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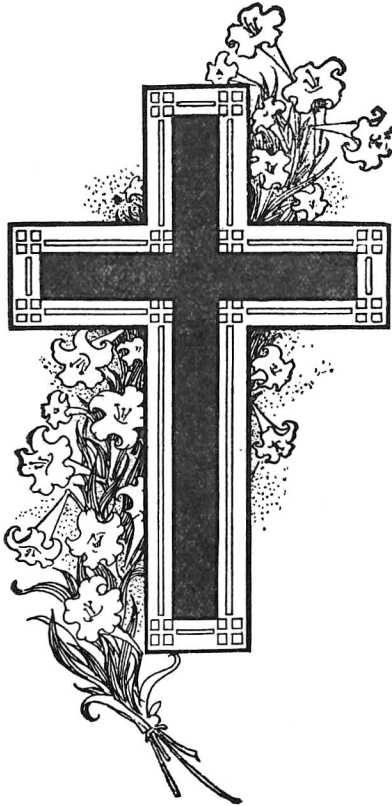
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## THE RISEN, LIVING SAVIOR

In the grave the Savior lay,  
Till that early Easter Day,  
When He rose from out the gloom  
Of that dark and dismal tomb.

Though upon the Cross He died,  
There for us was crucified,  
Yet He lives to-day above  
In His Father's Home of love.

Yes, He lives for us to pray,  
For He knows just what to say  
To the Father for our need —  
He's a Friend to us, indeed!

We should never, then, be sad,  
But for evermore be glad;  
For the Father's only Son  
Is the Blessed, Risen One.

Soon He'll come to take away  
All who love Him and obey,  
Where there is no death nor night —  
Love will rule in peace and light.

— Mabel Glenn Haldeman.

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### EDITORIAL

#### Easter Day

Christians have every reason to rejoice and to praise God when they remember the resurrection of their Lord Jesus from the dead. This most comforting of all Christ's works **proves** His victory over sin, death, and hell; it gives assurance of eternal life and is the declaration of God the Father that the redemption of mankind by His Son is accepted in heaven, that the debt of the world is paid, that man is declared free and at peace with the Creator. If Jesus had remained in the grave, this fact would have been undeniable evidence that His work had been rejected in heaven as St. Paul clearly states: "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Cor. 15, 17. The apostle, however, tells us further, "Jesus our Lord was delivered for our offences and **raised again for our justification.**" Rom. 4, 25.

Thus the resurrection of Jesus from the dead has become the light which guides His followers through the valley of the shadow of death. By this act, death, the hated enemy of mankind, has been transformed into a welcome messenger of peace and eternal happiness.

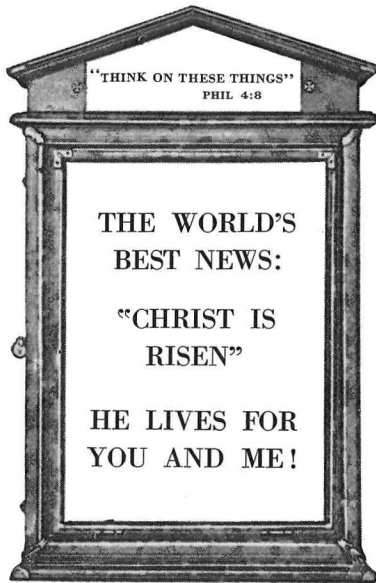
By the victory of Jesus over the grave glorification through death is the Christian's living hope. To him a new and expanded form of life is the fruit of death. Jesus tells us: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12, 24. As an illustration of this truth we see annually at

the proper season the corn standing in its dazzling glory upon the fertile fields of the land.

At all times true Christians have been enabled to overcome the deepest gloom in this world and even the terrors of death by faith firmly based upon the precious blood of Jesus and the resurrection of their Lord from the dead. Some years ago a pastor was reading to a dying friend a verse from the Scriptures in which occurred the words "vile body" and the man, deeply moved, exclaimed, "Death is indeed a terrible humiliation, but it is a destruction with a view to glory. By the merits of Christ this body has become the temple of God and it has been redeemed as much as the soul."

The teaching of the Easter hope of eternal life and glorification through the grave is greatly needed in our world of sorrow, disappointment, and death. In every home there is some one to suffer pain; in every company there are hearts filled with care and frames bending under heavy burdens. Every heart has its grief, every house has its hidden sorrow, every person is marred with weakness and imperfection. Moreover there is no pathway along which death, the grim destroyer, may not be met. There is no home where this dark shadow can be shut out; the bloom of youth, the strength of manhood, the glory of old age, all wither in death's icy grasp as a flower withers in the frost of autumn.

