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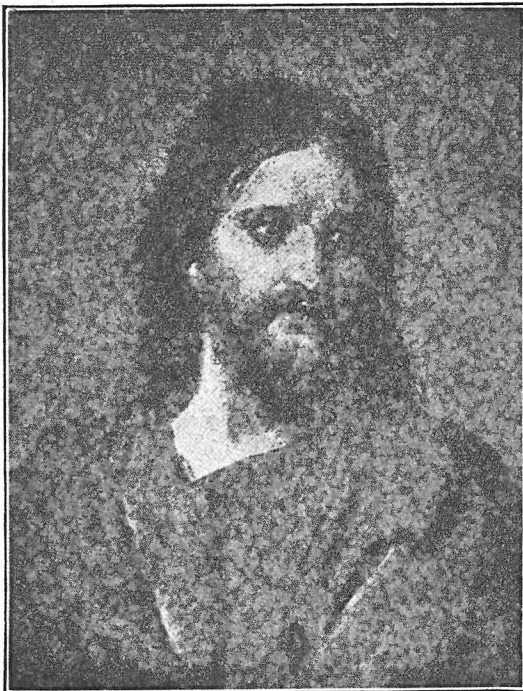
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WHEN AROUND ME FALL THE SHADOWS



When around me fall the shadows
Of death's long and pitch-black night,
I shall rest me on my Savior,
And the night shall not be night.

I shall close my eyes with pleasure
Just as any child of four,
For I know there is no measure
Of most wondrous things in store.

Many dear ones gone before me
Seem to smilingly await,
And not many shall deplore me;
So I haste to heaven's gate.

There has been a deal of sadness,
And so many plans have mired;
Though I've had my share of gladness,
I have grown a little tired. —

Let there not be too much weeping
As though things were not aright,
For I shall be sweetly sleeping
Through the night that is not night.

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EDITORIAL

Religious Periodicals

It is a matter of general regret among the friends of Christian missions that nearly all missionary journals experience difficulties in the endeavor to increase their list of subscribers. Experience has demonstrated the falsity of the assumption that the management or the editorial department of a paper alone are responsible in the matter. Increased circulation of religious periodicals requires, not only the constant and persistent efforts of an alert business manager, but the sincere coöperation of all laymen and pastors as well. The latter should keep their members and friends informed upon the subject of Christian missions and should urge upon them their obligation to read missionary papers. *Information will remove indifference toward the cause from the heart of every true believer.*

Periodicals are an effective method of sowing the seed of God's Word. Moreover, the world today needs the clear, definite statements of the Bible with regard to Christian fundamentals. Any paper, which presents such truths, is accomplishing its full duty. In these days of religious chaos and materialism, when intellectual and pagan enjoyments have become the sole object of existence to many, critics in the churches need to refrain from fault-finding; they need to put their shoulder to the wheel and to assist the missionary periodicals in their struggle for large and enthusiastic lists of subscribers.

Robert West has well said: "Nothing is easier than fault-finding." And Disraeli declares with equal veracity: "It is much easier to be

critical than to be correct." Let me burn this subject deeply into the reader's heart and mind. Are you standing on the sideline criticising, or are you in the midst of the battle for the cause of Christ? Are you sending interesting and encouraging items of missionary news to the editorial department of your paper? Are you endeavoring seriously to secure new subscribers for your missionary journals? If not, now is the time to change your attitude; substitute action for inaction, coöperation for criticism and interest for indifference. Do not have your friends and members be satisfied with reading the newspapers, but urge upon them the need for daily spiritual food. We sincerely believe that our religious periodicals and missionary journals would have no reasons to deplore declining subscription lists if all our members and workers would do their part in the matter. O. C. S.

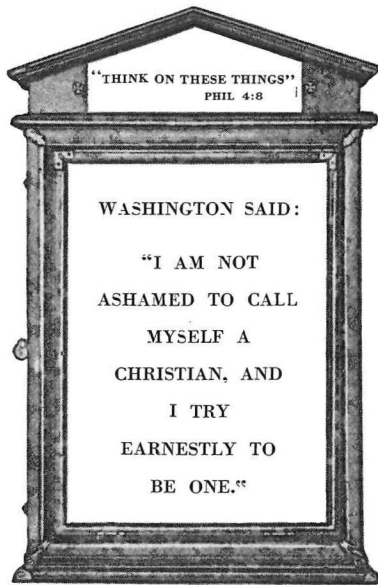
STUDIES IN THE CHIEF TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE AND CATECHISM

"Suffered under Pontius Pilate"

The holy season of Lent again begins this month. The last Sunday of February will be the first Sunday in Lent. During Lent we intend to go with the suffering Savior. There are several things which we should not forget while thinking of the suffering Lord.

