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“Jesus said unto him,
Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened,” Mark 7, 34.

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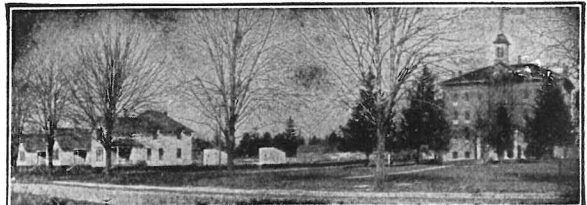
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The Omaha Field.

Omaha, known as the "Gateway to the West," is a city of 215,000 inhabitants, its deaf population of approximately 250 being slightly above the average of other cities of the same size. The



Deaf Confirmation Class, Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 19.

reason for this is undoubtedly the fact that the Nebraska State School for the Deaf is located here and the Iowa State School across the Missouri River in Council Bluffs. Many of the deaf graduates at these two institutions secure employment in one or the other of these "twin" cities and thus help to increase the deaf population. This fact is favorable for mission opportunities, since a number of the younger deaf who have had no church connections visit our services occasionally and some of them very regularly and thus are later gained for church-membership. Some of course are already instructed and prepared for confirmation while at school, before graduation.

During the past ten years 39 pupils from the Omaha school and 14 from the Council Bluffs school have been confirmed, and 14 of these were also baptized. Not all of these were from Lutheran families, but were permitted by their parents or guardians to attend our religious instruction classes and to become members of the Lutheran Church. In the past school-year a class of 35 pupils at the Omaha institution and 46 at Council Bluffs received regular weekly instruction in Bible History and Catechism and are thus given

a good foundation in the knowledge of God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure.

The communicant membership of the Omaha congregation, excluding pupils at the State schools, numbers 44 at the present time, and prospects of gaining a number of other unchurched adult deaf for Christ's kingdom are very good. Ten deaf living outside of the city are considered members of the congregation and attend communion services when possible and contribute toward the support of missions.

Omaha, being the center of ten railway trunk lines, offers convenient and prompt train service to the nine outlying stations served by the missionary in this territory. The deaf of Lincoln, Nebraska; Sioux City, Fort Dodge, and Boone, Iowa; Sioux Falls, Mitchell, and Tripp, South Dakota, have the opportunity to attend church services every month, while Columbus, Nebraska, is served every two months and Des Moines, Iowa, by appointment. In the entire Omaha field there are 152 communicant members, and during the past year, 1931, the Word of Salvation was preached to a total of 2,098 deaf. The Lord's Supper was celebrated with 299 deaf, and \$172.11 was collected at the services for the Deaf-mute Mission and \$483.83 for chapel fund and other purposes.

With the hope of securing their own house of worship, so greatly needed under present conditions, the members of the Omaha congregation as well as other deaf are working with renewed zeal and energy to raise the funds needed for the erection of this building. Two lots have been purchased at a very suitable location, with ample



Lutheran Deaf-Mute Congregation, Omaha, Nebr.

space for a chapel and parsonage. If present plans are carried out, we hope with God's grace to be able to hold services in our new church home by late fall.

E. MAPPES.

EDITORIAL.

Justification.

How can a troubled conscience find peace and become sure of personal salvation? Many deeply religious people have answered this important question in their own way, basing their views upon human experience or upon the opinions of educated and wise men. In the final analysis, however, there are only two answers possible. We are saved and justified before God either by our own efforts or by the merits of another. All human



philosophies and false religions have vainly sought salvation by means of man's own works.

Dr. Martin Luther in the sixteenth century re-discovered the Biblical doctrine of justification by faith in Christ and proclaimed to the world God's free grace. He said: "If a man has Christ, he has at the same time all that is in Christ. What gives peace to the conscience is that by faith our sins are no more ours, but Christ's, upon whom God has laid them all, and that, on the other hand, all Christ's righteousness is ours, to whom God hath given it. Christ lays His hand upon us, and we are healed. He casts His mantle upon us, and we are clothed; for He is our glorious Savior, blessed forever."

