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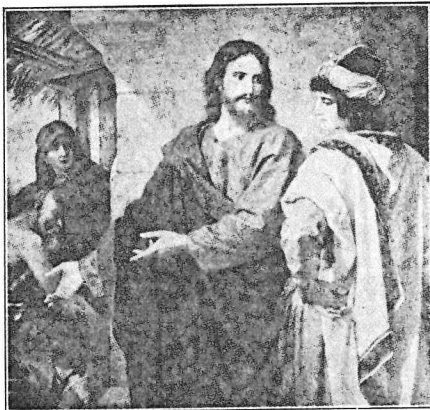
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A PRAYER

Dear Father, Thou hast given us so much; we give Thee back so little! Open Thou our hearts that we may let Thy blessings pour through us to others. Make us see that they are not really ours until we have shared them with our brother. Make us see that our hands are only ready to receive new blessings when they are open wide in giving, and not when closed tightly about our possessions. For Jesus' sake we ask it. Amen.

Having Jesus, all is mine—

Gift unspeakable, divine!—

Rich am I beyond all care,

Richer than a millionaire.

Poor is he whose wealth's his all,—

Poor when 'neath the funeral pall:

Not a groat can he take o'er—

Oh how stript when here no more!

Dark and dismal must it be

Thus to face eternity:

Naught to calm the dread-struck heart,

Naught to "cool" a little part.

Take "true riches" whilst thou may,

Come to Jesus, don't delay;

He is rich beyond degree,

Take salvation, full and free.

Then confess that Holy One;

Ever tell what He has done;

Live to "Him who died and rose,"

Till thy pilgrim days shall close.

— R. H.

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EDITORIAL

The Rich Young Ruler

We may justly assume that the rich young ruler, who fell down before Jesus and asked, "What shall I do?" was a morally good man. No doubt he possessed many virtues such as truthfulness, politeness, reverence for the house of God, respect for his parents and old age, bravery, boldness, honesty and diligence. He probably also denounced error in every form, used no vulgar or profane language, and was careful about his company.

These virtues, however, did not make him a true Christian. Jesus looked upon his outwardly moral life, and with sincere love for the young man's soul admonished him: "One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." Mark 10, 21. Jesus, the Son of God, who searches the heart, saw that the young moralist's soul was set upon his wealth, therefore, He admonished him further: "Take up the cross, and follow me."

Many men today, who are the equal of this young man in morality, admit that Christianity is a good thing, but they persist in their erroneous belief that morality is sufficient to see them through before the judgment throne of God. The rich young man, however, went still further. He fell down at the feet of Jesus seeking advice. He was so near the kingdom that he lacked only one thing.

Many moral men today also lack chiefly faith in Jesus. Although Christians strive honestly to acquire morality and all virtues, although their religion helps them to live uprightly, yet they know that no purely human merits are sufficient to save man from his sins.

Only the blood of the blessed Savior has the power to cleanse from sin and to wash away man's guilt. St. Paul tells us: "By grace are ye saved; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2, 8,9.

True morality is based solely upon the atonement of Christ. Faith in Jesus creates spiritual life and supplies the motive for true Christian charity and virtue. It changes the heart to incline toward God, and our Creator and Savior is satisfied with nothing less than the heart. He desires to be glorified through man's love and consecrated service.

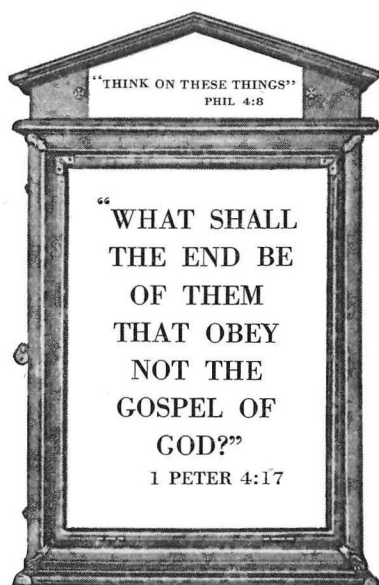
Gold to the amount beyond estimate, education to equal Solomon's learning, glory as much as your brow will bear, all this cannot truly help you, if you leave Jesus out of your life. Death will soon strip you of all your possessions and temporal glories. At the time of death the faithless are abandoned by God and man, but the Christian prays confidently: "Earth recedes; heaven opens; I am prepared to go."

Blessed are you in spite of all temporal hardships and poverties if you have this saving faith in the blood of the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1, 29.
O. C. S.

