule the Savior and His Church, although they are utterly selfish in their possessions and indifferent to the bodily and spiritual needs of their fellowmen, they often succeed marvelously in life, while sincere Christians, who remain loyal to God, who do not surrender their soul for an earthly advantage, frequently meet with dire misfortune and painful afflictions.

For this reason Christians, at times, too, may be tempted to attach undue importance to temporal, material success, to corruptible wealth, and luxurious ease in life. In America especially, and perhaps everywhere to some extent, the amount of accumulated gold is made the yardstick of esteem and the standard by which success is measured. Ought Christians also to adopt this frivolous, materialistic philosophy, which places money and earthly achievement ahead of every other consideration in life?

What does God's Word say with regard to the matter? Asaph tells us, "The strength of the wicked is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. . . . Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. . . . They set their mouth against the heavens. . . . When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou

castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation as in a moment. They are utterly consumed with terrors." Ps. 73:4, 5, 7, 9, 16-19.

The Bible furthermore informs us that God has His own purpose in permitting the wicked to achieve temporal material success. He thereby exhibits His clemency and long-suffering. By bestowing His blessings indiscriminately upon the good and the evil God renders the wicked excuseless and disciplines His children. When the day of reckoning arrives, however, He will clearly manifest His purposes. The seeming prosperity of the wicked, therefore, is like a raging flood carrying only ruin in its path. Christians may be certain, that behind all apparently conflicting experiences and seemingly accidental changes in human history, there is the infinite God, whose power and goodness assures to the faithful His benevolent design, even behind seeming disasters and afflictions. The poet has expressed this thought thus:

"Right forever on the scaffold, wrong forever
on the throne!

Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind
the dim unknown,

Standeth God amid the shadows, keeping
watch above His own."

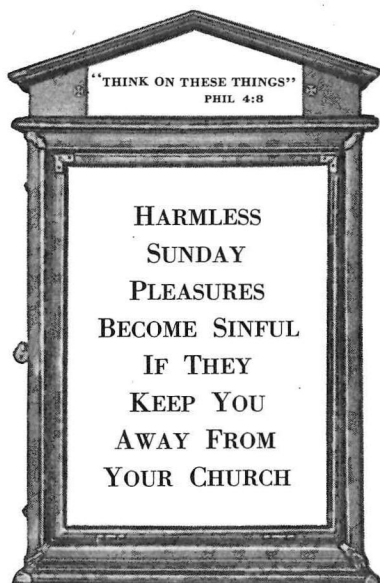
Thus we learn that sufferings and sorrows are designed to purge away the Christians' faults and follies, to perfect their character, and to enlarge their capacity for service, that barrenness may give place to fertility.

True Christians, then, ought not to be too greatly concerned about this disturbing element in their religious life; they should discharge the duties of their calling with fidelity, and rest securely and confidently in the love and promises of their heavenly Father.

O. C. S.

LUTHERANS MEET SOON AT CHICAGO

More than a thousand delegates, representing 1,100,000 members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States, will sit in session at Concordia Teachers' Seminary, River Forest, Ill., from June



19 to 29. Reports on the work for the past three years will be rendered and plans made for the coming triennium. Important decisions regarding educational matters and mission projects must be reached. Millions of dollars will be voted toward the support of various enterprises. An outstanding feature of the convention will be the monster celebration on Soldiers' Field of the Quadricentennial of Martin Luther's Catechism. Officers, boards and committees, who during the next three years will carry out the resolutions of the convention, are to be elected.

No Fundamentalist-Modernist Fight

River Forest will be no battleground for fundamentalists and liberals. The Missouri Synod with its 3,371 pastors, 4,527 congregations and preaching places, 1,106,745 baptized and 687,643 communicant members, is unanimously conservative. It adheres to the fundamental teachings of Lutheranism, as they are embodied in Luther's Catechism, written four hundred years ago. It recognizes the marvelous advances made by the sciences during these four centuries, but it finds no contradiction between the results of honest scientific research and the revelation of God in the Bible. It accepts the Bible as God's inspired Word. It teaches that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the one hope of sinful man. It

believes that sin has corrupted human nature and that only the power of God can effect the change which will make of man a child of God and thus a real brother to his fellowmen. It relies upon the Word of God and the Sacraments to bring about this conversion and consequent change in life.

Standing firmly upon this platform, the Missouri Synod conceives its only purpose to be the preaching of the Gospel. It is strongly opposed to the intrusion of the Church into the sphere of politics. It maintains no lobby in Washington. It advocates neither prohibition nor saloons. No resolutions will be passed in Chicago, urging the United States to join the League of Nations or to get out of Nicaragua. No committee will report on the soft coal situation or industrial slavery in the South. Individual members may feel very strongly on some of these points. They will not make their Church a vehicle for driving those convictions somewhere. The efficient conduct and expansion of missionary undertakings and the strengthening of the synodical educational system will be the chief topics for discussion. The Missouri Synod is convinced that the best service it can render the nation is the awakening and deepening of Christian faith, consciousness and life in the individuals with whom it comes in contact.