First, let us remember that the suffering Jesus is the Son of God. Paul tells us that "God spared not *His own Son*, but delivered (gave up) Him up for us all," Rom. 8, 32. And therefore Peter told the Jews: "Ye killed the *Prince of life*," Acts 3, 15. And to His Christians in Ephesus Paul speaks of the "church of God, which He purchased with *His own blood*," Acts 20, 28. Therefore Scripture so often tells us that Christ, the God-man, suffered, 1 Peter 4, 1 and 3, 18.

God Himself went into suffering when Jesus suffered. Perhaps some one will say, "But that was no real suffering." But it was real suffering, and it was a great suffering. There is no suffering like unto His suffering. O listen to Him praying in the Psalms: "My strength is dried up like a potsherd; My tongue cleaveth to My jaws; and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death.



For dogs have compassed Me and the assembly of the wicked has inclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet. I may tell all My bones." Ps. 22, 15-17. And again in Psalm 69, 3.4 He prays: "I am weary of My crying: My throat is dried: Mine eyes fail while I wait for My God." And when our Lord with three of His disciples on that dark Thursday night went into garden Gethsemane, "He began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." Matth. 26, 37. 38. And then when He had fallen to the ground and prayed to His Father, there came an angel to Him from heaven, strengthening Him, and being in an agony He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground." Luke 22, 42-44. Can anyone read all this, and then say: "Christ's suffering was not real suffering"?

And He suffered both in body and soul. Read what the Bible says of His bodily suffering: One of the officers which stood by "struck Him with the palm of his hand" before the high priest, John 18, 22; before Pilate, the Roman governor, "they spit in His face, and buffeted (struck with fists) Him, and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, Matth. 26, 67. 68; and, again, "the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head," John 19, 2. 3. And of His suffering of the soul He Himself says: "My soul

is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death," Matth. 26, 38. See how Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humbled Himself. He who has power over all sickness and suffering and pain goes into this bitter suffering and sorrow!

And why did He do this? First, because it was the Father's will. He told His disciples: "*As the Father gave Me commandment*, even so I do," John 14, 31. And in the garden He therefore also prayed, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but *as Thou wilt* (wish)." Paul therefore says of Him in Phil. 2, 8: "And He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death."

And why was it the Father's will? Now stop and wonder! "The Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity (sin) of us all: "Surely He hath borne (carried) *our* griefs, and carried *our* sorrows. He was wounded for *our* transgressions (sins), He was bruised for *our* iniquities." Verses 4 and 5. And Peter says: "Christ suffered for us." 1 Pet. 2, 21. And all this He suffered for us that He might bring us to glory and give us eternal salvation, Hebr. 2, 10 and 5, 9. Yes, for you and me He humbled Himself and suffered. Therefore blessed are you if you can with Paul say: "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me," Gal. 2, 20, and with Luther in the Second Article: "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 or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own." During Lent come to the Lord's Table and let Him seal His salvation to you with His body and blood, while He says: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins." Then you know the real meaning of Christ's suffering, and you will daily say:

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find."

May God grant it for the suffering Savior's sake!
J. L. S.

BIBLE STUDIES FOR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY, 1931

"Thou shalt catch men"

Catch men, for whom and for what? For Christ and His kingdom. And how can a person catch men for Christ's kingdom? Only by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore Jesus tells His church: "Preach the gospel to every creature." You, my Christian friend, and I should go out and catch men and women for our Savior and His kingdom. We should tell them about their sin and the love of the Crucified One for all sinners, and so win them for Christ. O come, let us during the coming Lenten season go to the house of God and again learn this old story of Christ's suffering and death for our sins, but then also bring others with us to the cross and catch them for our Savior and His church. May these Bible Studies urge you to do it with great love and zeal!

Study for Sunday, February 1

"Go quickly, and tell." Matth. 28,7

Bible Lesson: John 1, 40-42

"One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone."

