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The Debt Is Paid.

The shop in a mountain village was kept by an old woman, who would carefully mark on the back of her shop door how much each customer owed her. There, in white chalk, was written the name of each debtor with the exact amount of the debt. When the debt was paid, the chalk marks were rubbed out.

Among the old woman's customers was one whose conscience sorely troubled her on account of the debt of her sins, and who dreaded the opening of the books when small and great shall stand before the great white throne and be judged. She knew that her sins could never be blotted out by her own doings, and that unless they were blotted out she must be everlastingly lost.

"Why do you mourn so?" a friend one day said to her. "Why do you not believe what God says of the work of our Savior? Has He not raised His Son from the grave and so declared that our debt is paid? You never trouble about your debt at the shop after the money is put down and the chalk marks on the door are rubbed out. Can you not also rest in what Christ has done to pay the debt of sin? I will go to the shop and see what the old woman has against your name, and will pay it all; she will then rub out the chalk marks, and when you next go there, she will tell you that not a mark stands against your name, and you will believe her and be glad that the debt is paid. Will you not?"

"Yes," replied the woman, "and I shall thank you ever so much."

"Well," continued her friend, "so it is with the debt of your sins, which you yourself could never pay. That debt is paid with the precious blood of God's own Son. He Himself says of

His blood: "shed for you for the remission of sins." And that payment has been accepted by God the Father; for by raising Jesus from the dead He declared Himself perfectly satisfied with what His Son has done. The debt is paid. Why are **you** not satisfied? Why do you not believe what God says in the Gospel? The moment you believe the Gospel you will be glad over the assurance that your debt is paid."

The anxious sinner soon did believe. Her troubled soul found peace, and her heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving.

Your Mother.

Love your mother. In every way show her that you love her.

No one loves so persistently, year after year, even when no return, or an ungrateful return is made. No other will sacrifice so much for you as your mother. She stands your friend through adversity, or prosperity, sickness or health; and even through crime and negligence, her love endures. She still has the wish to do good to her child. Ungrateful indeed is the man who does not honor his mother.

Boys, appreciate your mothers while you have them. Make them happy by loving attentions, by heeding what they say to you. Listen to their advice. They have lived longer than you and know better what is for your real good, and that means what is for your best happiness now and in after years. Make your mother happy and you will be happier yourself. Do not forget the years you were cared for before you were able to look out for yourself. Be good, be true, be loving to your mothers.

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“Is Your Mother Still Living?”

It was Sunday morning. The bells were ringing, and the people were on their way to church. Opposite the church there was a tavern, in front of which sat a sailor, smoking his cigar and looking with contempt on the people as they entered the house of God.

An aged man with his hymn-book came towards the tavern, and the sailor looked at him with a pitying smile as if he thought, “You fool, what are you going to church for!”

The old man saw and understood the contemptuous look. He stood still and said to the sailor, “Friend, will you not go along to church?”

“No!” was the sailor’s rough answer.

The old man continued, “Friend, you must have seen evil days. Is your mother still living?”

The sailor stared at the stranger and was silent.

“If your mother were here,” said the old man, “she no doubt would be very sad!” and having said this he crossed the street and entered the church.

The sailor sat for some time thinking of his mother, and his home, and his childhood days. Then he arose, threw away his cigar, crossed the street, and also entered the house of God.

That word “mother” had touched his heart.

For Us.

It is not sufficient to believe that Christ has come, but we must believe also that He was sent from God, that He is the Son of God, and also very man, that He was born of a virgin, that He alone has fulfilled the Law, and that not for Himself, but **for us**, that is, for **our** salvation.—Luther.

Christ Gives by Promise.

Merit is a work for the sake of which Christ gives rewards. But no such work is to be found, for Christ gives by promise. Just as if a prince were to say to me: “Come to me in my castle, and I will give you a hundred florins.” I do a work, certainly, in going to the castle, but the gift is not given to me as the reward of my work in going, but because the prince promised it to me.—Luther.

Neither Hope nor Fear.

Robert Owen, the well-known infidel, once visited a gentleman who was a believer. In walking out they came to the gentleman’s family burial place. Speaking of death, Owen said, “I am not afraid to die; if some of my business were settled, I should be perfectly willing to die at any moment.”

“Well,” said his Christian companion, “you say you have no fear of death, have you any hope in death?”

After a solemn pause, the infidel replied, “No!”

“Then,” replied the Christian, pointing to an ox standing near, “you are on a level with that brute; he has fed till he is satisfied, and stands in the shade, whisking off the flies, and has neither hope nor fear.”

“Preach the Gospel to Every Creature.”

Mark 16. 15.

Preaching on this text the late D. L. Moody once said: Jesus said, “Preach the Gospel to every creature.” I can imagine Peter was asking Him: “What, Lord! shall we offer salvation to the men who crucified you?” And I can imagine Jesus answering him: “Yes, Peter, I want you to preach my Gospel to everybody, beginning at Jerusalem. Proclaim my salvation to the men who crucified me. Peter, I’d like you to find that man who put the crown of thorns on my head. Tell him, if he’ll take salvation as a gift, he shall have a crown of glory from me, and there shan’t be a thorn in it. Look up that Roman soldier who thrust that spear into my side, to my very heart, and tell him that there is a nearer way to my heart than that. My heart is full of love for his soul. Proclaim salvation to him.”