The teaching and the preaching of the Easter message, however, gives sinful and troubled humanity the hope and assurance of a better life, for in heaven there is no death nor any infirmity; all its perfection, peace, and blessed reunions. The Bible gives us many glimpses of the glory and the beauty of the home, which awaits the Christians. We are told of streets of gold, of gates of pearls, and of a river of the waters of life. All that earth can find of splendor is brought into the picture to heighten our conception of the glory of eternal life in heaven. In addition to that which makes heaven dear to those, who mourn and suffer here, Christians have the hope of again being with their departed relatives and friends,



who are in the midst of this incomparable splendor and beauty. All true Christians, therefore, heartily join St. Peter in his marvelous words of hope and exultation when he says: "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Pet. 1, 3-5.

Thus death to the Christian by the resurrection of Jesus has lost its sting; it has become the door through which he enters into everlasting glory and happiness. The true believer, therefore, confidently looks forward to a more abundant life and immortality. Joy should indeed reign in the hearts of all men on Easter Day, when the great Christian festival of victory is celebrated throughout Christendom.

O. C. S.

### WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT

When you are in the right stand up for it, no matter if the heavens fall; if you lose every friend you have, God will raise up others who will be better.

— D. L. Moody.

## STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

### Jesus Christ, True Man

In our last study we learned that Jesus Christ is true God, and we closed with these words:

"Thou alone, my God and Lord,  
Thou hast bled for me and died."

You ask: "How can God die?" Indeed, God cannot die, for then He would not be God. But the Son of God, the Word, was made flesh. "And the Word was God," John writes in his gospel, Chapter 1. Therefore Paul also says: "God was manifest in the flesh." 1 Tim. 3, 16. As the Bible calls Jesus the true God, so it calls Him true man. In 1 Tim. 2, 5.6 we read: "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, *the man Christ Jesus.*" Also Jesus calls Himself a man, saying: "Now ye seek to kill *Me, a man* that has told you the truth," John 8, 40.

And He not only appears as a man, as some think, but He is a true man. As He is the only begotten of the Father, so He *came of the fathers, as concerning the flesh*, Rom. 9, 5. See also Matthew 1, 1-17 which shows that He is the son of David and the son of Abraham. And He is born of a mother as other men, Luke 2, 7. Therefore Paul writes: "God sent forth His Son, *made of a woman*," Gal. 4, 4, and in Hebrews 2, 14 we read: "Forasmuch as the children are partakers of *flesh and blood*, He also Himself likewise took part of the same." And as Jesus calls Himself the Son of God, John 9, 35-37, so He calls Himself *the Son of man* again and again.

He is truly man, for like unto us He has body and soul, eyes, ears, members, reason and all senses. When He went to Garden Gethsemane to begin His great suffering, He said to His disciples, "*My soul* is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death," Matth. 26, 38. When that woman had poured ointment on His head, He said: "In that she hath poured this ointment on *my body*, she did it for my burial," Matthew 26, 12. And when Jesus was on the cross and the soldiers came to Him and saw that He was dead, they broke not *His legs*, but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced *His side*, and forthwith came there out blood and water, John 19, 33. 34. And after His resurrection He came to His disciples, who were

frightened and supposed they had seen a spirit, saying: "Behold *my hands* and *my feet*, that it is I Myself: handle Me and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have." Luke 24, 39. As true man He also ate and drank with His disciples, Acts 10, 41, fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward was an hungred, Matth. 4, 2, thirsted, Luke 19, 28, was wearied with His journey, John 4, 6, suffered, was crucified, gave up His ghost, and was buried. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, truly was our brother, of the same flesh and blood.

Therefore we read in the explanation of the Second Article: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, and *also true man*." In the Sacrament of the Altar we confess: "It is the *true body and blood* of our Lord Jesus Christ." And in the Christian Questions our Catechism asks in Question 10: "Did the Father also die for you?" and then answers: "He did not; for the Father is God only, the Holy Ghost likewise; but *the Son* is true God and *true man*; He died for me and shed His blood for me."

Let us thank and praise God that Jesus Christ is also true man! If He were not true man, then His suffering and death would not be a true suffering and death and would help us nothing. Such a Jesus could not be a true substitute for man and such a suffering and death would not have paid for our sins. But now Jesus is true man, He is our true substitute, and His suffering and death is a true suffering and death. Therefore Paul can write to the Christians: "Ye *are* saved." Eph. 2, 5. And every believer can joyfully say on Good Friday and every day: "Jesus Christ has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own." And now He is also risen from the dead, and therefore our faith is not in vain, and we are no more in our sins, 1 Cor. 15, 14-20.