The Bible teaches very clearly that good works, or man's own merits, can never be the source of a sinner's justification before his Maker. Good deeds are the fruit of a saving faith, but not a condition of justification; they can neither acquit of guilt, nor make a sinner righteous, in the sight of God. St. Paul, the divinely inspired apostle, tells us: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God," Eph. 2, 8.

The Bible teaches, and human experience has definitely demonstrated, that man is helpless to make his own heart pure by anything he can do. No discipline will make the heart perfect. It is corrupt by nature and can only be changed by a new creation, by being born again through the Holy Spirit's power, operating through God's means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments.

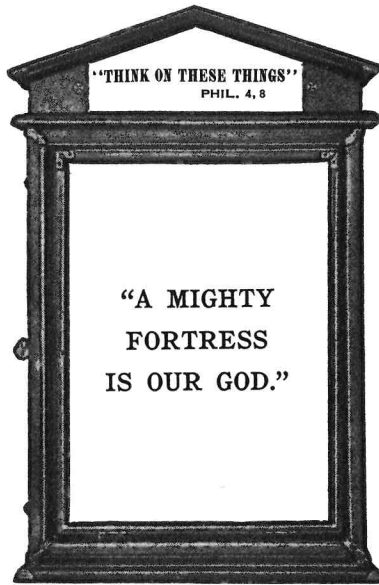
This is the doctrine of the Bible, of God's revelation to man, and we rightly subordinate all religious teachings to, and measure them by, the statements of the Bible; for Jesus, the Son of God, tells us: "The Scriptures cannot be broken," John 10, 35.

Furthermore, this eternal truth of justification by free grace, through faith, gives all glory to Christ alone. It brings the believer into direct relation and union with Christ as the one and all-sufficient Source of salvation.

We realize fully, and experience it daily, that the doctrine of sin and grace is not popular with certain types of the human family.

The tendency in our age, as in all ages of the past, is to glorify man and his achievements. In our modern times many have become egotistical to a pathological degree. The accumulation of wealth and power, in addition to the inventions and achievements of modern science, have promoted in the hearts of many a worship of self. Some have even placed man on an equal plane with the Creator Himself. Among such worshippers of matter and of science the doctrine of sin and grace is most unpopular, but to the contrite sinner, whose conscience has been awakened by the Law of God, there is no truth which can afford as much consolation and hope as the doctrine that we are saved by grace.

May we ever be loyal to our religious heritage, and may we continue to proclaim unceasingly to a lost world, God's free grace and love in Jesus as the only way of salvation! O. C. S.



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

The Gospel a Power of God unto Salvation by Faith in Christ Jesus.

In the Gospel God announces free grace and forgiveness to all men. But man, dead in sin, cannot arise and accept this grace and trust in this forgiveness. Paul says: “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him,” 1 Cor. 2, 14. But, thanks to God, the Gospel not only offers free forgiveness, but also works faith in the heart of man.

The Gospel is a power of God. In Rom. 15, 18 Paul speaks of making the “Gentiles obedient by word [preaching of the Gospel].” To the Thessalonians he writes of “*the Word of God which effectually [successfully] works in you that believe,*” 1 Thess. 2, 13. And therefore it is called “*the power of God unto salvation* to every one that believes,” Rom. 1, 16. And they who preach the Gospel are “*ministers by whom ye believed,*” 1 Cor. 3, 5. The Gospel comes not “in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost,” 1 Thess. 1, 5. Christians went and preached the Word, and “*the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord,*” Acts 11, 21. And he that worked miracles among the Galatians did it “*by the hearing [preaching] of faith,*” Gal. 3, 5. One who preaches the Gospel can say to the believer: “I have begotten you through the Gospel,” 1 Cor.

4, 15, and the Christian says: “God begot us with the Word of Truth,” Jas. 1, 18. Yes, the Gospel is a power of God. And with this Gospel we Christians should go out against sin, the world, and Satan. Need we be afraid? Oh, no; “the gates of hell shall not prevail [have power] against it,” Matt. 16, 18. How boldly and hopefully we ought to go out with this Gospel!