John the Baptist had sent two of his disciples to follow Jesus, the Lamb of God. And they did follow and stayed with Him that day. They had found the promised Savior and King, and their hearts were full of joy as we can learn from the beautiful story in our lessons for today.

One of the two disciples who heard John speak was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. It seems the other disciple was John. Now what did these two men do when they had found the Christ and Savior? Did they perhaps say: "Now we can go home. We have found the One who should come. If our friends and relatives want to find Him, let them look for Him"? If John the Baptist had not told them, then they also would not have found Him. Therefore as their master John told them, so they went and told

their nearest friends and relatives. They could not keep this good news to themselves. Andrew first found his own brother Simon, and full of joy he said to him: "We have found the Messias," which is being interpreted, the Christ. Quickly he ran and told his brother, for he also must learn to know this Christ and Savior. And he brought him to Jesus. So when we have found Jesus, let us hurry and tell our brothers and sisters, our friends and relatives, yes, let us tell all the world, saying: "We have found the Savior, the only Savior for sinners," and let us bring them all to Jesus. Have you brought some one to Jesus already? Come, help to bring sinners to Jesus and to save them.

And He is the mighty Savior, for He is true God. When Jesus beheld or saw Peter, He said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jona." Jesus knew him, and He also knew what he will be in His kingdom, and therefore said to him, "Thou shalt be called Cephas." Cephas is the Hebrew word for the Greek word Petrus, which means, a stone. The Lord Jesus knew that Peter would be like a stone and stay with Him unto the end. So, my friend, let us like Peter be as stones, boldly confess Jesus before all the world and stay with Him in true faith to the end. May God grant this to you and to me for Jesus' sake!

Again read this Bible lesson, then answer these questions in writing: 1. What should we from Andrew learn to do? 2. And what should we do like Peter?

Prayer: We thank Thee, Lord Jesus, that Thou hast saved us and that we know Thee as our Savior. Help that we now bring other sinners to Thee, the Savior of the world, and that we stay with Thee in true faith to the end. Do this for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Study for Sunday, February 8

*"We know that this is indeed the Christ,
the Savior of the world."*

John 4, 42

Bible Lesson: John 1, 43-51

"The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow Me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in the

law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said to him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered and said unto Him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto Him, Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these. And He saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see the heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and He found Philip, and said to him, "Follow Me." This Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter, the two disciples of whom we read last Sunday. These two surely had spoken to Philip of this Christ, and therefore when Jesus called him, he followed. So Jesus calls people today: "Follow Me." Will you follow Him? O come!

But when a man has found the Savior Jesus Christ, he will quickly look for others and tell them of his joy in the Savior. So Philip went and found his friend Nathanael and told him: "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Philip did not know or had forgotten that the prophets had said that the Christ should be born of a virgin, a clean unmarried woman, and that therefore Joseph could not be the father of Jesus, and also that the Christ must be born in Bethlehem, and therefore was not to come from Nazareth. Therefore Nathanael answered, saying: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip did not know what to answer, but he could not have given a better answer, when he said: "Come and see." So when we go and tell others about our Savior and His cross, and people ask us questions and we cannot answer them, then let us invite them to come with us to our Bible or our church, saying: "Come and see."

And Nathanael came with Philip, and quickly he learned to know that this Jesus is the Christ, the promised King. For when Jesus saw him,

He said, "Behold (see) an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile (nothing false)." Jesus intended to say: "Here is a man who seeks the truth and wants to find the Savior." Nathanael is surprised, and he asked: "Whence (how) knowest Thou me?" Jesus gave him an answer which surprised him still more. He said: "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." Nathanael was under the tree perhaps praying for the coming of the Savior, and then Philip called him and brought him to Christ. Now when he heard Jesus say this, he knew that this is the Christ, and he said: "Rabbi (Master), Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel." In this Jesus he saw the Son of God and the promised King and Savior! Blessed are you, my friend, if you can say with this to Jesus! Then you have a mighty Savior in life and death!

But Nathanael should see and hear still more wonderful things! Jesus said to him: "Because I said to thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these." And what shall these things be? Jesus answers: "Verily (truly), verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see the heaven open, and the angels of God ascending (going up) and descending (coming down) upon the Son of man." The Son of man is Jesus, and now Nathanael and the others shall see the angels of God serve and worship this Son of man and also see Him do great and wonderful works, and by His work they shall see the heaven opened for the sinner and peace made between God and man. Friend, do you believe in this Son of God and the promised King and Savior? O then rejoice, for heaven is open for you, and you have peace with God!