"In death's strong grasp the Savior lay,  
For our offences given;  
But now the Lord is risen to-day  
And brings us life from heaven. Hallelujah!"

J. L. S.

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN APRIL, 1930

*"Christ died for our sins, and arose again"*

Good Friday, April 18, leads us to Mount Golgotha, and there we see Jesus crucified. Do you know what it all means? Paul writes: "Christ died for our sins." And the prophet Isaiah says: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities." But then Paul adds these joyful words, "And rose again." Easter Day, April 20, leads us to the grave and we see it open and an angel tells us: "He is not here: for He is risen." This should make us sing and rejoice, for Paul also writes: "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." May these April Studies urge you to sing and praise in the Crucified and Risen Savior.

### Study for Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 6

*"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

*Rom. 6, 8*

*In your Bible read Luke 18, 31-34*

During these Lenten days we are on the way to Jerusalem with Jesus. And there all things that the prophets wrote concerning (about) the Son of man shall be accomplished (fulfilled or done). Yes, every word of the prophets must be fulfilled, not one word can fail, for it is the word of God.

And what did the prophets write about the Son of man? He shall be delivered (given) into the hands of the Gentiles (Romans), and they shall mock Him, and spitefully (shamefully) entreat (do with) Him, and spit upon Him; then they shall scourge (whip) Him, and put Him to death. Jesus, the Son of man, must suffer and die. Jesus knows it all. And He does not run away from it, but gladly goes and suffers it all. And why? The disciples understood none of these things; this saying was hid from them, and they knew not what Jesus said. So many people to-day know not and understand not the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us why He must suffer it all. He had done no evil, but He came to suffer it all for us and our many sins. O see, how he loved us! Let us love Him and thank Him with our whole life.

But Jesus knows also that He shall rise again



the third day, v. 33. He came to save us from sin, and death, and devil, and He rose again and won the victory, and salvation is finished. The disciples did not understand these words, but when He was risen, they understood it and rejoiced in it. So let us rejoice in this crucified and risen Savior who saved us "from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 33, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why cannot one word of the prophets fail? 2. How did Jesus show His love to us?

*Prayer:* Suffering Savior, thanks for Thy love to me and all sinners. Grant that I always trust in Thy suffering for my sins and rejoice in Thy Easter victory. Help also that I now gladly bring this salvation to others for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

#### Study for Palm Sunday, April 13

*"God forbid, that I should glory, save (excepting) in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6, 14*

*In your Bible read Luke 18, 35-43*

Jesus, on His way to Jerusalem for to suffer and die, came nigh (near) to the city of Jericho, and by the way side sat a blind man begging. When he heard the multitude, the many people, pass by, he wanted to know what it meant. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. Friend, we to-day begin the Holy Week, we see and hear many people go to the house of God during these days. What does it mean? Jesus of Nazareth is passing by with His cross, going to Mount Golgotha to be crucified.

When the blind man heard that Jesus was passing by, he quickly cried out, saying: "Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me." He had heard of this Jesus before, he believed that this was the promised Son of David, the King and Savior, and therefore he cried for mercy. So let us cry out to Jesus in this Holy Week and

beg for mercy. He is on the way to the cross for us and our sins. He has mercy and forgiveness for all, also for you.

Indeed, the devil, the bad people, and our wicked heart will try to make us keep still, just as some of the people rebuked (scolded) the blind man and told him to hold his peace. But he cried out still more, and Jesus stood and asked the people to bring the blind man to Him. Jesus then asked him what he wanted, and he answered: "Lord, that I may receive my sight." And Jesus said, "Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee." And immediately (quickly) he received his sight. Jesus is a merciful Savior. Therefore let nothing keep you from crying to this suffering Jesus. He will have mercy. Ask Him to open your heart and mind that you see your sin and understand His suffering on the cross, and He will open your eyes, and say also to you: "Thy faith has saved thee." And immediately (quickly) your sins will be forgiven, and everlasting life will be yours.

Let us now follow Him, and glorify (praise) God, as did the blind man at Jericho. Let us praise Him for going into that bitter suffering and death for us. Let us praise Him with all our thoughts, words, and deeds, and so urge other people to praise Him with us.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 42, and answer these questions in writing: 1. What will the suffering Jesus give us if we ask Him? 2. How should we show our love and thanks to Jesus for His suffering and salvation?

*Prayer:* Dear Savior Jesus Christ, during this Holy Week let me daily think of Thy bitter suffering and death on the cross. Open my eyes, and help me understand that Thou didst suffer it all for me. Grant that I trust in Thee unto salvation and then glorify Thee now and forever. Amen.