By this mighty Gospel the Holy Spirit works faith in the heart of man and brings him to salvation. Christians have “*received the Spirit by the hearing [preaching] of faith,*” Gal. 3, 2. In His wonderful prayer, John 17, Jesus prays for them “which shall believe on Me through their word.” God sent Paul with the Gospel to the Gentiles “to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins,” Acts 26, 17, 18. Peter was sent to tell Cornelius “words whereby thou and thy house shall be saved,” Acts 11, 11. Thus “it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe,” 1 Cor. 1, 21. Oh, gladly let us go into all the world with this Gospel! We know it will work mightily in the hearts of men and bring them to saving faith.

And this Gospel will not only bring men to faith, but also keep them in true faith to the end. Therefore in 1 John 2, 24 the apostle writes to the Christians: “Let that therefore abide [stay] in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also will continue in the Son and in the Father.” How necessary that we gladly hear and learn the Word of God! As a lamp will go out if you do not add oil from day to day, so a Christian will lose faith if he no more hears the Gospel. Therefore “let the Word of God dwell [live] in you richly,” Col. 3, 16.

And so only the Gospel can make a man rich in good works and keep him on the way of holiness. Christ therefore prays to His Father: “Sanctify them [make them holy] through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth,” John 17, 17. And “by the mercies of God” Paul beseeches the Christians to present their bodies a living sacrifice unto God, Rom. 12, 1. Let the Gospel of Jesus Christ be preached, and people will live a holy life unto the praise and glory of Jesus’ name. Only this can change the world.

Of this power of the Gospel also our Catechism tells us in the explanation of the Third Article.

There we confess: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me *by the Gospel*, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith."

Let us continue preaching this glorious Gospel and bring it to all the world. It must bring fruit unto life everlasting.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Studies for Sundays in October, 1932.

"Christ and Him Crucified."

Again we come to a portion of the Bible which speaks about the suffering and death of Jesus. The message which points sinners to the cross is to them that perish, the unbelievers, foolishness; but it is nevertheless a power of God, the only power to kindle faith in the sinner's heart and through faith to save him. The preaching of the Cross is the only power to preserve our faith against every temptation. May the Holy Spirit help us as we read these Bible-studies to abide with the preaching of the Cross and direct the eye of our faith toward our Savior as He hung upon the accursed tree! Let the preaching of the Cross be unto you the power of God for your salvation.

Study for Sunday, October 2.

"He will guide you into all truth," John 16, 13.

Bible-Lesson: John 17, 15—19.

"I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

Jesus did not pray the Father to take the disciples out of the world. Though He was about to leave the world and return to the Father, the disciples were to remain in the world, surrounded by many evils and dangers, hated by the children of the world. Surely they would be in need of God's help and protection. Therefore Jesus prays the Father that He would keep them from the evil in this world. Though they were to continue to live in the world, their manner of living was not to be like that of the children of the world, the unbelievers. By their whole life, their deeds,

their works, they were to give evidence of their faith in Jesus; they were to show that they were not of the world, even as Jesus Himself was not of the world; they were to show that they had nothing in common with the unbelieving children of the world. Therefore Jesus prays the Father to "sanctify" them, to separate them from the world and to set them apart for God through the power of God's truth. God's truth is God's Word, the Gospel, the good news about Jesus, the Son of God, who sanctified and gave Himself into death on the cross for their sake, so that they might be sanctified and made holy by faith in this truth. Having thus been sanctified by this Word of Truth, the Lord sent His disciples into the world to preach His Word. They were to tell the world that God the Father had sent His Son into the world to bring salvation to all sinners. They should be witnesses to the truth; they should confess Jesus. And Jesus' prayer kept them.

