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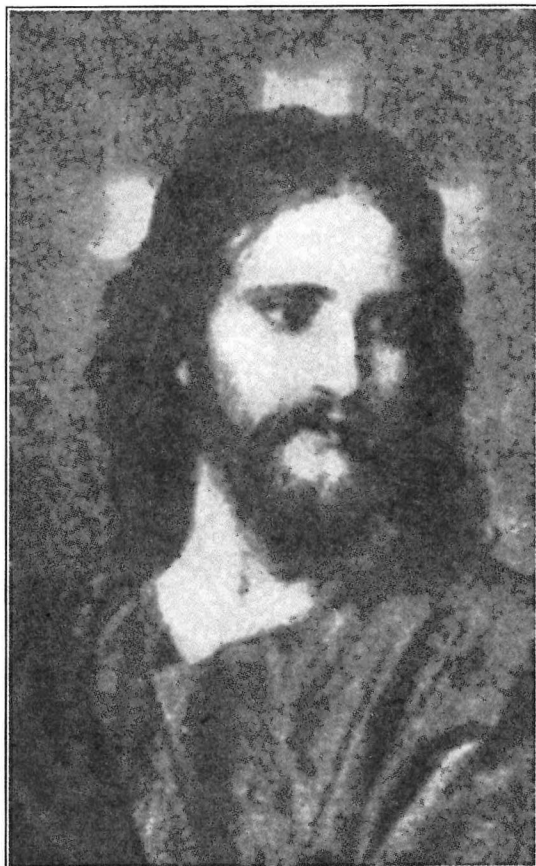
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## “LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”

My kind, lifelong Companion,  
I know Thy voice,  
And, hearing through the tempest,  
I can rejoice:  
But even if Thou speak not  
My heart is glad:  
With Thee the deepest silence  
Is never sad.

I will not heed the darkness;  
Is the hour late?  
And will it soon be sunrise?  
Yet I can wait:  
Dear Lord, I am not troubled  
By fear, or quest,  
Above the restless waters  
I have sweet rest.

I sail, and see not whither,  
But, if Thou steer,  
I know the lighted haven  
Not far but near:  
No need to wake the sailors  
On land or sea,  
I am content forever  
Alone with Thee.

— M. Farningham.

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### EDITORIAL

#### The Ascension of our Lord

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus led the disciples to the Mount of Olives, where He lifted up His hands to bless them and was thus raised from the earth until a cloud hid Him from their view.

Christians today are without the visible presence of their Savior; they cannot see Him and touch Him, but He is nevertheless their ever-present Friend, who remains near and with them in His Word and Sacraments. His invisible presence is made manifest to Christians through the testimony of the Holy Spirit, who assures them that Jesus, the good Shepherd, is not far from His sheep in some distant, enclosed place beyond the stars, but near them with His power and blessing. Christians, therefore, need not be terrified because of their enemies, because of sin, death and hell, for their Friend **lives** in glory and possesses all power in heaven and on earth.

Jesus promised His disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14, 2. Our ascended and glorified Savior guides and governs His Christians so that they may follow Him into the heavenly mansions; He is their Advocate before the throne of grace, reminding the heavenly Judge that payment has been made for the sins of the whole world. Our ever-present Lord lives and works continually in the hearts of sinners by His Spirit to make them new creatures, heirs of eternal life and children of the Most High.

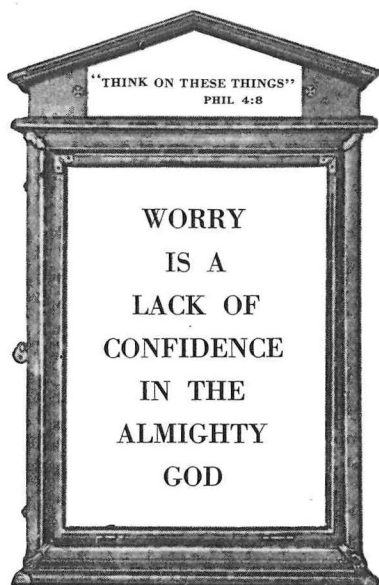
Christians have no reason to mourn because of the removal of their Savior's visible presence from the earth, but, on the contrary, they need to rejoice at His ascension like a soldier rejoices at the coronation of His beloved sovereign. Jesus has merely withdrawn His visible presence to bestow upon His friends further blessings. O. C. S.