— Synodical Press Committee.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

Honoring Our Parents and Masters

There are two great commandments on which, as Jesus says, hang all the law and the prophets. The first great commandment teaches us to love God, to love Him more than anything, to glorify His holy name, and always to love His holy word. In the second great commandment God says: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The neighbors nearest and dearest to us are father and mother in our home, our parents who have taken such wonderful and loving care of us since our birth and have given us so many good gifts and, if they have done their duty, have also led us to God and our Savior. Never can we

repay them for all their goodness to us! Nor can we repay our teachers who are our masters in school. Think of all the patience and labor they spent upon us for so many years in preparing us for our duties in this life. And never can we thank our pastors and teachers enough who govern us and rule over us with the Word of God, have led us to Jesus and on the way to everlasting life! And among our masters we have also the government which should protect us from the wicked and punish them that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, 1 Tim. 2, 2. Indeed, great and precious jewels and treasures God has given to us in our parents, teachers, pastors, and government.

And now God says: "Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother." That is more than love. Our brothers and sisters, our friends and enemies we should love, but our parents and masters we should honor. Our parents are in God's place over our home as the most precious treasure here on earth. Therefore we should think them great and high, and, in the first place, speak respectfully and kindly to them and of them before others. The same we should do to our teachers, pastors, and government. But so often people do this not. Often we hear children speak to their parents and of them as if these were under them and not over them. In the same manner children often speak of their teachers, church members often laugh at their pastors and speak disrespectfully of these servants of God, and so many despise the government given us of God. This is a great sin, and God must punish this sin. Remember how Absalom wickedly spoke of his father David before people and stole their hearts, and you know how God terribly punished him. Also forget not the 42 children who mocked the old prophet Elisha and how God sent two bears to destroy them. They who despise their parents and masters in home and school and church and state despise Him who has given us these parents and masters. Come, always think and speak highly of your father and mother and masters.

And we should honor them also by our deeds (doings). Our parents and teachers and pastors and government have done so much for us, therefore we gladly ought to honor them and serve them. Willingly we ought to do all we can for

them without their telling us to do it, as Solomon honored his mother, 1 Kings 2, 19. Willingly we ought to obey them, as Jesus went down to Nazareth and obeyed Mary and Joseph, Luke 2, 51. And especially when they grow old and weak we should honor our parents and masters and gladly take care of them in their old days. All these works are well pleasing to our Father in heaven. He says: "Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Col. 3, 20. To His pastors and teachers He says: "He that heareth you, heareth Me," Luke 10, 16. And of the government He says: "Submit (obey) yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake," 1 Peter 2, 13. It is well pleasing to Him, therefore He gives this beautiful promise: "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth," Eph. 6, 3. Oh, how we ought to run and gladly do for our parents and teachers and pastors and government!

Our Catechism urges us to do all this with these words: "We should fear and love God that we may not despise our parents and masters, nor provoke (make) them to anger, but give them honor, serve and obey them, and hold them in love and esteem."

But, oh! we have not feared and loved God always! Children often are unwilling to do for their parents and teachers, they will not obey and despise them when they are old; church members often do all they can to hinder their pastor's work and cause him much grief; and so many work also against their government, will not obey the law and urge others to disobey. So much lawlessness in home, in school, in church, and in the state. Not God's blessing, but God's curse ought to be upon us!

What shall we do? Let us flee to Jesus! He obeyed the law perfectly for us. He honored His parents and was subject (obedient) to them; He honored and respected His teachers when He was a boy of twelve; He honored His government and paid tribute (taxes). And all this He did for us. And for our many sins against parents and masters He paid with His holy precious blood. Let us cling to Him and thank Him by honoring our parents and masters for His name's sake! Then it shall be well with us forever!

J. L. S.

**BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN
JUNE, 1929**

*Search the Scriptures" —
"Pray without ceasing"*

There are two things which a Christian ought never to neglect. These two things are the Word of God and prayer. In the Bible, the Word of God, God speaks to us, and in prayer we speak to God. In His Word He tells us of His great love to us in Christ Jesus, by it the Holy Spirit works in our hearts and begins faith in us, and by it we are kept to life everlasting. Therefore hear the Word of God and gladly learn it! By this Word the Holy Ghost will also teach you to pray. Daily pray to God for His grace and forgiveness, for His many rich blessings in Christ Jesus, for His help in every trouble, for everything that you need for this life and the life to come. May God grant that by reading the June Bible Studies you will learn to love your Bible and to pray always!