#### Study for Easter Sunday, April 20

*"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*1 Cor. 15, 57*

*In your Bible read Luke 19, 1-10*

On His way to Jerusalem and the cross Jesus passed through the city Jericho. In this city lived Zacchaeus, the chief among the publicans (tax collectors), and he was rich. The publicans

often cheated the people and stole, therefore the people called them sinners.

This Zacchaeus had heard of Jesus, and now he came and sought (looked for) Him. But he could not see Him for (because of) the press (many people), for he was little of stature (size). He therefore ran before (forward), climbed up into a tree to see Him. Surely, a blessed day when sinners seek to see the crucified and risen Savior! Jesus is risen! He lives! Let us seek Him in His word and read of the Risen Lord!

And Jesus wanted to see Zacchaeus, He always wants to bring Easter joy to the hearts of sinners. When He came to the place, He looked up. He knew that Zacchaeus was in the tree. He then told him to make haste (hurry) and come down, because He must abide (stay) in his house this day. And Zacchaeus did this, he received Him joyfully. So let us hurry and today welcome and with joy receive this living Savior into our hearts and homes.

Some people do not like it that Jesus comes for sinners and saves them. So all murmured when they saw Him go in to be guest (to stay) with a sinner. They thought they were good people, yes, better, than the other people, and therefore do not want to go to a sinner's house. And they want Jesus and His followers to do the same. But because Jesus seeks sinners, so many people will not receive this crucified and risen Savior. But blessed are all they who receive Him as Zacchaeus did. Jesus said to him: "This day is salvation come to your house." And why? "Forasmuch (because) he also is a son of Abraham." He believed in this Savior as Abraham did. Believe in this risen Savior and receive Him into your house this Easter Day, and then salvation is come to your house this day.

And as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so they who believe in Him will walk in newness of life. This we learn from Zacchaeus. He gave half of his goods to the poor, and if he had accused anyone falsely and taken anything from him, he restored (gave back) him fourfold (four times as much). So let us be dead to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 10, and answer these questions in writing:

1. What is come to our house if we receive the risen Lord Jesus? 2. What will they then do who believe in Jesus who rose from the dead?

*Prayer:* Risen Savior, come to my heart and home with Thy salvation. With joy let me welcome Thee and rejoice in Thy victory for us sinners. Grant also that I arise from sin and walk in newness of life as Thou art risen from the dead by the glory of the Father. Amen.

#### Study for Sunday, April 27

*"They which live should live unto Him which died for them, and rose again."*

2 Cor. 5, 15

*In your Bible read Luke 19, 11. 27*

Jesus was nigh (near) to Jerusalem, and His disciples thought that the kingdom of God would immediately (now) appear (come). They expected that Jesus would now go to Jerusalem and have a kingdom like other kings and that they would rule with Him. For to show them that their thoughts were wrong He told them this parable (story).

He tells them of a nobleman (prince) who went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and to return. This prince is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He suffered and died on the cross, rose again from the dead on Easter Day, and then went to heaven to rule over all things, and to come again. When the prince left, he called his ten servants, and delivered (gave) them ten pounds, and said to them: "Occupy (work with it) till I come." And his citizens (people in his country) hated him and sent a message (messenger) after him, saying, that they do not want him to reign (rule) over them. And so Jesus has done. He has given pounds or gifts and blessings to everyone of His disciples, to one He has given wisdom and understanding, to another health and strength, to another money and other good things. So He has given something to everyone of us, and says to one and all: "Occupy (work with it) till I come." With all that we have we should work for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His glory. And gladly we ought to do this because He suffered and died for us and arose again. Indeed, there are some who do not want Jesus to rule over them, they do not want to serve Him.

Now the prince came back, when he had received the kingdom. And he called his servants to see how much they had gained by trading (doing business). The first servant had gained ten pounds with the one pound, and the prince gave him ten cities to rule over; the second had gained five pounds, and the prince put him over five cities; the third servant brought his one pound, he had not worked with it, but kept it in a napkin (handkerchief), and said to his lord: "Here is thy pound. I feared thee, because thou art an austere (rough) man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow." The prince answered and asked him: "Wherefore (why) then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required (asked for) it with usury (interest)?" And he told them that stood by to take this servant's pound and to give it to him that had ten pounds, for he that has shall receive more, and he that has not shall lose all. And those that hated him he commanded to be slain (killed) before him. So Jesus will come on the last day and ask us what we have done with the many blessings He has given us. If we used it not for His kingdom and church, we shall lose it all; but if we served Him and worked for Him with all that we had, we shall receive more. And those who did not want Him to be their king and Savior, He will throw into everlasting fire and death. Come, let us serve Him and live for Him who lived and died for us on the cross and rose again.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 26, answer these questions in writing, and send all your answers to your pastor: 1. What should we do with the many good things Jesus has given us? 2. And why should we be glad to do this?

