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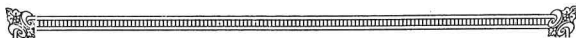
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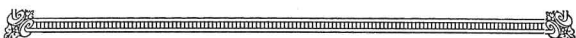
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## It Is Not Always Easy —

To apologize,  
To begin over,  
To admit error,  
To be unselfish,  
To take advice,  
To be charitable,  
To be considerate,  
To keep on trying,  
To think and then act,  
To profit by mistakes,  
To forgive and forget,  
To shoulder a deserved blame;  
*But it always pays.*



## The Things We Need.

Dear Lord, grant us the things we need —  
Faith in our God and all mankind;  
Let each one shun the paths of greed  
Nor do to one a deed unkind.

And give us courage for each task —  
Nor ponder if reward there be;  
Thy tender mercy each day ask,  
Pray Thee man's heart from sin to free.

Oh, keep us pure in thoughts each day,  
No matter where life's way may lead!  
Nor from Thee ever let us stray.

Dear Lord, grant these — the things we need.  
D. M. BRESEMANN.

## Jesus.

Napoleon, standing on the brow of St. Helena, said to Montholon: "Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?" Without waiting for an answer he continued: "There is something about Him which I cannot understand. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded great empires. But on what did these creations of our genius rest? Upon force. But Jesus founded His upon love; and this very day millions would die for Him. I have inspired multitudes," he continued, "with such enthusiastic devotion that they would have died for me; but to do this it was necessary that I should be present with the electric influence of my looks, my words, and my voice. When I saw men and spoke to them, I lighted up the flame of devotion in their hearts. But Jesus, by some mysterious influence reaching down even through the lapse of eighteen hundred years, so draws the hearts of men toward Himself that thousands at a word would rush through fire and flood for Him, counting not their lives dear unto them." — *Selected.*

## EDITORIAL.

### Helpfulness.

During these hard times we often meet hungry, needy, and suffering fellow-men. The sorrows of others can teach us to forget our own troubles. Acts of kindness to the needy bring their own reward. Moreover, Jesus, the Son of God, promises to bless the merciful.

Very often we think so much of our own plans that we fail to do good to others. We ought not to neglect our own duties and aims in this world. Likewise, we should not be too busy nor too tired nor too sorrowful to listen to the cry of human needs. God asks that we remember to help the poor. It is therefore well for us to forget our own plans for a time and to extend a helping hand to suffering humanity.

The early Christians, many years ago, shared their worldly goods with the poor. What is more, they never failed to speak to them about Jesus, the Savior of the world, blessing and praising His holy name to all whom they met.

Lutheran deaf also ought to be helpful to one another and to strangers. The best thing that they can do for other deaf is this, that they speak to them about the love of God and the blessed hope of heaven through Jesus Christ. To do this well our members must lead a godly life and attend services regularly.

Lutheran deaf should be a power for good in the deaf world. Their light ought to shine, so that others may see their good works to the glory of God the Father in heaven. May God move the hearts of our readers and stir them to helpfulness in the building of Christ's kingdom here on earth.

O. C. S.

### The Confidence of Faith.

A sick woman said to Richard Cecil, the famous English preacher, "Sir, I have no notion of God. I can form no notion of Him. You talk to me about Him, but I cannot get a single idea that means anything to me." "But," said Mr. Cecil, "you know how to think of Jesus Christ as He was here in the world. That is God." "Ah, sir," she said, "that gives me something to lay hold upon. There I rest. I understand God in His Son."

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### 1. The Ten Commandments.

Have you your Catechism at hand? Open it, and you will find that the First Chief Part is the Law, or the Ten Commandments. These commandments we shall therefore study first. But before we take up the First Commandment, let us learn a little about the Ten Commandments in general.

