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## **Farmer Brown's Thanksgiving.**

Farmer Brown was not in a mood to observe Thanksgiving Day. Matters had not been going to his liking. The wheat fields had produced but half a crop, the fruit trees had been robbed by insects and worms. Potatoes were plentiful, but they brought no price. There had been a falling off in the demand for cattle, and hay was cheaper than it had been for years. Farmer Brown was in a bad humor. "We farmers will all land in the poor house yet," he would say again and again. He was almost provoked on seeing the President's yearly message regarding the observation of Thanksgiving Day, and when his pastor announced the usual service on that day he made up his mind that he, for one, would not attend.

Two days before Thanksgiving Farmer Brown received visitors from the city in the person of his niece and nephew, Maud and Walter. The young people had seen but little of country life. They were delighted at the new scenes, and the strange experiences. They had come from an humble home, and were not used to the abundance that was found at their uncle's home. They compared Uncle Tom's garners of wheat with their little flour bin; his smoke-house full of meat with their almost empty cellar; his barn full of hay and horses and cattle, and Aunt Mary's stacks of quilts and comforters, and shelves and pantries full of canned fruits, preserves, jellies, and jams, with the scarcity in their home, and they felt that uncle and aunt were surely very wealthy and highly favored people. Maud was surprised to hear Uncle Tom complaining about hard times, and declaring that he was not going to the Thanksgiving service this year.

On the evening before Thanksgiving Uncle Tom was unusually talkative, and took time to

converse with his niece and nephew. He asked many questions about their father who was his brother. Maud described their humble home, told of their mother's protracted sickness, of their father's small wages and heavy expenses, and of their constant struggle to make ends meet. She also told of their church home, and their father's interest in the good work, and of how regularly they attended services, and what an active part they took in the Sunday school.

Next morning Uncle Tom was in a better humor than he had been for six months. At nine o'clock the team stood at the gate, and everybody was asked to go along to church. When the preacher spoke of how much every one had to be thankful for Uncle Tom could scarcely keep from saying Amen. And when on the next day Maud and Walter started for home they took an expression of Uncle Tom's thanksgiving with them in the shape of useful gifts for the city relatives.

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## **Failure Transformed To Success.**

A captain's little son has tried all day to make a boat, but at night he had only succeeded in misshaping the wood. His father saw the tears on the sleeping lad's face, and took up the wood and with the skill of experience soon change the shapeless block into a beautiful little boat. Thus, leaving it on the table by his son's bed, he lay down to sleep. When morning dawned, and the boy saw the boat, so perfect in its shape and style, he marveled how his own failure had been turned into success.

Will not God, our heavenly Father, do like-poor and faulty though they be, and change them into triumph? Let us do as He bids us do; let us do our best and leave our work at

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nightfall awaiting His hand to complete it. At the dawn of morning we will not be disappointed for we know He has said, "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight." (Isaiah 45.2.).

#### Count Your Mercies.

"Count your mercies, count your mercies, my dear," was good old Grandmother Comfort's neverfailing advice when things went wrong with those around her. She was not unsympathetic and unkindly—quite the reverse; but she knew that, if she could only get people to count their "mercies," the list would be so long that it would crowd out altogether the ill that at first sight loomed up so large. It is a simple remedy for real or fancied ills, and easily applied,—“Count your mercies.”

#### From Luther's Letter to a Friend.

"Wearied at length with your own righteousness, rejoice and confide in the righteousness of Christ. Learn, my dear brother, to know Christ, and Christ crucified; and learn to despair of thyself, and sing to the Lord this song: 'Lord Jesus, Thou art my righteousness, but I am Thy sin. Thou hast taken what belonged to me; Thou hast given me what was Thine. Thou becamest what Thou was not, in order that I might become what I was not myself.'"

#### Things Worldly and Things Spiritual.

There was a man in a church who could pray well and talk well in the meeting, but whose dealings in his store were dishonest. Every one who traded with him looked out sharply that he was not cheated. Yet he seemed most fervently in earnest when he was praying. He regarded himself as a very pious man.

Once, when detected in a dishonorable act, a faithful brother asked him how he could reconcile such things with his prayers and exhortations in the conference meeting.

"Oh, Mr. R.," he said, with some impatience, "you are always confounding things wordly and things spiritual."

This man was not alone in his attempt to serve "two masters," though few would own it as explicitly; but their actions speak louder than their words. Do we not all need to examine our lives carefully in this regard? Is religion the great motive power on week days as well as Sundays? Does a sense of God's presence go with us into the smallest concerns of every-day life?

It was a noble answer of a poor crippled cobbler, when asked about his spiritual state: "Ah! master, I am nothing, as I told you, but a poor cobbler. I can't even make a decent shoe; but I feel, when I sit here on my bench, that the good Master is looking at me. When I take a stitch, it is a stitch; and when I put on a heel-tap, it is not paper, but good leather." What he did he did "heartily, as unto the Lord."

"I will arise and go to my father." Luke 15, 18.