### Pentecost

When the Son of God died upon the cross for the salvation of mankind He was well aware of the fact that His sacrifice would not even be appreciated by an ungrateful humanity until the soul-awakening power of His Holy Spirit would reconcile man to God. He therefore sent His Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day to induce sinners to accept His redemption, to appreciate it and to appropriate it unto themselves. In a like manner the Holy Spirit today alone has the power to bring men from the love of sin and from spiritual blindness and death, their natural state, to spiritual sight and to a loving service of God.

Before the days of Pentecost the disciples were cowards, who dared to speak the name of Jesus only in secret and in low whispers, but after receiving His Holy Spirit they preached boldly and with confidence. The apostles furthermore without the witness of the Holy Spirit could never have converted a single soul; their preaching would have remained foolishness and blasphemy to the minds and hearts of their hearers, but by the power of the Holy Spirit the natural enmity of their hearers' hearts disappeared and they were persuaded to accept Jesus. It was not the eloquence of men which converted these sinners and raised them from gloom to glory, but it was the coming of the Holy Spirit into their hearts and minds.

Our heavenly Father today likewise makes us firm believers and faithful, happy Christians by means of His Word and Sacraments, which have the promise of His Spirit's presence. A few words from the Bible are mightier than all the wisdom of men. It is not the oratory of the preacher, nor the sinner's experience or manner of thinking, which brings spiritual life



into the spiritually dead, but it is the Holy Spirit and He alone who does it. Human wisdom and power cannot raise dead men from the graves. We should therefore faithfully use God's means of grace, the Word and Sacraments, and look to His Spirit for life and hope. Being utterly distrustful of self, may we sincerely join in the following prayer:

"O Holy Ghost, with tongue of flames  
 Crown my poor head, burn in my heart.  
 Thou once to Christ's apostles camest,  
 Thou didst to them Thyself impart.  
 I need Thee, Comforter Divine,  
 My soul is faint and wearied sore;  
 Come in and make my heart Thy shrine;  
 Abide there, oh, I Thee implore!  
 With other tongues I fain would speak,  
 Other than pride and self and greed.  
 I would be holy, loving, meek;  
 I would abound in Christlike deeds.  
 But, ah! I falter, stumble, fall;  
 I fail when failure hurts the most.  
 So in Christ's name I on Thee call,  
 Come and abide, Thou Holy Ghost!"  
 O. C. S.

#### CHRISTIAN'S COMMISSION

Why run? Suffering is a part and parcel of the Christian's commission.—J. W. Lee.

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

##### The Virgin Birth of Christ

Jesus Christ, true God and also true man! That we have learned from the Scriptures thus far. Now how can the son of a woman be the Son of God, yea, the true God? The Bible and our Catechism explain it to us with these words: "Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary."

A virgin is a pure unmarried woman. How then could Mary become the mother of Jesus? Also Mary herself could not understand this. Luke tells us that the angel came to Mary and told her that she shall have a son and shall call his name Jesus. When Mary heard these wonderful things, she said to the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered and spoke these wonderful words: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." And then he added these words, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1, 20-37. God can let a son be born of a virgin.

Of this great and wonderful work of God the angel spoke also to Joseph to whom Mary was engaged. Before they came together, she was found with child. And Joseph, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily (secretly). But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying to Joseph, "Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 1, 18-25. Jesus is conceived in Mary by the Holy Ghost, and therefore that holy thing born of Mary is called the Son of God, the Son of the Highest.

Joseph then took unto him his wife. And when all went to be taxed, every one into his own city, also Joseph and Mary went to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem. And there she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2, 1-7. Born of a virgin! Now was fulfilled God's promise in garden Eden of the

"woman's seed," Gen. 3. 16. Now was fulfilled also that which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet: "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matth. 1, 22. 23. Now we understand the words of John: "The Word was made flesh," John 1, 14, and the words of Paul: "God was manifest in the flesh," 1 Tim. 3, 16, and: "When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman," Gal. 4, 4. What a wonderful birth!

And what does our Catechism say of this? In the Second Article of our Creed we confess in every service: Conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary," and in Luther's explanation of it," Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary."

Let us rejoice in this precious truth! Jesus is a true Savior. Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Ghost, is the Son of God and can save us from sin, death, and devil; Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the Son of man and can shed blood without which there is no remission or forgiveness of sin, Hebr. 9, 22.

"Now praise we Christ, the Holy One,  
The spotless virgin Mary's Son,  
With Father and with Holy Ghost,  
Till time in endless time be lost."