*Prayer:* Dear Savior, thanks to Thee for the many blessings Thou hast given me. Let me now with it all serve Thee and Thy Church for Thy glory, because Thou hast loved me and didst suffer and die for me on the cross, and didst rise again. Amen. J. L. S.

### BENEATH THE HUMBLEST GARB

Gentleness and a kind heart are often found beneath the humblest garb.

### "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.

During the sacred season of Lent we Christians each year meditate upon the sufferings and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. And it is entirely proper that we should do so. For, if Jesus had not died we could not live; we sinners would then have to suffer eternally the just punishment for our sins.

For whom, then and why did Jesus die? And for what purpose did He rise again on Easter Sunday morning? He died for the ungodly, for the sinners, that means, He died for you and for me; He died for my sins and for yours. And by His resurrection He has performed a wonderful service to us: He has robbed death of its sting and the grave of its victory, and has provided us with the assurance of life after our own death.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126: 3.

In April the following verses are to be studied and remembered.

April 6: "When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly<sup>1</sup>." Rom. 5: 16. <sup>1</sup>sinners.

April 13: "I delivered<sup>1</sup> unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." 1 Cor. 15: 3. <sup>1</sup>gave or preached.

April 20: "Hereby perceive<sup>1</sup> we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren<sup>2</sup>." 1 John 3: 16. <sup>1</sup>see. <sup>2</sup> other people.

April 27: "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14: 19. J. A. C. B.

### THE BELIEVER

The believer is the Bible of the street. If he can reveal that he has found a secret, his life is more eloquent than any preaching. For it reaches men, not from a distant pulpit, but from the levels of their every day, where life is so often difficult and cheerless. A Christian is not a man who is resigned; he is meant to be a man who moves rejoicing. God meant him to be the spiritual alchemist, transmitting the baser methods into gold.—G. H. Morrison.

### GOING TO CHURCH

"I am not a church-goer; but I am just as good as the people who are always running to church." How often we hear that statement! We never dispute the statement with the people who make it. To a certain degree we even agree with it. Jesus Himself says that inherently between men "there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Both the church-goer and the church-shunner are not "good" before God. The difference is that the one has accepted the substitutionary "goodness" or righteousness of Jesus Christ which enables him to stand before God, while the other has rejected it. The question is not one of comparative virtues between the church attendant and the one who stays away, but of accepting the proffered grace in Christ Jesus and of giving the Spirit of God an opportunity to work a living faith in the heart through the Word of God. The nonchurch-goer simply withdraws himself from the mercy of God and thus from salvation.. His argument therefore regarding his "goodness" as compared to that of the church member is not pertinent.

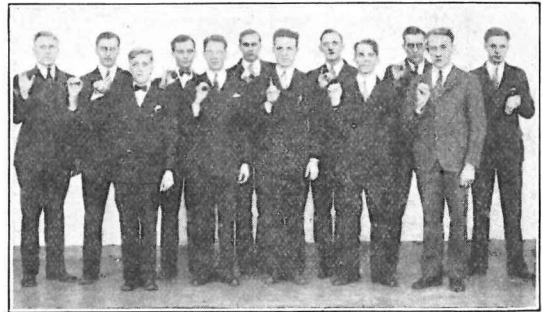
Chances are, however, that in the practice of human virtues and the qualities that make for what the world terms "goodness," the church-goer is far ahead of his unchurched neighbor. Christian religion is an active, regenerative force which calls into operation the various graces which the Spirit provides. The works of faith are bound to be in evidence. The person who is not under the influence of God's Spirit is bound to be self-centered and incidentally very proud of his own seeming virtues and blind to those of others. It is true that church-going does not always make a virtuous man.

A man may cry, "Church! Church!"  
With no more piety than other people:  
A daw's not counted a religious bird  
Because it keeps a'cawing from a steeple.

But the fact that with some people the Word of God is ineffective does not argue against its general effectiveness. And the cardinal point, after all, is this that God has made the Word of God the means of His pard-

oning grace and regenerative power and that the despiser of the Word is closing for himself the gate of heaven. "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." "Faith cometh by preaching, and preaching by the Word of God." It will not do for the nonchurch-goer to lull himself into spiritual sleep by a self-satisfactory appreciation of his own "goodness." That "goodness" is no good before God. "There is none that doeth good, no not one." "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Man needs the atoning merits of Christ, apprehended by faith, and that faith is worked by the Spirit of God through the Word. Stop deluding yourself and come to church.

—The Redeemer Record, St. Paul, Minn.