You, too, dear Christian, are sanctified, or set apart for God, through the power of God's Word, which you receive in faith. You are God's own, and God will keep you as long as you live in this world. He will keep you in true faith through the power of His Word. But God wants to make use of you in this world. He wants you to serve Him, to be His witness, to confess Him before men. He wants you to show by your life, your conduct, that you do not belong to the world, but to Jesus; that you do not take pleasure in the things of this world, but in those things which are of God. Serve Him in true faith and love, and the power of God's Word will keep you.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer the following questions: 1. Who keeps the believers in this world from evil? 2. Why did Jesus send the disciples into the world?

Prayer: I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, that for Christ's sake Thou hast sanctified me through Thy Word. Let me be Thine eternally. Let me be Thy servant, willing to serve Thee with good works all the days of my life. Keep me in true faith for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 9.

"And so shall we ever be with the Lord,"

1 Thess. 4, 17.

Bible-Lesson: John 17, 20—26.

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one, as Thou, Father,

art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me. Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me; for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee; but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it, that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them and I in them."

In this prayer, which Jesus made in the night before His suffering and death, He first prayed for Himself (verses 1—5). Then He prayed for the disciples which believed in Him through the preaching of the Word (verses 6—19). But He did not pray for these alone. He looked ahead through the ages until the end of time and prayed for all those people of whom He knew that they would believe in Him through the Word preached by the apostles. In that night Jesus thought of all the believers who should in the future come to Him, also of you and me, and prayed the Father that all these believers might be one — one large Christian family, brothers and sisters in Christ, one in faith and hope with the apostles and with one another, just as the Father and the Son are one. And the glory which He received from the Father, Jesus would give to these believers, and it would rest upon them and unite them. And they would be the Savior's witnesses to the world, so that those children of the world whom the Father has given to the Son might also come to faith in their Savior. And the love with which the Father loves the Son will also rest upon the believers, because through faith the Savior is within the believers. And at last they shall all be where Christ is; they shall be with Him in heaven and behold the glory, the power and majesty, which God the Father has given to Jesus, whom He loved even before the foundation (making) of the earth, from eternity.

Will the Father in heaven hear this prayer of Jesus for the believers? Surely He will. He is a righteous Father, as Jesus calls Him, and He will keep His promise to give eternal life to all them who place their faith and trust in Jesus alone. What a blessed Christian hope! What

a glorious Savior, who will declare the name of God unto the end of time and pray to God for all believers, so that they shall all in the end come to Jesus! Yes, God will hear the Savior's prayer.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer the following questions: 1. For whom is Jesus praying in these verses? 2. Why will God the Father hear this prayer of Jesus?

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, for the sake of the prayer of Thy Son have mercy upon us and let us continue steadfast in Thy truth; let many who are still afar off be brought to faith in Christ, and in the end receive us all into Thy heavenly kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 16.

"Yet it pleased God to bruise Him," Is. 53, 10.

Bible-Lesson: John 18, 1—9.

"When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered and His disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, knew the place; for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with His disciples. Judas, then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon, then, as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward and fell to the ground. Then asked He them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am He; if, therefore, ye seek Me, let these go their way; that the saying might be fulfilled which He spake, Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none."

When He had spoken the prayer which John records in chapter 17, Jesus left the city, together with His disciples, crossed the small brook Cedron, and walked to the foot of the Mount of Olives. There was a garden, the Garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus entered it with His disciples. It was about midnight.

Why did Jesus come to Gethsemane? He came to pray, to ask God the Father for strength in the great suffering He was about to endure. It was here that He said: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." Sorrowful unto death and falling upon His face, He prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And

His sweat was mingled with blood and in great drops fell down to the ground. And in this hour of agony an angel appeared unto Him from heaven and strengthened Him. Yes, Jesus was willing to do the work which the Father had given Him to do. He was willing to suffer and die.

Where was Judas while Jesus prayed in Gethsemane? Judas, walking at the head of a band of soldiers and officers from the priests and Pharisees, was on his way to betray Jesus into the hands of the enemies. Jesus, the Son of God, knowing all things that should come upon Him, saw them coming and asked them: Whom seek ye? They answered, Jesus of Nazareth. When Jesus answered, I am He, they all went backward and fell to the ground. Jesus threw them to the ground with His almighty word to show that He was almighty and that they could not take Him captive unless He surrendered Himself of His own free will. He also showed them that they dare not lay hands on His disciples. If ye seek Me, let these (the disciples) go their way, He said. And thus the words which Jesus spoke were fulfilled: "Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none."