J. L. S.

#### A Wrong Tendency

In recent years some Protestant denominations have seriously considered, and in some cases even recommended, the election and ordination of women to the office of the holy ministry. We have been informed that among the deaf also women preachers are making their appearance. This practise is clearly in violation of the teaching of the Scriptures. We read, for example, the following admonition of St. Paul: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak." 1 Cor. 14, 34. To us the Word of God is the supreme authority also in its statements upon this subject, and it is an error to deviate from them, even though we may be dealing with matter which seem to be of minor importance. O. C. S.

#### BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN MAY, 1930

*"God so loved the world"*

God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of truth," 1 Tim. 2, 4. "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3, 9. Therefore Jesus weeps and is full of sorrow, if the sinner will not turn, and therefore is lost; and He rejoices with His angels in heaven over one sinner that repents, and so is saved, Luke 15, 10. Yes, God loved the world and He loved it so "that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3, 16. Of this great love for sinners these Bible Studies tell you every month. Yes, God loved you and gave His Son for you! Let this month's Bible Studies again speak to you of His great love, and may the Lord bless them in your heart and your soul's salvation and the glory of our Savior's name!

#### Study for Sunday, May 4

*"While I live, will I praise the Lord."*

*Ps. 146, 2*

*In your Bible read Luke 19, 28-40*

Jesus was now ascending (going) up to Jerusalem to suffer and die. When He came nigh (near) to the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples to get a colt, a young ass or mule, which they would find in the village and on which never yet man sat. How does Jesus know all this? He knows all things, nothing is hid from Him. That Jesus who suffered and died is the all-knowing God. And He is the mighty God! For if any man would ask them, "Why loose ye the colt?" they only need say: "The Lord has need of him," and the owner would send him. One Word is enough! Jesus speaks, and it is done! For as Jesus said to His disciples, so they found it, and they brought the colt to Jesus. He is God also because He is risen from the dead.

The disciples then cast (put) their garments (clothes) on the colt, and they sat Jesus thereon. Others spread their clothes on the way, as Jesus went. They laid down everything for Him. So let us give ourselves and all we have received of



God to this mighty Jesus and His work on earth, for He first loved us and gave Himself for us.

When He now was come near to the descent (foot) of the Mount of Olives, all the disciples rejoiced and praised God with a loud voice for all the mighty work they had seen. And what did they sing? They asked God to bless this King who comes in the name of the Lord. This King came and made peace, and now there is peace in heaven. God remembers their sins no more and forgives them in this Jesus, and for it they sang glory to God in the highest. So we have seen wonderful things on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The risen Savior has come to us, saying: "Peace be unto you!" Let us pray to God for our King and His kingdom, and sing glory to God in the highest for this great salvation.

There will be some people who will tell us to keep still, just as the Pharisees came to see Jesus and told Him to rebuke (scold) His disciples and to tell them to stop. But Jesus answered that if His disciples would not sing and praise God, then the stones would immediately (quickly) cry out. Come, let us sing His praise every day for His great love to us, and we should not let the wicked stop us!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 38, and answer these questions in writing: 1. How did Jesus show that He is the all-knowing God? 2. What should we learn from the disciples in this lesson?

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, we sing glory to Thee in the highest for this mighty Risen Savior who has brought peace to us through His blood and Easter victory. O bless the work and kingdom of this our King that the glory of His name spread farther and farther unto the salvation of many more souls. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, May 11

*"Christ is our peace." Eph. 2, 14*

*In your Bible read Luke 19, 41-48*

Jesus came near and beheld the city, and He wept over it. Why did He weep or cry? Because they did not know the things that belonged to their peace. Jesus had come to make peace with God for their sins, but they would not have

this peace. And now God punished them and hid it from their eyes. So Jesus still weeps to-day, for He wants all people to be saved and to have this peace, but many know it not and will not have this peace, and then God hides it from them.

And then Jesus also weeps, because He sees the terrible punishment which will come on that city. Enemies will come and cast (make) a trench (wall) around the city, and compass (surround) it round, and keep the people in on every side. Then they shall lay or make the city even with the ground, and also destroy her children, the people in her. They also shall not leave one stone on another. And why all that? Because they knew not the time when God visited them in His mercy. They did not want His mercy, therefore He came in His wrath. And so to-day, if people do not want God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus, then He will punish them. O let us be careful! To-day God comes to us with His mercy, to-day let us trust in His grace!

Then Jesus went into the temple, and he cast (threw) out them that bought and sold. He saw how people thought not of serving God, but only of serving themselves. They would not serve God in prayer, but thought only of buying and selling and doing the work of thieves. Let us not go to the house of God with selfish and proud hearts, but with humble hearts seeking God's mercy and forgiveness.