### 2. Who Gave Us These Commandments?

Often we speak of them as the Law of Moses. That does not mean, however, that Moses himself gave these commandments, as kings and rulers make laws for their people. No; God gave them. He wrote them in the heart of man when He made him in the beginning. Paul writes: "The Gentiles show the work of *the Law written in their hearts,*" Rom. 2, 15. And Moses writes of them: "And *God spake all these words,*" Ex. 20, 1. Why, then, do we call them the Law of Moses? It was through Moses that God gave them to His people again, for man by sin had lost the perfect knowledge of God's holy will. He wrote them on two tables of stone and delivered them to Moses on Mount Sinai. Read Exodus 19 and 20. Therefore John writes: "The Law was given by Moses," John 1, 17. Moses was the teacher of God's holy Law.

### 3. What Is the Sum of the Commandments?

This we learn from Jesus. Read Matthew 22, 24-40 in your Bible. There Jesus speaks of two great commandments, just as there are two tables of stone. The first great commandment is the summary of the First Table, and He gives it in these words: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." And the second great commandment is the summary of the Second Table and reads thus: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." If you carefully read the Ten Commandments, you will learn that three commandments teach us to love God and seven tell us to love our neighbor. Therefore we say that three commandments are on the First Table and seven on the Second Table. The sum of the whole Law may be given in the one word "love." Paul writes: "*Love is the fulfilling of the Law,*" Rom. 13, 10. If you have this perfect love, you have kept all these commandments, and "thou shalt live."

#### 4. Have We Fulfilled the Law?

Remember, it is not enough to say, "I love God." No; we must love Him with *all* our heart and with *all* our soul and with *all* our mind. Have we done this? Who can say, "Yes"? Not one. But perhaps we have kept the second great commandment. Have you loved your friends, yea, your enemy "*as thyself*"? That is God's command. Not one has kept this command. Read what God says of us in Ps. 14, 3. We need a Savior, and, thanks to God, we have One mighty to save from all sins. The Christmas message "Unto you is born a Savior" still is in our hearts. And the need of a Savior we shall see still better when we shall study these commandments one after another.

May God grant that you and I see this great need and then flee to this Savior who died for sinners! Rom. 5, 8.

J. L. S.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE.

#### Bible-Study for February.

"Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it," *Luke 11, 28.*

Bible-Lesson: **Mark 4, 26—30.**

"And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground and should sleep and rise night and day and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

When the farmer casts (sows) seed into the ground, the seed will spring (shoot) up and grow. How this happens the farmer does not know. He can do nothing to make the seed grow. He sows the seed into the ground, and then returns to his home and sleeps, and rises night and day, and goes about his other work. He does not worry about how he can make the seed grow. He lets God work for him. He knows very well that the seed will grow without his help. First the little green blade will appear. This blade will grow up, and in due time the ear of grain will begin to form and gradually grow larger and fuller until it is ripe for harvest. The farmer has done nothing to make it grow; he does not know how it grows. God has done it all.

So it is also in the kingdom of God, the Church

here on earth, Jesus says. As the seed is sown into the ground, so the holy seed of God's Word is to be put into the hearts of men by preaching. And that seed grows in the hearts of men. It makes them repent of their sins and seek forgiveness in the blood of Jesus Christ. This Word of God which was planted in their hearts makes them trust in Him who was nailed to the cross for their salvation. It is God alone who through the power of His Word brings men to repentance. We are to sow the seed of God's Word; God will make that seed grow.

And in due time there will be a harvest in the kingdom of God. All those souls which by the preaching of the Word of God have been gathered into His Church here on earth will be taken into the heavenly kingdom and will praise God with joy and thanksgiving.

Help to sow the seed of God's Word into the hearts of men. It will grow and bring forth fruit, as God has promised, *Is. 55, 10, 11.*

*Prayer:* Lord Jesus, we thank Thee for Thy holy Word, by which the Holy Ghost does wonderful things in the hearts of men, saves them from sin and death, and brings them to everlasting life. Let Thy Word do these wonderful things also in and among us for Thy glory. Amen.

E. E.

### IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*St. Louis Mission.*—It hath pleased Almighty God to call out of this present life Mrs. Ruth Brave, *née* Cole, beloved wife of Mr. Ernest Brave, on December 30, 1934, at the age of thirty-eight years.

