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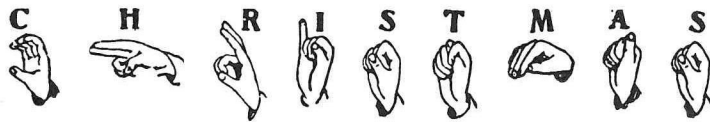
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PRAYER

At Thy manger, Lord, I stand,
Thee as God adoring,
With the saints of every land
Grace and love imploring.

Let me hear the angels sing
All the wondrous story,
How, all men good will to bring,
Thou didst come from glory.

Let me see Thy loving face,
Smiling sweet compassion,
And, like shepherds, grant me grace
For my own transgression.

Let me ponder trustfully,
With Thy virgin mother,
On that heavenly mystery—
Thou, our God and Brother.

Let me bring my treasure-trove,
Like the Eastern sages,
As my tribute to the Love
That transforms the ages;

Thee, like Simeon, let me press
To my heart, dear Savior;
Let me share his happiness
Now, henceforth, forever!

—W. G. Polack.

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CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day the Babe in the manger again claims world-wide attention. People of all nations and races pause on this day to extend kind greetings to one another, to praise God, and to adore His marvelous gift, the blessed Savior, who honored us with His presence upon earth, and gave Himself for us upon the cross. The love of God, personified in the Christ-child, strengthens the Christian's faith in eternal life and enables him to overcome the world.

Even the ungodly on Christmas Day feel a little of the meaning of religion; they, too, are moved to a certain degree by the spirit of love and brotherhood so marvelously manifested at the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. While some ungodly people and conceited scientists declare pompously that it has become necessary in our advanced and enlightened age to re-write or to set aside altogether the Gospel-story, other Christian scholars everywhere in the world are ably refuting the insipid notions of these false theorists by directing the attention of lost sinners to the saving and renewing power of the Gospel.

It is not a difficult matter to see or to understand that Jesus is His own sufficient witness to the truth of the Christmas tidings of great joy and salvation. His power has not declined in the centuries following His earthly pilgrimage, but, on the contrary, it is daily and constantly increasing. Jesus continues to banish from the heart of His followers that which is base and unworthy; He gives hope to the despairing and mourning, assurance of the forgiveness of sins, and peace to the soul beyond all human wisdom and understanding. Men of erudition in every age, like the wise

men from the East, together with the lowly and humble, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, continue to find their way to peace and happiness in the presence of Jesus.

For obvious reasons, therefore, Christmas to the Christians means not merely a day of social festivities, generous hospitality, and wholesome merriment, but it is to them a day to re-awaken spiritual strength and to stir faith in the Babe of Bethlehem as the blessed Savior of the world.

May the Star of Bethlehem shine into every home and heart during the Christmas season. Approaching the Babe in the manger in a spirit of humility, reverence, faith, and prayer, there will be found for all people at all times an abundance of joy, comfort, and peace in His soul-saving presence.

O. C. S.

NOTICE

Ephphatha Conference resolved to publish a detailed statistical report of every field biennially in the Deaf Lutheran. Missionaries are hereby requested to send their 1929 report to 2204 Bunts Rd., Cleveland, Ohio, on or before January 10.

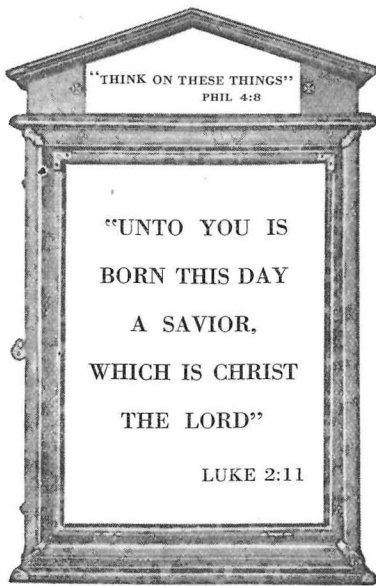
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LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Throughout the world, in every race, speaking every language, there are the unfortunate blind. For those who cannot see to read ordinary printing special raised type with dots and dashes, curves and points, is necessary. For over eighty years the American Bible Society has been ministering to the sightless. Six different systems in English have been developed.

Despite the extent of the service being rendered, there are many persons throughout the world suffering from blindness who cannot read the Bible because their language has never been reduced to a system for the blind. We know that through these mechanical means the love of God can be sown in the lives of those who cannot see or hear. The Light of the World can light up blind faces with that peace which the world cannot give. Especially for them is the psalmist's statement still beautifully true: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light."

— Sel.



STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

Of the Law Written in Man's Heart and of Man's Conscience

For several months we have been studying God's holy law. All people should keep this law, therefore "cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Gal. 3, 10. You perhaps will ask: "How can they all know the law? So many people have not the Bible. Surely, God will not punish people if they know not the law." You are right, my friend, but every man and woman born into this world knows this law without the Bible.

How then does man know it? The Bible tells us: "God created man in His own image," Gen. 1, 27. And this means that "man was after God created in righteousness and true holiness," Eph. 4, 24. And Paul writes that people who have not the written law still "show the work of *the law written in their hearts*," Rom. 2, 14. Surely, man does not know the law of God as perfectly to-day as Adam and Eve knew it in the Garden of Eden. The Bible therefore says that "man's foolish heart is darkened"; it speaks of the "ignorance that is in them" and of "the blindness of their heart." How did this happen? Sin is to blame for it. Perhaps you see some writing on a black-board

and you take an eraser and rub over it. Then you can no more plainly read the words written. That is what sin has done with the law written in man's heart. But as you can still read some of the words, so man still knows some of the law. Therefore Paul writes: "The Gentiles do by nature the things contained (that are) in the law," Rom. 2, 14. And even that that is left of God's law in the heart of man can show man his sin, and so "all the world is become guilty before God," Rom. 3, 19, and all people, also who have not the law, are "children of disobedience," Eph. 5, 6. "By the law is the knowledge of sin," says God in Romans 3, 20.

And every day man makes use of this knowledge. Man's conscience tells him that he must do as the law in his heart tells him. It judges all his thoughts and words and deeds according to this law. When he wants to do or has done something according to the law, his conscience quickly says: "That is good and right"; when he wants to do or has done something against the law, his conscience, this voice in his heart, tells him: "That is sin." Therefore Paul says of the Gentiles who had not the law: "Their *conscience also bearing witness*, and their thoughts the meanwhile *accusing or else excusing* one another." Rom. 2, 15. Indeed, because man has fallen into sin, his conscience sometimes urges him to do wrong, and man thinks that he is doing God service, John 16, 2. Paul hated the name Jesus and persecuted the Christians, and he writes: "I verily thought with myself, that *I ought to do* many things contrary to the name of Jesus," Acts 26, 9. Man's conscience tells man also that sin must be punished. When Adam had fallen into sin, he hid himself. And why? He said to God: "I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid." Gen. 3, 10.

But the law written in man's heart and his conscience never can show man how he can be saved from sin and find peace with God. Because the law is written in man's heart, his thoughts always are busy with the law and man's works. Everywhere men are seeking to make peace by their good works. Therefore the Christmas story of the little Lord Jesus and the Christmas message, "Unto you is born a Savior," are foolishness to him, 1 Cor. 2, 14, till the Holy

Ghost shows him that all his works cannot take away one sin, leads him to the Christ-child born in Bethlehem for him, says to him, "Unto you is born a Savior," and begins faith in him. Only then can a man confess these words of the Second Article in our Catechism: "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 and silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own," and in the Third Article: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the gospel."

Thanks unto God that He not only wrote the law in our hearts, but also has made known to us the good tidings of great joy, this good Christmas news: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," Luke 2, 11.

J. L. S.

MISSIONARY ZEAL

Almost three million copies of the missionary number of the Seventh-day Adventists' "Watchman Magazine" are published this year in twenty-two languages for use in their "Harvest Ingathering" campaign for foreign and home missions. The Seventh-day Adventists are working in 127 countries, and 279 languages. They are supporting 7,803 missionary evangelists, physicians, and teachers. They are further conducting 54 sanitariums, 662 schools, and 38 printing-plants. Twenty years ago the missionary budget was less than \$300,000; today the budget is \$4,500,000! Last year each member of the denomination contributed an average of over \$75 for evangelistic work.

— Selected.

THE BIBLE

The English Bible is a book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power.—T. B. Macaulay.

BROTHERS ALL

During the World War a desperately wounded German and an equally desperately wounded Englishman were lying on the field side by side. They heard each other murmur "Mutter" and "Mother," and though ignorant of each other's language they found in "mother" a word that made them brothers. They made each other feel that they must pray together, and together they prayed "Unser Vater der bist im Himmel!" and "Our Father which art in heaven." — Ohio Chronicle.

The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf met at the Minnesota School at Faribault, June 17-21. It was attended by educators of the deaf from practically all States in the Union. Continuing its sessions through nearly a week, there was carried out an unusually successful and profitable program. Daily demonstrations of school methods — several in progress in different rooms at the same time — were a feature, affording opportunity for choosing and specializing that was taken advantage of by student teachers to the fullest extent. The management of the Minnesota school is to be congratulated upon the part it took in providing entertainment, also in carrying on class demonstrations.

—The Nebraska Journal.