And Jesus taught daily in the temple. To the last He was eager to save people and to preach to them the kingdom of God, but the scribes (Jewish teachers) and the chief of the people sought (wanted) to destroy Him. But they could not find what to do, for all the people were very attentive and very glad to hear Him. And still Jesus preaches and teaches His word in all the world by His church, He wants to save all the world. But so many seek to destroy His kingdom and to hinder the preaching of His word, but they will not succeed. Always some will listen, and be saved. Thank God for it!

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 46, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why did Jesus cry over the city Jerusalem? 2. With what kind of hearts should we go to church, the house of God?

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, Thou art our peace. Thou hast shed Thy blood for our sins and hast made peace with God for us. Grant that we know it and believe it, gladly learn Thy word and serve Thee with a humble and prayerful heart. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, May 18

*"Be ye therefore wise as serpents,  
and harmless as doves."*

*Matth. 10, 16*

*In your Bible read Luke 20, 1-8*

While Jesus was teaching the people in the temple one day, preaching the gospel, the good news of forgiveness, then the chief priests and scribes (Jewish teachers) came upon Him with the elders (leaders) and wanted to know by what authority (power) He was doing these things and who gave Him this authority. Again and again they came to Jesus with questions. They wanted to find some fault in His words. They so often had heard His wonderful words and seen His great works. Therefore Nicodemus, who first was one of them and had come to Jesus by night, said to Him: "Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him." They knew He was from God and had this power from God, but they would not believe in Him. They came to Him only to find fault with Him, and therefore Jesus did not answer their question. So if we see that people will not believe, but only ask questions to find fault or to mock, then also we should not give answer. We should not throw our pearls before swine.

Jesus does not answer them, but also asks them a question, saying: "The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?" Now they reasoned (thought) with themselves, "If we shall say, From heaven: He will say, Why then believe ye him not? But if we say, Of men: all the people will stone us: for they were persuaded (believed) that John was a prophet." Therefore they answered that they could not tell whence (from where) John's baptism was. Jesus knew that they lied and did not want to answer, and therefore He said that He also would not tell them by what authority He was doing these

things. If people do not want to believe, we should not answer their questions, but also ask them questions about the belief in their hearts and make them feel ashamed. When they come with their questions, let us ask them to give us something better than the blessings we have in Jesus, and they soon must confess that they cannot do it.

Again read this lesson in your Bible, remember v. 1, and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why do the unbelievers so often come with questions to Jesus and His Christians? 2. If they come with their questions, what should we ask them?

*Prayer:* Dear Savior, Thou knowest the hearts of men. O give me wisdom and understanding that I know how to answer the wicked unbelievers when they come to mock Thy word which alone can make us wise unto salvation through faith in Thee and Thy blood. Amen.

### Study for Sunday, May 25

*"Other foundation can no man lay  
than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

*1 Cor. 3, 11*

*In your Bible read Luke 20, 9-11*

The Jewish leaders did not want to believe, and therefore Jesus showed them in a parable what God will do with them for their unbelief.

He tells of a man who planted a vineyard, and let (rented) it forth (out) to husbandmen (keepers). When it was time for grapes, he sent one of his servants to get some fruit. But they beat or whipped him, and sent him away empty, that is, without fruit. Then he sent another servant, and they beat him also, entreated (did) him shamefully, and sent also him away empty. And he sent a third, and they wounded him and cast (threw) him out. At last the man sent his son, thinking they would reverence (honor or respect) his son. But when they saw the son coming, they reasoned (talked) among themselves, saying: "This is the heir, who will receive all things. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance (his things from the father) may be ours." And they took the son and killed him.

This is a parable. The man who planted a vineyard is God Himself. He took the Jews for His people and richly blessed them, and now

wanted them to love and serve Him. He therefore sent His prophets to them with His word, but they whipped some of the prophets, stoned others, and killed His only Son. So God to-day gives many blessings to people and wants them to love Him and work for Him, but so many will not do it and despise God's servants and His word.

And that is a great sin. The Jews themselves had to confess that the lord of the vineyard would destroy these keepers. And God did this to the Jews. In the year 70 God sent the Romans and destroyed the Jewish nation and their city. Yes, great punishment will come on them who believe not in Jesus and His blood. The Jews rejected (threw away) the stone which is become the head of the corner in that great building of the Christian Church. They killed Jesus, but He rose again and went to heaven, and now He is Lord over all for His church. Therefore if a man fall on this stone Jesus and believe not, he will be broken or be lost; and if that stone Jesus fall on any one with His punishment, it shall grind him to powder and destroy him. Come, let us believe in this Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and we shall be saved, and then let us live for Him who loved us and died for us.