Study for Sunday, June 2

*"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint
(give up)." Luke 18, 1*

In your Bible read Luke 11, 5-10

Last Sunday we learned the beautiful Lord's Prayer from our Lord Jesus. And now he tells us to pray and pray, and never to give up. We should do with God as we do with a friend. Perhaps a friend in his journey stops at your home at midnight, but you have nothing to eat to give him. What will you do? You will go to another friend, knock at his door, and say, "Friend, lend (give) me three loaves of bread, for I have nothing to eat to give to my friend who now has come to my house." That friend at first perhaps will not like to get up, and therefore say: "Do not trouble me now: the door is shut (locked), and my children are with me in bed. I cannot rise and give thee." What will you then do? You will not give up, but knock and ask till your friend gets up and gives you the bread. And he will give you the bread, not because he is your friend, but because of your importunity (asking again and again).

Why does Jesus tell us this? From it we should learn to ask and seek and knock, as Jesus also says in our lesson to-day. We should go

and ask our Father in prayer, then we should come again and seek Him in prayer, and again we should come and knock at His door. Often it seems as if God will not listen to us, but do not stop, again and again pray. As the friend, at last, gives you the bread at midnight, so God will give you the things you ask for. Six times Jesus promises in vs. 9 and 10. Can you find the six promises? Only ask, and He will give to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and He will open to you. "Pray without ceasing (stopping)," and you will get many blessings. Pray also that He bless the preaching of His Word among us and all the deaf, yes, among all people, that many more will learn to know Jesus and to trust in His blood for the forgiveness of all sins! God surely will hear your prayer and bless our work more and more for His glory and the salvation of many souls.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 9 and 10, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What should we learn from this man who went to his friend at midnight for bread? 2. What will God do, if we pray to Him?

Prayer: Dear Savior, by faith in Thee and Thy cross we are saved from sin. Now give us Thy Holy Spirit that we pray and seek and knock always in everything, and then hear our prayers as Thou hast promised that we also praise Thee with thanksgiving for Thy many blessings. Amen.

Study for Sunday, June 9

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from
above, from the Father of Lights."*

James 1, 17

In your Bible read Luke 11, 11-15

God always hears our prayers and will give us only good things as a dear father. He will not give us things that will harm us. If a son asks his father for bread, he will not give him a stone; if the son asks for a fish, the father will not give him a serpent (snake); and if the son asks for an egg, the father will not give him a scorpion (poisonous crab). O no, a father will give his son only good things. A father will do this, although he is evil (wicked). Much more so will our heavenly Father give us the greatest good, the Holy Spirit, if we only ask Him.

Come, ask the Father for His Holy Spirit now. This Spirit will bring you to Jesus, give you the true faith in the crucified Savior, and with it these great blessings: forgiveness of all sins, peace, joy, and the hope of life everlasting. Ask the Father for this Spirit!

The heavenly Father through Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit and saves us from the evil spirit. In v. 14 we read that Jesus cast (threw) out a devil who was dumb and could not speak. And when the devil had gone out, the dumb man spoke. The people wondered at this wonderful work. But some would not believe and said: "Beelzebub, the chief of the devils, helps Jesus and makes the devil come out of man." Some wondered and believed, some mocked and believed not. So it is to-day. Jesus still does wonderful works by His mighty word. By it so often a man is born again and made new. When people see this, many wonder and believe, others mock and believe not. May God help that we believe in this mighty Jesus, and so be saved from the devil and be filled with the Spirit of holiness.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 13, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Only what will our heavenly Father give us when we pray? 2. From what should we ask God to save us and with what to fill us?

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, Thou Giver of all good things, save us from the devil and all sins by faith in Jesus and fill us with Thy Spirit of holiness that we hate sin and love to do good for Thy glory. Amen.

Study for Sunday, June 16

"The prince of this world (that is, the devil) cometh, and hath nothing in Me (Jesus)."

John 14, 30

In your Bible read Luke 11, 16-20

When Jesus made the devil to come out of a man, some of the Jews said that He did it by the prince of the devils. Others tempted Him and sought (asked) of Him a sign from heaven to show that He did it with God's help. But Jesus, the true God, knew their thoughts. Nobody can hide his thoughts from Jesus. He showed them how foolish it is to believe that He

drives devils out of man with the devil's help. If a kingdom is divided against itself, if the people in a kingdom quarrel and fight against each other, then that kingdom will be brought to desolation (destruction). That kingdom cannot stand. And so it is with a house that is divided and in which people quarrel and fight. That house will fall. And that is true also in the devil's kingdom. How can his kingdom stand if one devil drives another devil out of man? Therefore the prince of devils surely will not help Jesus to drive out devils. And Jesus did show them a sign from heaven when He drove the devil out of man. He surely has power over the devil and is true God.