The 1929-1930 sign language class of our St. Louis Seminary

### INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

From November till March, 14 sign language lessons were given in our St. Louis Seminary, the average attendance being about 18. The instructors were highly gratified with the progress of the class and the ease and rapidity with which the class used the signs show them.

The manual alphabet was mastered, over 200 signs were learned, the doxology (Praise God, from whom all blessings flow), the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, John 3:16, and a number of other Bible verses were committed to memory in signs. We feel that this stock of signs will enable the class to be of service to isolated individuals or small groups of deaf whom they may find in their future fields of labor in the Kingdom of our Savior.



What service the ability to use the manual alphabet can render was illustrated recently by the following incident. Two deaf ladies were standing on a street corner, evidently lost; they wanted to board a certain street car, but did not know where to find it. A hearing lady, Mrs. Carrie Riddell, who uses the manual alphabet, approached them and directed them to the corner where they could get their car, only a few blocks away. Who knows but what we may be able to direct some deaf person to the Way of Life Everlasting merely through the manual alphabet?

We hope that the temporary plan carried out at St. Louis will be developed into a permanent arrangement, also at our seminary in Springfield, Ill., so that all of our pastors will be in a position to do what Pastor E. Kurth did at Glen Lake Sanitorium in Minnesota a few years ago. As a student in the seminary Pastor Kurth had taken up the study of signs, but probably had a smaller stock of signs than the class of 1929-1930. Making his regular visits at the county hospital, he approached a patient who gave him to understand that she could not hear. He immediately fell back upon his knowledge of signs and conversed with her, giving her comfort and consolation from the Word of God. In this way he was able to brighten up many an otherwise dreary day for this afflicted patient, who was much concerned about the spiritual life of her careless husband, supplementing the visits of her pastor, Rev. J. L. Salvner.

After a brief introduction in which Dean J. H. C. Fritz stressed the need of an intelligent insight into the nature of the work among the deaf and the desirability of all our pastors being able to converse with the deaf by signs, Pastor Salvner gave a twenty-minute lecture in the chapel of the seminary on February 19th, the entire student body and about half the faculty being present. The lecture was impressively closed when the sign class came up onto the platform and joined Pastor Salvner in singing the doxology in signs.

There can be no doubt that an active interest in the deaf missions has been created among the students and professors of the semi-

nary through these classes and this lecture. The sign class is now without an instructor, but has formed into a Sign Club which will continue to meet regularly to practise signing. We congratulate the members of this class upon their action and wish them much pleasure and profit from their further studies.

Pastor E. A. Wolfram returned the call to the Mission Board in December, as his congregation refused to grant him a dismissal. The same call was extended to him again in January and for the second time our Board received the call and the same reason. No further steps are being taken at this time to supply the Berkeley, California, mission field.

Rev. G. W. Gaertner has declined the call extended to him to the St. Louis field in November.  
J. A. C. B.

### ARE YOU CHASING AFTER THE WORLD?

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Believe on Him whom God hath sent.

— J. H. Fleming.

### A DAILY THOUGHT

I say to you truly, the heart of him who loves is a paradise on earth; he has God in himself, for God is love.  
— Lamennais.

### MISSION NEWS

**Milwaukee Mission**—While at Merrill last month we were told that Mr. Niklaus had left for Rochester, Minn., to consult the Mayo Brothers concerning his health. His wife accompanied him.

Mrs. Arthur Johns of Nekoosa, Wis., was also on the sick list.  
C. Gade.

**Omaha Mission**—At the meeting of the voters on January 9th the following officers were elected to serve the Omaha congregation for the coming year:



President, Oscar Treuke; Secretary, Emil Henriksen; Treasurer, Nick Petersen; Deacons, Arthur Chappell and Geo. Ernst; Auditors, F. W. Werth and Hans Neujahr. May our gracious Lord and Savior grant His blessing upon the service of these officers and upon the work of our congregation in the new year.

Mr. Hans Neujahr was accepted as a voting member in this meeting. This brings our voting membership to 17.

Mr. James Whitmarsh, Mr. Judson Bowen and Mr. Harry Grover are among the latest additions to our instruction class. May the Lord bless these our friends and bring them closer to their Savior Jesus Christ through the study of His Word.

The Ladies' Aid shows a balance in the treasury of \$144.71. The ladies are trying to raise money in various ways, so that they will be able to furnish the kitchen, etc., of our future chapel, the reality of which we hope is not so far away. In one of the last meetings the ladies decided to save all their old newspapers and magazines, and then at a future date, perhaps in three or four weeks, have them brought to the pastor's home where some Paper Stock Company will pick them up. Do not burn your papers and magazines but save them and thereby help earn money for our treasury.