Dear Christian, through the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, God the Father has created faith in your heart and has given you to Jesus as His own. Jesus does not want to lose you. He went into death in your stead that you might be free and saved. Do not turn your back on His great love.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer the following questions: 1. To which garden did Jesus go with His disciples? 2. How did Jesus show the soldiers that He was almighty?

Prayer: My Lord and Savior, Thou wast given into the hands of sinners for the salvation of sinners. Therefore I am free from all sin. Thy heavenly Father has given me to Thee, and Thou wilt not lose me. Help me to depend upon this blessed truth in life and death. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 23.

"All this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled," Matt. 26, 56.

Bible-Lesson: John 18, 10—18.

"Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and smote the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath; the cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it? Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus

and bound Him and led Him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple; that disciple was known unto the high priest and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves, and Peter stood with them and warmed himself."

When the disciples saw that the soldiers had come to take their Lord and Master, they were ready to defend Him with the sword. And Peter actually drew his sword and struck one of the servants and cut off his right ear. But the Lord stopped Peter and told him to put his sword away. Jesus was now ready to drink the cup which the Father had given Him, that means, He was now ready to suffer and die. Therefore, when the band of soldiers and the officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound Him, He willingly went with them.

First they led Jesus to Annas, the father-in-law of the high priest, Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the man who had told the priests and Pharisees that it would be expedient (good) that one man should die for the people. Without knowing it, he spoke about Jesus' death, for Jesus truly was to die, not only for His people, but for the sins of the whole world.

When Jesus was led from Gethsemane to Jerusalem, all the disciples left Him and fled. But two of them soon stopped in their flight and followed Jesus. One of them was Peter, the other was, most likely, John. When Jesus was brought into the high priest's palace, John, who knew the high priest, also entered it. But Peter stood without. Then John went out and spoke to the woman that kept the door and brought Peter in. Where did Peter go after he entered the high priest's house? To Jesus? No; He made the mistake of sitting down in the company of Jesus' enemies. He thought his faith was strong. But see how quickly he fell into sin and denied his Lord and Master. Do not keep company with unbelievers, with the enemies of Jesus. Do not make friends with them. It is always foolish and dangerous to do so. Do not think that your faith is so strong that you

cannot fall into sin as Peter did. How easily we fall into sin! How easily we say: I am not a disciple! May we always confess Jesus as our Savior before all people!

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer the following questions: 1. How did Peter try to defend Jesus? 2. Which disciples followed Jesus into the house of the high priest?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, without Thy help I can do nothing. Do not let me depend on my own strength, for then I shall fall. Be Thou with me and grant that I may at all times in true faith confess Thee as my Savior. Amen.

Study for Sunday, October 30.

"He loved me and gave Himself for me,"
Gal. 2, 20.

Bible-Lesson: John 18, 19—24.

"The high priest then asked Jesus of His disciples and of His doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagog and in the Temple, whither the Jews always resort, and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou Me? Ask them which heard Me what I have said unto them; behold, they know what I said. And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest Thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou Me? Now Annas had sent Him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest."

Jesus was first taken before Annas, who formerly had been high priest. He was now a bitter enemy of Jesus. When he saw Jesus, he asked Him about His disciples and about His doctrine, or teaching. Did Annas want to learn from Jesus? No; he was trying to find something in Jesus' answer of which he might accuse Him before the Roman governor. The leaders of the Jews, the priests and the Pharisees and the scribes, had already determined that Jesus should be put to death. Why? Because Jesus was a criminal? No; merely because they hated Him and His teaching. Now they were trying to find something against Him.