And then He tells them that if they say that He makes the devil come out of man with the devil's help, then they must say the same of their sons. These therefore will judge them because they said this. No, Jesus did it not by the devil, but with the finger of God, with the power of God, v. 20. And therefore the kingdom of God was come to them. They had no excuse. So to-day many people have no excuse. Every day they can see the wonderful works of Jesus. Every day Jesus saves men from the devil's power by His word, and so the kingdom of God is come to people. If they believe not, they have no excuse. From such wonderful works of Jesus to-day people can learn that He is the Son of God, the mighty Savior. Do you believe it?

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 20, and answer these questions in writing: 1. With what or how did Jesus drive devils out of man? 2. What should we learn from Jesus' wonderful works?

Prayer: Mighty Jesus, Thou hast power over the devil and didst save us from him. Thanks to Thee for this wonderful salvation! Now by Thy Holy Spirit and Thy word keep us with Thee to life everlasting. Amen.

Study for Sunday, June 23

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always."

Luke 21, 36

In your Bible read Luke 11, 21-26

To-day Jesus shows us that He is stronger than the devil. The devil is as a strong man

armed (ready for war). When a strong man keeps his palace (home), then all his goods are in peace. They are safe, till a man stronger than he comes and takes away from him his armor (the things) in which he trusted, and then divides (gives) his spoiles (the good things taken from the strong man) to others. So the devil first has power over man, no man can save from his power. But now comes One stronger, the mighty Son of God, Jesus Christ. He saves man from the devil's power and gives him life and salvation, joy and peace. Therefore, my friend, trust in this mighty Jesus and rejoice in Him. He can save from the devil's power!

If you trust not and rejoice not in Him, then you are not with Him, but against Him; then you help not to gather people to this mighty Savior, but you work against Him, and you scatter. A man who is against Jesus and scatters surely is a child of the devil. And they who first welcome Jesus into their heart and life, and then again give up Jesus, these are worse than any people. The unclean spirit or devil comes out of man and walks through dry places, seeking (looking for) rest, and he says: "I will go back to my house from which I came out." And he comes back to these people and finds the house (heart) ready for him, swept and garnished (decorated). Then he goes and gets seven other devils, more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell (live) there. And now the last state (way) of that man is worse than the first, he is worse than he was before. Let us be careful that we despise not Jesus and His great salvation! Do not give your heart and life to the devil!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 23, and answer these questions in writing:

1. Only who can save us from the devil's power?
2. What will happen to a man if he gives up Jesus?

Prayer: Mighty Jesus, we are weak and cannot save ourselves from the devil's power, but thanks to Thee for Thy mighty salvation. Help that we not again give our hearts to the devil, but keep them for Thee alone as a pleasant house, and always do those things that please Thee. Amen.

Study for Sunday, June 30

"The holy scriptures (Bible) makes thee wise unto (for) salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3, 16

In your Bible read Luke 11, 27-32

When Jesus had said these things which we studied last Sunday, a woman from the crowd lifted up her voice (cried out aloud) and called the mother of Jesus blessed because she gave birth to such a wonderful son and fed Him, v. 27. But Jesus shows her that only the hearing and keeping (doing) of the Word of God will make a man blessed, v. 28. That is what made Mary blessed and that will make you and me blessed. My friend, hear the Word of God and keep it.

But an evil (wicked) generation (people) will not do this, as Jesus shows us. They always seek a sign, a wonderful work, as did the Jews. Jesus said that no sign would be given to them, but (excepting) the sign of Jonas the prophet. Jonas was sent to the people of Nineveh that they turn from sin to God, so Jesus was sent to bring people back to God and save them. But the Jews would not listen to Jesus, they would not believe His word. Come, let us hear the word of Jesus and believe it.

Because the Jews would not believe His word, He told them that the queen of the south will judge them. This queen came from the utmost (farthest) parts of the earth to hear wise Solomon, and now One greater than Solomon was come to the Jews, and they would not come and hear Him. And so the people of Nineveh will judge and condemn (judge worthy of punishment) the Jews, for the Ninevites repented, turned from sin to God, when Jonas preached, and now One greater than Jonas was come to the Jews, and they would not repent and turn to God. Great punishment waits for them who will not hear the Word of God and do it!

Friend, also you and I have the word of Jesus, One greater than all the wise men and teachers of this world. If we will not listen to His word and not turn to God, then the queen of the south and the Ninevites will judge and condemn also us. Blessed now and forever are they only who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 8, and answer these questions in writing:

1. Why will the queen of the south and the Ninevites judge the Jews? 2. Which people only are blessed now and forever?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thanks to Thee for Thy holy word. Help that I always gladly hear and learn it and be truly blessed, and help also that I bring this word to other people that also they turn from sin to Thee and be saved forever. Amen. 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.

