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The Deaf Churchgoer.

Why did he come to service every Sunday, that old man, of whom every one knew that he was totally deaf? Was it a mere habit? Was it to see the people, was it mere curiosity? Oh, no! The old man with the quiet, solemn face looked neither right nor left. His eyes were generally turned upwards, as if he saw something lovely there, as if he were conversing with a friend who was bringing him good tidings, and to whom he sent up thanks in return. Of course, this spiritual joy was not always expressed by his looks; sometimes he sat in his place with drooping head, as if very tired.

On one occasion a friend came to him and wrote the following question on a slip of paper: "Do not the services fatigue you greatly, as you are not able to understand anything?"

His reply was: "Sometimes, yes; but, nevertheless, I should not like to miss one. I attend for three reasons: First, because I can express my reverence towards God by my presence in His house; secondly, I can worship Him in spirit, even if my ear does not catch anything of the sermon—in spirit I can sing with the congregation, by repeating the hymns I learned in my childhood; thirdly, even a deaf churchgoer, if he is faithful in heart, may influence another to attend services regularly."

How much we may learn of this deaf churchgoer, to whom God had given such a fine spiritual ear!—Exchange.

A Deaf-Mute's Announcement for Communion.

A missionary in India relates the following:

One day our deaf Peter came to me with a question, which I could not well understand. I handed him a lead pencil and a sheet of paper, upon which he wrote the question: "When

will the Lord's Supper be celebrated?" In an almanac I pointed out to him our communion Sunday. He asked for a Bible, which I handed to him. He opened the book and pointed with his finger to the first verse of the 42. Psalm: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God." This was his way of announcing himself for communion. Tears of joy filled my eyes as I grasped and pressed his hand. He then pointed out to me other passages of the Bible which treat of the Holy Supper.

Hearing and Keeping God's Word.

Many years ago, a young man, leaving his home and his native village for the first time, went into a store in New York to apply for a position as clerk. But there were many applications, and he obtained an interview with the merchant only to be told there was no place for him. He modestly asked the privilege of showing a letter of recommendation he had brought from a well-known and influential person. He had just opened his grip to find his letter of recommendation, when a book rolled out on the floor.

"What book is that?" asked the merchant, sharply.

"It is the Bible," answered the young man.

"And what are you going to do with that book in New York?"

The young stranger straightened himself up, and, with a clear, unflinching look into the older man's eyes, replied: "I promised my mother I would read it every day, and I have kept my promise, not only for her sake, but also for my own." Absolute sincerity shone in his face, and it was impossible to doubt him. The wealthy merchant, although not himself a Christian, understood well the value of Christian principle. A place was found for the

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young man, and his fidelity to what he believed to be right, and his loyalty to the precepts laid down in the Bible, won him steady promotion. The time came when he was partner in the establishment he had entered as an humble clerk. The Word of God is a sure life-chart.—Ex.

Grinding at the Mill.

It is a very simple mill that is used in Palestine for the grinding of wheat. The mill simply consists of two round stones—one placed upon the other. In the upper stone a hole is drilled on one side, into which a wooden handle is driven, and another hole in the center, through which the grain passes and is ground, by turning the upper stone upon the lower.

When at work with the mill, two women sit opposite each other on a mat, with a cloth spread under the mill, on which the flour falls. Both take hold of the handle by which the upper is turned round on the "nether" or lower millstone, one of the women throwing in the grain, as occasion requires, through the hole in the upper stone.

The turning of the hand mill is referred to at several places in the Bible. Matt. 24, Christ, speaking of the coming of the Son of Man at the end of the world and telling His Christians to watch and be prepared for His sudden and unexpected coming on the great day of judgment, says v. 41: "Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Eternal Life.

God will not alter His record, "and this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." It is not because we do this or that, but "because He

liveth, we shall live also." Before one of Christ's sheep can perish, one must be found more mighty than God. "I give unto them eternal life," said Jesus, "and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand."

Avarice.

Luther says in one of his sermons:

"The reason God is so great an enemy of avarice is because there is no other vice which hinders the spreading of the Gospel more, and which works more harm to the Christian. And yet we see that the whole world is drowned in it. Everybody is worrying night and day whether he will be provided for in the future. Nobody is satisfied with what God has given him. If the Lord has given to one a beautiful home, he soon longs for a castle. If he succeeds in getting a castle, he would like to own a whole town, and so on. No one is content with his station in life. Pride and avarice are at the root of it all. These are the cause of all the parsimony and illiberality among people.

"Our blessed Savior warns us against these sins when He says to us in His Sermon on the Mount: 'No man can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.' The Lord feared, we see from this, lest mammon should hinder us in our devotion to His service."

The Necessity of a New Heart.

The Indian chief Teedynscurg, King of the Delawares, was one evening sitting at the fire-side of a friend. Each, buried in deep thoughts, was silently looking at the fire. At length the silence was broken by the friend, who said, "I will tell you what I have been thinking of. I have been thinking of a rule delivered by the Author of the Christian religion, which, from its excellence, we call the Golden Rule."

"Stop," said the Indian, "don't praise it to me, but rather tell me what it is, and let me think for myself. I do not wish you to tell me of its excellence; tell me what it is."

