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GOD'S WAYS.

He sendeth sun, He sendeth shower,
Alike they're needful to the flower;
And joys and tears alike are sent
To give the soul fit nourishment.
As comes to me or cloud or sun,
Father, Thy will, not mine, be done.

God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;

We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart.

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold;

And if through patient toil we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we shall say, "God knows the best."

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EDITORIAL.

The Resurrection of the Dead.

There was a famous cape, which was reputed to be a fatal barrier to navigation. Of all those whom the winds or the currents had drawn into its waters none, it was said, had reappeared. A bold navigator determined to surmount the obstacle. He successfully opened the route to the East Indies and changed the Cape of Storms into the Cape of Good Hope. By his boldness he had acquired for his country the riches of the world.

So Christ has proved himself death's Conqueror and made the grave to be the gate to life for us.

No man has ever conquered death by his own power. Jesus has obtained for us the victory over death because He was not a mere man, but the Son of God. Furthermore, Martin Luther has well said: "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

The modern mind greatly admires scientific achievement, material success, and progress in culture. But all who leave true religion with its promise of immortality out of their lives will most certainly wreck their ship of happiness upon the rocks of human philosophy and materialism. These worshipers of success ignore the fact that man is a spiritual being. Material success, for this reason, cannot satisfy the longings of the soul, nor can it give abiding peace and happiness.

Have you ever been present when a physician announced to parents that their child could not recover, that it must die? Have you ever witnessed the sorrow and grief at the casket of a departed father or mother? Science and human achievement mean nothing to the mourner when there is a corpse in the home. The same is true at the time of man's own death, which he must inevitably face sooner or later.

St. Matthew in his gospel tells of the ruler of

a Jewish synagog whose beloved daughter was at the point of death. All the wisdom and the remedies of man had failed him in that hour. In desperation the sorrowful father sought Jesus and pleaded for the life of his dear child. The request was granted to him. Do you believe that the family of this ruler could ever again seek true happiness separated from Jesus?

The Bible tells us that Jesus lives to-day. The soldier and the members of the ruler's family are dead, and we shall also die; but Jesus rose from the dead and gives His promise of eternal life to all who accept Him and trust in Him. He tells us in His infallible Word: "There shall be no more death," Rev. 21, 4.

All must pass through the dark valley; but Jesus has led the way for the Christian. To the Christian, death is but a shadow, which has no power to inflict injury. The follower of Jesus will not remain in death, but will rise again with a glorified body, free from all weakness and affliction. That is a greater blessing than the ruler received in his day of sorrow. Jesus has promised this to all true Christians. He assures His friends: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die," John 11, 26.

Are you a true believer? If not, seek your salvation at once. No greater question can confront you in life than the question how you can find your soul's salvation. O. C. S.

Ephphatha Conference.

For over thirty years the missionaries to the deaf of our Church have been meeting annually to discuss the problems related to their particular fields of labor. These conventions are by no means a waste of time and energy. While it is a fact that the missionaries enjoy the days of fellowship with their coworkers at these meetings, yet the chief purpose of the conventions is none other than to promote Christ's kingdom among the deaf and the blind. The problems peculiar to this work require a special conference. In the past these meetings of the missionaries have been a blessing to the participants themselves as well as to their charges. The workers have received encouragement, enlightenment, and a strengthening in the bond of faith, and the deaf have received the benefit of the experiences of the entire conference. We sincerely believe that the unity of faith among



Mount Olive English Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minn.,
where the sessions of the Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will be held.

Christian workers is greatly promoted by the religious discussions carried on in their conferences.

The next meeting of Ephphatha Conference will be held, God willing, in Duluth, Minn., July 22—26. The three Lutheran congregations of the Missouri Synod in Duluth served by Pastors E. Kirsch, A. Fehner, and A. Strand, will entertain the conference.

Duluth is not the largest city in Minnesota; it is rather one of the newer towns in that State, having been but a village in the memory of men still living. It has, however, within the lifetime of one man grown to be a city of over 100,000 inhabitants. The city is situated at the entrance of a beautiful harbor of Lake Superior, affording most of its residents a view of that great body of water. The amount of tonnage handled in the Duluth-Superior harbor is the second largest in

the United States; it consists chiefly of iron, coal, and wheat. The winters are long, but not extremely cold. The summers are delightfully cool. This fact should make our days of meeting in Duluth stimulating and comfortable.