Jesus did not answer the question of Annas. He told him, I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in the Temple, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask them which heard Me what I have said to them; they know what I said. Jesus knew that He was innocent. He also knew that Annas was not sincere in asking the question, and so He did not tell him what

He taught. For three years Jesus had been teaching, and Annas and all the people had had the opportunity to hear Him and learn from Him; but they had despised Him and His preaching. With His answer Jesus gives him a stern rebuke for his unbelief.

When Jesus had spoken these words, one of the officers struck Him with the palm of his hand and said to Him, Answerest Thou the high priest so? See how cruelly and unjustly Jesus is treated. See how they hated Him without a cause. But Jesus endured and suffered all these things that you and I might be saved. Let us thank and praise God for this Savior.

Read this Bible-lesson again and answer the following questions: 1. Why did Annas ask Jesus about His disciples and about His doctrine? 2. What did one of the officers do to Jesus?

Prayer: I thank Thee, my Savior, that Thou wast bound for me, a guilty sinner, that I might be free forever. Grant that I may at all times in true faith own Thee as my Savior, who willingly suffered punishment for my sins. Amen. E. E.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

Spokane Mission.—Last summer when we had the pleasure of having the president of our mission board with us, his first words after the tour of inspection about and in our chapel were: "This building is in need of a good coat of paint." This coat has been supplied. With the help of members and friends this work was completed without a cent for labor charges. After having given the outside two good coats of paint, varnishing the floors, and staining the shingles on the gable ends, we found that the expense connected with it totaled less than twenty dollars. The appearance of both the outside and the inside has changed considerably. A neighbor who belongs to the Catholic Church favored us with this compliment: "This place looks better now than it has looked for sixteen years."

Our mission-work in this territory is forging ahead slowly, but we are visualizing more rapid progress as several of our deaf friends have expressed their desire to enter instruction classes in the fall. At our last visit to the newly opened station of Lewiston, Idaho, we were met with keen disappointment. Due to the lack of work in that section, several of our friends were forced to move to more favorable locations, and others were seriously contemplating to move. This will leave us just a few of those who were regular in their attendance at our services. Realizing, however, that these conditions cannot be altered, we pray that the good and gracious Lord may continue to bestow His blessings, both temporal and spiritual, upon the friends who have left us.

F. A. H.

Duluth-Superior Mission. — Several years ago two small girls came to the Lutheran missionary's classes in Devils Lake. Even though they were young, they had a will to study and soon tried to see how much of the Catechism they could memorize. During the next three years other boys and girls were added to this class, some by having the parents give the pastor permission by mail to instruct their child, while in other instances the pastor traveled many miles over hills and prairies to gain this permission. The pastors of our congregations to hearing people offered their help, and even a member of the board gained more children for Lutheran instruction. After two years of active search the parents of one of

should teach his household to pray. Mr. John Mueller of Anamoose, North Dakota, has acted accordingly, so that with the missionary's help Mrs. John Mueller was instructed. On Sunday, June 19, she made a good confession of her faith before a large congregation of friends and received the Lord's Supper with her husband. Christ Dockter was impressed with these services, and also decided to be instructed.

In the extreme western part of North Dakota, far from any railroad, lives Mr. Ellestad, a deaf-mute. Rev. M. Adermann, the pastor of our hearing local congregation, painstakingly and thoroughly instructed this man in the good news of salvation. But when the day of



The Confirmation Class at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

these girls were induced to have her learn that Jesus is her Savior. Thus pastors, board, and missionary labored to gather these children. The good will of the school authorities also did much to keep up the enthusiasm and spirit of these boys and girls preparing for confirmation.

Finally, after many meetings and much studying, the day of confirmation, Sunday, May 22, arrived. With the other children attending the pastor's monthly services and with some visiting deaf, who had come great distances to attend, services were opened in the local Lutheran church. The confirmation class consisted of eight members, of whom three were also baptized. Little Virginia Clark, too young to be confirmed, also was brought to Jesus by Baptism. It might here be added that during the last two years the classes of the Devils Lake school have been doubled in size, having averaged fifty members for the last school-year.