WORSHIPPING GOD IN NATURE

With the advent of warm weather the time-worn, moss-covered chestnut of an excuse is again being dug out of its winter storage and brazenly paraded before God and man by the Sunday excursionist. In defending his absence from the house of God he unctuously tells us that he worships God in nature, that he feels closer to the Almighty in the great outdoors than he does within the confinement of church walls. And he actually expects us to take him seriously and to meet his excuse sympathetically.

Aside from the plain statements of Scriptures regarding the use of God's Word and the support of public worship, the glib "nature worshipper" transgresses the ordinary duties of church membership and offends against the spirit of church loyalty. He is a bad example to others and especially to his children. We are not going to dignify his argument with a detailed refutation.



We merely want to express our doubt as to the accuracy and truthfulness of his excuse. Being accustomed to driving a car ourselves in this almost universally gaseous age, and being acquainted with the hazards of traffic, we venture to question whether a spiritually meditative mood can be maintained while handling a steering-wheel or even during the mental agitation of back-seat driving. It is also not quite plausible that glaring avenues of signs, admonishing us to use certain shaving creams, motor-oils, hotel rooms with bath, etc., or coaxing us to eat at the next chickenless chicken-shop, are conducive to a worshipful attitude. Of course, there is a little more leisure for meditation when our friend's car is caught in a long line of slowly moving vehicles, held up by a timid "Sunday driver" up ahead, but again we question the worshipful nature of his thoughts or even his language. We can also well imagine how his heart soars to flights of spiritual ecstasy when he discovers that he has a flat tire and worshipfully strips off his Sunday coat to make the necessary change, pausing occasionally to listen to the twittering of the birds and to draw his family's attention to the beauties of the surrounding scenery. He is no doubt deeply impressed with the glories of the heavens from the vantage point of a reclining position under his car. It is true that the fragrance of the meadows is somewhat

spoiled by the gas-fumes of passing cars, but still an occasional whiff of nature's breath comes to him, filling him with a great peace. He is in a real prayerful mood in spite of ruined clothes, perspiring body, grimy hands, and "helpful" advice from the back seat. This mood grows, no doubt, as the day wears on, despite all the "joys" of Sunday motor travel, despite dented fenders and bent bumpers. The family finally returns home in great spiritual exaltation and retires with the consciousness of great benefit of soul because of a day spent outdoors, "worshipping God in nature."

Friend, be honest with God, with your church and with yourself. Worship God in His holy temple, in the habitation of His house and in the place where His honor dwelleth; and when you neglect the Sunday service admit that you are consciously, openly transgressing the Third Commandment.

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IMMORTAL LOVE

Immortal Love, forever full,
 Forever flowing free,
 Forever shared, forever whole,
 A never ebbing sea!

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
 To bring the Lord Christ down;
 In vain we search the lowest deeps,
 For Him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
 A present help is He;
 And faith has still its Olivet
 And love its Galilee.

The healing of His seamless dress
 Is by our beds of pain;
 We touch Him in life's throng and press
 And we are whole again.

Thro' Him the first fond prayers are said
 Our lips of childhood frame,
 The last low whispers of our dead
 Are burdened with His name.

O Lord, and Master of us all,
 Whate'er our name or sign,
 We own Thy sway, we hear thy call,
 We test our lives by Thine.—Whittier.

STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

Who Is A Thief?

When we ask: "Who is a thief?" we quickly think of this or that one. First, we point to those who break into a home or store and take the neighbor's money or goods or who hold up people on the street. Then we point the finger also at those who perhaps have cheated us, sold us something that is not worth anything or given us poor weight or measure. Furthermore, we think of the gambler who plays for money. And here we can point also to those churches who sell tickets for a chance on some article. Only one can win the article, and all the others lose their money. All these get the neighbor's money or goods in a wrong way and are truly thieves. And God says in the Seventh Commandment: "Thou shalt not steal."

Among these thieves we find also those who borrow and pay not again. The Bible calls them wicked, Ps. 37, 21. Others rent a place, but pay no rent. So it is sin if a man asks much work of a man and gives him only a little money, and likewise it is sin when a man does poor work and wastes the time of his employer and asks good money for it. All these God and all people call thieves. God says: "Thou shalt not steal." And do not think that it is only a little sin. Also this sin can keep you out of the kingdom of God. Paul writes: "Thieves shall not inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6, 10.

And thieves are also they who will not work and wish to live on others. God says: "If any would not work, neither should he eat," 2 Thess. 3, 10. And here we should think of those who foolishly spend and waste the good things God gives them. Then when they are in trouble, they come and beg and cannot pay for the things they need. God did not give us all these good things to waste. We must answer Him for every penny. Yes, the world is full of thieves!