Mrs. Brave was born on September 24, 1896, in Jonesboro, Ark. After her parents had removed to Missouri, she attended the State School for the Deaf in Fulton, Mo., where she was baptized. Before we met her, she had married Mr. Brave. Soon after her marriage she began to attend our services for the deaf; and after she had been instructed in the Word of God, she publicly confessed her faith in Christ at her confirmation in Grace Lutheran Church on May 13, 1928. And ever since she had been a faithful member of Holy Cross Deaf-mute Congregation. During the last few years her health began to fail, and she repeatedly was obliged to go to the hospital for treatment. But whenever we called on her at the hospital or at her home, she always confessed her faith in Christ. On December 23, eight days before her death, she attended our service and there again heard the glad tidings of the Savior's birth. Therefore, although her departure from this life may seem premature to us, we believe that also in her last hour she trusted in Christ, her Savior, and that she entered eternal life and bliss in heaven.

Funeral services were held on January 1, which were

attended by more than 200 deaf and hearing friends of the deceased. The undersigned delivered an address based on Ps. 90, 12, and after the address all the deaf present joined the pastor in signing the hymn "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep," whereupon the mortal remains were brought to their last resting-place in Friedens-Cemetery in North St. Louis. She is survived by her husband, her widowed mother, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters.

The Rev. F. A. Hirschke of Spokane, Wash., has accepted the call to St. Louis. C. SCHUBKEGEL.

*Golden Gate Missions.*—Here is an unusual record of how the Lord within forty days founded a church and led it to glory. At the San Francisco Relief Home there were three deaf, at the hospital two others. These were known to each other and exchanged sympathies whenever they could be together. The missionary had repeatedly called on them. Miss I. Gande was acquainted with the city missionary who regularly held services at the Relief Home for the hearing. She wondered why it could not be made possible to arrange a service for the deaf, although two of them were bed-ridden for years. Rev. F. Menzel asked the missionary for the deaf to come over and hold a service for the hearing and then hold a complete service for these deaf. This was done, and it was a service which moved many. Mr. C. Harris had not been to any service in twenty-five years, Miss I. Gande could not attend church for the past six years. Three others were bed-ridden and had to be visited privately. The meaning of the words "My soul thirsteth after Thee" needed no explanation to any one who witnessed the service and saw the attention and eagerness with which these souls snatched at the words of life. One week later Mr. C. Harris went to rest in the Lord; the following week Mr. K. Selig, at the hospital; the third week Mr. F. Werth; the fourth week Miss Uhl. There remained now Miss I. Gande, the bed-ridden missionary whose contact with the city missionary had made the service possible. Was she now to languish alone after having seen four others go on before her? In the fifth week the Lord ended her labors here on earth, thus delivering the entire congregation from all suffering and raising it to glory. Deaf-mute and confined, bed-ridden for six years, yet an eager missionary, having helped to bring the Gospel to two others. If that is what she could do, why cannot we who have our health serve the Master more?

G. W. GAERTNER.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—Miss S. E. Brunson of Uitenhage, South Africa, recently sent us five shillings, \$1.23 in American money, for our work among the blind. To our knowledge this is the first contribution in money that our Church has ever received from the Dark Continent. Miss Brunson is a resident of that vast and mysterious part of the world and a reader of the *Lutheran Herald for the Blind*, Moon type.

After a recent meeting with students at Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., we learned that another Lutheran young man, Louis B. Sorensen, is thinking seriously of entering a Lutheran seminary to prepare for the Gospel ministry. In addition to his studies at the college Mr. Sorensen is now engaged in social-service work for the Government. O. C. S.

## Notice.

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O. C. SCHROEDER.

YOUNG MAN, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures. This is to your certain interest.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

## Lutheran Missionaries to the Deaf.

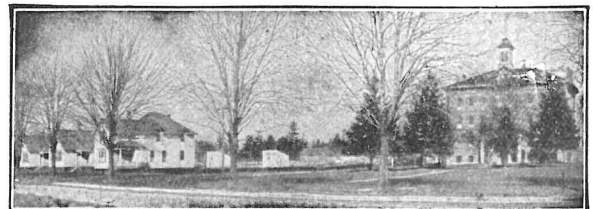
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