Again read the Bible lesson, and then answer these questions in writing: 1. What will a man do when he has found the Savior? 2. How did Nathanael learn to know that this Jesus was the promised King and Savior?

Prayer: Wonderful Jesus, Thou Son of God and promised King and Savior, thanks to Thee now and forever that Thou has opened heaven for us and hast made peace with God for us by Thy blood. Of this my joy in Thee and Thy salvation let me daily tell others for Thy glory. Amen.

Study for Sunday, February 15

*"Call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver (help) thee,
and thou shalt glorify Me."
Ps. 50, 15*

Bible Lesson: John 2, 1-11

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And He saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him."

This lesson tells us of the beginning of miracles (wonderful works) which Jesus did at a wedding in Cana. The mother of Jesus was there, and both Jesus and His disciples were invited. Blessed is that home which invites Jesus! Have you invited Him into your home?

Now it happened that they wanted (needed) wine, they did not have enough. The mother of Jesus knew it and she went to her Son Jesus, saying: "They have no wine." She believed that Jesus was the promised King, but she had wrong ideas about the kingdom of Christ. She thought it would be a kingdom of this world, a kingdom of glory and power, and not a kingdom of suffering and sorrow. And now she wanted Jesus to show His power and set up His kingdom. Therefore Jesus said to her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." He intended to say: "Your thoughts are not My thoughts, and My ways are not your ways! My hour to sit upon the throne is not yet come, and when it comes, it will be through suf-

fering and death." His mother answered nothing, but she said to the servants: "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." She believed that Jesus would help in this little trouble. And He did.

There were six waterpots of stone, after the manner (way) of the purifying (washing) of the Jews. And each of the waterpots contained (held) two or three firkins. A firkin is a fourth of a barrel, or about 7 gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill the waterpots with water, and they did. Then He commanded them to draw (pour) out and bear or carry it to the governor (master) of the feast, and they brought it. And when he had tasted the water that was made wine and knew not whence (from where) it was (but the servants knew), then he called the bridegroom, and told him that people always first give the good wine, and then that which is worse, but that he had kept the good wine till last. Jesus had done a wonderful work indeed! He changed water into good wine and manifested forth (showed) His glory. And His disciples believed on Him. By this wonderful work Jesus made strong their faith in Him. And this miracle and all the others are written in our Bible that also we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing we might have life through His name. Believe in Him, and in every trouble, small or great, go to Him. He wishes to be your friend and to help you in every trouble!

Again read the Bible lesson, and then answer these questions in writing: 1. Why is this story and others of Christ's wonderful works written in our Bible? 2. What should we from this story learn to do in every trouble, small or great?

Prayer: Dear Savior Jesus Christ, Thou Helper in every trouble, we pray Thee, make strong our faith in Thee by these Thy wonderful works and urge us to go to Thee in every trouble for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Study for First Sunday in Lent, February 22

*"I glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Gal. 6, 14*

Bible Lesson: John 2, 12-17

"After this He went down to Capernaum, He, and His mother, and His brethren, and His disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusa-

lem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not My Father's house an house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up."

After the wedding at Cana Jesus, His mother and brethren, and His disciples went down to Capernaum, but they continued (stayed) there not many days, for the Jews' passover was at hand or near. Every year the Jews remembered how God saved His people in Egypt by the blood of the lamb on their doors. For when the Lord saw the blood, He passed over or by and did not kill the first-born in their houses. And therefore it is called the passover lamb. Every year the Jews had to go to Jerusalem for this passover, and also Jesus went. And this Jesus is the true passover lamb. If we trust in Him and His blood God will pass over with His wrath and punishment, and we are saved. May God bless His word of the suffering and death of Christ during Lent in all hearts, also in yours and mine!