Is there any one who is not a thief? No, before God all are thieves and robbers. Every one must point the finger also at himself. God says: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness," Luke 12, 15. Covetousness is the love of money, wishing for more and more. Surely, all people are covetous. All wish to be rich, all are full of envy, 1 Tim. 6, 9. Do you see a five dollar bill

falling out of a man's pocket? What is the first thought in your heart? How quickly we should like to pick it up and keep it! Our heart always wishes for the neighbor's things. Man thinks first of himself and his welfare. Yes, we are thieves. Therefore our Catechism teaches us to say: "**We** should fear and love God that **we** may not take **our** neighbor's money or goods nor get them by false ware (things) or dealing (buying or selling)."

No, we should not steal, but work with our hands the thing which is good, that we may have to give to him that needeth, Eph. 4, 28. We should help our neighbor in every way, or as our Catechism says: "Help him to improve and protect his property and business." But, oh! we find it so hard to do it! Our selfish heart does not want to help him! Therefore we also often rob God. God has given us all our good things and we should use them for the glory of God and our neighbor's welfare. But as this our selfish heart does not want to help the neighbor, so it cares not to give for Jesus' work and His church. For our pleasure we spend so much, but for church our selfish heart often has only a few pennies. Yes, we often rob God! See Malachi 3, 8-12.

Come, let us humble ourselves before God and ask Him for the forgiveness also of these sins against the Seventh Commandment. Ask it in Jesus' name who suffered and died for us! And if His love fills our heart, then we also love our neighbor and gladly help him in every need and also willingly give for the Lord's work of saving souls. And God will again richly bless us for it according to His promise: "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6, 38. J. L. S.

FAITH

Faith is not blind acceptance of absurdity. Faith is the completion of a transaction in which we commit ourselves to a personal relationship with an unseen and living Master. Faith is such an adventure as every sailor makes when he sets out for an unseen port. Faith is our response to our yearning for the God who has made us for fellowship with Himself. Faith is the answer of the vibrant human spirit to the music of Eternity.

— Ozora S. Davis.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER, 1929

"Repent ye"

In His Word God tells all people to repent, to turn from sin and to believe in the blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to serve God in the beauty of holiness. Death may come any time, the last day may be here any day! If a man then has not repented, but still walks in the way of sin and has not this salvation in Christ, O then there is no hope for him, he will be lost forever. But God "is not willing that any should perish (be lost), but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3, 9. Therefore He again and again calls people in His word, saying, "Repent ye! Repent ye!" Also in our lessons from His holy word for the September Studies He calls us to repentance. He calls also you. Read them, one every Sunday, and may God bless His word in your heart that you truly repent and be saved!

Study for Sunday, September 1

"Let us watch, and be sober (careful)."

1 Thess. 5, 6

In your Bible read Luke 12, 41-48

Again Jesus tells us to watch for His second coming. We should be as a faithful (good) and wise steward (manager or housekeeper) whom his lord put over all his servants that he give them their portion (part) of meat (food) in due (right) season (time). Blessed is that servant when his lord comes and finds him doing it. He will make him ruler over all his things. So we are God's stewards. He gives us money and other good things and expects that we do good with it and use all for His glory, as, supporting our family, giving to the poor, giving for His church and work and missions, etc. Blessed are we if He finds us doing this when He comes again! Then we shall rule with Him in glory, v. 44.

But if that steward or manager say in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming," that is, "My lord will not yet come," and then perhaps beat (strike or hit) the servants in the house, eat and drink and get drunk, and so waste his lord's things, then great trouble will come on him. His lord will come when he looks not for him and in

an hour when he is not aware (watching), and will cut him asunder (apart) by whipping, and appoint (give) him his portion (part) with the unbelievers. So great trouble will come on us, if we do like this wicked servant and say: "Jesus is not yet coming," and then live in sin and waste the good things He has given us. Then Jesus will come when we are not watching and not ready, and we shall be lost with the unbelievers.

Friend, we know the Lord's wish (will). If we do it not we shall receive many stripes (whippings), that is, great punishment. Surely, also he who knows it not and commits (does) things worthy of stripes (punishment) shall receive stripes, but only a few. God has committed (given) us so many good things in this world, has told us of the only Savior and His coming again, and therefore He will require (ask) much of us. Now do your Lord's will (wish)! Trust in the Savior Jesus, serve Him with the many good things He has given you, and be ready always!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 43, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What should we do with our money and the other good things from God? 2. What should we do to be ready always for Jesus' second coming?

Prayer: Dear Savior, all that I have and am Thou hast given me. Help that I as a good servant use it all for Thy glory and be ready always for Thy coming on the last day. Amen.