Again read this lesson, remember v. 18, answer these questions in writing, and sent all your answers to your pastor: 1. What did God do to the Jews because they believed not? 2. Who is that one stone upon whom the Christian Church is built?

*Prayer:* Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Thou hast given us great blessings by Thy suffering and death on the cross. Grant that we believe in Thee and be saved, and then live for Thee who has loved us and died for all the world. Do it for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

J. L. S.

### A GLOWING SERVICE

There is no greater or more glowing service in the world than that of recovering from the human refuse pile those who have been thrown there by a world's bitter condemnation, and giving to them that new hope that will "turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God."

### "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.

In the creation God made man to be His own child, but through sin man became the child of Satan. The Son of God, however, came into the world and with His blood shed upon the cross redeemed (bought back) all sinners. And thus we redeemed sinners recovered our positions as children of God.

And gratitude for so great salvation urges us, in a certain sense, to do as Jesus has done.

"Thy life was giv'n for me,  
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed  
That I might ransomed be,  
And quickened from the dead.

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Thou gavest Thyself for me;  
I give myself to Thee."

Accepting in true faith the salvation earned for us on Calvary's cross we shall have life everlasting with our crucified, dead, but risen again and ascended Savior and Redeemer.

The memory verses for the weeks in May follow.

- May 4: "Fear not: for I have redeemed<sup>1</sup> thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Isaiah 43:1. <sup>1</sup>bought back, saved.
- May 11: "Ye are bought with a price (the blood of Christ): therefore glorify God in your own body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20.
- May 18: "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth<sup>1</sup> live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:15. <sup>1</sup>after this.
- May 25: "The life which I now live in the flesh<sup>1</sup> I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20. <sup>1</sup>in this body. J. A. C. B.

### EARTH A REBUKE TO ATHEISM

God never wrought miracles to convince atheism, because His ordinary works convince it. It is true that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.

— Francis Bacon.

### INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

For the Berkeley, Cal., Mission the Rev. R. F. Cordes of Nickwall, Mont., has been called. We are hopeful that he will accept the call to this promising field.

The Rev. Th. Schroedel and the Rev. J. Huchthausen, Chairman and Secretary of the Mission Board respectively, have tendered



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their resignation, both of them pleading excessive work in their churches. Pastor H. Gamber has taken over the chairmanship temporarily.

It appears to be a difficult matter to find suitable pastors who can give the necessary time to the supervision of our Synod's very extensive work among the deaf and the blind. Over a period of years the Board has been hampered in its work by frequent changes in its personnel. The gratitude of our entire Synod is due the pastors and laymen who give considerable time to the special problems as well as to the monotonous routine of this mission.

The Rev. Edgar F. Witte has accepted the appointment to the Board. Pastor Witte was graduated from our St. Louis Seminary in 1919 and has had charge of Pilgrim Church in St. Paul since 1920. The fifth member of the Board will be chosen in the April meeting.

Two calls intended for graduates of our seminary in St. Louis this spring are already in the hands of Dean J. H. C. Fritz. Inasmuch as the Assignment Board has not designated any candidates for our Deaf Mission since 1924 we are holding out fervent hopes of receiving two men this year. "The Lord hath need of them," so that the deaf to whom He has directed our attention may be led upon the way to life eternal. J. A. C. B.

### STEVENSON SCORES "CURES" FOR THE DEAF

Protesting against the tendency to exaggerate effects of so-called "cures" of deaf persons by instruments and other devices guaranteed to restore hearing, Elwood A. Stevenson, principal of the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley, has submitted his biennial report to the State Department of Education.

Alameda County has 33 students registered in the Berkeley school, the report shows.

All deaf children are not deaf, and the child supposedly born "deaf" often has a remnant of hearing or a certain "sound perception," the principal asserted.

This ability to hear sounds does not prove that the person hears and understands the sounds, Stevenson said, for there must be an area in the brain which receives the sound and interprets it as meaning something. If that brain area is defective, as it is in so many "deaf" students, sounds may be heard but they mean nothing, because that particular brain area is defective and cannot interpret the sound.

