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Sin.

It is well to look our worst enemy straight in the face. That is the part of the wise and the brave soul. And sin is that worst enemy. Sin will never do you any real good; never give you any real benefits; never bring you any real happiness.

The best way to live is in a constant self-examination. Often look into the mirror and see whether you have a high regard for the person whose image you see reflected there. It is not so much that we can fool other people into believing of ourselves; it is more to the point what we must believe about ourselves.

Many very "respectable" people can look every one else in the face but themselves, because when they look at themselves they see their own sins, and they are too cowardly to look at them, and see them.

If you must blush when you look into the mirror, if you must be ashamed of your own person, you are in a bad way. We often speak of self-examination, but the fact is we do very little of it. Just try this at night before going to bed: stand before the mirror and look at yourself through your own eyes, and make a careful study of that which you know yourself to be, and see whether you could in sincerity and honesty "take off your hat to yourself."

Sin, let us remember, is not the same thing as crime. A crime is an act against human law, while a sin is an act against the law of God.

Oh! If I Had Listened!

In the gloomy cell of a jail a number of prisoners were attentively listening to a gentleman who was earnestly entreating them to study the Scriptures. Wishing to ascertain if they possessed the precious volume, he put the question, "Have any of you a Bible?"

"No," was the reply.

"Have any of you ever possessed a Bible?"

After a considerable pause, a soldier, who was under sentence of death for murdering a black man, broke the silence, and amidst sobs and tears confessed that he once had a Bible. "But oh!" said he, "I sold it for a drink! It was the companion of my youth. I brought it with me from my native land. Oh! if I had obeyed my Bible, I should not have been here!"

Friend, have you a Bible? How often do you read it? Use it aright and it will guide you to glory. Neglect it, and it will condemn you at the last day.—Luth. Child's Paper.

Losing in Membership.

One leading denomination is reported to have lost several thousand members by certain ministers giving too much attention to politics in their pulpits. These ministers undertook to instruct their hearers on some of the leading questions of the day. Instead of searching the Word of God for the Bread of Life, they read papers, magazines and books, and prided themselves in the thought that they were feeding the flock of God on up-to-date information. Most of their hearers soon grew tired of that kind of talk, and ceased to attend the services. They went to church to hear the Word of the Lord. Instead they heard some political questions treated. There was no religion in the discourses; no Holy Ghost in the preachers and, of course, no spiritual warmth in the sermons. The experiment chilled the church and drove many seeking help and encouragement away from the altar. No sinners were converted, but thousands were turned away from the kingdom. This is what the preaching of politics amounts to in other denominations, and we may rest assured that

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like results would follow any effort to shelve the Gospel in any of our own churches. Nothing in the church of God is so effectual as preaching the Gospel. "Woe be unto me," says Paul, "if I preach not the Gospel."

"Go Ye Therefore and Teach all Nations."

Do we not all hear the command of Christ, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations?" If we are sure that this is Christ who speaketh to us, let us not "confer with flesh and blood." Any man, who is swayed by the opinion of the multitude, is not worthy of Christ. "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me," saith our Lord, "is not worthy of me; and he that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." No man can follow Christ in the sense as here intended, who cannot, like Enoch and Noah, believe God rather than man. Let us, therefore, press forward in faith and "serve God in our generation," contented to do a little where much cannot be done. Some of the disciples of our Lord, whom he addressed as "the light of the world," left the world very shortly afterwards, but, like John the Baptist, whose race was also short, they shone as burning lights during their appointed season. So let us be up an doing!

Wm. J. Bryan says

"The watermelon seed has the power of drawing from the ground and through itself 200,000 times its weight, and when you can tell me how it takes this material and out of it colors an outside surface beyond the imitation of art, and then forms inside of it a white rind and within that again a red heart, thickly inlaid with black seeds, each one of which in turn is capable of drawing through itself 200,000 times

its weight—when you can explain to me the mystery of a watermelon, you can ask me to explain the mystery of God."

The whole Christian Church is holy, not in herself, nor of her own works, but in Christ and through the holiness of Christ.—Luther.

Going to church does not save us, but not going to church damns us. In the Bible God speaks to us, in prayer we speak to Him.

The Evils of Sin.

There is an Australian missile called the boomerang, which is thrown so as to describe singular curves, and to return at last to the hand of the thrower. Sin is a kind of boomerang, which goes off into space curiously, but turns again upon its author, and with ten-fold force strikes the guilty soul that launched it.

Again, we might illustrate the evil of sin by the following comparison: "Suppose I were going along a street, and were to dash my hand through a large pane of glass, what harm would I receive?" "You would be punished for breaking the glass." "Would that be all the harm I should receive?" "Your hand would be cut by the glass." "Yes; and so it is with sin. If you break God's laws, you shall be punished for breaking them; and, your soul is hurt by the very act of breaking them."—J. Inglis.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Chicago.—April 20th the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heier was baptized at the parent's home and was named Clara Margareta. May she remain a life-long member of Christ's kingdom of grace, which she entered at her baptism.