Study for Sunday, September 8

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you."

John 15, 18

In your Bible read Luke 12, 49-53

Jesus came to send a fire upon earth among the people. When Jesus came, it was like a great fire, and it is so still to-day. Jesus knew He must go through a fire or trouble, and He wished that it be already kindled (started or begun). He knew He must be baptized with a baptism of fire or suffering, and He was straightened (troubled) with it till the time when it was accomplished (finished). And so it happened. Jesus had to go through great suffering and shame, people hated Him and His word and

killed Him. And you know He must suffer it all for our sins, so that you and I need not go to everlasting fire.

And as Jesus so all they who believe in Him must go through fire, through suffering and shame. He therefore says: "Suppose (think) ye that I am come to send peace on earth?" No, He came not to send peace, but division (separation or parting). When Jesus comes to a place with His word, quickly there will be trouble: some believe in Him, some will not believe. Therefore often five in one house will be divided (parted), three against two and two against three. In one house the one believes and the other believes not, therefore often the father will be against the son and the son against the father, the mother against her daughter and the daughter against her mother, the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and the daughter-in-law against the mother-in-law. When we preach the word of Jesus, there always will be a dividing (separating or parting). Therefore Jesus also says to His followers or His believers: "You shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." Do not be disappointed, if the preaching of Jesus separates people, one against the other! Do not be disappointed if your friends hate you because you believe in Jesus and love His name. People hated your Jesus, therefore you need not be surprised if they also hate you.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 51, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why was it as a great fire when Jesus came into the world? 2. What will always happen, when we preach Jesus and His word?

Prayer: Dear Savior, Thou wentest through a great fire, through great shame and suffering, for me. Now help that I also gladly go through shame and suffering for Thee and always believe in Thee and love Thy name although people hate me. Amen.

Study for Sunday, September 15

*"To-day if ye will hear His voice,
harden not your hearts."*

Hebr. 3, 15

In your Bible read Luke 12, 54-59

Jesus again tells the Jews that they should believe in Christ and be saved. But they did not want to believe, and Jesus called them hypocrites

(false Christians). They could tell what kind of weather they would have. When a cloud came up in the west, they knew they would have a shower (rain); if the south wind blew, they knew that it would be very hot. They could discern (judge) the face of the sky and of the earth, but they could not discern this time when Jesus was among them. From things that happened while Jesus was with them, they could easily learn that the Christ, the promised King and Savior was here. But they did not want to see it. Therefore Christ warned them in order that they be delivered (freed) from their adversary (enemy). The chief adversary is the devil. People are on the way with him to magistrate (judge), and now they should give diligence (work hard) that they be freed from the devil. If they will not do this, the devil will hale (bring) them to the judge, and then they must go into prison, that is, into hell. And they will not depart (come out) thence (from the prison), till they have paid the last mite (penny), that means, they will never come out, but must stay there forever.

So, my friends, to-day many people can tell what kind of weather we shall have. So they could easily tell from the things that happen to-day that Jesus will soon come again to judge the world. But people do not want to see it. The devil leads them upon the way to hell, but they try not to be freed from him. They will not believe in Jesus who alone can save from the devil. And then when Jesus comes to judge the world on the last day, they are not ready and must go away from Jesus into hell, and shall never be free again. O my friend, perhaps this is our last year on earth, perhaps we shall die soon or Jesus will come this year. Let us trust in Jesus and be freed from the devil and live forever with our Savior!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 58, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What can we easily learn from the things that happen to-day? 2. What should we therefore do?

Prayer: My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, help that I always trust in Thee, and so be freed from the devil and always be ready when death comes or when Thou shalt come for judgment on the last day. Amen.

Study for Sunday, September 22

"Repent (turn from sin) ye, and believe the gospel (the good news of forgiveness through Jesus)." Mark 1, 15

In your Bible read Luke 13, 1-5

People should repent, that is, turn from sin to the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness. But so many think they need not repent and think themselves better than other people and believe that people who have great trouble in this world are greater sinners than they are. But Jesus shows in our lesson that all, every one, must repent.

There were some people at that season (time) who told Him about the Galilaeans whose blood Pilate had mingled (mixed) with their sacrifices (offerings of sheep). When they had killed the sheep and brought them as an offering to God, Pilate killed these Galilaeans, and their blood was mingled with the blood of the sheep. Then Jesus said: "Suppose (think) ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above (more than) all the Galilaeans, because they suffered these things?" Some people perhaps thought: "Those Galilaeans were very wicked people because that happened to them," but Jesus said: "Nay (no), but except ye repent (turn from sin) you shall likewise (same) perish (be lost)." Jesus then tells them of the 18 men in Jerusalem upon whom the tower of Siloam fell and slew (killed) them. Now some people perhaps thought, "These 18 men were very wicked, more wicked than other people in Jerusalem, because that happened to them." But Jesus again said: "Nay (no), but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." All these things that happened to these people should be a warning to the other people. It should urge them to turn from sin and to prepare to meet their God!