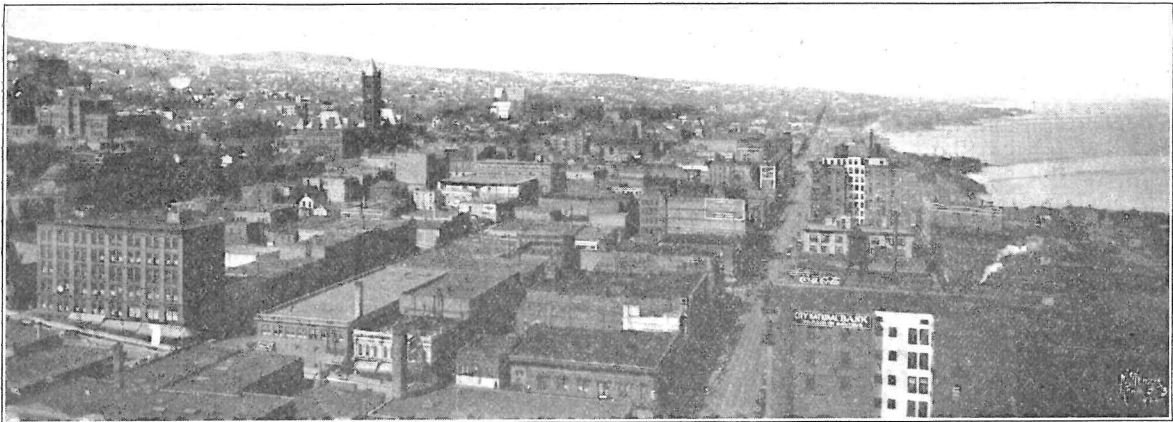
Pastor John Salvner of Minneapolis, Minn., was the first Lutheran missionary to serve the deaf of this territory. He labored faithfully for a number of years to build the foundation of the present small organized congregation. In addition to conducting services, he also proclaimed the Gospel to the unchurched deaf by teaching them Luther's Catechism.

On November 4, 1923, the Rev. W. Ferber, the present pastor, was installed as missionary to the deaf for Duluth and

the surrounding territory. For a time the congregation decreased in size through the removal of members. Those remaining, however, manifested a live interest in their congregation and still show their Christian faith by a steady and regular attendance at all the services. At this time services are being conducted there twice a month, and week-day Bible classes are also held.

These deaf have been worshiping in Mount Olive English Lutheran Church, where also the convention of Ephphatha Conference will meet. In Superior, a twin city, services are conducted for the deaf in Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. A. Gerhardt, pastor. The Bible classes, conducted since 1924, are held in the homes of the deaf.

A difficulty of the deaf in the twin ports is the fact that the members live great distances from the church and pay double car-fares whenever they



Duluth, Minn., where Ephphatha Conference, Consisting of 19 Lutheran Missionaries for the Deaf,
will Meet in July, 1932.

attend the services. As the economic depression continues, this hardship is being felt more and more.

The deaf of Duluth and their pastor are delighted to entertain the members of our Ephphatha



Pastor W. Ferber,
our missionary to the deaf for Duluth,
Minn., and surrounding territory.

Conference. We hope that all missionaries and members of the Board of Deaf-mute Missions will be able to attend the sessions. May our 1932 meeting be a success for the further spreading of God's Word among the deaf, to the glory of the blessed Savior's name!

O. C. S.

Studies in the Chief Teachings of the Bible and the Catechism.

Jesus Christ, the Mighty King over All.

