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## The Bible.

The Bible is the lamp of truth;  
The staff of age, the guide of youth;  
The unerring map that God hath given  
To lead the wanderer home to heaven.  
Its pages read, believe, obey,  
And you shall find the heavenly way!

## The Power of Christ's Love.

The American missionary, Dr. Chamberlain, tells an experience of his in India:

When we came to the city Hyderabad to preach the Gospel, the people rose against us and threatened to cast us out if we preached about any other god than their idols. I saw them picking up stones, ready at any moment to throw them at us. I begged them to let me tell them a story, after which they might stone me if they desired. At last they consented. As they gathered around me with the stones still in their hands, I told them of the wonderful life of Jesus, and especially of His sufferings and death. While I yet spoke, the people went and threw their stones into the gutter and came back to me, while down the face of the man who had been loudest in demanding my death, flowed tears. I told them again they might stone me if they wished. But they would not, but answered: "We had no idea you would tell us such a wonderful story."

## Stand Firm.

Learn from Christ, dear Christian, how to stand firm when you are being tempted by false doctrine. (Matth. 4, 7.) It is a poor excuse for a Christian to say: "There are so many churches, every one of them claiming to be right and saying the others were wrong, one does not know whom or what to believe."

You have the written Word of God, the Bible. Every question of doctrine is settled in that Book. There is nothing to be settled by churches, or synods, or ecclesiastical bodies. God Himself has settled everything once for all in the Bible. Let neither the traditions of men, nor the dictates of human reason, nor the deceptions of your own sinful heart beguile you. Search the Scriptures! Abide by the letter and spirit of the written Word of God; and if this you do, you shall not be deceived by false doctrine, even though men endeavor to support it by Scripture, falsely quoted, even by wonders and signs. Jesus distinctly says: "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders." But if you strictly adhere to the divine Word, you will not be deceived by them.

Our grandfathers knew their Bible far better than we do, and this ought not to be. A man whose memory is well-stocked with Bible texts is by far richer than any millionaire! Let us all give the Holy Book its due.

## The Best of All.

Walking through the park near his castle, Prince Bismarck once met an aged peasant, who told him he had been at the castle and had looked through all its rooms. To Bismarck's question what he had liked best, the old man answered: "Well, the finest thing, after all, is the crucifix of the Savior hanging over the bed of the Princess." Whereupon Bismarck gave him his hand, saying: "I am glad to hear that you think this the best of all. Indeed, if we had not our Savior, we should be the most wretched creatures. But this Lord of ours is to us the treasure of treasures."

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**Comfort from Luther's Catechism.**

Not long ago an old Christian lady, who is almost bed-ridden and helpless, as well as quite blind, completely shut off from all means of entertainment and occupation, said to a friend: "How thankful I am that when I was young I learned the Catechism. When I am lonely or cannot sleep—and so much of my time is spent that way—I go over the Catechism word for word, again and again, and it is such a pleasure and comfort. The Catechism tells me all I need to know, and in the best way, too. I thank God for it every day."

**Papa, Are You There?**

Dr. Trumbull tells of a little boy who slept in a trundle-bed. He never went to sleep in the dark without asking, "Papa, are you there?"

"Yes, my son."

"Will you take care of me to-night?"

"Yes, my son."

Then he would turn over and fall asleep.

"That little boy," said Dr. Trumbull, is now an old man of sixty-seven years, but he never goes to sleep without looking into His heavenly Father's face and saying: "Father, will you take care of me to-night?" And the answer comes back in every experience of darkness: "Yes, my son," and then, "He giveth His beloved sleep."

He that sincerely gives his heart and his prayers to mission work will not deny his money. A praying Christian is a paying Christian.