So when a great earthquake, or fire, or any other great trouble come on a city or people, then we should not think that these people were greater sinners than other people and that we are better than they because it did not happen to us. No, all these terrible happenings in this world should urge us to turn from sin to the Savior and His cross. If we will not do this, then great trouble, yes, much greater trouble will come upon us! Let the many accidents and fires

and death of which we read in the daily papers urge us to turn from sin to the only Savior and so prepare to meet God!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember vv. 3 and 5, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What should we not think when a city or people have great trouble? 2. What should other people's trouble urge us to do?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me that every and any trouble in this world will urge me to turn from sin to the only Savior of the world, Thine only Son Jesus Christ, and so prepare to meet Thee and to live with Thee, my Lord and my God. Amen.

Study for Sunday, September 29

"Faith which worketh by love."

Gal. 5, 6

In your Bible read Luke 13, 6-9

A man planted a fig tree in his vineyard. And he came and looked for figs on it, and he found none. If we plant a tree in our garden, we want it to give us fruit. This man said to the dresser (keeper) of his vineyard, "Behold (see), these three years I came seeking fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut it down; why cumbereth (maketh worth nothing) it the ground?" So every one in Christ's church, every one who is baptized in Jesus' name, has the name Christian and is like a tree planted in God's garden. And He also comes and wants fruit from every one, that means, God wants every one to continue in faith and to show his faith by doing good. God is very patient as this man in our lesson and wait years and years for fruit. But if He finds none, He will at last cut it down, that means, He will cast that man or woman out of His kingdom into hell. God wants fruit, He wants a faith that works by love.

But when that man told his keeper to cut the tree down, the keeper said, "Lord let it alone this year also." He wants to take care of it one more year and dig about (around) it and dung (give fertilizer) it. If it then bears (gives) fruit, well (good); if not, then after that the Lord can cut it down. So if God wants to take away one who has only the name Christian and has not true faith that works by love, then Jesus prays for that one and asks to be patient a little more. He wants to come to this man a little longer with

His word, with the law and the sweet gospel. He wants to speak to him again about sin and salvation through faith in His blood and about true holiness. If that one then turns from sin, it is good; if not, then God will be patient no more, but take him and cast him out of His kingdom.

Friend, perhaps this is our last year! Daily repent, that is, turn from sin to Jesus and serve Him in the beauty of holiness all the days of your life. Then you are a good tree in God's garden. May God grant (give) it!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 8, and answer these questions in writing:
1. Who is as a tree planted in God's garden?
2. What does God expect from every one in His kingdom?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help that I be a good tree in Thy garden and truly trust in Thine only Son and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins and serve Him in holiness for the glory of His holy name. Amen.

TEAR IT UP!

Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War during President Lincoln's administration, had become greatly provoked at an officer in the army who had misunderstood Stanton's order. "I have a great mind," he said to Lincoln, "to write the fellow my opinion of him, and not mince my words." "All right," Lincoln replied, "do so; write just as you feel about the case; make your words as cutting as you can; do not spare him." Stanton did not wait for a second urging from the President. In a short while he came to read to the President the sharp reprimand which he intended to administer to the officer, "Well done!" said Lincoln, "there is no room for improvement in that." "By whom could I send the letter?" asked Stanton. "Send it — did you say?" asked Lincoln in turn. "Why, that is not necessary. The letter has served its purpose: it rid you of your anger. Now tear it up. That's what I do. Such letters cannot be sent." — "Choice Morsels" by W. G. Polack.

It is not wishing and desiring to be saved will bring men to heaven; hell's mouth is full of good wishes. — Thomas Shepard.

THE POWER OF GOD

"The preaching of the Cross (of Christ) is, to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us who are saved (to those who believe), it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18.)

This doctrine, so simple in its nature, so grand in its effects, is foolishness to the wise of this world, but it is clearly understood by those who believe, although by none else. God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise, — not many of whom are called to be the heirs of glory, being shut out by their own wisdom and self-conceit. Such persons are too high-minded to be taught of God, too wise to believe the need of a second birth; therefore their eyes are closed to the full blaze of heavenly light, though shining with an effulgence of love and mercy everywhere around.

It is not by human eloquence that sinners are won to God, but it is by the foolishness, or simplicity, of gospel truths that believers are saved. (1 Cor. 1:21.) — Sel.