"The largest and finest contribution one can make to the Church is attendance at its services. Let that attendance be consistent and regular, and it is a joy forever. Coupled with attendance is a pledge to the financial support of the Church faithfully paid. Let your envelopes be the record of your attendance and of your giving. Don't be condemned by the number of unused envelopes staring you in the face.

"Anyone who uses envelopes faithfully will get joy out of his religion, and will get joy out of, and be a joy in, his church." — Selected.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

An easy life is not likely to be a very valuable life to itself or to others. Strength comes by overcoming obstacles, and it is the strong life that can best help those about it.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER, 1929

"Unto us a child is born"

Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? The angel said to the shepherds on the first Christmas Day: "Unto you is born a Savior." And Jesus Himself tells us: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19, 10. Jesus was born to save the world. He is come to save you and me. His love for sinners is described so beautifully in the 15th chapter of Luke which we are studying this month. Prayerfully read these studies for December and let them fill your heart with true Christmas joy and peace!

Study for Sunday, December 1

*"Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1, 15*

In your Bible read Luke 15, 1. 2

Publicans, that is, tax-collectors who cheated the people, and sinners drew (came) near to Jesus. We always see sinners near Jesus and with Him. He is the Friend of sinners. Sinner, do you need a true friend? Then come near to Jesus. And why did the publicans and sinners draw near to Him? For to hear Him. He spake wonderful words, and His words interest only sinners, only them who know that they have sinned against God and are worthy of punishment. Sinner, come near to Jesus! He has good news for you!

Jesus is the Friend of sinners, His word is for sinners. Therefore the Pharisees, the proud people who trusted in their good works and, as they thought, needed no Savior, and the scribes, the Jewish teachers who thought that the law could save them, were not interested in Jesus' words and also murmured, were displeased, because Jesus showed Himself to be the Friend of sinners, and said of Him: "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." So to-day many people are not interested in Jesus and His word, because they think they have no sin or only very little and therefore need not this word of forgiveness and salvation, and also are displeased, if we call sinners to Jesus and offer them forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ.

But sinners rejoice in this that He is the Friend of sinners and has good news for them.

Our hearts are glad when we hear the proud men who trust in themselves say: "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Yes, Jesus receives sinners, He receives also you and me. Let us sing and be glad!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 2, and answer these questions in writing:

1. Why do sinners always come near to Jesus?
2. Why are some people not interested in Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, Thou Friend of sinners, Thou art also my Friend and Savior and Thy good word of salvation is also for me. Grant that I believe in Thee and rejoice in this that Thou receivest sinners and eatest with them. Amen.

Study for Sunday, December 8

*"God is not willing, that any should perish,
but that all should come to repentance."*

2 Peter 3, 9

In your Bible read Luke 15, 3-10

Last Sunday we learned that Jesus is the Friend of sinners, and this He makes very plain to us in two beautiful parables or stories, the story of the lost sheep and of the lost piece of silver.

If a man has one hundred sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 in the wilderness and looks for the lost sheep till he find it. And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders rejoicing. And when he comes home he calls his friends and neighbors for to rejoice with him. There is great joy in the shepherd's house because the lost sheep was found. Not one sheep should be lost. Now Jesus tells us that likewise (same) great joy is in heaven if one sinner repents, that is, turns from sin to God. Angels will rejoice more over this one sinner than over 99 who think they are good and holy and need no Savior. So we should rejoice much when we see a poor sinner turn to Jesus and be saved. Now let us help to bring many poor sinners, also among the deaf, to our Lord Jesus, the only Savior. If we win only one for Jesus, the angels in heaven sing for joy!

And to show us that it is a great thing in heaven and earth if one sinner is found and believes in Jesus' blood for the forgiveness of all sins, he tells us another parable or story. If a woman has ten pieces of silver and loses one, what will she do? What will you do, if you lose a dollar? You will look for it till you find it.

So this woman lights a candle, sweeps the house, and seeks diligently till she find it. And when she has found it she calls her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her. So the angels are very glad, if one sinner turns to Jesus and believes in Him unto salvation. Yes, it is a great thing if one sinner is saved. Let us gladly help to bring many more to Jesus.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 10, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What makes the angels in heaven rejoice and be glad? 2. What should we all gladly help to do?

Prayer: Jesus, Thou good Shepherd, Thou wilt not that one sheep be lost, and therefore Thou always seekest the lost. Thanks to Thee for seeking and saving me! Grant that I now also seek sinners and bring them to Thee, and so make the angels in heaven to sing and to be glad. Amen.

Study for Sunday, December 15

*"Love not the world,
neither the things that are in the world."*

1 John 2, 15

In your Bible read Luke 15, 11-16

God's love to sinners is wonderful. This love Jesus describes also in the beautiful parable (story) of the prodigal (wasteful) son.