Our Catechism tells us how the head of the family

confirmation came, an interpreter was needed. On Sunday, July 10, after making a stop in Minot, where three deaf are being instructed, your missionary went to Keene, North Dakota, there to act as interpreter at Mr. Ellestad's confirmation, using this opportunity also to go to Williston, there to give the Lord's Supper to Miss Ruth Vollum and Mr. Oscar Peterson. From High River, Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wharton request the board to take up the work of preaching the Gospel there again, work dropped since 1930. The pastor of the Saskatoon school writes that the class there is still intact after being moved there from Winnipeg. So the work in this parish is still going on, always adding more souls to the kingdom of the Savior.

W. F.

St. Louis Mission. — In our service in Grace Lutheran Church on August 28 Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Doedli, after an examination on the chief parts of the

Christian doctrine, was received into full communion with Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Deaf-mute Congregation of St. Louis by the rite of confirmation.

Miss Doedli is a pupil of the Missouri State School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri, and since the year 1930 had received religious instruction from the undersigned during her vacations and, during her stay at the Fulton school, also from others of our missionaries visiting there. And in the examination preceding her confirmation it was seen that she had learned to know the way to salvation and is able to examine herself. After the confirmation Miss Doedli joined the other members in partaking of Holy Communion. Next week she will leave again for the Fulton school and there continue her study of God's Word with the assistance of our missionaries. May God continue the good work He has begun in her and grant her to remain in the confession of the Lutheran Church and in true faith unto death!

The undersigned is glad to announce that by the grace of God his health has improved sufficiently to enable him to give to the St. Louis congregation the long-desired and extremely necessary weekly services and that he will begin these services on September 4.

C. SCHUBKEGEL.

Minneapolis Mission.—The third time this year death has come into our midst and taken an old member of ours to Himself in heaven. August 11 Mrs. Alice Jones fell at the County Home and broke her leg. At once she was taken to the General Hospital. However, from day to day one could see how she was failing. Monday, August 22, we could speak with her for the last time, and then she again confessed her faith in the Savior. Tuesday we found her unconscious, and on the following Sunday, August 28, she passed away at an age of 83 years, 6 months, and 8 days. A short service was held in the undertaker's chapel, and then the body was sent to Juneau, Wisconsin, for burial, where it is now resting until the hour comes in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and come forth. She was baptized and confirmed by the pastor in 1905 and since then was a faithful member of our church. What a comfort to know that she died trusting in the only Savior, who says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life"! John 6, 47.

On Saturday, September 3, Miss Beatrice Tilleskjor, a communicant member of Grace Chapel, was united in holy wedlock with Mr. Olin Wayne Kirkendall at the pastor's home. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be and abide with them on their journey through life and at last bring them to the marriage supper of the Lamb in glory! Rev. 19, 9.

In our service on September 4 Carl William, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Montgomery (Mrs. Montgomery, formerly Clara Acker) was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, Acts 2, 28.

In September we visited Esther Staats, one of our children in the Faribault school, at her home near Osseo. She is anxious to return to school and also to continue her studies in God's Word. She brought her

Catechism and Bible History to the pastor at once for a little lesson. Her parents highly appreciate our work and gave us \$5 for our work among the deaf.

September 1 Mrs. Salvner's father, who had been confined to his bed since last November, fell asleep in Jesus. Mrs. Salvner hurried to Michigan for the funeral and returned on September 12. Our Minneapolis congregation gave \$1.50 for our Mission as a memorial wreath, for which, as also for the sympathy expressed, the family wishes to thank most heartily.

J. L. S.

Kansas City Mission.—Miss Fern M. Dwyer of Wichita, Kansas, and Mr. Edward Foltz of Olathe, Kansas, were united in holy matrimony at Wichita on September 4. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Walker of Springfield, Missouri, joined our Lutheran Church on September 11. Betty Sue Walker, their infant daughter, was baptized into Christ's kingdom in the same service.

Mrs. L. King and Miss L. Richard of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Bean of Alameda, California, were recent visitors in our Kansas City service. Mr. Bean is a deaf-blind man; so Mr. Sandford interpreted the service for him.

