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In Jesus' Arms.

The Savior kindly calls
Our children to His breast;
He folds them in His gracious arms
Himself declares them blest.
"Let them approach," He cries,
"Nor scorn their humble claim,
The heirs of heaven are such as these,
For such as these I came."
With joy we bring them Lord,
Devoting them to Thee,
Imploring, that, as we are Thine,
Thine may our offspring be.

Parental Duty.

God earnestly requires all parents to instruct their children in His blessed Word. In Deuteronomy 6, 6. 7, He says: "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Those parents, therefore, who neglect to instruct their children early in the saving Word of God do so at their own great peril. How do these parents know if their children will live long enough to decide this all-important matter for themselves? What if their children should die in early youth, without the Word of God and faith, through the fault of their parents, what then? What answer will such neglectful parents give to the mighty Judge of heaven and earth when He will ask them: "Where are the children I intrusted to your care, that you might raise them for me and my kingdom? Why did you not obey my command: 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God'? Did I not shed my precious blood also for the children? Did I not give my Word and the washing of water by the Word, my holy

Baptism, unto you, that you might bring them to me, their Savior?" Will not such parents be stricken dumb and suffer the most fearful punishment for their sinful neglect? All Baptist sects, however, who denounce the baptism of infants, must first prove that children do not belong to the human race and are therefore to be excluded from the clear command of Christ: "Go ye, therefore, and make all nations my disciples by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost!" And when these people declare that little children cannot believe and therefore ought not to be baptized, Christ's clear word is against them, Matth. 18, 6: "But who shall offend one of these little ones which BELIEVE in me!"

Prepare to Meet Thy God.

In former days when fools were still kept for the amusement of princes and nobles at court a certain king gave his fool a stick with the words: "Whenever you find a greater fool than yourself give him this stick." Years passed by and the king fell mortally ill. His court-fool came to see him, and when the sick man told the fool that he would soon leave him, the fool asked: "Where are you going?" "Into another world," answered the king. "When are you coming back? after a month?" "No!" — "Within a year?" — "No!" — "When then?" — "Never!" — "And with what have you provided yourself for your long journey and your staying at the place to which you are going?" — "With nothing!" — "How?" Cried the fool; "here, take my stick. You are about to go away from here forever, and you have made no preparations whatever, nor taken thought how you can live happily in the other world from which you will never return? Here, take my stick: for I have never been

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guilty of such folly. You are a greater fool than I am."

How many such fools there are in the world who never once think of death and the judgment to come! who never once think of preparing to meet their God! Are you prepared, my friend?— Sel.

Infant Baptism a Historical Fact.

Origen, the great instructor of Catechumens in Alexandria, Egypt, and a great debater against the infidel Celsus and against anti-christian sects of his days, was born in 185 after Christ's birth and baptized in early infancy. When he was ten years old, he admonished his father who was under torture because of his Christian faith, to be steadfast and not to falter. Now this Origen ought assuredly to have known what was the practice of the church universal concerning infant baptism which is now decried by Baptists; Baptists who began their rebaptizing as late as 1664 in London. What, then, does Origen say? In his fifth book on the Epistle to the Romans he writes: "The Church received from the apostles the tradition to baptize children. For they, unto whom the secrets of the sacred mysteries were confided, knew that the innate filth of sin is found in all and must be washed away by the water and the Spirit."

Does Prayer Move God?

A father, to please his little boy, has placed him in a skiff and allowed it to float a few yards from the shore. He has placed his foot upon the line to hold it. By the time the line is straightened the little fellow is afraid and calls to his father to come to him. His father tells him to take hold of the line and pull the shore to the boat. He pulls as

directed, and with a steady eye on his father, sees him, as he thinks, approach the boat, and soon finds himself in his bosom.

Did he move the shore? Did he draw his father to the boat? No; but it seems so to him; the desired result is accomplished; philosophy is nothing to him; he is content. We are often asked, or perhaps we ask ourselves: "How can prayer avail? Will it move God or change His purpose?" God has revealed to us that prayer is the cord by which our faith is attached to His throne. On this cord He has directed us to pull earnestly and without ceasing. He who obeys soon finds himself in the bosom of his Father, and is little concerned about philosophy.—Interior.

At Peace With God Through Jesus.

Dr. Culils tells of an aged Christian lying in the Consumptives' Home, very near his end. He was asked the cause of his perfect peace, and replied:

"When I am able to think, I am thinking of Jesus; and when I am not able He is thinking of me." Why should he not have peace?—
Luth. Witness.

God's Ways are Wonderful.

The Spirit of God can make use of any agency to bring sinners to repentance and faith in the Redeemer. Commenting once upon the words, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider," the speaker sought to impress upon his people how strangely guilty the human heart is, despising the goodness of God, and forgetting his very existence. Three or four days after, a farmer, who had been present, was giving provender to his cattle, when one of his oxen, evidently grateful for his care, fell to licking his bare arm. Instantly, with this simple incident, the Holy Spirit flashed conviction on the farmer's mind. He burst into tears, and exclaimed, "Yes, it is all true. How wonderful is God's Word. This poor dumb brute is really more grateful to me than I am to God, and yet I am in debt to Him for everything. What a sinner I am." The lesson had found its way to his heart, and wrought there effectually to lead him to Christ.

"I am the Good Shepherd". John 10, 11.