A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father for the portion (part) which should fall (belong) to him. And the kind father gave it to him. After a few days the young boy was tired of home and wanted to go out into the world and be free. He gathered (took) all the things the father had given him together, went far away from home, and there wasted (spent) his substance (things) with riotous (wild) living. As this son so is every one who has been in the Father's house, and then wants to be free. He goes away from his heavenly Father and His love and goes with wicked people on their evil way and gives himself and all he has to sin. But people who do this will soon find themselves in great trouble, as we learn from the prodigal son.

When this young boy had spent all, a mighty (great) famine (hunger) arose (came) in that land, and he began to be in want (suffering). He therefore looked for work, and a man sent

him into his field to feed swine (pigs). But he earned very little, and he would fain (gladly) have eaten the husks (pig's feed), and no man gave to him. With his money and his good things he also lost his friends. That is the way of those who leave God and love the world. For a little while they have a good time, but then they begin to suffer. Their wicked friends who helped them to spend all their good things now despise and leave them. Perhaps sorrow and trouble, sickness and death come to them, and then the world has no comfort and no help. They who leave the Father's house and love the world and the things of this world will sooner or later find themselves in great trouble. Let this be a warning to you, my friend!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 14, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why do so many leave the heavenly Father? 2. What will happen to those who leave their heavenly Father and His house?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, let me love Thee and stay in Thine house forever. Help me that I not leave Thee and not love the world and the things of this world, lest great trouble come upon me and I be lost with the world. Amen.

Study for Sunday, December 22

"God is love." 1 John 4, 8

In your Bible read Luke 15, 17-24

When the son had left his father's house and was in great trouble, he saw that he had made a great mistake. His thoughts went back to his father's house and he thought of the many servants of his father. These all had bread enough and to spare, more than they needed, and he must perish (die) with hunger. Now he decided to go to his father, to confess his sin and to tell him that he is not worthy to be called his son and would be satisfied and thankful, if the father would take him into his home as a hired servant. The young man had learned that the world is cruel, and he therefore longed for the Father's love and kindness. And, O blessed day! "he arose, and went to his father." So when a sinner has left the Father's house and is in much trouble and sorrow in this wicked world, then he sees his mistake and his thoughts go back to the heavenly Father's house. He thinks of the Christians who

still are in the Father's house and have peace, joy, and hope, and he must be without these blessings in a cold and cruel world. Then he decides to go back to his Father's house, humbly to confess his sins and to say that he is not worthy of the least of God's mercy. And, O blessed day, when the sinner does this and returns to his Father's house!

And will the Father welcome the sinner? O yes. That you can learn from the father of the prodigal son. It seems the father every day went out, looking down the road and waiting for his lost son, for when the son was yet a great way off, the father saw him, and had compassion (pity), and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. The son told the father of his sin and that he was no more worthy to be called his son. But the father would not hear of it. He told his servants to bring the best robe (dress) for him, to put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and to kill the fatted calf, saying: "Let us eat, and be merry." And they began to be merry. This gives us an idea of the joy in heaven when a sinner confesses his sin and begs for a little mercy. A blessed day it is! The Father gives the sinner a dress made white in the blood of Jesus and then calls together all His angels who then sing, as they sang on the first Christmas Day: "Glory to God in the highest!" Daily go to the Father who gave His only Son to you as a Christmas gift!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 24, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Which is a blessed day for the sinner? 2. Why is it such a blessed day?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thanks to Thine only Son whom, on Christmas Day, Thou hast given to us sinners that we be not lost, but have everlasting life. Grant that I believe in Him to the end and then with the holy angels sing praises to Thee for Thy everlasting love. Amen.

Study for Sunday, December 29

*"I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance."*

Luke 5, 32

In your Bible read Luke 15, 25-32

The heavenly Father and His angels rejoice, if one poor sinner returns from the evil way. And we Christians should rejoice with them. But

there are some who are not glad, as our story teaches us. The brother of the lost son had been in the field, and when he came near to the house, he heard singing and rejoicing. When the servant told him why all this joy, he was angry and refused to go in. The father then came out and intreated (asked) him to come in, but then he began to speak against his father because he had killed the fatted calf for his brother who had devoured (spent) all his good things living in sin, and shame with harlots (bad friends), and to him who had served the father for many years and had never broken his commandment, to him he never had given a kid or young goat. But the father told him that it was meet (right) to sing and to be glad, for his brother had been dead, and now was alive again; and had been lost, and was found. If the brother would not rejoice, the father and his friends nevertheless would.