Conference Notice.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will meet at Milwaukee from June 21st to 24th. The following papers will come up for discussion: "Uniformity of signs," (continued) by Rev. A. Reinke; Sermons by the Revs. Schroeder and Boll, (substitute Rev. Wangerin); Catechizations in signs by the Revs. A. Reinke and N. Jensen; Readings on Acts 2,1-13 by Rev. J. Salvner and on Isaiah 53 by Rev. T. Wangerin.

On Sunday, June 23rd, a joint service will be held in one of the larger local churches. Time and place of services will be announced later. Those desiring lodgings are requested to announce with Rev. T. Wangerin.

J. SALVNER, Sec.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

The collections for the quarter ending March 31st are as follows:

Chicago congregation: \$32.34, Ladies' Aid \$6.50; By Rev. A. Boll, New York City: \$21.60; By Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$16.36, St. Paul \$4.14; By Rev. O. Schroeder: Toledo \$15.00, Ft. Wayne \$12.60, Peru \$4.20, Huntington \$2.35, Wabash \$1.00, Detroit \$12.00, Cleveland \$9.00; By Rev. N. Jensen: Kansas City \$6.15, Omaha \$5.50, Wichita \$0.31; By Rev. C. Schubkegel: St. Louis \$4.65, St. Charles \$1.35, Evansville \$10.80, Louisville \$3.20, Indianapolis \$2.10; By Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee congregation \$48.00, Oshkosh \$11.21, Sheboygan \$7.75, Racine \$2.90, Merrill \$0.75, Wausau \$2.00.

St. Louis, Mo.—On the evening of April 14th in a joint-service for deaf and hearing people, held in the Ev. Luth. Zion Church, two deaf ladies, Mrs. Johanna Sisson and Miss Minnie C. Gerling were confirmed by Pastor C. Schubkegel, Mr. O. Weinrich, a student of Concordia Seminary, acting as interpreter. After an examination in the chief parts of Christian doctrine, Pastor Schubkegel delivered a short address, based on Isaiah 43, 1, in which he explained to the catechumens that, if they wished their confirmation to be pleasing to God, they must

1. With joy and thanksgiving remember the great and many blessings God bestowed upon them in their baptism;

2. Honestly renew their baptismal vow to remain faithful to the Triune God unto death.

All the hymns sung by the congregation, as also one each by Mrs. C. G. Barry, and by the Amphion Glee Club of Concordia Seminary, were also rendered in signs, by Mrs. W. Pundmann of St. Charles, Mr., and Miss M. C. Gerling. The collection taken up in this service amounted to \$27.00, half of which was given to our mission for the deaf.

At the close of the service Grace Opal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Blevins, was baptized.

On April 13th a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Boen.

New York City.—Rev. A. Boll has organized several Bible Classes of late. They meet at the following time: Class for Men Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock. Class for Women Wednesday at 8 p. m. Juniors Saturdays at 2 p. m. We hope that many New York deaf will avail themselves of this opportunity to be instructed in the chief parts of the Christian religion.

Omaha, Nebr.—We regret to report the loss of a communicant member of our Omaha mission, Mr. John H. Bauman. Having been in poor health for over a year his illness, tuberculosis, took a sudden change for the worse, and on March 28th he departed this life at the age of 39 years 2 months and 2 days. The funeral service conducted by Rev. Jensen of Kansas City was attended by many friends, schoolmates, teachers and the former school superintendent of the deceased. Mr. Booth, superintendent of the Nebraska State School and a number of young ladies, pupils of the school were also present, the latter beautifully rendering two appropriate hymns in signs. Mr. Bauman leaves behind him his aged parents, brothers, sisters, four children and his faithful wife who has spent the greatest part of the past year on a painful sickbed in one of the Omaha hospitals and could not be present at the funeral. May our heavenly Father sustain her in the hours of sore distress; may He comfort her with that sweet comfort which has strengthened her throughout all her sickness, which was the hope and the stay also of her departed husband, namely the assurance that we who believe in His Son Jesus Christ have God as

our Father, who forgives all our sin, and gives us life and salvation through faith in Jesus, who not only died for us but also rose from the dead, and has promised us a glorious resurrection unto life everlasting.

St. Louis, Mo.—On March 24th when Pastor C. Schubkegel arrived at his home, after the service, he was surprised to find all those assembled there who had attended the service. He soon learned that they had come in honor of his birthday and that many others, who had been invited, could not come, on account of the snow-storm which raged here during the forenoon.

Minneapolis.—During March Pastor Salvner was not able to preach, but thanks to God! he could proclaim to the deaf the joyful message of the risen Savior on Easter day. Nearly 40 deaf attended our Easter-service at Minneapolis. Flowers had been bought for the occasion which were presented to the pastor after the service. He takes this opportunity to thank all the deaf who have shown him so much kindness during his illness. If it is God's will, services will again be held in St. Paul and the other cities in the month of May.

In our Easter-service we were pleased to see Mr. Ernest Dahms of Sibley, Iowa. He also partook of the Lord's Supper on Easter morning with ten deaf of Minneapolis. Mr. Dahms was confirmed at our Lutheran School for the Deaf at North Detroit in 1907. He intends to come to Minneapolis occasionally. We acknowledge also with thanks the receipt of \$1.00 for our mission from his parents.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 2127 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 122 E. 88th St., New York.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services every Saturday before the third Sunday of the

month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every third Sunday of the month, at 10:30 a. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. O. Schroeder, 630 Lakeview Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every Sunday except last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.
LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.