One evening, in 1861, as General Garibaldi was going home, he met a Sardinian shepherd lamenting the loss of a lamb out of his flock. Garibaldi at once turned to his staff, and announced his intention of scouring the mountain in search of the lamb. A grand expedition was organized. Lanterns were brought, and old officers of many a campaign started off, full of zeal, to hunt the fugitive. But no lamb was found, and the soldiers were ordered to their beds. The next morning, Garibaldi's attendant found him in bed fast asleep. He was surprised at this, for the General was always up before anybody else. The attendant went off softly, and returned in half an hour. Garibaldi still slept. Another delay, the attendant awoke him. The General rubbed his eyes, and so did his attendant, when he saw the old warrior take from under the covering the lost lamb, and bid him convey it to the shepherd. The General had kept up the search through the night, until he had found it. Even so doth Jesus, the good Shepherd, go in search of His lost sheep, until He finds them.

Conference Notice.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will hold its annual meeting at Chicago from the 20th to the 23rd of May. The following papers will come up for discussion: Continuation of "Uniformity of Signs," Rev. A. Reinke; Catechisation in Signs, 8th Commandment, Rev. C. Schubkegel; 9th and 10th Commandments, Rev. A. Boll; Sermons in Signs by the Revs. A. Reinke and J. Salvner; Hints for Successful Missionary Work, Rev. T. Wangerin. On Sunday, May 22nd, a combined service will be held in which all missionaries take part. Those desiring lodgings will please announce themselves with Rev. A. Reinke, 2125 Crystal Str., Chicago, Ill.

J. L. Salvner, Sec.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Milwaukee.—On Palm-Sunday Rev. Wangerin confirmed Mr. Arnold Nolte in the Chapel. The attendance was good and the services were held in the oral- as well as in

the sign-language, which enabled the hearing and the deaf as well as the oral pupils to follow the ceremony. The examination dealt chiefly with the Sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, their use and benefits.

Application for catechetical instructions are accepted at any time. Among the new applicants for confirmation are the Messrs. Walter Lorch, Tony Hylleberg and the Misses Nonah Maahs and Myrtle Trost.

Kenosha.—Also Mr. Geo. Hebard of Kenosha wants to be instructed in the chief Christian doctrines. Since he can come to Milwaukee but once a month the greater part of the instructions has to be done by mail.—

Minneapolis.—On the 6th of March Holy Communion was administered to fifteen deaf at Minneapolis and to four at St. Paul. On the following Tuesday, Mr. P. J. Linde partook of the Lord's Supper at his home in Robbinsdale. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." 1. Cor. 11.

Every true christian takes a profound interest in missions. He is ever glad to hear about the progress of the preaching of the Gospel to the world. It is natural, therefore, that the students of Luther Seminary of the Norwegian Synod have organized a Mission Society whose object is to excite enthusiasm for the missions of our Lutheran church. This society meets once a month and occasionally invites missionaries or pastors to speak on mission work. On the 14th of March Pastor Salvner had the pleasure of addressing the students and their friends on "Our Lutheran Mission Among the Deaf."—

Ft. Wayne.—On Sunday, March 13th, Wayne, Edward, Emil, a child of Mr. and Mrs. C Schroeder of Ft. Wayne was baptized and received into the communion of the triune God. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3, 5.

Mr. A. Rudisill has returned from a visit to his father's grave at Gettysburg, Pa., who fell in the Civil War for the preservation of the Union.—

Detroit.—Our Lutheran Mission at Detroit has been organized and has adopted the name of "Congregation of Our Savior." Mr J

Berry was chosen deacon. Mr. H. Goetzinger, who recently moved to Detroit, has been received as communicant member. The Bible class meets on the second and fourth Sunday of the month in the church on 12th and Lysander str.—

St. Louis.—Pastor C. Schubkegel is instructing two deaf boys, the children of Lutheran parents, in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine. A deaf lady, an inmate of the local Lutheran Home for the Aged, who can neither read nor write, is also being instructed in the One thing needful and in the sign-language. On Feb. 18th, the day after the severe, almost country wide blizzard, Pastor C. Schubkegel, started on his monthly trip to Evansville, Louisville and Indianapolis. Although all trains were several hours late the services were held at the usual time and the pastor returned home on Monday, Feb. 21st.—

St. Charles, Mo.—Mrs. Wm. Meyer, nee Smith, having received instructions in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine since last November, will be confirmed in the near future. We beseech the Lord, our heavenly Father, to richly bless even these last days in the heart and mind of this our sister, that in the power of His Holy Spirit she may with joy and boldness confess her faith and glorify and praise the Lord as her faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His dear Son, our Savior.

Evansville, Ind.—Owing to the deep snow and the almost zero weather, the service for the deaf on the evening of Feb. 18th was not well attended.

Louisville, Ky.—On the afternoon of Feb. 20th, Pastor C. Schubkegel preached before a good sized audience. The weather was very warm that day, but the thaw of the snow made walking very difficult and unpleasant.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Services for the deaf were held on the evening of Feb. 20th. Owing to the rain and slush on the streets and sidewalks, only a few deaf attended the service. Pastor Schubkegel was glad to make the acquaintance of Mr. Moellering of Ft. Wayne, Ind., who attended the service with Mr. Fr. Draeger from Irvington, Ind.

Christ has no sin of His own, yet He was condemned; saints have no righteousness of their own, yet they are justified.—

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.