As this brother so many people to-day will not rejoice if a poor sinner is received by God, but will be angry. They think they are good and holy, better than other people. If God forgives a poor sinner and then rejoices with His holy angels, these people murmur as did the Pharisees when Jesus "received sinners and ate with them." Luke 15, 1. 2. But God and His holy angels will not let that stop them in their rejoicing. Come, let us in the new year help to bring lost sinners to the little Lord Jesus born in Bethlehem, and then rejoice with God and all the holy angels, if one sinner comes back and with us trusts in the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of all sins! Will you help? Say, "Yes."

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 32, answer these questions in writing and send your answers to your pastor: 1. Why did the Pharisees and why do so many people to-day murmur against Jesus? 2. What should we do in the new year?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank Thee with rejoicing that during the old year poor sinners have turned from sin to Thee and Thy salvation. Help that during the new year I will gladly help to bring more and more sinners to Jesus Christ, Thine only Son and our only Savior, for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen. J. L. S.

God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it.

MEETING OF THE 1929 EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE

The 26th annual meeting of Ephphatha Conference was held October 4th to 8th in Kansas City, Missouri. Since our Kansas City congregation, of which the Rev. A. E. Ferber is pastor, has no chapel of its own, the regular sessions were held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Rev. W. Westerman, pastor. With the exception of Rev. G. Gaertner of Seattle, Washington, who could not attend on account of illness in the family, all members of Conference were present. Three members of the mission board, Rev. Th. Schroedel, chairman, Rev. J. Huchthausen, secretary, and



Guests and Members Who Attended the Meeting of
Ephphatha Conference In Kansas City, Mo.,
October 4th to 8th

Rev. H. Gamber, attended the meetings on Monday and Tuesday. By the recent resignation of Rev. M. Engel of Oakland, Cal., who accepted a call to a hearing congregation, and that of Rev. C. Frice, who was compelled to resign on account of illness, the number of missionaries to the deaf has been reduced to sixteen. These two men, however, are to be replaced as soon as possible.

Promptly at nine o'clock on the opening day, the chairman, Rev. A. Boll, called the meeting to order. The purpose of these annual conferences of missionaries to the deaf was at once apparent from the program read by the chairman. The most prominent part was given to the study of the Word which the missionaries are to preach, and to the study of the language in which they have to preach this Word. A portion of an exegetical paper on I. Timothy was read by Rev. A. H. Kuntz. Rev. J. L. Salvner read the first part of an exegetical paper on I. Corinthians. The Gospel Lessons for Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and the First Sunday after Trinity were read in

the sign language by Rev. A. Ferber. Rev. C. Schubkegel signed the Epistle Lessons for Christmas, the Sunday after Christmas, and New Year. Sermons for criticism were preached by Rev. G. Ferber and by the writer. Though much time was devoted to the reading of these papers, practical questions dealing with the work among the deaf, and the problems confronting the missionaries, were not overlooked. In addition to the seven regular sessions, two special sessions were held, one on Saturday night, the other on Monday night.

The conference service, conducted in the sign language, was held on Sunday morning in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Rev. G. Ferber of Los Angeles preached the sermon, basing his remarks on Rom. 1, 16, 17. Holy Communion was celebrated for the missionaries and members of the congregation. Rev. J. Salvner of Minneapolis preached the confessional sermon. More than sixty adult deaf attended the service.

In the afternoon a joint service was conducted at Immanuel Lutheran Church, at 16th and Cherry Streets, attended by a large number of deaf and hearing people.

The kind hospitality of the hearing congregations was a big factor in making the members of Ephphatha Conference feel at home in Kansas City. To the several Ladies' Aids which served lunch at noon, to the members which housed the delegates, to the congregation which granted the use of its building for our meetings, Ephphatha Conference wants to say: "Thank you! May the Lord reward you for your kindness and hospitality!"

E. Eichmann.

TRAINED SOUL GAINS VICTORY

A trained soul gains the victory, and even when seemingly defeated makes glorious the work of God. —Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins.

"Next to theology I give to music the highest place and honor. And we see how David and all the prophets have wrought their goodly thoughts into verse, rhyme and song."

—Luther.

"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.

Ever since the Great World War ceaseless efforts have been made to outlaw war and make world peace permanent. Treaties and plans of various kinds all aim at the establishment of lasting peace.

However, there never will be any peace without the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Savior, whose birth we commemorate this month. "Peace on earth" is possible only when Jesus, the Prince of Peace rules the hearts and lives of men.

Let thoughts of peace fill our minds and hearts during December and at all times by studying and remembering the following verses:

- December 1: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.
- December 8: "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7.
- December 15: "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3: 15.
- December 22: "The mountains shall depart,¹ and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant² of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." Isaiah 54: 10. ¹disappear. ²agreement or promise.
- December 29: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom. 12: 18. J. A. C. B.

THE CHEERFUL HEART

God delights in nothing more than in a cheerful heart, careful to perform Him service. What parent is it that rejoiceth not to see his child pleasant, in the limits of a filial duty?