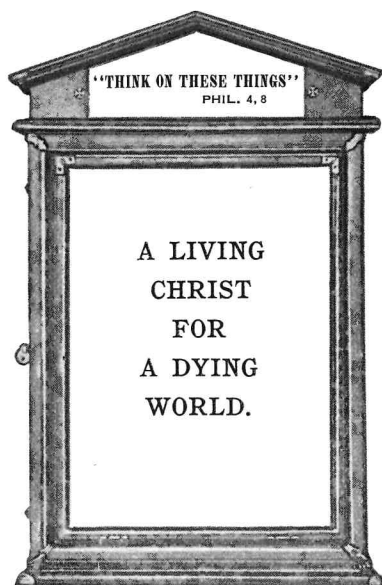
Jesus Christ is the Lord of heaven and earth. Before He went up into heaven, He said, "*All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth,*" Matt. 28, 18. Therefore, if not now, surely at the Last Day, "*at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*" Phil. 2, 10. 11. To the Ephesians, Paul writes: "*God has set Christ at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come,*

and hath put all things under His feet," Eph. 1, 20—22. Also in the Old Testament we read of this Christ: "*Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under His feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas,*" Ps. 8, 6—8. Indeed, "*God left nothing that is not put under Him,*" Heb. 2, 7. Christ is King over all, King of heaven and earth.

Some one perhaps will say, "Yes, as God, Jesus has all power, but not as man." But what does Jesus say? Before that God-man Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, He said to His disciples: "*All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.*" As God He always had it, as man it was given unto Him. This power He had also as the Child of Bethlehem, for He was born King, Matt. 2, 2. 6; Is. 9, 6. And while He walked upon this earth, He showed that He was Lord over all. The wind and the sea obeyed Him, Matt. 8, 27; sickness and death had to flee at His command, Luke 8, 42—56; the devil had to ask Him to let them go away into a herd of swine, Matt. 8, 30—32. While He was on earth, He again and again showed His power; and now He is at the right hand of God and rules over all things.

Perhaps you will say: "It does not seem as though Jesus were ruling over all things." Indeed, Scripture says: "Now we see not yet all things put under Him." It often seems as if not Christ, but the devil were king. But for our comfort the Bible again and again tells us that our Lord Jesus rules over all things and shall rule forever; for "*His dominion [kingdom] is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed,*" Dan. 7, 14. Jesus rules, my friend. His Word says so. Believe it and rejoice in it.

And this mighty Jesus came into this world to save us from sin and death and from the power of the devil. Oh, what a Savior! A King mighty to save! Therefore they that trust in Him shall be free indeed, John 8, 36. And to His Church, His believers, He has given a blessed work to do, the work of saving souls by the preaching of the Gospel. Must we fear the devil and the world, who seek to hinder this work? Oh, no; our mighty Lord Jesus rules over all things, also over His and our enemies. Paul writes: "*God hath put all things under His feet and given Him to be the Head over all things to the Church,*"



Eph. 1, 22. Our mighty Lord Jesus is with us; therefore even the gates of hell shall not prevail against [have power over] the Church, Matt. 16, 18. Our Brother and Lord Jesus rules over heaven and earth. Therefore let us not fear, but trust in Him in everything.

Glory be to Jesus Christ, our mighty King, who, as our Catechism says, "sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty," and "under Him we live 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."

J. L. S.

Bible-Studies for Sundays in April, 1932.

"Believe the Works."

Our Lord Jesus did many wonderful works while He was here on earth. When speaking of them, He said: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up." He did these works that people might believe in Him and be saved. And all these miracles of Jesus are written in the Bible that also we should believe, as John writes: "And many other signs, truly, did Jesus in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, believing, ye might have

life through His name," John 20, 31. The April Bible-studies tell us how many believed in Him because He had raised Lazarus from the dead. May these wonderful works of Jesus also urge us to believe in Him unto life everlasting!

Study for First Sunday after Easter, April 3.

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you," John 15, 18.

Bible-Lesson: John 11, 45—57.

"Then many of the Jews which came to Mary and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on Him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council and said, What do we? For this man doeth many miracles. If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him, and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation, and not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with His disciples. And the Jews' Passover was nigh at hand; and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus and spake among themselves as they stood in the Temple, What think ye that He will not come to the feast? Now, both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment that, if any man knew where He were, he should show it that they might take Him."

One of Christ's most wonderful works was the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Many of the Jews who had seen it believed in Him. Some, however, believed not, but went to the Pharisees, the enemies of Jesus, and told them of it. So to-day many believe not in Jesus, but go with the enemies. Oh, go not with them, but trust in this mighty Jesus unto your salvation.

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard that many Jews now believed in Jesus, they gathered a council, or called a meeting. They were troubled because Jesus did so many miracles (wonderful works). People left them and their teach-

ings and believed in Jesus, and that made them worry, and they asked, "What do we?" So Christ's wonderful work goes on in the world to-day, and men cannot stop it. Full of worry they ask, "What do we?"