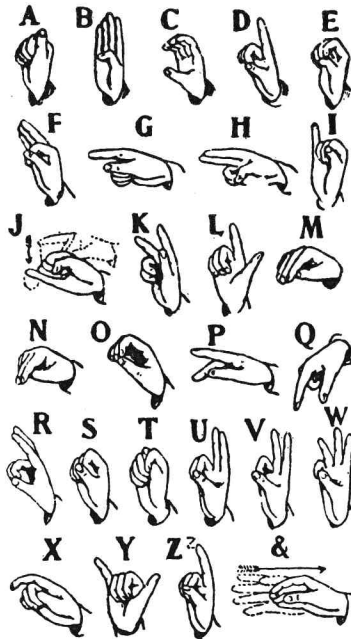
Mr. J. Loucks, our good member of Frankfort, Kansas, is recovering after a major operation. A. E. F.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Want."

- I shall not want—rest:
"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."
I shall not want—peace:
"He leadeth me beside the still waters."
I shall not want—mercy:
"He restoreth my soul."
I shall not want—guidance:
"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."
I shall not want—courage:
"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."
I shall not want—companionship:
"For Thou art with me."
I shall not want—comfort:
"Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."
I shall not want—victory:
"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."
I shall not want—gladness:
"Thou anointest my head with oil."
I shall not want—satisfaction:
"My cup runneth over."
I shall not want—anything in this life:
"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."
I shall not want—anything in yonder life:
"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Adapted.

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Sign-Language Plan for Europe's Tourists.

Rome, April 16. — A sign-language to enable tourists to find whatever they need in stations is being considered by European railroads. The suggested signs include an open trunk for the customs examination-room, a suitcase for the check-room, and a closed trunk for the baggage-room. A bench for the waiting-room, crossed fork and spoon for the lunch-room, a stamped envelope for the post-office, and crossed cane and umbrella for the lost-and-found department are others.

New York Tribune.

Contentment a Great Gain.

True contentment is the gift of God and not the certain effect of anything upon earth. It is as easy without wealth as with it; in fact, it is oftener the possession of the poor than of the rich. The heavens give forth refreshing rains and abundance of sunshine without pipes, conduits, or human devices. Happiness and comfort flow immediately from God Himself, as light issues from the sun, as the rain descends from the clouds. The cheering rays of the sun penetrate alike the hovel and the mansion. Every man is contented or discontented as the temper of his mind is transformed and controlled by the Spirit of Christ or the spirit of the restless world.

The psalmist discovered the secret when he declared: "The Lord is the Portion of mine inheritance. . . . I have a goodly heritage." Content beyond measure with his portion in the Lord, his God, he had not a single need unsupplied. Surely our lines have fallen in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage. God's love is like honey; it turns water into wine and the valley of trouble into a door of hope.

Contentment is not only the gift of God, but it grows and deepens in times of pressure and trial. Paul "learned" to be content in every state and under all circumstances. — *Selected.*

Perfect Peace.

Amid the rush and whirl of life
And the noise of daily strife
My soul oft longs for calm and peace,
A place where troubles ever cease.
Methinks I hear a voice divine,
"Come unto Me, O child of Mine."

As seabird calmly braves the foam
Of ocean, torn by fiercest storm,
So I, too, found that perfect peace
Amid the whirl that ne'er would cease
When to the One who rules the sea
I looked, and He spoke peace to me.

Dear friend, when storms around thee roar,
When Satan's darts above thee soar,
Thou, too, canst ride in perfect peace,
Thy soul from harm will find release,
If Christ thou'lt trust, who rules the deep,
Thy soul in perfect peace He'll keep.

MABEL A. WOLFE.

At the time of the Reformation, when things were going very badly for Luther and his followers, Luther's associate Melancthon was very much depressed. Luther said to him: "Philip, last night I went out and looked at the stars, and I was in terror, for I could see nothing to hold them up. And then I thought that the God who could keep all those stars hung in space without anything to hold them up could easily take care of you and me."

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