When Jesus came to Jerusalem for that passover he found in the temple those that sold oxen and doves, and the changers of money sitting. The people had to bring sacrifices or offerings to God. Now they could buy oxen or sheep or doves for sacrifices in Jerusalem. But the leaders always made it easier for the people. At Christ's time they sold the cattle and doves in the temple and also changed the money for them there. But they were thieves and always overcharged the people, and then also by their talking and the noise of the cattle and doves worship and prayer was hindered in the temple. This displeased Jesus and He made a scourge (whip) of cords (ropes) and drove them out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen, and He poured out the changer's money, and overthrew their tables, and said to them: "Take these things hence (out); make not My Father's house a house of merchandise, a house for selling and buying." And the disciples remembered that it was written in the Old Testament: "The zeal of Thine house has eaten Me up." Jesus was filled

with love and zeal for God's house and people, and therefore He did this. So today may people try to bring things into the church which should not be in church; they displease God and hinder worship and prayer. May God fill us all with the same zeal and love for God's house that we always keep the church only as a house of prayer and worship. In church nothing except Christ and Him Crucified should be held up to the people, so that they trust in Him and His cross and love one another as Christ loved us. May the preaching of the cross during Lent make strong our faith and increase our love and zeal for God and His church!

Again read the Bible lesson, answer these questions in writing, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. Who is our passover lamb and why should we trust in Him? 2. What only should be held up to the people, and why?

Prayer: Suffering Savior, our true Passover Lamb, grant that we trust in Thee and Thy cross and then love one another as Thou hast loved us. Fill us all with love and zeal for Thee and Thy kingdom. Amen. J. L. S.

FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FRENCH DEAF IN 1931

The fourth International Congress of the Deaf in France will be held in Paris, July 9 to 16, 1931, during the Colonial Exposition.

The intellectual and social advancement of the deaf will be discussed. Societies for the deaf, physical education, sports and international relations will be some of the questions on the program.

The pleasure of delegates will not be overlooked. These will be a trip to Versailles, sports, a banquet, theatricals by deaf-mute actors.

The committee hopes to secure reduced rates on boats and railroads for delegates to the congress.

Membership in the Congress will be 25 francs (about \$5) which will entitle the ticket holder to free admission to all entertainments and reductions at various places.

The arrangements committee: Henri Laufer, president; Henri Gaillard, commissaire general; Rubens-Alcais, secretaire general; Leon Lejeune, tresorier general; Mlle Helene Detchebarne,

secretir-interprete; Mme Marguerite Gaillard, secretaire.

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"WITH THE BEREANS"

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

One of the main reasons why so many people are led astray is because they do not know the Bible; they do not read it, they do not memorize it.

Remembering that God is our Creator and that we are entirely dependent upon Him, and that His Word is a mighty power unto salvation it is surely well to have His Word in our hearts and minds. In this way we shall obtain the greatest benefit and blessing from it.

The following verses should be studied and remembered during February.

February 1: "Beware,¹ lest² thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."³ Deut. 6:12. ¹Be careful ²or ³slavery.

February 8: "I will delight myself in Thy statutes:¹ I will not forget Thy Word." Psalm 119:16. ¹laws.

February 15: "I will never forget Thy precepts; for with them Thou hast quickened² me." Psalm 119:93. ¹commands ²refreshed or strengthened.

February 22: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Col. 3:16.

J. A. C. B.

MAKING TRAGEDIES OF TRIFLES

Someone has given the counsel, "Don't make tragedies of trifles," and it is good advice. The world is full of whining, embittered people who are making life gloomy for themselves and others, and yet their lot is no harder than that of hundreds of thousands who are smiling and sunny-hearted. The trouble is that they make a tragedy of every little event that goes wrong.

A young woman, a teacher, once said to a friend, "Every day for a week I have missed my street-car by half a block." Her tone suggested that she was announcing the direst of tragedies

and her expression emphasized that idea. The cars on the line she patronized ran every five minutes, and yet she seemed to feel, and indeed said as much, that her missing a car on a number of days in close succession was proof that everything was against her.

There are real tragedies in the world, and lucky are those whose lives are not touched by them. If you are one of the fortunate number, do not try to make up for the lack of real tragedy by make believe ones. —The Motor.

BETTER USE THE SIGN LANGUAGE

Two men were glad to run across each other.

At least so they said in loud tones as they shook hands.

"By the way," said one, as if it had almost slipped his mind that he had important information to impart.

They drew closer and their voices dropped to an undertone.

As it became apparently more important, with secrecy more essential, the undertone gave way to whispering.