Oh, no; they were not worried about themselves and their glory! They wanted to make people believe that they thought only of their people and country and desired to help them. They must do something to stop Him; for if they would let Him alone, so they said, all men would believe in Him and make Him king and rebel against the Romans; and then the Romans would send their armies and destroy both the land and the people. So to-day many think only of their name and glory and therefore work against Jesus and His name; but they want to make us believe that they only want to help the people by teaching and working against Jesus and His Word. Do not let them deceive you. They want to take Jesus and His salvation from you.

And now the high priest Caiaphas told them what to do. He said: "Ye know nothing at all nor consider [think] that it is expedient [necessary] for us that one man should die for the people and that the whole nation perish not [be not destroyed]." He told them that Jesus must die in order that the people might be saved. A very true word! And he spoke it not of himself, but he was the high priest that year, and God gave this word into his heart, and so he prophesied (fore-told) that Jesus should die for the nation, not as Caiaphas thought, to save the Jews from the Romans, but to save them from sin, death, and Satan. And He should die not only for the Jews, but for all the children of God that were scattered abroad in all the world. All these He should gather in one by His death. And Jesus did die and thus made peace with God for the Jews and all other nations, and now no one need be lost forever. Trust in Him who died also for you, and you shall be saved forever.

When the Pharisees and the chief priests heard these words of Caiaphas, they took counsel, or planned, how to put Jesus to death. But His time to die had not yet come. Therefore He walked no more openly among the Jews, but went away into a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there He continued (stayed) with His disciples. And now the Passover was nigh (near), and many of the Jews went to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify (cleanse)

themselves. And they looked for Jesus and were wondering whether He would come to the feast. The Pharisees and the chief priests had given a commandment that, if any one knew where Jesus was, he should tell them that they might take Him. But they needed no such commandment. Jesus Himself would come and give Himself into their hands when His time to die for sinners would come. See how they hate this Jesus, who loved them and was ready to die for them! Oh, also we Christians love Him so little! Come, let us love Him and thank Him with our whole life for the great love He gave us by suffering and dying for us on the cross!

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. What happened when Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead? 2. Why did Jesus have to die?

Prayer: Wonderful Helper and Savior, by Thy works Thou hast shown that Thou art mighty to save from sin and death. And Thou didst save us and all the world from sin and death and the power of the devil by Thy suffering and death. Help us to trust in Thee and to praise Thee now and forever. Amen.

Study for Second Sunday after Easter, April 10.

"We love Him because He first loved us,"

1 John 4, 19.

Bible-Lesson: John 12, 1—11.

"Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom He raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper, and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then saith one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray Him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone; against the day of My burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you, but Me ye have not always. Much people of the Jews therefore knew that He was there; and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus."

Six days before the Passover we find Jesus again in the house of His friends in Bethany. Here Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, and his two sisters Mary and Martha. And they made a supper for Jesus. Martha served, and Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. And what did Mary do? She took a pound of ointment of spikenard. This spikenard was a plant which had a sweet-smelling juice. It was used in making ointment. It was "very costly"; it cost very much. And Mary anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped them with her hair. And the house was filled with the odor, or sweet smell, of the ointment. See how these friends of Jesus loved Him and spent their money for Him. Jesus gave His life for us. Let us also love Him with a thankful heart and spend our money for Him and His work.

Jesus was pleased with Mary; but one was not, and that was Judas, one of the twelve disciples, the one who but two days later betrayed Him into the hands of the Jews. He declared it to be a waste of money. He said it would have been better if this ointment had been sold and given to the poor. Did Judas care for the poor? Oh, no; he was a thief and had the bag and bare (carried) what was put into it. He was the treasurer for Jesus and His disciples. He was sorry that he did not get that money into his hands. He wanted it for himself. So to-day many people believe it to be foolish to do or give so much for Jesus. They think only of themselves and do not want to give anything for our Lord Jesus and the work of His Church. They are like Judas. But Jesus will be much pleased if we give and spend our money for Him, just as He was pleased with Mary. He praised her and said that she had anointed Him against (in preparation for) the day of His burial. With this ointment she had prepared His body for the grave. Surely Jesus wants us to take care of the poor; but we should also give for His kingdom, for the work of saving souls through the preaching of the Gospel.

Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, and so the living Lazarus always preached of the power and love of Jesus. Many people came not for Jesus' sake only, but also that they might see Lazarus, who had been dead. And many of them went away and believed in Jesus, that mighty Savior. My Christian friend, Jesus has saved us, and therefore we should always tell other people how He loved us and saved us from sin, death, and the devil, so that many will with us believe in Him

and live. True, the wicked people will hate you for it, as the Jews hated Lazarus and consulted (planned) how to put him to death. But let us not fear. They could not kill Lazarus, and so they cannot hurt us. Let us work and pray and bring our gifts to this Savior Jesus Christ.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. Why should we love Jesus and gladly spend our money for Him? 2. Why should we always show the love of Jesus and His salvation to the world?

Prayer: Kind Savior, we thank Thee for Thy great love and salvation. Help us that we may love Thee and gladly give our money for Thee and Thy work and so bring many sinners in all the world to Thee and through Thee to salvation, to life everlasting. Do it for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Study for Third Sunday after Easter, April 17.

"Go and tell how great things the Lord hath done for thee," Mark 5, 19.

Bible-Lesson: John 12, 12—19.

"On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm-trees and went forth to meet Him and cried, Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when He had found a young ass, sat thereon, as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not His disciples at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of Him and that they had done these things unto Him. The people therefore that was with Him when He called Lazarus out of his grave and raised him from the dead bare record. For this cause the people also met Him, for that they heard that He had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold, the world is gone after Him."

Christ's wonderful work of raising Lazarus from the dead had a wonderful influence upon the people. We read of it again in our lesson for to-day.

The next day Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem from the house of His friends in Bethany. And when the many people who had come for the feast heard of it, they went forth (out) to meet Him with branches of palm-trees and with singing, just as we go out to meet our President or the governor of our State with flags and rejoicing. The people believed that this Jesus was the prom-

ised Christ and King, and therefore they sang "Hosanna!" to Him. This word in their language meant that God would give help and success to this King. And then they sang His praises, saying: "Blessed [praised] is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." Yes, this Jesus was the King of Israel. The Lord had sent Him. And the people praised Him as King and Savior. So let us pray for Christ's kingdom and then sing praises to Him, who is also our glorious King and Savior, who came to save us from sin.

But is Jesus truly that glorious King and Savior whom God promised by the mouths of His prophets? See, He is sitting upon an ass (donkey)! Oh, turn not away from Him! This shows that He truly is that King. For the prophet in the Old Testament had said: "Behold [see], thy [your] King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt." The disciples at first did not understand these things; but when Jesus was glorified, that is, risen from the dead and gone to heaven, then they understood that these things were written of Him and that they had done them unto Him. Friend, do you see how the words of God by His prophets have been fulfilled in Christ? Not one word has failed. The Bible is the truth, and Christ is the promised Savior.

And how did it happen that the people went out to meet Him? They had heard of His wonderful work at the grave of Lazarus. Those who had seen it "bare record," that is, they had told those people about it who had come to the feast, and for this reason they all went out to meet Him. Come, let us tell all the world of this wonderful Savior; then many more will come to Him, believe in Him, and praise Him forever in His kingdom. The people of this world do not like this, just as the Pharisees did not want people to believe in Him and sing unto Him. But they could not stop it, and therefore they said: "Perceive [see] ye how ye prevail [can do] nothing? Behold, the world is gone after Him." So, thanks to God, the world cannot stop our work for Jesus. Let us tell this story of Jesus, the Friend of sinners, and many will believe in Him and be saved. The world cannot stop us from doing this. Let us therefore joyfully continue in this work of saving souls.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer these questions in writing: 1. How does Christ's sitting upon an ass show that He is the promised King?

2. What should we tell all the world, and why should we joyfully do it?

Prayer: Jesus Christ, Thou promised King and Savior, we pray for Thy kingdom and praise Thee for Thy salvation. Help that we may tell all the world of Thee, the Friend of sinners, and by Thy Holy Spirit grant that many more will trust in Thee and live forever. In Thee we trust. Amen.

Study for Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 24.

"He died for us that we should live together with Him," 1 Thess. 5, 10.