Small booklets of "The Life of Christ" with pictures and story were handed to each Lutheran pupil of the younger classes at the Omaha School before Christmas. The members of the class were very much pleased with these little gifts. The Ladies' Aid Society paid the cost of these booklets. Thanks, ladies!

Shortly before Christmas the treasurer received \$10.00 from Rev. E. C. Bowen and \$10.00 from Mr. Peter Mappes for our Omaha Chapel Fund. Rev. Bowen is at the head of the Benson Minerva Cottage for homeless girls and has a son, Judson, who attends our services regularly. Mr. Mappes is the pastor's father who lives at Norman, Oklahoma. We thank the kind donors.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Landry of Ft. Dodge, Ia., was brought to Jesus through baptism on January 11th. His name is Richard Allen. May the Lord keep also this His dear child in the true faith in the only Savior Jesus Christ. After the service on that evening which was held at the Ward home, the entire congregation of thirteen went over to the Landry home to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Ada Elder, one of our communicants and regular attendants at services in Sioux City, passed away to her eternal reward on December 24th. The deceased had been ailing for some time with heart trouble and this was also the cause of her death. Mrs. Elder was confirmed at Sioux City on October 23rd, 1927, and since that time showed her love and devotion for God's Word by attending services very regu-

larly and by reading the written Word of Life. We will certainly miss our departed friend at our Sioux City services.

At our services in Lincoln on December 29th we were glad to see Mr. Joe Bender of Milford, Nebr., and Mr. Henry Buchmeier of Plymouth, Nebr., again. Mrs. Bender was unable to come to Lincoln on account of a bad cold. We are sorry that we can not arrange to hold services for our Lincoln friends on Sunday more often, so our out-of-town members could attend. Later in spring and summer the pastor will try to hold more Sunday afternoon services at Lincoln. Until that time we hope our deaf there will make use of the opportunity to attend services on evenings of week days.

During the last two years three young men, Mr. Peter Debus, Mr. Henry Dietz and Mr. Archie Babcock, all of Lincoln, were taken away by death. The first two mentioned, two of our communicant members, were killed through accidents and the latter died after a very short illness. Friends, is not this a great lesson for all of us no matter how young or how old we may be? Our Lord in Heaven has set a day, yes has set an exact time when He will call us out of this life here below. Are you, my friend, prepared to meet your God face to face at any time? Do you know when you must face Him? No, the Lord has not made known to you that certain moment, but He has been very gracious because He has given you plenty of time to prepare to meet Him. "Now is the appointed time." Yes, let us seek Him now, while we are yet living here in the time of grace. The Lord sends a missionary of the Gospel to you regularly who brings you words of comfort and cheer. Words of forgiveness through the only true Savior Jesus Christ. Furthermore you have His Word in your very home, in the Bible. Why not immediately seek Him who is the Savior from sin and eternal punishment? Come to church when opportunity offers! Read God's Word daily for your soul's salvation.

Mrs. Ed. Hanson of Armour, South Dakota, a regular attendant at our Mitchell services, experienced a very serious accident on the evening of November 23rd. She fell down a flight of stairs and broke her left arm on three places. With her arm bandaged and unable to use it, Mrs. Hanson was present at the December services and with one hand joined in the singing and prayers and confession of the Creed. We wish for her a speedy recovery and the full use of her arm.

Recently the pastor received a letter from Mr. Christ F. Wieseman of Osceola, Nebr., requesting services for the deaf people in and near Columbus, Nebraska. He writes that about 12 to 15 deaf could be gathered together there for services. We are certainly glad to receive this information and we will as soon as possible begin to hold services at Columbus.

E. M.

**Minneapolis Mission**—During January and February we had nine services in Grace Chapel. The attendance in January was: 8, 31, 18, 26, 12 and in February: 32, 26, 17, 21. Nine services; The attendance in our Oral Bible Class during January was: 4, 5, 1, 4 and in February: 6, 6, 3, 5. The Oral Sunday School had the following attendance in January: 3, 2, 4, 2, and in February 6, 6, 3, 5. Paul writes: "Let us not forsake (stay away from) the assembling (meeting in church) of ourselves together as the manner of some is." Hebrews 10, 25. — On the first Sunday in the new year 28 deaf came to the Lord's Table.

The collections in our Sunday services amounted to \$20.08 in January and to \$21.40 in February. Our Oral Bible Class contributed \$3.35 in January and \$4.75 in February and our Oral Sunday School gave 95c in January and 98c in February. We should give for Jesus' sake. He died for us and every Sunday our Lord Jesus lets this word of salvation be preached to us. We ought to be very thankful for this and gladly give for our Savior's work.