Our life in this world is full of trouble, sorrow and grief, not only for the unbelievers who care not for God, but also for the true children of God. The main difference between these two groups is that the one never knows where to go for real help and comfort in times of trouble, while the Christians very naturally turn to the God of all comfort, who promised: "I will not leave you comfortless." John 14:18.

The following verses are to be studied and remembered during June:

Learners of the Word
Become
Lovers of the Word

June 2: "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide ¹ with you forever." John 14:16. ¹ stay.

June 9: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, ¹ that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." 2 Cor. 1:3,4. ¹ great trouble.

June 16: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: ¹ but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. ¹ great trouble.

June 23: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, ¹ but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." John 16:20. ¹ mourn.

June 30: "Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation ¹ and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish ² you in every good word and work." 2 Thess. 2:16,17. ¹ comfort. ² make strong, establish.

J. A. C. B.

The "Illinois Advance" hereafter will be published monthly instead of bi-monthly with all paid subscriptions eliminated. It is the plan of the School to furnish the Advance free to all parents, relatives, graduates, and ex-pupils of the School. —Illinois Advance.

The deaf Polish artist, Maurice Minowski, has been made an Officer of the Legion of Honour as a special recognition of genius. This is a magnificent achievement, and reflects the greatest credit on both himself and those who taught him.—British Deaf Times.

MISSION NEWS

Minneapolis Mission—April brought us together for another new experience in our work among the deaf. By God's grace, we have all these years been able to baptize and confirm deaf persons in the sign



language, have been privileged to baptize and confirm several deaf-blind, have been happy in baptizing a deaf person orally, that is, by means of speech and lip-reading, but never in the history of our Minneapolis Mission was there a class of deaf confirmed orally. This, with thanks to God, took place on the date mentioned above in Trinity Lutheran Church. We thought it very appropriate to have the confirmation in Trinity, because it was one of the Trinity

members by whom God led us to organize a class for orally taught deaf. For three and one-half years this class of seven has been instructed in the chief teachings of the Bible and Catechism, and on this day, April 14, they made confession of their faith and promised faithfulness to their Lord and Savior before a large gathering of hearing friends from our Minneapolis congregations and quite a number of deaf. The pastor spoke, and they read the questions and the address from the pastor's lips and gave answer by word of mouth. The whole service was interpreted in signs to our deaf congregation by Rev. J. Beyer, our St. Paul missionary. After the confirmation the seven came to the Lord's Table and partook of their Lord's body and blood given and shed for them for the remission of sins. While Trinity choir sang "Thine forever" the pastor and the class standing spoke the words. Trinity Ladies' Guild had decorated the church for this occasion. Hearty thanks to Trinity Congregation and its pastor, to Trinity Choir and the Ladies' Guild. May God keep the newly confirmed in His grace to life everlasting. Remember them in your prayers. The class still meets every Sunday morning for further study of the Catechism and the Bible! In this service a collection was lifted for our Mission which amounted to \$41.46.

On the evening of May 5 the pastor motored to Elk River and delivered a lecture in the interest of our Mission before a large gathering in the church of Rev. R. Weinhold. We also secured several subscribers and received \$1 from Mrs. H. J. Gamm for our Mission. Thanks to all! — For our work among the deaf we received also \$1 from Miss Emma Zinn, Woodstock, Minn., and Miss Florence Fossum, Milbank, S. D., 50c. Thank you! J. L. S.

St. Paul Mission—In March eleven deaf attended a service in Austin, Minn., six partaking of the Lord's Supper for the strengthening of their faith. The other five are under instruction preparatory to confirmation. Six came 20 miles from Albert Lea, two others came 65 miles. We hope that this spirit proves contagious and that many other deaf will follow the fine example of these deaf who come some distance to hear the Word of the Lord.

Mr. Donald Stauffer drove over from Winnebago, Minn., and brought a friend with him, Mr. F. Ennen. This is as it should be. We should not feel satisfied to attend church services ourselves. The empty seats in our autos ought to be filled with deaf friends who perhaps could not come at all without our help. Every church member should be an active missionary and ought to bring other people with him, just as the apostle St. Andrew led Peter to Jesus. John 1:40-42. To bring a friend to Jesus, the Best Friend, is a pleasure too often neglected, also by our deaf. Many a time a friend will go with us to church, if we will only invite him. Let us often say as Moses told his brother-in-law: "Come thou with us, and we will do

thee good." Numbers 10:29. Consider what blessings your friend may receive, if you ask him to come with you; think of the everlasting blessings he may miss, if you do not invite him!