— Owen Fellthan, in Resolves.

Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.

— Bunyan.

MISSION NEWS

Detroit Mission—On September 26th, in the evening we arranged for the first time a service for the deaf in Pontiac, Mich., and met nine deaf and several hearing friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hardenburg. In the future we intend to meet the Pontiac deaf in the Y. M. C. A. at 148 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Mich.

When Pastor Gielow served the deaf in Fort Wayne on the first Sunday in August, he again visited Miss Lizzie Bullermann to conduct a private service with her and to administer Holy Communion to her. Miss L. Bullermann had been ailing for years, but was always cheerful in her Lord and Savior Jesus. Early in the morning of Monday, August 5th, she departed this life, and since Rev. Wm. Gielow had left the city again, the Rev. Wm. E. Moll conducted the funeral service.

At present we have two in Detroit, who are taking up the study of Luther's Catechism, preparatory to church membership, Frank Swoit, who left the Flint school last fall, and Miss Hagemeister, who however, was obliged to discontinue for a time on account of illness. In Toledo Perry Riehm is continuing the study of the Catechism with great interest. We are also glad to report the birth of a healthy baby boy, Raymond Oscar, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Winkelmann, born August 23rd. The boy was baptized in church at the time of the regular service for the deaf in Toledo on September 29th.

On October 27. we celebrated our annual mission-festival. The Rev. O. C. Schroeder of Cleveland, O., signed the sermon for us, basing his remarks on Isa. 40, 9.

In August Mrs. E. Pischke of South Bend, Ind., was a welcome visitor at our services. E. J. S.

Chicago Mission—October 13th our annual fall outing and service were held at River Grove. The weather was a bit cool, but wonderful for an outing. We regret that so many members had cold feet and did not attend. Very likely we shall stick to September after this year for our fall outings. — Two weeks later, October 27th we had our Catechism Sunday. About 75 deaf attended the service, and 500 Catechisms were given out for distribution among the deaf of the city. Catechisms were also distributed in South Bend that evening in another service, and at Grand Rapids on Wednesday following. — The annual mission festival for the Chicago congregation is set for November 3rd. We hope to see a good attendance in the two joint services of the afternoon and evening. — The pastor's family is happy to be out of quarantine again, Little June has recovered from her illness with scarlet fever, and there apparently were no after-effects.

Rev. Scheibert preached the sermon in our service on October 20th, we were glad to see a good attendance. But the attendance could have been

much better. Remember this for the next meeting in 1931.

Catechism Sunday, October 27th, is past. And we were happy to see a very good attendance in church. Nobody counted them, but we did estimate the attendance at about 75. And 25 for Lord's Supper.

South Bend had two services this month, one on October 3rd, and the other on October 27th. The next service will be on November 17th, at the home of the Pipers.

Grand Rapids deaf had socials arranged on the dates we wanted for our services, so they will have a Wednesday service now, October 30th. We will have to arrange mid-week services for the Grand Rapids deaf, so that our Lutherans there can have regular services, and then we can hope to have other deaf in services more regularly.

Working conditions for the deaf in Chicago are not very good now, and they are worse in some of the other cities we are preaching in. In South Bend especially many deaf are laid off, or working part time.

Mr. Goett in Chicago is the only member who is sick, as far as we know. He is very weak, however. Take the time to visit him, he is lonely.

Our southsiders shall have services in Englewood again during the winter. We had so many lecture dates for fall, we could not begin Englewood services. And the southsiders prefer services in church.

A. C. D.

Portland Mission—On Sunday morning, October 20th, the Lord called to his eternal rest Mr. Michael Schlachter, a member of the Portland congregation. For more than one year his health had been failing, and since the early part of September he was confined to a hospital bed. He cheerfully submitted to the Lord's will and time and again confessed his faith in the Savior and his willingness to die in that faith. Burial took place on Tuesday, October 22. We extend our condolence to the bereaved brothers and sisters.

Mr. Schlachter's death was the first to occur in our Portland congregation in a period of more than three years. Surely, our members have reason to be thankful for the Lord's gracious protection.

Miss Emilie Gerlach and Mrs. S. Easterbrook, both of whom are confined to the hospital, are well on the road to recovery and hope to return to their respective homes in the near future.

It is with sincere regret that we report to the readers of the Deaf Lutheran the resignation of Rev. C. Frice, our missionary at Spokane, Washington, on account of ill health. Rev. Frice had been serving this field since 1924. Two years ago he had to undergo a major operation, but after one year's leave of absence returned to resume his work. During the latter part of the summer, however, his health again

began to fail, and upon his doctor's recommendation he very reluctantly submitted his resignation. May the Lord restore to him good health, and permit him to re-enter the work among the deaf where he labored faithfully and successfully since entering the ministry. During the vacancy the Spokane field will be served by Rev. G. Gaertner of Seattle and by the writer.
E. Eichmann.