Bible-Lesson: John 12, 20—26.

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew; and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be. If any man serve Me, him will My Father honor."

Among the people at the feast there were also some Greeks who had come up to worship. We see them coming to Jesus, and we learn that Jesus came not only for the Jews, but also for the Greeks, yes, for all people. These Greeks came to Philip of Bethsaida in Galilee and desired (asked) him, saying: "Sir, we would [wish to] see Jesus." They had heard of the promised King and Savior and therefore looked for Him. They wished to have Him also for their King and Savior. Friend, have you seen Jesus and His salvation? Do you trust in Him?

Philip then went and told Andrew, who also was of Bethsaida, and then both came and told Jesus about these Greeks. When He heard this, He knew that the hour had come that He should be glorified (received up into glory). But He must go to glory through death. Therefore He said: "Verily [truly], verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth [stays] alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." If you put a kernel of wheat into the ground, it will die; but then it will grow up and have many kernels of wheat. If you do not

put it into the ground and it does not die, then it stays alone. So Jesus must die. If He will not die, then no man will be saved; but if He dies and is buried in the ground, He will come out of the grave with a finished salvation for all and bring many with Him to life everlasting. Friend, He died that also you might live forever. Trust in Him and live.

Indeed, if you trust in Him and follow Him, you, too, will die with Him. He tells us: "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal [everlasting]." If a man loves his life and does not want to suffer and give up his life for Jesus, he shall lose his life and be lost forever. But if a man hates his life, that is, if he loves Jesus more than his life, he shall keep his life forever. Oh, gladly suffer with Him and give up your life for Him! Blessed are all they who love Him and serve Him! If a man serves Jesus, he will follow Him. You cannot serve Jesus and then walk with the wicked on the way of sin. You cannot serve two masters. And all who serve and follow Jesus here shall live with Him there; for where He is, there also His servants shall be. And still more He promises to His servants. Although they must suffer shame with Him here, His Father, He says, will honor them there in glory. And this honor is better than all the honor and praise of men. Are you His servant? Yes? Then blessed are you.

Read this Bible-lesson again, answer these questions, and then send all your answers to your pastor: 1. Why did Jesus have to die? 2. What does Jesus promise His servants?

Prayer: Dear Savior, grant that we may see Thee and Thy salvation. Thou hast died that we might live. Thanks and praise to Thee for it. May we now serve Thee and follow Thee, gladly suffer shame with Thee here, and forever live with Thee in glory there. Amen. J. L. S.

Missions and Financial Depression.

The strength of God is made perfect in human weakness. The blood of martyrs was the seed of the Church in the first Christian centuries. The Church of Christ has manifested her spiritual power not so much in times of prosperity and comfort as in times of distress and difficulty. Many great missionary efforts had their beginnings in periods of financial depression; and most

missionary enterprises have produced their best results among people acquainted with poverty and deprivation, such as the outcastes of India and primitive tribes of Africa and Asia. A missionary in China wrote some months ago: "I am not so fearful of the future of China with her famine and distress as I am of America with her wealth and wantonness."

God's Work Must Go On.

The resources of God are limitless. His grace is sufficient for every need. He is the Owner of all, and we are His stewards. He asks us to serve Him and to honor Him with our substance. No matter what happens, His program is to be carried out; and His program embraces all nations. In good times and in bad times we must continue to make disciples, preaching the Gospel to every creature. Even though it costs us special self-denial and sacrifices, we must keep up the work of missions in non-Christian lands.

Moreover, our distress, whatever it may be, does not compare with that of many sufferers in other countries, such as the starving flood-sufferers in China and the poverty-stricken masses of India. Surely we should feel our losses less if we turned our eyes on the less fortunate multitudes and had compassion on them, especially because they do not have the spiritual consolations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faithful Christian Stewardship.

Christian giving for missions in these times of depression and losses is a sure sign of fidelity and joy in Christian stewardship. Without doubt there are some church-members who temporarily are unable to give for the support of God's work what they gave several years ago or even last year; but then there certainly are those who are able to increase their giving to make up the deficiency of others. At any rate, now is the time to give in a true spirit of self-denial and service to God and fellow-men. Now is the time to remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Now is the time, both at home and abroad, to preach the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ. God wants to use us in these times of unrest and depression to manifest His grace and to make His truth triumphant everywhere to the ends of the earth.