At the age of 34 years Mrs. C. G. Brant of Dubuque was called out of this life on March 13th, as we hope, to the home which our ascended Savior is preparing for those who love Him. Mrs. Brant was not a member of our church, but occasionally attended our services. The Rev. M. A. Russert, pastor of our Lutheran Church in Dubuque, had been called to her deathbed and ministered to her. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved husband and her many friends.

In this death the Lord has given another warning to the deaf, especially the young deaf, who do not care to give thought to the need of constant preparation for their last hour here on earth. The old must die, the young may die.

A speeding auto struck Mr. Roy Pannell of Dubuque early this spring, fracturing a leg and injuring him otherwise. We are glad to report that Mr. Pannell has recovered and was able to attend the services in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hauser have moved from Dubuque to Chicago, where Mr. Hauser has been promised steady employment. Mr. and Mrs. A. Pino and Mr. N. Sangston have moved to Wyoming to take up a homestead, labor conditions in Dubuque being very unsatisfactory for the deaf. J. A. C. B.

Los Angeles Mission—When on Easter morning the pastor drove to Grace Lutheran Assembly Hall, our place of worship, he hoped that he might be privileged to preach of the risen Savior to perhaps eighty people. This was placing the number above our best former attendance mark. But when we had time to count the assembled people we found one hundred and forty-seven deaf people and about ten hearing friends had gathered to hear the joyful Easter news. Though such an attendance was a surprise to everyone, there is no reason why it could not be duplicated almost any Sunday, and perhaps increased when after services we reflected we found that quite a number of familiar faces were still missing that morning. That every one of our deaf friends might be filled with the sentiment expressed by king David in the words: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so paneth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" A hymn, beautifully signed by Mrs. D. R. McDonald, added greatly to the impressiveness of the services. This day was also one of lifelong importance to Floyd Bulmer, Jr., Patricia Wilson, Hubert Becher, and Betty Jane Degner, who were brought to holy baptism by their parents. Betty Jane, though still quite young, regularly attends Grace Lutheran Sunday School.

Since the last news from Los Angeles has appeared in the Deaf Lutheran two new preaching

places were opened in Southern California, the first being in Long Beach. As this city is only about twenty miles from Los Angeles we gather there on the evening of a Sunday when we have services here at home. And on the second Tuesday in April we held our first services in beautiful Santa Barbara. Here we met with an enthusiastic reception. Among the people there we found Mr. Louis Bushmann, formerly a member of our St. Paul's Congregation. And among our hearers were some who had attended the services of the Kansas City missionary at one time. — In Orange County, where we formerly held services only by appointment, we are now meeting every month on the fourth Friday at 7:45 P. M. The increase in attendance is very gratifying.

The policy of the Mission Board to mail the Deaf Lutheran to all interested deaf met with great favor here. Again and again people have expressed their appreciation to us, some in person and others by mail.

At 7 P. M. on March 16th the pastor officiated at the wedding of Mr. Fred Greis and Miss Minnie Klein in Grace Church. Quite a number of friends had gathered to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Greis are making their home in Los Angeles. G. H. F.

Seattle Mission—April 14th was a day to which the deaf of Seattle and Tacoma had long looked forward to. A very diligent class of ten adult deaf completed their studies of the catechism and we confirmed them in a dual service in St. Paul's Church, Pastor A. Sydow assisting. The missionary addressed the deaf and the hearing on Mark 7:31-36, "The Healing of the Deaf-mute." Two questions were answered from this text. "Why is the Lutheran Church interested in the Deaf?" Because the Lord has not only given us the command to go and preach the Gospel, but with his own example has shown us that we are not to overlook the unfortunate few. And "Why are the deaf interested in the Lutheran Church?" Because we are bringing them to the Savior. The deaf fully realize that the Lutheran Church does not coax them with promises of healing, as some do, nor do we as a church meddle in their social affairs and preach politics to them, but as is written in the text, "the people brought a deaf man unto the Lord," so the deaf to-day realize that our Church which preaches the Word of God in truth and purity, bringing Law and Gospel and the Holy Sacraments is bringing them to Jesus. St. Paul's Choir sang, and Mrs. C. Reeves and Mrs. R. Spieler of Seattle rendered "Jesus still lead on." Mrs. Wm. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hale, Mr. J. Gerson, Mr. F. Cater were baptized. Mrs. John Gerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Huftmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sosenthal were confirmed. Seventy-five deaf attended this service and about one hundred and twenty-five hearing. The following Sunday Mrs. Thys Ferwerda and Mrs. E. Hollenbeck were baptized at Anacortes, Wash. The year 1929 brought a rich harvest; so far 12 deaf are united with us in the

household of faith and to date we have received eight further requests for membership with us.

We have two ardent pupils in our midst at Seattle for the Lutheran Mission Quarterly, edited by Pastor O. Schroeder, in the Moon System for the Blind. Mrs. E. Eaton and Mrs. J. McConnell whose eyesight failed in recent years. He praises the magazine and on several occasions has rendered his readings to the congregation.