The pastor was in St. Louis, Mo., three times in February to instruct a sign class at our Seminary. In the first meeting there were thirteen students, in the second ten, and in third again thirteen. In the first lesson, John 1, 1-10 and Luke 18, 10-14 were signed, in the second meeting signs were given for "Rock of Ages," and in the third Acts 16, 25-32 and a short sermon were signed. The students now have organized a sign club and intend to meet every Wednesday in order to review the signs they have learned. What blessings if more of our pastors would know the sign language! They then could take care of the deaf in their congregation or in their city.

J. L. S.

**Cleveland Mission**—For a number of years we have had several colored deaf on our mailing list in Cleveland. Pastor E. Mueller, the local Lutheran missionary to the colored, has also met a number of deaf in his work among the black race. There are about 65,000 colored people living within the confines of the city of Cleveland and we are encouraging Pastor Mueller to take up the study of the sign language to enable him to serve also these people. At this writing he seems inclined to do so. O. C. S.

**Los Angeles Mission**—More than once during the last two years it was reported to us, that, on the one Sunday of the month when we had no services, some people came to our place of worship only to find that there would be no services that day. Some of these people were newcomers, and sad to say, some of them never returned. This will not happen again in the future, as beginning in March we shall hold services every Sunday morning here in Los Angeles.

Mr. Max Gatzlaff, one of our very faithful attendants in services at Porterville, California, is again able to worship with us, after being absent a number of months due to an accident. While going about his work one evening last fall he was struck down by an automobile and taken to a hospital in a very serious condition. But the Father in heaven spared his life, and we hope, will now grant him a complete recovery.

In our regular monthly services in Alhambra on February 2nd Mr. and Mrs. Terry Page became members of the Lutheran Church. May God the Holy Spirit, who has begun this good work in them keep them in the true faith until they shall see their Lord and Savior face to face. May their example inspire many more to make a similar public confession of their faith!

G. H. F.

**Duluth-Superior Mission**—On Saturday morning, January 25, a message was received in the Winnipeg School for the Deaf bringing the sad news of Miss Verna Hamill's death in Regina, Sask. This news will also be of interest to the friends of our mission since Miss Verna Hamill always was to be found present in our Regina services. Several years ago she was forced on account of poor health to discontinue her studies in the Winnipeg School. Since our mission could not reach her in this school, it did go out to reach her in her home in Regina, where the missionary took care of her by sending her Sunday School lessons made for her particular needs. It is our hope, that these lessons based mainly on picture-study, in connection with the services she attended, have born their good fruit, so that Verna Hamill will now be found with Christ in His glory.

G. H. Ferber.

**St. Paul Mission**—On January 2nd Mrs. A. C. Brueske, Miss H. Hendrickson and Mrs. J. W. Early signed the hymn, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me" and this hymn mounted as a picture and in a silver frame was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Beltz as a remembrance of their 25th wedding anniversary by their friends.

After the Christmas holidays Miss M. Tarras accompanied her sister to Huron, So. Dak., where the latter is teaching school. Both plan to return to St. Paul in June.

Mr. Henry Meerkens of Lake City and Mrs. Christine Collins of St. Paul were married in Calvary Chapel on Saturday, January 11th. May the divine Guest at Cana be their constant house guest in Lake City.

J. A. C. B.

**Portland Mission**—On Monday February 10, it pleased God to take from this life to Himself in heaven Mr. Erve Chambers, a member of the Spokane congregation since June, 1929. During his illness he

cheerfully submitted to the Lord's will and patiently bore the cross which He had laid upon him. He had learned to know the meaning of the words: "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." On the Saturday before the Lord called him home, the writer spoke to him, as he had done on previous visits, about his hope of salvation. His last words to the writer were these: "Jesus is my only Foundation." Surely, a blessed death! Such a death is also an answer to the question, so frequently asked, Is it worth while to devote all your time preaching only to the deaf? It is!

May the bereaved members of the family find comfort in the knowledge that the husband and father was called to his home in heaven, and that, trusting in the same Savior, theirs shall be together with all believers, a blessed reunion.

Attendance at the services in Spokane has been excellent, even during the cold winter months. 32 adults were present in the last Thursday evening service. Although many miles have to be traveled every month and many a night and day has to be spent away from home, the love of the members for their church and their regular and faithful attendance

make the long trips back and forth a pleasure. An adult instruction class is about to be organized.

On Sunday, March 2, the Portland congregation observed the 4th anniversary of the dedication of the church. A joint service for deaf and hearing was held, in which Rev. A. Eichmann of Mt. Vernon, Wash., delivered the sermon.

Several adults in Portland are receiving instructions in Luther's Catechism, preparing for membership in the church. At the school in Vancouver, Washington, a class of 17 is being instructed.

E. E.



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