"To tell the world that Sam Jones, deaf from birth, surprised his teacher by holding a conversation with her through the use of a certain machine is utter nonsense," declared Stevenson.

"It would be similar to expecting the reader to suddenly without any previous knowledge hold a conversation in Hebrew. It is not the amplification or loudness of the sounds of speech given



that is all important. There is a greater factor than this. It is the condition and the character of the receptive area in the brain that determines whether or not Sam Jones can understand. If this area in the brain is defective, of course he cannot understand the sound he hears."

Study has proven that the percentage of absolutely stone deaf children in schools for the deaf is very small, said Stevenson. The rest have "sound" hearing, but cannot interpret it. Stevenson believes this fact shows the reason for many of the statements of how the "deaf" child "hears" over the radio or telephone, or how it is possible with certain instruments, amplifying machines, and what not, to teach the deaf to hear and revolutionize their education.

The children "heard," true enough, but the sounds meant nothing. Such children can be taught to play a wind instrument in school bands, but Stevenson insists that they cannot be taught to hear and interpret spoken language and that any attempt at such education is impossible and impracticable. — Deaf Mutes' Journal.

#### WHAT THEY MISS MOST

A recent issue of the Kansas City "Star" contained an interesting collection of replies made by a number of deafened people to the query as to what they missed most as a result of their deafness. A girl of twenty-two said that she missed companionship most, as she was left much alone at socials and dances. A housewife said she missed the door-bell and telephone most. People would come and ring the bell or call up on the telephone, and she would not know it. A woman of middle age said that she missed most not understanding what little children said to her. There spoke a tender and motherly heart. Several missed the theater most, especially since the advent of the talkies. One venerable lady missed most hearing her husband's voice, while a gallant gentleman of seventy missed his wife's. A rather curious answer made by one man was that he missed traffic noises most, while one woman missed the chirping and singing of her canary. One lady regretted most that her deafness had seemed to estrange her husband from her. He used to tell her of the happenings of the day, but does not do so any more, because he is too tired

to bother to shout things or write them down. She is hoping that when she improves in lip-reading, they will get along better. Here is a case where we think that the finger alphabet would be a boon. If the husband would learn to spell on his fingers rapidly, he would have an easy and natural way of communication and she could reply by speech. One of those questioned had been a lover of music and missed most the delights of that beautiful form of entertainment. One youth of eighteen regrets his deafness most because it interferes with his getting the kind of a job he would like.

The above are cases of people who have become wholly or partially deaf after having enjoyed the pleasures and advantages of hearing for many years. They have indeed much to regret. But those of the deaf who lost their hearing in infancy or early childhood are in much better case. Most of them have gained a good, common school education at special schools, along with industrial training that enables them to support themselves. They have a fluent means of communication among themselves, and, never having known the advantages and pleasures of hearing, they have less to regret, and have adapted themselves to their condition and learned to make the most of the sense of sight, through which come nearly all of their sensations.

— Minnesota Companion.

#### LIGHT IN THE WORLD

When a man carries a light in the darkness, we see the light but do not see the man; or if we see the man it is because the light is dim, or because he stands before it and hides it. The people of God are to be light-bearers in the world. It is their special work to hold forth the Word of Life and to let their light shine. Their work is not to reveal themselves but to reveal the light; not to show who THEY are, but to hold the light up that others may see the path in which they should go. He who exhibits himself as well as the light, who makes the light as a means of showing what he is or what he has done, has entirely mistaken his calling as a bearer of celestial light in a dark and dreary world.

On the other hand, he who holds forth the Word of Life, and standing behind the light so



bears it up that men may see it, wins the Master's approval, and blesses and benefits the world. In this crooked and perverse nation Christians are to shine as lights. Their lamps are to be trimmed and burning as they go to meet the Bridegroom when he comes; and they are to "walk as children of the light" so that their light shall not mislead those who may chance to follow it. He who follows Christ shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life; and that light reflected by Him and flowing through him, shall bless the world and bring men to see the brightness of the Savior's face.

—The Christian.

### CONSCIOUSNESS OF DUTY

In every heart there is a consciousness of some duty or other required of it; that is the will of God. He that would serve God must get up and do that will — if it be but to sweep a room or make an apology, or pay a debt.

—George MacDonald.

### MISSION NEWS

**Detroit Mission**—During the week of Thanksgiving Day last November Mrs. L. D. Brown of Rochester, Mich., who is a member of our Detroit congregation, broke her ankle while walking down the stairs into the basement. Being home alone she could not summon help until a few hours later. She recovered very slowly, but by this time is again able to walk without the help of crutches.