Cleveland Mission.—In October we were pleased to meet in Columbus, O., James Flood, an old friend, who attended our catechetical instruction classes at the Ohio School for the Deaf and also our meetings in Washington, D. C. James is now supervisor of boys at the Ohio School for the Deaf. The writer extends to the new supervisor his heartiest congratulations and wishes him the Lord's choicest blessings and every success in his work. — Eight new pupils were added to our instruction class at the Ohio School in October. The older confirmed members continue to assist the missionary in teaching the younger members the truths of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.
O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission—At the Faribault School for the Deaf we now have thirteen pupils under our spiritual care. Probably one or two more will be added in the near future. We have two classes, a class of seven which meets with the pastor on Saturday morning every two weeks from 10 to 11 o'clock and a class of six from 11 to 12 o'clock. All are diligently studying the Catechism and Bible History. — At Minneapolis we still have two oral classes, a Bible class which meets at 9:30 every Sunday morning and a Sunday School class at 2 P. M. The Bible class is reading the Gospel according to St. Matthew. — May God richly bless His Word in the hearts of all unto life everlasting. "Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." 2 Thess. 3, 1. J. L. S.



Annual Outing of the Deaf of
South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota

Omaha Mission—Deaf from Sioux Falls and Mitchell, S. D., and neighboring town also deaf from southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa held their annual picnic on August 26th at Oak Grove Park, about 5 miles north of Hawarden, Iowa. The picnic was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coffman of Rock Valley, Iowa. Exactly 76 deaf were present. Including children and hearing friends nearly one hundred were in attendance. After the dinner which was served under the large shady trees in the

park, divine services were held. During the service crowds of other people who were also picnicing at the park gathered to witness this unique service. The collection amounting to \$11.55 was sent to the treasurer of our Deaf-Mute Mission. After several pictures had been taken of the entire group, everyone went over to the ball diamond where a good part of the afternoon was spent playing kitten ball. The married men won a rather one-sided game, the score ending 13 to 3. Many unusual thrills featured the game. Credit for the married men's victory was largely due to Mr. Brush's superb pitching and hitting and Mr. Ed. Olson's catching of fly balls.

The attendance at our mission-festival surpassed all former years. 85 deaf attended the morning services and about 75 deaf and 100 hearing friends were present in the afternoon. We were glad to see so many deaf friends from out of town. Ten young men from Sioux Falls, S. D., surprised us with their presence in the morning service. Several deaf from Lincoln, one from Ashton, 130 miles, two from Pilger, 90 miles, two from Windside, 110 miles, one from Martinsberg, 120 miles came for the services. Only three of our Omaha members were absent, two of these being ill and unable to come. The joint collections amounted to \$40.34.

Mr. John Probert was accepted as a voter in the last meeting of the voters on October 11th.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Chappell of Omaha who passed away on October 7th was held at the Benson Church on Wednesday, October 9th. Mrs. Chappell was confirmed on April 21st, 1929, and made a good confession of her faith. She had been a faithful attendant at church and found much comfort from the learning about her Savior from sin. On her deathbed she told the pastor that she believed in Jesus who died on the cross.

On Sunday, October 13th, the funeral of Mr. R. Gelder took place at Moorland, Iowa. Mr. Gelder attended services at Ft. Dodge for a number of years and we know he passed away as a Christian and believer in the Savior Jesus Christ, since at numerous occasions he gave expression to his faith to the pastor. The end came suddenly while in the office of Mr. F. E. Ward's print shop. Heart trouble was the cause of his death.

Our sympathy goes out to the relatives of these departed friends. May our dear Lord comfort the bereaved.

Among the sick at present are: Mrs. Aug. Gutting, Omaha, and Mrs. Ada Eldor of Sioux City. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

All old officers of the Ladies' Aid were reelected in the September meeting. President: Mrs. E. Rodda; Vice-President: Mrs. C. Macek; Treasurer: Mrs. E. Mappes; Secretary: Mrs. O. Treuke. The attendance at the last meeting was the best for several months. Mrs. John Probert was accepted as a new

member. The next meeting is on November 6th at 8 P. M. at Miss Neujahr's home, 607 Dorcas St.