Lest somebody might be able to catch a glimpse of meaning out of the almost inaudible whispers, they finally wound up with some form of lip, face and hand sign language.

—Ohio Chronicle.

MY NAME IS DOUBT

My name is Doubt. I walk the earth with soundless footsteps. I steal in unawares. I speak in whispers. I make people afraid.

I paralyze the strong arm of business, and blur the clear vision of the seer.

I enter the house of God, and, using the preachers voice, I speak words which dim the lamp of hope.

I cause good friends to eye each other askance, and listen furtively at closed doors.

I creep in as the companion of sorrow and pain, persuading the soul to distrust the safest moorings.

I cause the tired pilgrim to throw away his staff and the hungry man to refrain from eating.

I stand beside the couch of the one who is dying, and, weaving black shadows, cause them to float above his head.

I give to the voice of truth an uncertain sound, and cause those who dwell in the temple of faith to distrust its foundations.

I visit new-made graves and make those who have just said good-by to departed loved ones feel that a better day will never dawn.

I have two sisters who go about clothed in the garb of night. The name of one is Despair; the other's name is Unbelief. They never smile. I always go before them — they never advance until I beckon.

I have the serpent's breath and the eagle's wing. I am swift and deadly.

I feed on the choicest possessions of life. I am the supreme wrecker of precious things.

My name is Doubt! — Herald of Life!

ARE YOU?

I got into a street car in Buffalo, and when the conductor came for my fare, I gave him the leaflet, "Where Hell Is." As I handed it to him he laughed and said, "You always give me one of these religious papers; I suppose you think me a very wicked fellow, but I am about as good as they make them." I held up my Bible and asked, "Do you see this book? It tells me, 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked,' (Jer. 17:9). That means your heart and mine. It does not sound so very good, does it?" "Oh, well," he said, "there is plenty of time for me to think about these things. I am still young." "Yes," I said, "but if you go into any graveyard you will see graves of all sizes. A little girl once asked her mother how old anyone must be before they died. The wise mother gave her child a long piece of string and told her to go into the graveyard and measure the graves, and every time she measured to tie a knot. Soon after the child came back with the string full of knots. 'Look, mother, the graves are all sizes.' 'Yes, dear, that is when people die; at all times and ages.'" Again the young man laughed and said, "There is plenty of time for me." On leaving the car I said, "Remember, the time is short, and you need not go to a Christless grave and to hell."

This young man had only been a conductor six or eight weeks, but during that time I had often met him, always giving him a tract, and this

not being a busy line, often having a little talk with the conductors. Some, like Epaphras, labor fervently in prayer. Col. 4:12. Well would it be if all who distributed tracts did the same.

The next morning I travelled by the same car, but a fresh conductor was there, who told me that the one I had spoken to the day before had intended going for an afternoon's pleasure yesterday, but in jumping from one car to another had missed his footing, was run over by the car, and so injured that in a few hours he died. I felt very badly, thinking he had indeed found a Christless grave, but later in the day I was told that he had accepted the Savior and wished me to know that he was not going to a Christless grave. I went to his home, and as I looked upon that young man's dead face, I could not help thinking what an awful warning to anyone thinking there is plenty of time.

"Time is short" (Ps. 89:47). "After death the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). God in His love and mercy had given this young man time, but, oh, how short the time was! God gave him a last message. Reader, this may be God's last message to you! remember, "Now is the accepted time. Behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Are you trusting your having done the best you can will save you? Listen: "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool" (Prov. 28:26). Again, "He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief" (Prov. 28:14). "He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). Oh, why not come to the Savior now? — tomorrow may be too late.

—The Way.

INGRATITUDE

There are those who cannot see
Who are glad that they can hear,
There are those who cannot hear
Who are glad that they can see.
There are those who can neither see nor hear
Who are glad that they can feel.
And there are those who can both see and hear,
And also feel
Who know not the meaning of gratitude!

— Myrtle Long Henderson.