Mr. Charles Loeffler of Monroe, Mich., sustained some severe bruises on his chest in an automobile accident when driving home with friends after having visited other deaf friends in Temperance, Mich., on the Thursday after Christmas. For several months he was unable to be up and around. The last time we visited him in March he was quite well again. We hope that we may soon see him again at our services in Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winkelmann, also of Monroe, lost their six months' old baby, Raymond Oscar, on February 25, who died of pneumonia. May the Lord who has accepted Raymond as His dear child in baptism give them the firm assurance of a blessed reunion in heaven. On March 4th Mrs. Philip Schwartz of Toledo had to undergo an operation; although still quite weak she was at the service again on the first Sunday of April.

Recently we received a gift of \$20.05, collected at the occasion of the wedding of the pastor's cousin in North Dakota, for our Chapel Fund. The pastor's sister, Miss Hulda Scheibert, also again sent us a donation of \$5.00 for the same purpose. We hereby again wish to thank both for their kind interest.

In February Mr. Arthur Heier was accepted into communicant and voting membership of our congregation of deaf, and in April Mr. Otto W. Buby. May God grant them both His grace to remain firm in the faith unto the end.

E. J. Scheibert.

### CLEVELAND MISSION



Some Lutheran pupils of our 1929-1930 Bible class at the State School for the Deaf, Columbus, O.  
O. C. S.

**Omaha Mission**—Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dobson upon the birth of their little daughter. The little girl joined the happy family on February 19th.

Another one of our Lincoln deaf friends, Mr. Wilbur Stichler, passed away during the month of February. This makes the fourth death, all young men, within about two years. Mrs. Stichler and daughter are living with Mrs. Stichler's parents at Ft. Dodge, Ia. She attends services there regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Probert have moved to South Dakota. We hope to see them again at our services at Sioux City or Sioux Falls.

Upon invitation of several deaf friends in and near Columbus, Nebr., services have been arranged there. We expect an attendance of 20. Several deaf live quite some distance from Columbus, however, they have promised to come if the weather is favorable. May the Lord bless the preaching of His Word also among these friends.

E. M.

**Chicago Mission**—Two young ladies joined our church by confirmation on Palm Sunday, April 13th, in the afternoon services. They are the Misses Elsie and Bertha Schmidt. They are south-siders, living near Cottage Grove Ave. and 90th Pl. Of course, they attend Englewood services.

Mr. Otto Lucht passed away February 22, 1930. Some of our older members knew him. He was born in Germany, came to Indiana and went to the state school there. He was sick for three years with dropsy, age 57 years. He was not a confirmed member of our church, but the pastor knew and visited him in the past two years. We gave him Christian burial.

William Halloway Engle passed away March 7th. Born in Richmond, Ind., December 19th, 1874. Baptized October 3, 1915. Confirmed December 7, 1924. He worked on Wednesday till 4 o'clock, in the evening he went to a hospital, had an operation for

cancer next morning, and at noon next day, Friday, he fell asleep, as we surely believe, in His Savior Jesus, who died for him that he might live forever. May the Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved wife and daughter in this sorrow.

We welcome Mr. Chas. Meyer to our services. And we have placed Mrs. Minnie Froeming, Elmhurst, on the invalid list, to be visited at home.

A. C. D.

**Kansas City Mission**—The general interest of the people, which our mission enjoys, was again impressed upon us on March 9th. Upon invitation our congregation at Wichita worshipped with Immanuel congregation on that date. Miss Fern Dwyer was baptized into Christ's Kingdom and by confession of faith became a member of our Church. Rev. L. H. Deffner preached an inspiring sermon on 2 Cor. 5, 15. Substantial gifts for our Mission and Chapel Fund were received after the service.

A tired pilgrim, Mr. Edward Forshay of Merrima, Kansas, was called to his eternal home on February 26th.

Mrs. J. Loucks of Frankfort, Kansas, has regained her health after a serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Loucks are some of our members who regularly send in replies to Bible Study answers, and other literature which we circulate to encourage a lively study of the Bible AFTER confirmation.

The quarterly report showed an average attendance for the first three months as follows: Atchison 8; Frankfort-Hanover 8; Herington 4; Joplin 11; Kansas City 19; Lawrence 7; Leavenworth 3; Oklahoma City 18; Salina 11; St. Joseph 3; Springfield 16; Tulsa 10; Wichita 15.