"SHOW ME THY WAYS, O LORD"

Psalm 25

Show me the way, O Lord, in which I shall walk,

For I have lifted up my soul to Thee.

O Holy Spirit of God, take me as Thy disciple:

Guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me.

Bind my hands, that they may do no evil;

Blind my eyes, that they may see it no more;

Sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me.

Be Thou my God; be Thou my Guide.

Whithersoever Thou leadest me I will go;

Whatsoever Thou forbiddest me I will renounce;

Whatsoever Thou commandest me in Thy strength I will do.

Lead me then unto the fullness of Thy truth.

Show me the way, O Lord, in which I shall walk,

For I have lifted up my soul unto Thee.

"WITH THE BEREANS"

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

Repeatedly God has assured us that He will be with us and help us in whatever troubles may arise. He has often invited His children, in fact, all men to cast their cares upon Him, because He careth for them. But why should His children have trouble at all? Does not a faithful father protect His children from all manner of trouble, whenever and wherever he can? And is God our Father not almighty?

True, but God has a good and kind purpose in permitting evil days to come upon us. He wants to lead us through sorrow and grief back to our Savior, whom we have so often forsaken and neglected.

When in trouble — remember:

- September 1: "He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven shall no evil touch thee." Job. 5: 19.
- September 8: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain ¹ thee: he shall never suffer ² the righteous to be moved." ³ Psalm 55: 2. ¹ support. ² let. ³ tossed about, wander about aimlessly.
- September 15: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; ¹ that I might learn thy statutes." ² Psalm 119: 71. ¹ troubled. ² laws.
- September 22: "Be content ¹ with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13: 15. ¹ satisfied.
- September 29: "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, ¹ and he will bind us up." Hosea 6: 1. ¹ hurt.

J. A. C. B.

FAITH

"Lord, give me faith to live from day to day,
With tranquil heart to do my simple part,
And with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.

"Lord, give me faith to trust, if not to know;
With quiet mind in all things Thee to find,
And, childlike, go where Thou would have
me go.

"Lord, give me faith to leave it all to Thee.
The future is Thy gift. I would not lift
The veil Thy love has hung 'twixt it and
me."

A good example is the best sermon.

CONFERENCE NOTICES

The Associated Lutheran Charities Conference will meet from the 17th to 19th of September in Watertown, Wis. All hospitals, orphanages, old folks' homes, city missions, child welfare agencies; briefly, all institutions and societies engaged in Christian welfare and charitable endeavors in the Synodical Conference, should be represented in this meeting, and are herewith cordially invited to send a delegate. Those having received an announcement card from the undersigned should use same without delay. Announcements are to be made to Rev. F. H. Eggers, 314 North 5th St., Watertown, Wis. — Rev. Geo. H. Kase, Secretary, 6024 Grand Vista Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Geo. H. Kase, Sec'y.

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Ephphatha Conference will convene D. v., October 4th to 8th in Kansas City, Mo. Kindly send notice of intended presence or absence to Pastor A. E. Ferber, 3820 E. 25th St., Kansas City, Mo.

More than one-fifth of the entire New Testament is directly concerned with the Second Coming of Christ.

THE DEAF IN INDIA

One of the most familiar sights in India is the wayside beggar; he or she is to be found in every thorough-fare and outside every place of worship. The beggar's professional whine is one of the most aggravating sounds ever invented. Often it will be noticed that the usual formula in the usual whine is replaced by uncouth and meaningless sounds, for the suppliant is a deaf-mute.

India has many sufferers, but it is not often realized how large a number of them are deaf-

mutes nor how hard is their lot. Silence is almost unknown in the vast land, for if human sounds cease, the animal world and the teeming insect life take up the chorus; but to all this there are thousands of ears forever deaf. The last census gave the total number of deaf-mutes as 189,644, of whom 114,249 were males and 75,395 females; one who has known India for many years points out that this is probably an underestimate, since this represents only those known to the enumerators; and it would probably be safe to add another fifty per cent.

It is interesting to note that whereas between ages of 5 and 15 there are 30,228 boys and 19,898 girls, between the ages of 15 and 20 the numbers are respectively 11,872 and 7,549. This seems to point to the fact that deaf-mutes are not wanted.

In England with its centuries of Christian tradition one can take for granted that special care will be lavished on the afflicted; but in the East this is not the case. Mohammedans look upon deaf-mutes as accursed, while the Hindus assume that they are expiating sins committed in some former existence, and that they deserve all they get. As far as one can gather, no general attempt is made to teach or train them, and if they survive the hardships of the first few years they mostly swell the ranks of the beggars and live on the generosity of the passer-by.