Seattle Aid Society surprised the pastor's wife on her birthday with a luncheon and ten dollars. They are now installing an electric hot water heater as an adjunct to their kitchen.

Church attendance at Seattle continues to run high in spite of weather conditions our average has never been below 40. Easter Day 50 communed here which is 98%. Our chief trouble still continues to be employment conditions. Many of our deaf live out of town, on ranches or work in mills, but distances do not keep them from church. G. W. G.

Chicago Mission—On Palm Sunday 4 adults were confirmed at Our Savior Church: Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilty, Michael Laschiava, and George Bremer. May our good Lord keep them faithful unto death.

Our Good Friday services are held on Palm Sunday evenings. 89 deaf were present for the afternoon confirmation service, and 47 in the evening service; 72 members received the Lord's Supper in the two services. We were rained out, almost flooded, on Easter Day, still we had 57 in church. Easter lilies and rose bouquets for the altar were furnished by Leo Ristow, Mrs. Michaelson, and Mrs. Dahms.

In April Miss Bertha Miller, of Dundee, was near death in a hospital at Elgin after a serious operation for appendicitis. She is recovering rapidly now. But we must extend our sympathy because she mourns the death of her mother who passed away while Bertha was at the hospital.

April 20th our Lutheran deaf at Grand Rapids served a light lunch to all who attended the services that evening. Mr. Wm. Miller has been ill, we wish him early and full recovery of his health.

April 27th two couples were united in holy matrimony at our church in Chicago. Mr. Carl Heyer, of Oak Park, and Miss Esther Ruge, of Beecher, were married at 4:30; Mr. Michael Laschiava and Miss Agnes Wilson, both of Chicago, were married at 5 o'clock. Relatives and deaf-mute friends of the couples nearly filled the chapel for both weddings. We wish these couples much happiness and God's blessing.

April 28th Mr. John Anderson conducted a reading service in Chicago. The pastor had gone to South Bend, Ind., for a special service. After the regular sermon the pastor read a Psalm and then began another address in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Piper, and Mr. and

Mrs. A. Mercer. Both couples were thoroughly surprised! Following the address they stepped forward for a prayer and the benediction. Fully a hundred deaf from South Bend and vicinity were present for the service and dinner following. The two couples received sets of silver tableware from their friends in honor of the day. We extend our good wishes for continued happiness.

Chicago services during the summer will be held at 10 o'clock forenoons during the summer daylight saving period, April 28 to September 29. Englewood services on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 7:30 P. M. Some repairs and renovation about our building will be done this spring. Later we will give some report concerning our celebration of the 400th anniversary of Dr. Luther's Catechism. At present two young ladies from the far south side are being instructed for confirmation.

A. C. D.

Duluth-Superior Mission—This month's news item contains the sorrowful news, that we have lost one of our members attending the Fargo services. Mrs. Engen, who passed away on Wednesday morning, April 24. Death was caused by a stroke. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 27, near Kindred, No. Dak. A feature of this service was the giving of money to our mission in memory of the departed friend, instead of flowers. A total of \$68.50 was given at this funeral. May we, too, hold fast to the Savior so that when our time to depart comes, we may enter into everlasting glory and happiness.

W. F.

Kansas City Mission—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Barthel of Atchison, Kans., joined the Lutheran Church on April 7th of this year. May they remain faithful to their Savior until the end.

A. F.

Omaha Mission—All friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Holter regret to hear that they intend to leave us in the near future. Mrs. Holter has been a frequent visitor at our services and has also very often helped at our parties and at other occasions. Members of Immanuel Church wish them well.

Mrs. B. Newton, Mrs. Benks, and Mrs. A. Chappell were confirmed in the service on April 21st at Omaha. May the Lord be with them and keep them in the one true faith in their Savior Jesus Christ whom they confessed on this day.

Letters have recently been received from Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyd of Sidney, Iowa, and from Mr. Thorvald Christensen of Minden, Nebr. With their letter they sent the subscription price of the "Deaf Lutheran" and "Our Messenger."

Report for three months, January to March: Average attendance: Omaha, 30; Lincoln, 5; Sioux City, 11; Mitchell, S. D., 12; Sioux Falls, 16; Ft. Dodge, 10; Boone, 4; Des Moines, 6. Collections: Omaha, \$26.10; Lincoln, \$1.12; Sioux City, \$7.07; Mitchell, S. D., \$9.27; Sioux Falls, \$4.71; Ft. Dodge, \$11.25; Boone, \$3.05; Des Moines, \$1.40.