**AMONG OUR DEAF.**

**Quarterly Receipts.**—The following amounts

received during the quarter ending December 31st, are credited to our deaf:—

By Rev. A. Reinke: Chicago congregation \$63.02, Ladies' Aid Society \$8.00; By Rev. N. Jensen: Kansas City \$6.57; Omaha \$8.71. By Rev C. Schubkegel: St. Louis \$5.64; St. Charles \$0.80. By Rev. A. Boll: Toledo \$9.25; Lima \$2.50; Indianapolis \$4.25; Peru \$3.00; Detroit \$5.35; Cleveland \$6.05; Ft. Wayne \$11.75; Evansville \$4.35; Louisville \$4.00. By Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$35.36, (\$10.00 from one communicant); St. Paul \$9.79; La Crosse \$1.82; Winona \$3.03; Stillwater \$1.71. By Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee congregation \$19.50, Sunday collections \$18.33, Ladies' Society \$20.00; Sheboygan \$3.95; Oshkosh \$1.35; Racine \$3.71.

**Chicago.**—Our Christmas services, held on the afternoon of December 25th, were fairly well attended, though we expected a somewhat larger gathering in spite of the unusual weather conditions. The children of our parishioners were there also to take part in the celebration, and, at the close of the services, were remembered with donations consisting of candy, nuts and fruit. Mr. Carlson, our janitor, was also well remembered and liberally rewarded by the congregation with a twenty-dollar goldpiece.

On January 5th, the annual election of officers took place as also the admission to voting membership of several communicants.—

**Milwaukee.**—Again we must report the death of one of our communicant members, Mrs. August Fechtner, who died on January 11th, after a prolonged illness. In all her suffering, however, she submitted herself entirely to the will of her Maker, saying: "The Lord's will be done." With a tender smile on her face and her hands raised in prayer she left this vale of tears following her Heavenly Bridegroom, her Savior, to the mansions above. Her departure is mourned by her husband and two children. She has fought a good fight and has received the crown of life, "Who dieth thus, dies well!"

Miss Helen Luebke of Two Rivers and Mr. I. Larsen of Port Washington were pleasant visitors at our services last month, both of

them contributing toward the support of our mission.—

**Kansas City, Mo.**—Christmas and New Year were observed at our mission with special services on both days. The attendance of both services was good, but that on Christmas day was the best we have had for the past few years.

At the conclusion of our New Year's service all who were in attendance accepted a previous invitation of Pastor Jensen to spend the evening at his home. Having arrived at the parsonage, Rev. Jensen was surprised to see the guests form a circle around him, and Mr. John Wear step forward to present him with a fine silk umbrella in behalf of all present. Pastor Jensen accepted the gift with a hearty thanks, assuring his friends that he not only valued the gift itself, but also the spirit in which it was given. After supper the evening was spent in a most pleasant way, all present staying until a late hour.—

**Omaha.**—On December 26th Christmas services were held in Omaha. Holy Communion was received by five members. On account of very cold weather and a deep snow the attendance was not so good as usual.—

**Peru, Ind.**—Mr. Carson has been appointed treasurer by the local deaf of a fund which provides for the payment of Pastor Boll's traveling expenses to and from Peru. The services are attended by eight deaf. Luther's Catechism is expounded and committed to memory.—

**Logansport.**—At the request of Mr. and Mrs. Pottmeier, services for the deaf were held at Logansport on Saturday, January 8th. Owing to very inclement weather, however, the service was attended by but five deaf. Those present asked for monthly services and agreed to cover the pastor's railroad fare. May the seed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ thus sown also among the deaf of Logansport bring forth fruit abundantly.—

**Cleveland.**—A petition was recently circulated among the deaf of Cleveland asking for contributions towards the support of our mission. Mr. G. Bohnert was appointed collector on the West- and Mr. F. Arndt on the

East side. The signed contributions amounted to \$11.10. This is but in conformity to God's wish, who says that they to whom the Gospel is preached should give liberally of their money to support Christ's Church. (Gal. 6, 6.) Such gifts are to be given for Jesus' sake, out of thanks to Him for the salvation which we have received through His blood.—

**St. Louis.**—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, Mr. Wm. Kellermann and Miss Mary Kellermann, after having received instruction in the chief parts of Christian doctrine, were confirmed at their home by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Louis on Dec. 26th with seven, and in St. Charles, Mo., on Jan. 2nd with two communicants. The number of communicants in the St. Louis mission is steadily increasing. May God continue the good work!