E. M.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Collections and Contributions

July 1 to September 30, 1929

- Rev. F. C. Gade**—Green Bay, \$3.15; Nekoosa, \$1.00; Kenosha, \$1.92; Watertown, \$10.71; Madison, \$3.61; Racine, \$1.25; Oshkosh, \$5.60; Merrill, \$7.05; N. Freedom, \$2.90; Sheboygan, \$7.67; Manitowoc, \$5.20; Delevan, \$4.25; Mission from Sampson, \$1.00. Total: \$55.31.
- Rev. W. Ferber**—Brandon, \$3.30; Sturgis, \$4.25; Lipton, \$5.70; Saskatoon, \$9.10; Calgary, \$5.20; Gull Lake, \$1.45; Regina, \$5.60; La Fleche, \$5.85; Granum, \$2.25; Fargo, \$1.67; Grand Forks, \$2.55; Superior, \$.65. Total: \$47.57.
- Rev. E. Mappes**—Lincoln, \$1.40; Sioux Falls, \$4.27; Sioux City, \$4.53; Mitchell, \$8.60; Ft. Dodge, \$18.00; Boone, \$1.90; Des Moines, \$2.05; Beemer, \$2.05; Picnic of South Dakota Deaf, \$11.55. Total: \$54.35.
- Rev. J. A. C. Beyer**—Winona, \$9.35; Stillwater, \$7.15; Rochester, \$2.45; Austin, \$3.30; Mason City, \$1.93; Dubuque, \$.71; Lake City, \$7.37; Eau Claire, \$1.00; La Crosse, \$2.05; Albert Lee, \$.95; Mrs. H. F. Oliva, \$.50; Mrs. E. E. Riley, \$2.00. Total: \$38.76.
- Rev. A. E. Ferber**—Atchinson, \$4.04; Joplin, \$3.75; Kansas City, \$17.48; Lawrence, \$3.70; Oklahoma City, \$5.97; Biami, \$7.43; Springfield, \$4.60; Wichita, \$3.69; Hanover, \$2.35; St. Joseph, \$.75; Tulsa, \$2.68; Luray, \$1.00; Leavensworth, \$.55; Herrington, \$11.85. Total: \$69.84.
- Rev. E. C. Baker**—New Castle, \$1.90; Buffalo, \$5.60; Washington, \$1.65; Baltimore, \$7.20; Johnstown, \$.60; Hamburg, \$.90. Total: \$17.85.
- Rev. J. L. Salvner**—Fergus Falls, \$3.09; Gaylord, \$3.85; Dawson, \$8.43; Watertown, \$5.05; Aberdeen, \$4.70; Big Stone City, \$5.92; Mankato, \$2.85; Northrup, \$2.25; Saginaw Friends, \$10.00; H. Rosenwinkel, \$.50; Jens Jenson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brorby, \$3.00. Total: \$50.64.
- Rev. W. Gielow**—Ft. Wayne, \$15.75.
- Rev. O. C. Schroeder**—Cleveland, \$8.59; Columbus, \$4.11; Elyria, \$1.00; Tiffin, \$2.25; Erie, \$1.00; Fremont, \$.75; Findlay, \$5.80; Sandusky, \$.75; N. N., for Blind Mission, \$3.00. Total: \$27.25.
- Rev. G. H. Ferber**—Los Angeles, \$25.11; Alhambra, \$3.06; Anaheim, \$2.62; Santa Barbara, \$3.09; San Diego, \$4.23; Fresno, \$1.25; Long Beach, \$5.15; Porterville, \$1.80. Total: \$46.31.
- Rev. C. Schubkegel**—St. Louis, \$27.75; St. Charles, \$6.50; Indianapolis, \$6.25; Columbus, \$.50; Louisville, \$6.10. Total: \$47.10.

Rev. E. J. Scheibert—Toledo, \$23.53; Ft. Wayne, \$7.80; Jackson, \$1.80; Mt. Clemens, \$3.90. Total: \$37.03.

Rev. A. Boll—Pine Island, \$6.00; Albany, \$.80; Kingston, \$1.55. Total: \$8.35.

Miscellaneous—Martin Eber, Treas., Pittsburg Deaf Lutheran Church, \$11.83; Royal Cooke, Portland Chapel, \$31.07; T. A. Lindstrom, Salem, Ore., \$13.97. Total: \$56.87.

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BLIND MISSION RECEIPTS

June 30 to September 30, 1929

Rev. A. H. Kuntz—Rev. Herbert Michel, \$4.50; F. Wiedenhoef, \$3.00; Ella Adams, \$1.00; Walther League of Southern Michigan, \$17.00; Arthur Nitschke, \$2.50; Rev. M. Keller, \$1.00; Martha Langrehr, \$5.00; Helen Reid, \$2.50; John V. Egan, \$15.00; Stonewall Brown, \$2.50; Maria Busch, \$5.00; Miss L. Brecht, \$1.00; N. N., \$5.00; Clara Koch, \$1.00; O. G. Leland, \$2.25; Chas. F. W. Hermann, \$5.00; Carrie Hanks, \$3.00; Miss

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