DEAF CHILDREN

More than 1,000,000 school children in the United States between the ages of 5 and 18 — that is 4 per cent of all school children — are so defective in speech that they require remedial treatment and training. Less than 60,000 of these are receiving the necessary corrective treatment. This estimate has been made by the Committee on Special Classes of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, which reported its findings to the Conference at its meeting in Washington, November 19-22. About one-fourth of the 1,000,000 are stutterers, the Committee finds. Most of the work in correcting speech defects now in existence is done in the large cities, at an average annual cost of approximately \$10 per child. The special teacher, who devotes all her time to this work at an especially set-aside speech center, is able to give corrective training to 100 children each week. The Committee points out that corrective work is more effective if carried on during the early years of the child's school life. It is estimated that regular teachers in the elementary schools, if given suitable training in speech correction, could correct two-thirds of the cases which are now being referred to special teachers. That results are satisfactory, the report says, is abundantly indicated by the fact that even in the case of the stutterers, less than seven per cent suffer a relapse after their cure. The Committee recommends the establishment of speech clinics in every city or county, also the providing of well balanced courses for training in speech correction in teacher-training institutions. Research is suggested in order that the causes, prevention, proper training and treatment of various speech disorders shall be discovered and made known to all workers in the field of special education.

— Press Dispatch.

FORD'S VIEW OF THE DEAF

Many persons think that the reason a deaf person is dumb is because something is wrong with his speech organs or his brain cells. As a matter of fact the only reason he does not talk is because, not having heard anyone speak, he does not know what to say. It is merely by the

grace of God that we are not in like case, for the ear is a delicate organ, and anything — a light blow, a fall, a fever or any of the thousand and one experiences of childhood — may impair its use and, if hearing is lost before the age of five or six years, a child rarely remembers for long the vocabulary it has acquired before that time.

Every state in our Union provides for the education of its deaf. Each year some school for the deaf is asked to enroll persons long past school age, who had never been sent to any school previously.

Literature has no blind heroine who is not of unusual sweetness and amiability, calling forth the deepest admiration and sympathy; but an attractive deaf character is hard to find in fiction, although in fact they are far more rare. In many ways the handicap of the deaf is far heavier than that of the blind. Imagine not knowing your name, nor even knowing that you and everything else have a name, nor even till you were seven or eight years old, then laboriously learning the names of each thing, each action, each quality by conscious effort, then learning how to fit these words together.

Nearly all the schools teach printing, including the operation of the linotype, shoe-making, carpentering and cabinet-making. Some have courses in tailoring, house-painting and baking. The girls are taught sewing, millinery, weaving, basket-making, cooking and often photography and typewriting. It will be noticed that in these occupations hearing is not essential, and the pupil is given an opportunity to learn the thing for which his taste and ability incline him.

For the student who completes the scholastic course in the State school, there is an institution for his higher education in Washington, D. C. This is Gallaudet College, the only college for the deaf in the world. Its graduates are filling positions of trust and importance in all parts of the country in varied activities, from that of athletic coach to banker.

— Sel.

ODD BUT TRUE

"Conscience makes cowards of us all," but it doesn't follow that lack of conscience makes heroes.

— Boston Transcript.

A GOSSIP

A confirmed gossip, either man or woman, is the most dangerous creature extant. The possibilities of evil in such people are boundless. They start runs on banks. They murder reputations. They poison all cups of life. They constitute life's supreme pest and nuisance.

— United Presbyterian.

MISSION NEWS

Chicago Mission—To our last month's news report we must now add that Mr. John Struve, of Valparaiso, Ind., passed away on the 7th of December, 1930. His age was 52 years, 8 months, 3 days. He was waiting for the angel of death to call, confident of his salvation, eternal life, and the resurrection through Christ. William Hadder and his sister, Clara, in Bradley, Ill., mourn the sudden death of their mother before Christmas. — May the Lord comfort and strengthen them that mourn; He has caused a wound, but He did so in kindness, and He will heal again.

This winter attendance at services and contributions for the church are lower than last year, due to the lack of work and a lower income among our members. Many deaf have worked only part of the week, a few have been idle many months. We hope the Lord gives us better conditions in the new year.

Our Savior Congregation, in Chicago, elected the following officers for 1931: President, B. Greenheck; Vice-President, W. Summerfield; Secretary, C. T. Hayman; Treasurer, W. C. Pearce; Deacons, J. Bauer, E. C. Weinrich, C. Heyer; Trustees, C. Leise, H. Morisse, H. Kraft. Auditors for 1931 are A. C. Murdock and W. Michaelson.

Ladies' Aid Society officers for 1931: President, Mrs. C. Heyer; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Miller; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Weinrich.