Foreign Missionary.

What I Owe to Missions.

"I owe my salvation to missions. If it had not been for a missionary, I should still be a heathen. To this missionary I owe everlasting thanks; for if he had not found me, I should have been condemned on Judgment Day. We can be little missionaries, too. When we are talking to our friends, we can ask them to come to our church and the Christian day-school. Sometimes they are struck by your asking and heed your call. It would make you feel more like being one of God's children if you could do all these missionary duties for your dear Savior in heaven, who died for you and me." — The above was written by Robert Keist, a schoolboy enrolled in our Christian day-school at Wichita, Kans. — *Sel.*

Our Work at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf.

By C. GADE.

A little more than a year ago I presented our situation at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf to several conferences of our State, and they all agreed that it would be of vast advantage to our cause if the children could be taken to our own church for instruction, and accordingly they promised to donate \$1,000 toward helping the Lutheran congregation at Delavan, Wis., in erecting a church that will accommodate both the deaf and the hearing children at the same time.

Since then a fine little chapel has been completed, and the whole plan works out splendidly. At 8.45 every Sunday morning you may see between 50 and 60 pupils in their best togs, some of the boys with flashy ties and cocked hats resting on one ear, and the girls all neatly dressed, marching gaily down "Silent Hill" toward the church. Punctually at 9 o'clock our service for the deaf begins in the chapel, while the hearing children assemble in the basement. At 9.45 we change about; we go down while they go up. The hearing children together with their friends and parents assemble for worship in the chapel, and we meet for Sunday-school lessons. There is never any confusion; each class knows where it belongs. Thus one building easily serves two purposes, and no or at least only a little expense is added to the usual "overhead." However, in case of unpleasant weather the classes are instructed in the chapel of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf:

The children's Christmas service was held the Sunday before many of the pupils left for home to spend Christmas with their parents and friends. To aid these celebrations, a young lady in Minnesota had heretofore annually donated ten dollars; this year she sent us five, stating that the bank of her town had been closed, which had thrown her out of employment. The children expressed their thankfulness to this friend of theirs for not forgetting them at Christmas although she had lost her income.

While I visited at the home of one of the children about a year ago, the mother gave strict orders that her daughter give five cents for collection each Sunday and not spend all her money for sweets. This suggested a new idea: why not lift a small collection among the children every Sunday morning? When Mr. Bray was asked if he would give his approval, he promptly responded, "Certainly; I would rather see the children spend their money for the church than for candy. They get all the sweets and good eats they need at the table in the dining-room." So, then, the pupils collect, keep account, and turn the money over to the Board for Deaf-mute Missions. The collections have averaged a little better than a dollar each Sunday.

In the first week of February I visited the deaf people in and near Marinette, near Michigan. In the evening service that was held five deaf were present. One of the audience was a deaf-blind lady. In the daytime she sees nothing, but in the evening, under an electric-light bulb, she can spell out the words by means of the fingers when she holds the book about a foot away from her eyes. To bring the Gospel to this lady is a difficult task. Two of our deaf-blind read Braille, one reads Moon, and one reads nothing as yet.

MISSION NEWS.

Mission for the Blind and the Deaf. — The first issue of the DEAF LUTHERAN appeared in January, 1909. The Volta Bureau for the Deaf on 35th Street, Washington, D. C., has on file in its office all the issues of our paper for the deaf. We should like to hear from any reader who has been a subscriber of the DEAF LUTHERAN since its appearance. Address your communication to Pastor O. C. Schroeder, B. D., P. O. Box 129, Chicago Heights, Ill.

While in Washington recently in the interest of Lutheran students of Gallaudet College for the Deaf, we also visited the Library of Congress. The librarian for the blind informed us that books in Moon type are con-

stantly being added to the collection in Washington and that there is also a considerable demand for foreign-language literature in Braille. The Library of Congress, Department for the Blind, sends embossed literature to readers living in all sections of the country. Our Lutheran magazines for the blind are also available to readers securing embossed literature in Washington.