For various reasons very little has so far been done to improve their condition. Most Europeans in the East are fully occupied with their own job, and whereas nobody can help being struck by the appalling number of blind people in India, it is possible to be quite unconscious to the existence of deaf-mutes who, it seems, are fairly evenly distributed throughout the land. Moreover, the Church Missionary Society and others who are alive to the need are at present unable for lack of funds to launch any fresh venture.

Two facts emerge from any study of the subject; one is that the need is tremendous; the other, that the work is well worth doing.

Dr. Forchhammer has said that "there is nothing in the brain of the deaf to prevent them from learning to speak just as correctly as

those who hear," and this has been abundantly proved in the few schools for the deaf-mutes that already exist in India. The general opinion is that not only are they as intelligent as the average normal child, but if anything they are more intelligent, what they lose in one direction being made up to them in another. They can be trained to lip-read and to speak, though the latter is a very long and tedious process, sometimes taking as long as ten years. They readily take to composing, mat-making, knitting and other manual work, and can be turned out useful members of the community. It is probable that if new methods of teaching were introduced, so that by use of apparatus class teaching could take the place of individual work, not only could larger numbers be helped, but the time taken in teaching could be greatly reduced.

There are at present fourteen institutions in India, of which some are municipal, some private, some mission; but these schools cater for only 475 children between the ages of 5 and 15, so that one per cent of the deaf-mute children are being educated.

Work for deaf-mutes is recognized as specially difficult and expensive, but difficulty is not a reason that should hinder the Christian Church when once she has understood the need and heard the call to help.

— Gladys I. Mather in the Record.

A clear conscience can bear any trouble.

MISSION NEWS

Kansas City Mission—In our Miami, Oklahoma, service on June 22 (the children) Robert, Harry and Virginia Jackson were brought to Christ in Holy Baptism. Their mother recently joined our church and now realizing the importance of Baptism (1 Pet. 3, 21. Baptism doth also now save us) wanted her children baptized also. Our services have been transferred from Picher to Miami, Oklahoma.

Although our schedule is already a trifle large for this missionary's capacity, we could not refuse urgent requests to preach to deaf of Oklahoma City. Our first service was held there in April and average attendance since that time has been twenty. The Dorcas Missionary Society of the local Lutheran congregation there (Rev. A. C. Dubberstein, pastor) is in a measure fostering this work. To obtain greater publicity or attract more deaf, the society pays for

newspaper advertising, etc., including subscriptions of all the deaf of Oklahoma City and vicinity to the Deaf Lutheran.

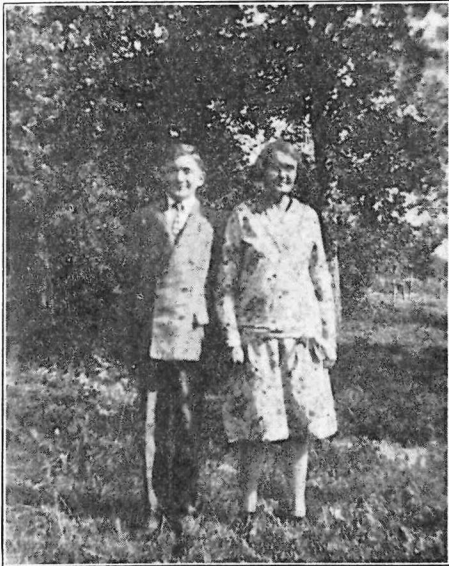
Mrs. E. LaMont of Los Angeles was a visitor recently at our Oklahoma City services.

On July 21st, Emil Rettig of Hanover was confirmed in a joint service in Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Wm. Mahler, pastor. Fifteen deaf friends and members attended. Eleven had come very far to attend. The church was filled to capacity. Alfred Mueller of Hanover joined our church last year.

Prof. H. Baynes of the School for Deaf of Baton Rouge, La., was a visitor in our Joplin services on July 28. Prof. Baynes will teach at the Alabama school this coming year.

We were glad to note a reference to Mrs. Neal Curtis in the August edition of the Deaf Lutheran, p. 93. Mrs. Curtis is a warm friend of our mission and the Lawrence services are always held in her home.

The Kansas City congregation is getting ready to be host to Ephphatha Conference October 4th to 8th, hoping to make the visit as pleasant as possible of all missionaries. Friends in this neighboring territory will please watch for further announcements regarding services on October 6. A. E. F.



Duluth Mission—The above picture is a snapshot of Mrs. Geo. Corbett and her son George of Tadmore, Sask. Both were baptized in Sturgis, Sask., on June 17th by Pastor W. Ferber. They are the first people to be baptized in our mission in Saskatchewan. The mother was entirely instructed by mail, while the son is attending Pastor Ferber's classes in Winnipeg.