On Friday, Jan. 14th, Rev. C. Schubkegel made his first mission-trip to the following cities formerly visited by Rev. A. Boll, viz: Evansville, Ind., Louisville, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind. Although the weather was very unfavorable, the attendance at all three places was good. Rev. Schubkegel will preach in Evansville, Ind., every Friday before the third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in Louisville, Ky., at 2 P. M., and in Indianapolis at 8 P. M. every third Sunday of the month.

Readers will please take note of some changes in the church notices.—

**St. Paul.**—Hereafter services for the deaf of St. Paul will be held in St. John's Church, cor. Hope and Margaret Sts. We hope that the deaf of St. Paul will be pleased with the change and regularly come to worship our Lord and Savior.—

**Minneapolis.**—On the 29th of Dec. Mr. J. C. Danford of Minneapolis and Miss Metha Gibbert of Stillwater were united in holy marriage at the home of the bride's parents. They will make their home in Minneapolis. Jesus be their Guide through life to everlasting glory.

Mr. Martin Engen of Kindred, N. Dak., came to Minneapolis Jan. 11th, for the purpose of being instructed in the chief parts of the Christian religion, preparatory to confirmation. What a blessing is not our Lutheran deaf mission which enables the deaf not simply to

"join church," but, which is most important, to study thoroughly the precious Word of God. May the Lord Jesus through our mission lead many more deaf unto the knowledge of truth.

On the 12th of February, Pastor Salvner will give a lecture on "Dr. Martin Luther" in the basement of Trinity Church in Minneapolis, cor. 19 St. and 13 Ave., S. No admission will be charged, but after the lecture a collection will be taken up. All the deaf are welcome.

Many blessings our good Father in heaven bestowed upon us during the past year. Last August we were enabled by the grace of God to organize a Christian congregation in the Twin Cities. Grace Congregation now numbers 11 voting and 34 communicant members. Besides increasing in number our congregation has also grown internally, for most of the members are now taking a very lively interest in church-work. Having introduced the weekly envelope system, the members this year intend to raise \$200 or more for their pastor's salary. Perhaps a few numbers concerning our mission in the Northwest would be of interest to our readers. During 1909, 123 services were held: At Minneapolis 53, St. Paul 38, La Crosse and Winona each 10, and Stillwater 12. Average attendance: Minneapolis 29, St. Paul, La Crosse and Stillwater each 9, Winona 4. Collections and contributions: Minneapolis \$108.01; St. Paul \$31.09; La Crosse \$6.87; Winona \$7.89; Stillwater \$11.80 (including \$5.25 which were collected in a combined service). Communicants: Minneapolis 27, St. Paul 7, La Crosse 3; Winona 4, Stillwater 3. Communed: Minneapolis 55, St. Paul 18, Winona 13, Stillwater 7. The pastor baptized three children in Minneapolis; confirmed three adult deaf in Minneapolis, one in St. Paul, and two in Stillwater; solemnized two marriages at Minneapolis and one at Stillwater. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever." Ps. 118, 1.

And as the cause and glory, Lord,  
Are Thine, not ours, do Thou afford  
Us help and strength and constancy;  
With all our heart we trust in Thee.

#### 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.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions Church, 21st and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

##### ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 3:30 P. M., at Mr. W. Meyer's residence, 510 Clay St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every Friday before the third Sunday of the month, at 8 P. M., in the Lutheran School, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every third Sunday of the month, at 2 P. 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. A. Boll, c. o. Carlton, Toledo, O.

##### FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 P. M., by Rev. A. Boll.

##### CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### 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. A. Boll.

##### PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. A. Boll.

##### 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. A. Boll.

##### 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 first and third 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.

##### 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 Bowen St., at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### NEENAH, 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.