The friend said, "It is for one man to do to another as he would have the other do to him."

"That's impossible; it cannot be done," the

Indian immediately replied. Silence followed. The Indian lighted his pipe and walked about the room. In about a quarter of an hour he came to his friend with a smiling face, and taking the pipe from his mouth, said, "Brother, I have been thoughtful of what you told me. If the Great Spirit that made man would give him a new heart he could do as you say, but not otherwise."

Thus the Indian saw the necessity of a new heart.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," 2 Cor. 5, 17.

Christians Should Be a Blessing to Others.

Ye Christians have received the blessing of God not for yourselves alone, but in order that ye should bless also those that are still under the curse, that is, pray for them that through your doctrine, patience, and godly conversation they also may be brought to faith. The blessing ye are to inherit is not temporal for this present life, but it is this, that through Christ ye are in a state of grace, having forgiveness of sins and being delivered from death and the devil, looking forward to the glory of everlasting life.—Luther.

A Rich Father.

Says a New York pastor: "When a friend of mine, long years ago, urged John Jacob Astor to subscribe for a certain object, and told him that his son had subscribed, the old German millionaire replied very dryly: 'He can do it, he has got a rich father!'"

May Christians, when asked for gifts, remember that they have a rich Father, to whose children it is said: "Be ye merciful as your Father also is merciful. Give, and it shall be given unto you."

The Christian's Life.

The Christian lives not himself, but in Christ and in his fellow man,—in Christ by faith, in his fellow man by love. By faith he rises above himself to God; from God he descends by love, still always remaining in God and divine love. Luther.

Deafness and blindness are but summer clouds. Clouds do not put out the sun nor turn day into night. There are other avenues to the mind and soul than the eye and the ear. The human body was so shaped that it is in a sense all eye and all ear. We can almost afford to be deaf to the external voices, the song of spring and summer, the howl of winter, the roar of cataract and seashore, the clamor of business, the rush of trains, and to have life become muffled and hushed. All that is not so great a loss, if through other channels one may learn the thoughts of God. We should, therefore, not so much bewail our affliction as rather heartily thank God for the shower of blessings given us, for the blessing of signs wherewith we are enabled to "hear" the Word of God, to learn of our salvation in Christ Jesus, to get hold of that knowledge divine so essential to our eternal welfare. Clouds were made movable. They go before the sun. Eternal sunshine is promised us through Christ Jesus, our Savior.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

The complete quarterly financial statement had not been received when this went to press. It will, therefore, be published in our next issue. Missionaries will please forward their report to the editor.

Oshkosh, Wis.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Hayford of this city are mourning over the loss of their youngest son, Marvin Fred, who died on July 3rd, at the age of 6 months. Pastor Wangerin on July 6th officiated at the funeral in the presence of a large gathering of hearing and deaf. God comfort the parents in their bereavement.

Minneapolis.—After attending the Ephphatha Conference at Chicago, Rev. J. Salvner visited his former home in Michigan. During his absence Mr. Jens Hansen, one of our lay readers, conducted services at Minneapolis. These services were attended by 22 deaf on the average.

On the 25th of June Mr. Wm. Foker of Minneapolis and Miss Amelia Rasmus of Bloomer, Wis., were united in holy matrimony at the bride's home. Pastor Salvner being away on a visit to Michigan, the Rev. I. J. Kvam of

Rice Lake, Wis. performed the ceremony. Mrs. Foker is a graduate of our Lutheran school at North Detroit and is a member of our Minneapolis Mission. May Jesus, our dear Savior, be their Guide through life.

In September classes will again be organized to study the chief parts of the Christian religion. Several deaf have already announced themselves to be instructed. May God make many more deaf willing to learn the precious truths of His Word.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mr. Wilson of Granite City, Ill., attended the service for the deaf here on June 26th. Another deaf lady has begun the study of the Catechism, preparatory to Baptism. May God, our heavenly Father, by His precious Gospel and the power of His Holy Spirit, enlighten her and lead her to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, His dear Son, our Lord!

St. Charles, Mo.—The service for the deaf here on July 3rd was attended by 7 deaf.

Evansville, Ind.—June 19th was a day of rejoicing for all friends of our mission in this city, for on the evening of that day, two deaf ladies of Ft. Branch, Ind., Mrs. Anna Werner and Miss Mary Gram, were baptized in the Ev. Luth. Church on E. Illinois St., by the missionary for the deaf, Pastor C. Schubkegel of St. Louis. The entire service which was attended by a number of deaf and hearing people was conducted in the sign-language, the Rev. C. A. Frank acting as interpreter. Before their baptism both ladies were examined in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine, and by their answers showed to all present that they had come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, their Savior, and are well able to examine themselves before partaking of the Lord's Supper. Then both ladies made profession of their faith in the Triune God and solemnly vowed that, with the help of God, they will continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, as it is confessed by our Ev. Luth. Church and, conformably to such faith, at all times lead a pious and Christian life, even unto death. May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep these two new members of our Church, and us all, with His grace unto eternal life!—The collection taken up in this service, for the benefit of our Mission for the Deaf, amounted to \$18.22.

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 Kibbv 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.