Miss Victoria Bridwell of Atchison, Kansas, and Mr. E. P. Armstrong of Savannah, Mo., were united in holy matrimony at the parsonage on March 29th.

More interest in our cause — in spite of the many duties of a large parish Rev. R. Prange of St. Joseph, Mo., has learned the sign language to the extent of being able to converse and discuss spiritual matters with our friends. This should make Rev. Prange a member of our Conference.

A lady in St. Joseph is unable to come to services on street car, so she engages a taxi for the round trip. In addition thereto this lady recently contributed five dollars to the spreading of the Gospel in the sign language.

A. E. Ferber.

**Minneapolis Mission**—Several years ago God led an old man, seventy-five years of age, into Grace Chapel for the deaf. Thereafter we saw him quite regularly in our services. During the past year, however, he was not seen so regularly. Not that he did not care to come, no, he was very anxious to learn of Jesus, the only Savior. It was sickness that kept him from coming. Nevertheless he came now and then, even in his weakened condition. One time he even

fainted away in our services. Since January he was not able to attend any more. The pastor called on him regularly and spoke to him of Christ and His salvation which always brought tears of joy to his eyes. This man was John Anderson who fell asleep in Jesus on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, and on Friday, April 4, we laid his body to rest in the grave where it awaits the glorious day of resurrection. May the God of all comfort comfort the sorrowing wife, son and daughter with His everlasting comfort! "By grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2, 8, 9. "Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Hebr. 13, 14.

J. L. S.

**St. Paul Mission**—For a number of years Mrs. J. Early has served as a capable president of the Ladies' Aid, but since she is unable further to attend the meetings, Mrs. A. C. Brueske was elected president. Mrs. Ralph Koch serves as vice-president and Mrs. J. Beyer as treasurer.

Miss Agatha Kindopp of Norris, So. Dak., a graduate of our Lutheran School for the Deaf at Detroit, is now employed at Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. Hubert Suhr of Madison, Wis., has found employment on a farm near Lake Elma, midway between St. Paul and Stillwater. Mrs. Suhr is recuperating from an extended illness at her parents' home in Eastman, Wis. Three deaf children are under Pastor F. Gade's care at the School for the deaf at Delavan.

After many weeks being confined to her home Mrs. M. Rockow of Winona was able to attend the April services. Mr. Paul Moehnke of Dover, Minn., also attended this service, driving about 65 miles for this purpose.

Mrs. L. Kramer of Rochester has been failing rapidly of late and human aid seems to be at an end. We commend her to a faithful, loving and merciful Father's care.

Because of a nervous ailment Mr. Grant Holton is confined to the State Hospital at Rochester, where we visit him regularly and bring him messages of Christian comfort, of joy and peace in Christ Jesus.

A goodly number of deaf friends who for one reason or another never become members of our church attend our services very regularly. Upon these people the Gospel of Christ in its full truth and purity is permitted to exercise its soul-saving influence. Such a friend was Mr. Joseph De Curtins of Stillwater who passed into the presence of his Maker in January clothed, as we sincerely hope, in the robes of the righteousness of Christ, our only Savior.

Mr. John Cull, formerly of Louisville, Ky., is now making his home with a sister in Stillwater, where we serve him with three other deaf, among them our deaf-blind member, Mr. Ernst Gabbert.

J. A. C. B.

### RADIO STATION KF U O

The week of March 9-15, was Letter Week at KF U O, and a bronze medal of Concordia Seminary was offered to any person who would write in to the station, especially to such who had never written before. Needless to say, the mail was very heavy every day during that week. Approximately 20,000 copies of the March issue of the Gospel Voice, the official monthly radio bulletin of Station KF U O, were sent to the congregations located within consistent hearing range of KF U O. This issue was an attractive souvenir of the station and contained a two-page colored picture of the exterior of KF U O, two pages of pictures of the interior of the radio plant, articles by two members of the KF U O Radio Committee, Dean Fritz and Dr. Maier, all the regular program features for the month, etc.

Recently one of our Lutheran pastors wrote: "KF U O is doing a great work. Not only our Lutheran people, but many of our Reformed neighbors declare the sermons and addresses of our station as the best sent out on the air." — A non-Lutheran Clergyman wrote: "May I take this time to express my appreciation of your programs. The excellent

thinking, good expression, and spiritual interpretation of the Word of God, is quite a contrast to most radio programs. We all love the high-class music, and it gives us much satisfaction to hear your players praise God in music.

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The undersigned would like light housework with a deaf Lutheran family or widow. Am 33 years old; desire home more than wages.

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