St. Louis Mission—On Saturday, July 27th, Mr. Julius Stumpf, a member of our little flock in Indianapolis, Ind., 70 years of age, was run down by an

automobile and seriously injured. He suffered severe lacerations on the head and face and a compound fracture of the left leg. He was taken to the Christian Hospital and on Monday, July 29th, the doctors found it necessary to amputate the broken leg. The same day, the Rev. H. M. Zorn, in a letter telling us of Mr. Stumpf's misfortune, added, that, considering all, Mr. Stumpf was doing quite well. The following Sunday, August 4th, being the date of our monthly services for the deaf in Indianapolis, we called on Mr. Stumpf in the hospital and found him quite cheerful, and the nurse in charge told us that he was getting along nicely. Before we left him, Mr. Stumpf handed us his church envelope containing his monthly contribution to the Mission treasury. We join him in thanking the Lord for having preserved his life, and hope that he will soon be able to leave the hospital and to attend our services which he always enjoyed. C. Schubkegel.

Omaha Mission—Members of Immanuel Congregation wish to congratulate Miss Ruth Zorn and Mr. Edward Maier who finished their course of study at the Nebraska School in June and we wish them God's blessing in their future undertaking. Edward and Ruth are both communicant members of the Omaha congregation.

Three were in attendance at services in Lincoln on June 7th in spite of a heavy down-pour and thunder storm that evening. One of those present, Mr. Henry Buchmeier had to come by car from Plymouth, Nebr., a distance of about 55 miles.

Floyd and Walter Zabel of Daykin, Nebr., came to Omaha for the Lord's Supper service on May 19th. We are glad to know that both have secured work near Western, Nebr., but we would rather have them with us in Omaha as formerly. Both are voting members of the Omaha congregation, and Walter was one of the auditors until his work took him away from Omaha.

Glad to have in our midst again Mr. Hans Neujahr who had been employed at Leigh, Nebr., by the Leigh World Newspaper during the past two years. Hans is now working for a South Omaha paper.

The Omaha Ladies' Aid Society has introduced a novel idea by making a number of tiny doll aprons which are sent to members and friends of the Aid. A short verse is enclosed in the envelope stating that each lady is to measure her waist line and for each inch must place a penny into the pocket. The money thus collected is to be used for some charitable purpose.

Mr. Fred Ward's mother of Ft. Dodge, Iowa, has been quite ill. We pray that the Lord will strengthen her, so that she will be up and around again soon.

The pastor recently received an invitation to speak on our work among the deaf at a gathering of Lutheran young people to be held at Worthington,

Minn., on August 4th. An attendance of about 2,000 is expected and as has been promised the collection at this service will be turned over to the Deaf-Mute Mission treasury or to our Omaha Chapel Fund.

The pastor has distributed envelopes from our Detroit Lutheran School for deaf children to all communicant members at all the preaching stations. The money collected by these envelopes will be sent to Detroit to help erect a much needed school building. The present school at Detroit is over fifty years old and not suited to the present needs and a new and larger building is most necessary. In this our Lutheran School the children are taught the very same things as in the State institutions and above that they learn about their Savior Jesus Christ every day from the Bible and Luther's Catechism. After graduation these children become good members of our deaf congregations. It is certainly worth our efforts to support this school and the Lord will bless our gifts. A few other deaf friends, not communicants, have requested an envelope and want to help. If you have not yet received one of these envelopes, you will receive one soon.

About 40 people attended the picnic held at Riverview Park in Omaha on July 21st. A great

variety of contests and a game of indoor baseball took up the greater part of the afternoon.

At our services in Mitchell, So. Dak., the attendance averages 14 and sometimes as high as 18 are present. Only three of these deaf live in Mitchell, all the others come from 30 to 60 miles. Even on rainy days and in the coldest winter days we find most of these people in church at Mitchell on the fourth Sunday of each month. This certainly shows real love for the preaching of God's Word. How many of us live within walking distance of our church and yet do not always attend when we have the opportunity. Let us all be regular in our church attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Gerichs of Chicago were welcome visitors at services in Ft. Dodge on Sunday, July 14th. Mrs. Gerichs (Evelyn Jung) was formerly employed in the print shop of Mr. F. E. Ward. The happy young couple stated that Chicago was O. K. but it was a good treat to be back with old friends. They spent their two weeks vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. John Probert of Sioux City have moved to Omaha where Mr. Probert found employment in a large cleaning and pressing establishment. We welcome them into our midst. E. M.

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