Silent Lutheran Club officers for 1931: President, A. C. Murdock; Vice-President, W. Michaelson; Secretary, J. H. Anderson; Treasurer, C. T. Hayman.
A. C. D.

Minneapolis Mission—While we are writing these lines, our friend and co-worker, the Rev. F. Hischke, is speeding on and on towards the Pacific Northwest. It would have been a great help to the Twin City missionaries, if he could have stayed with us a few months longer. But it was not the Lord's will! Pastor Eichmann, our Portland missionary, was taken ill suddenly, and therefore Pastor Hischke was asked to leave at once. Our deaf had planned a little farewell party for him at a later date, expecting that he would stay with us at least until February 1. But when they heard that he was to depart January 6 they at once arranged for a farewell after our chil-

dren's Christmas program on December 28. Pastor Beyer of St. Paul, Mr. Gruber of the Minneapolis Congregation, and the writer gave short addresses, and then Brother Hischke was asked to say a few words, and he surprised us all by giving a short impromptu speech in the sign-language. Then our ladies served a little lunch in the basement, and thereupon all bade him farewell wishing him God's richest blessings in his work on the Coast. May he lead many deaf to the only Savior!

"A happy new year!" Thus we greeted one another on New Year Day. We know of one for whom 1931 is indeed a very happy new year! This one is Mrs. Florence A. Dane who for the past six or seven years has been an invalid, but always smiling and never complaining. Her two daughters, Mrs. Riley of Red Wing and Mrs. Morey of Hastings, alternated in taking care of her. Mrs. Dane and her husband used to live in Minneapolis. In 1908 they and Mrs. Freda Ekberg were confirmed and became members of Grace Church, and now this class of three has gone to be with Christ as we sincerely hope. Mr. Dane was an officer of our congregation several times and Mrs. Dane also of the Ladies' Aid. Many a time Mrs. Dane also helped to beautify our services by her graceful rendering of hymns in the sign language. Therefore during her illness it gave her great pleasure when we signed some of her old favorite hymns for her. At last she could no more sign, but still could show her appreciation by the expression in her face which beamed for joy. Mr. Dane went to the heavenly home in 1925, and now she is with him in glory. She passed away at noon on the first day of 1931 at the home of her daughter in Hastings. On January 3 the burial took place in Minneapolis. The pastor's address was based on Romans 8, 18: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Often Mrs. Dane signed hymns also in our Easter services, one of which was:

"Jesus lives! no longer now
Can thy terrors, Death, appall me;
Jesus lives! by this I know,
From the grave He will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence."

That was her faith. May this be the comfort of her two daughters, two grandchildren, and two sisters! And may God grant us all such a saving faith!
J. L. S.

Cleveland Mission—During the past weeks, when we made our visit to the schools for the deaf south of Ohio, we also conducted, by special request, a service for the deaf of Memphis, Tenn. With Pastor V. Brugge and Mr. Correll, a friendly deaf man, we also visited a number of homes of the deaf.

At this time there is no ordained minister working

among the 55 deaf in Memphis and we believe that our St. Louis or Kansas City missionary could do efficient work there to the glory of God and the welfare of the deaf. O. C. S.

BOOK TABLE

Tokens of Salvation. A Tract by the Rev. O. C. Schroeder.

Modern unbelief attacks the Bible and its religion of salvation for sinful men through faith in Jesus Christ. In their course of higher education our young people, also the deaf, come into contact with anti-Biblical and anti-Christian ideas. The Bible itself leads us to accept the Bible as divine; the power of the Holy Ghost, working through the Word of God in the Bible, brings man to faith in the Bible and to accept salvation through the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Tracts and books which defend the Bible and the teachings of the Christian Church, though they do not create faith in the hearts of the reader, have their value in helping us to weigh and reject the attacks unbelievers make against our Bible and religion.

Tokens of Salvation, by Rev. Schroeder, is such

an apologetic tract, which should be very useful for distribution among students in our higher schools. False modern religious ideas and objections to orthodox Christian doctrines are quite frankly discussed, and the reader is directed to the many evidences, proofs, tokens, which uphold Christianity in its claim that salvation comes only by Jesus Christ as revealed to us in Holy Scriptures. Parents, hearing as well as deaf, who have children or young relatives attending high school or college, should be rendering a distinct service in the distribution of this tract and encouraging its study. A. C. Dahms.



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