E. M.

Cleveland Mission—Pastor H. W. Rueger of Erie, Pa., is a sincere friend of our work among the deaf in that city. He makes it his business to meet the deaf personally when they come to his church to attend our meetings, and also does some preliminary work among the deaf during the days preceding our regularly scheduled services. We wish to express our appreciation of this co-operation and also desire to thank both, Pastor and Mrs. Rueger, for their generous hospitality.

O. C. S.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Collections and Contributions

January 1 to March 31, 1929

- By Rev. M. Engel—Oakland, \$13.71; San Francisco, \$17.11; Berkeley, \$15.36; San Jose, \$2.04. Total: \$48.22.
- By Rev. A. C. Dahms—Grand Rapids, \$16.75; South Bend, \$15.00; Elgin, \$11.08; Bradley, \$6.10; Miss R. Hausemann, \$5.00. Total: \$53.93.
- By Rev. J. L. Salvner—Gaylord, \$1.35; Dawson, \$1.35; Watertown, \$1.25; Big Stone City, \$10.30; Aberdeen, \$9.76; Fergus Falls, \$1.95; Bible Study Readers, \$9.25. Total: \$35.21.
- By Rev. A. Boll—Albany, \$2.70; Kingston, \$3.25; Brooklyn, \$200.00. Total: \$205.95.
- By Rev. O. C. Schroeder—Columbus, \$5.50; Cleveland, \$9.55; Elyria, \$2.50; Findlay, \$5.54; Sandusky, \$1.50; Fremont, \$1.05; Blind Mission, Anna Hertlem, \$1.00. Total: \$26.64.
- By Rev. G. H. Ferber—Los Angeles, \$32.82; San Diego, \$5.40; Alhambra, \$4.94; Porterville, \$3.65; Anaheim, \$.75; Fresno, \$.45. Total: \$48.01.
- By Rev. W. Ferber—Fargo, \$7.00; Grand Forks, \$1.50; Cloquet, \$.25; Duluth, \$5.87; Elro, \$.59; Lengby, \$.50. Total: \$15.81.
- By Rev. F. C. Gade—Racine, \$.30; Oshkosh, \$3.95; Nekoosa, \$1.00; Merrill, \$1.97; Sheboygan, \$17.26; Manitowoc, \$2.85; Watertown, \$8.60; Madison, \$5.75; Wisconsin Deaf School, \$5.00; Private Donations, \$40.73. Total: \$87.41.
- By Rev. C. Schubkegel—St. Louis, \$30.17; St. Charles, \$5.50; Jacksonville, \$3.65; Indianapolis, \$8.30; Columbus, \$1.25; Louisville, \$10.30. Total: \$59.17.
- By Rev. W. Gielow—Ft. Wayne, \$31.50; Flint, \$.67. Total: \$32.17.
- By Rev. E. J. Scheibert—Toledo, \$10.50; Jackson, \$5.35; Mt. Clemens, \$2.75. Total: \$18.60.
- By Rev. A. E. Ferber—Atchinson, \$4.05; Herington, \$8.25; Joplin, \$5.82; Kansas City, \$25.07; Lawrence, \$1.30; Salina, \$1.85; St. Joseph, \$5.20; Wichita, \$5.86; Springfield, \$1.25; Ieavensworth, \$.11; Private Donations, \$9.25. Total: \$68.01.
- By Rev. E. Mappes—Lincoln, \$1.15; Sioux City, \$5.91; Sioux Falls, \$4.92; Mitchell, \$9.00; Ft. Dodge, \$13.55; Boone, \$2.30; Des Moines, \$1.27; Omaha Mission Festival, \$15.00. Total: \$53.10.

By Rev. E. C. Baker—New Castle, \$3.15; Buffalo, \$3.75; Washington, \$2.25; Baltimore, \$6.25; Hamburg, \$3.30; Pittsburgh Deaf, \$27.47. Total: \$43.17.

By Rev. E. Eichmann—December Collection, \$12.94.

By Rev. J. A. C. Beyer—Decorah, \$3.45; Mason City, \$1.72; Winona, \$5.95; Rochester, \$2.25; Lake City, \$17.97; Stillwater, \$7.35; Dubuque, \$1.45;

Eau Claire, \$1.30; St. Paul, \$36.89; Albert Lee, \$2.65; Sparta, \$2.46; La Crosse, \$2.35; Evelyn Ringrose, \$.50. Total: \$86.29.

Miscellaneous—T. A. Lindstrom, Salem, Ore., \$16.03; Royal Cooke, Portland, Ore., \$30.00; W. S. Hunter, Vancouver, Wash., \$11.88; J. H. Meier, Austin Congregation \$10.97; Eden Valley Congregation, \$8.77; E. W. Miland, Yakima, Wash., \$7.01; John E. Skoglund, Faith Lutheran Congregation, Spokane, \$32.00.

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