O. C. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braff, Superior, Wis.— These are the oldest communicant members of our small deaf congregation in Duluth, Minn. In 1930 and 1931 they



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braff, Superior, Wis.

attended divine services in Duluth oftener than any other deaf persons. Their home is in Superior, Wis. This fact necessitates the payment of double car-fare to attend church services, since the meetings are conducted semi-monthly in Duluth. Mr. and Mrs. F. Braff not only attend public worship regularly, but in addition take Sunday-school material home and answer the various questions of the studies in writing. Thus they supplement their study of the Bible by mail instruction. This is an example of spiritual life worthy of emulation.

O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission.— Two of our members in Minneapolis, Mr. James H. Cooper, seventy-one years of age, and Mr. Ezekiel H. Gage, eighty-six years old, were called to their heavenly home. Mr. Cooper had been in the General Hospital for four weeks and on February 26 underwent an operation, but died in the afternoon of the same day. During his illness we called on him again and again, and he always rejoiced when we told him of the Savior and His love. March 1 the burial took place in Crystal Lake Cemetery. We shall miss him in our services, for he was a regular attendant. May God be the stay and comfort of his widow!—On March 4 Mr. Gage passed away. He had a stroke more than a year ago. However, his condition improved so much that he was able to be up and around. About ten days before his death he had another stroke. On the Sunday before he died he once more partook of the Lord's Supper, and on the day before his death we again visited him and spoke to him of "the Lamb of God,

which taketh away the sin of the world." We are sure that also he died trusting in Christ Crucified. He was buried on March 7 in Hillside Cemetery. May God keep also his widow and be with her according to His promise! Thus two of our members have been taken from among us within a week to join the saints in heaven. May their death remind us of our death in order that we may always be found in Jesus, who alone can save!

On Wednesday, March 9, a dear friend of ours, the Rev. Julius Huchthausen, was taken from this vale of tears to the heavenly home. He had been pastor of Trinity Church for nine years. It was during his pastorate in Trinity that he was a faithful member of our Board of Missions to the Deaf and Blind. He visited several of our mission-fields and therefore was known also to many of our deaf. In 1930 he had to resign because of ill health, but was able again to preach here and there during the past year. Two weeks ago he took sick and on March 9 closed his eyes, trusting in the Savior whom he had preached for thirty-three years. What a blessed death! May God comfort the sorrowing widow and children with His heavenly comfort!

J. L. S.

Omaha Mission.— Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: President, O. M. Treuke; Secretary, Rev. E. Mappes; Treasurer, Nick Petersen; Auditors: Hans Neujahr and Albert Johnson; Deacons: Geo. Ernst and Edward Maier.

Miss Elsie Darst, one of our faithful members at Fort Dodge, Iowa, lately became Mrs. Lowe and is now living near Forest City, Iowa. We wish the young couple God's richest blessings. We hope to see both Mr. and Mrs. Lowe at our services during the spring and summer months.

One of the confirmed pupils at the Omaha school, Miss Nadeen Dey, had the misfortune of completely severing the forepart of the index-finger on her left hand with the blade of a bread-cutting machine. The finger has healed, and Nadeen is happy again.

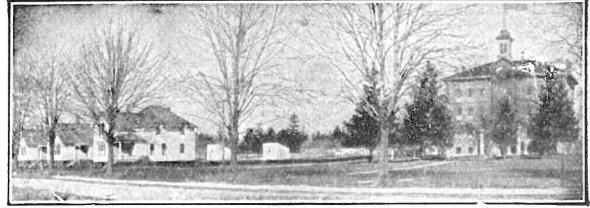
Some of our Lutheran deaf in South Dakota have been experiencing very hard times this winter. We hope they received some of the grain and feed sent to the drought- and grass-hopper-stricken area during the past few months. Let us all pray the Lord more earnestly in behalf of



A Young Canadian Deaf Lutheran and Her Deaf Brother, whom She Led into the Church and to the Savior.

our fellow-Lutherans who have been visited thus during the past year, and let us also be willing to lend a helping hand whenever possible.

A group of seven adults at Omaha, two at Lincoln, one at Sioux Falls, one at Columbus, and ten pupils at the Council Bluffs school are preparing for confirmation. Confirmations at various places will take place during April and May. God grant His help and blessing to these our deaf friends, so that they may learn to know their only Savior Jesus Christ and become and remain faithful members of our Lutheran Church! E. M.



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