Aug. 6th our annual picnic will be held. We hope for good weather and a big gathering of deaf on this occasion. Mr. Jacob Heinold is chairman of the committee from whom tickets may be procured after July 1st.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Tickets are out for the ninth annual picnic to be given by Emmanuel Congregation at the Lutheran High School

Park on July 17th, afternoon and evening. This park being centrally located it is expected that many hearing friends will be present. The committee consists of the following: Messrs. R. Nordwig chairman, S. Sutter, W. Tischefer, W. Schoknecht and J. Nimmer.

Oshkosh, Wis.—Eighteen deaf were present at the baptism of Marvin Fred, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hayford of this city, which took place at their home on April 26th. Divine services preceded the ceremony.

Mr. Fred Noebel, Jr., and Miss Flora Nee were united in marriage on Tuesday, May 17th, at the home of Mr. Noebel, Sr. It was a private but pleasant affair. Mr. and Mrs. Noebel will make their new home at 592 Bowen St., Oshkosh.

Wausau-Merrill.—Pastor Wangerin held his regular quarterly services with the deaf of Merrill and Wausau in April. All the local deaf were present, but on account of a raging blizzard those on the outskirts of Merrill could not be there. At Wausau a combined service was held in Trinity Church, Rev. Destinon, and the offering for our mission amounted to \$17.00. Misses May Gagne and H. Stuth and Mrs. E. Falk contributed one dollar each, which is acknowledged with thanks.

Minneapolis.—On the 8th of May an unusual service was held in the midst of the Norwegian Lutheran congregations in and near Kindred, N. Dak. Mr. Martin Engen on this day vowed faithfulness to his Lord and Savior and was confirmed by means of the beautiful sign-language in the midst of our Norwegian fellow Christians. His parents had sent him to Minneapolis at the beginning of this year to be instructed in the precious truths of the Christian religion. For four months he studied the chief parts of the Catechism. On the 6th of May Pastor Salvner went with him and on the following Sunday examined and confirmed him before a large assembly. After the confirmation, Mr. Engen with his brother and sister partook of the Lord's Supper. Thereupon the missionary delivered a lecture on our blessed work among the deaf, showing that also by means of this mission souls are won for Jesus which He bought with a price. All

present were deeply interested in this work among the deaf and therefore gladly contributed towards the support of our mission. The offering amounted to \$80.20. In the evening a lecture was given before the Young People's Society at Walcott, N. Dak. In this service, \$11.41 were collected for our deaf mission. May our heavenly Father reward these liberal givers here in time and hereafter in eternity! May God continue to bless our dear mission, so that thereby many more deaf will be led to Jesus, whose blood cleanseth us from all sin.

Mr. Thomas Swanson was hurt quite seriously by an automobile on the first of April. Since then he has been in the City Hospital at St. Paul and is now slowly recovering.—Mrs. Jens Hansen had to undergo another operation at the Hill Crest Surgical Hospital. She is doing nicely at present.—Mr. P. J. Linde is still confined to the house. Of late he is also troubled with dropsy. May God comfort our sick friends in their trouble with His precious Word! And may we who are well not forget to visit the sick, for Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matth. 25, 40.

St. Louis, Mo.—On May 1st Mr. John H. May, Mrs. A. Kugelmann, and Miss C. Mahon went to St. Charles, Mo., to witness the confirmation of Mrs. Meyer.

St. Charles, Mo.—Mrs. Daisy Dell Meyer, nee Smith, wife of Mr. Wm. Meyer, having been duly instructed in the doctrine and the duties of the Christian religion, was confirmed on May 1st at her residence by Pastor C. Schubkegel in the presence of a number of deaf and hearing friends. During the examination on the chief parts of the Christian doctrine, conducted by the pastor, Mrs. Meyer showed to all present that she had indeed learned to know her Savior Jesus and the way of eternal salvation, and is, therefore, well able to examine herself before coming to the Lord's Supper. Pastor Schubkegel then delivered a short address based on the text 1. John 2, 24. 25: "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall

remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

This address was followed by the signing of the hymn: "Holy Spirit, Lord of love," by Mrs. A. Kugelmann, whereupon the confirmation proper took place. Then Mrs. Kugelmann rendered in signs the hymn: "Let me be Thine forever," and after a fervent prayer for this new member of our church Holy Communion was celebrated.

May God, our heavenly Father, through the power of His Holy Spirit, let this new member of our church and us all faithfully continue in the pure and true doctrine we have heard, then we will indeed remain Jesus' true disciples, then we shall know the truth and the truth shall make us free!—John 8, 31. 32.

Evansville, Ind.—Miss Mary Gram and Mrs. Anna Werner, two deaf ladies of Fort Branch, Ind., having been instructed in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine, and by the grace of God come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, their Savior, will both be baptized on the third Sunday in June in the Lutheran church, 115 E. Illinois St., Evansville, Ind.

Kansas City, Mo.—Rev. Jensen has been corresponding for some time with a number of deaf living in and about Newton, Ia. Some of them being of Lutheran parentage are very anxious to have services and their request will be granted before this number of the Deaf Lutheran goes to press. On Monday, May 16th, Rev. Jensen will conduct services in that community and make provisions for future services if such can be arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stahr are the proud parents of a newly born son, which was born to them on May 2. May the Lord keep His protecting hands over both parents and child and by Holy Baptism (to which it will be brought at an early date) receive it into His kingdom according to His promise, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Mark 10. 14.

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.—I John 3, 13.

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.