Says F. F. Shannon: I was watching the sheep, and two little lambs got lost from their mother. They were black lambs, and didn't know they were lost; but I did, and so did the mother. I stood and watched while the old mother sheep called and called. But the little black lambs didn't answer—they didn't know they were lost. So I continued to watch, and directly the lambs heard the mother calling, and they began bleating and running around as if mad, so frightened were they. Finally the mother and the lambs saw each other, and the way the mother and the lambs leaped to meet each other reminded me of the meeting of that old father and the prodigal son when the boy came back home from the far country.—That meadow scene made me turn my eyes heavenward, and I said, "My soul, if lambs hear and answer the voice of their mother, will not thou hear and answer the voice of thy Father? And if lambs are not afraid when mother is near why shouldst thou be afraid when thy Father

**AMONG OUR DEAF.****Quarterly Finances.**

The following collections and contributions were received during the quarter ending September 30th:

By Rev. N. Jensen: Kansas City \$6.27, Omaha \$9.89, Wichita \$2.25, Topeka \$.75, from hearing congregations at Pilger \$22.50, Wisner \$7.50; By Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$21.93, St. Paul \$8.56, Stillwater \$1.80, Winona \$1.40, La Crosse \$.47; By Rev. A. Reinke: Chicago congregation \$139.70, Ladies' Aid Society \$10.30; By Rev. O. Schroeder: Detroit \$10.00, Toledo \$5.50, Peru \$5.00, Logansport \$1.25, Cleveland \$9.25, Ft. Wayne \$19.20; By Rev. C. Schubkegel: St. Louis \$5.35, from Mr. G. Lindhorst 3.00, St. Charles \$3.25, Evansville \$6.70, Louisville \$2.50, Indianapolis \$2.17; By Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee congregation \$209.29, Oshkosh \$17.70, Sheboygan \$11.40, Racine \$1.99, Kenosha \$.50, Merrill \$.90, Wausau \$3.75.

"Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let every one of you lay by him in store (which means to give money), as God has prospered him." I Cor. 16, 2. Are you doing it?

**Milwaukee.**—At the Dr. Walther Centennial Celebration Emmanuel Congregation raised, besides its regular morning collection, \$5.00, which has been added to the Church Extension Fund of our synod.

In its December meeting the congregation will elect its officers for the following year. Candidates for the various offices were nominated in the October meeting.

There will be special evening services on Thanksgiving day at 7.30 o'clock, November 30th. The collection which is to be lifted in this service is for the benefit of Home Missions of the Wisconsin District.

Mr. Frank Trowbridge of Oshkosh has applied to Pastor Wangerin for baptism.

**Wausau.**—Services were held at the hospitable home of Mr. Ed. Falk on October 16th. All the local deaf were present. Miss May Gagne, formerly of this city, now makes her home in Chicago as Mrs. John Wojchowski, having been married to him on Oct. 12th.

**Minneapolis.**—On the 24th of Sept. the Lutheran Congregation at Young America held its annual mission-festival. Pastor Salvner had been invited to lecture on our work among the deaf. Part of the collection of the day was given to our mission treasury. We also secured ten new subscribers for our paper. The following contributions were received for our church fund: Mr. P. Henke \$10.00; Mr. H. C. Luedtke \$5.00; Mr. Wm. Waetjen \$1.25; Messrs. F. Mesebring, F. Schrupp, Jac. Schupp, Gottl. Trick, Karl Trick, E. Zellmann, and Miss Anna Baumhoefener each \$1.00; Mr. Wm. Bade 50c. Total \$23.75. We also acknowledge the receipt of contributions from the following friends of our mission: Mrs. G. Benditzke of St. Paul and Miss Cora Johnson of Iowa \$1.00 each; Mr. and Mrs. P. Nuerminzer of Saginaw, Mich., 50c.—A hearty thanks to all givers.

On the 10th of Oct. Grace Congregation held its quarterly meeting. The election resulted as follows: Mr. Jens Hansen, President (re-elected); Mr. L. P. Dane, Vice President; Mr. Carl Fels, Treasurer; Mr. Carl Falmøe, Secretary (re-elected). Board of Wardens: Messrs. Falmøe (re-elected), Fels, and Olson. Mr. H. Mellerke, formerly of Stillwater, was accepted as a member.

Pastor Salvner gave a reading to about 40 deaf on the evening of Oct. 7th. The proceeds which amounted to a little over \$6.00 were given to the Y. M. C. A. as a token of thanks for giving us a room free of charge for our Sunday services.

Mr. G. Bensemann of Elk River, Minn., with a quarter for another year's subscription also sent us 75c. for our mission. Many thanks!

Did you receive a card from our missionary at Minneapolis notifying you of the expiration of your subscription and asking you to renew it? Some of our friends have quickly responded, but from some we have not yet heard. If you have not renewed your subscription, may we not hope to hear from you soon?

**Martinsburg, Neb.**—Mrs. Hattie Becker was confirmed in Trinity Lutheran church on Oct. 15th. She had received her instruction in writing by Rev. J. Holstein of Martinsburg, and has a good knowledge of the Catechism. The

review of the Catechism and her confirmation in signs by Rev. Jensen proved, that she had learned the "one thing needful," and was well prepared; all of which is a credit to herself and her pastor who spared no time and labor in instructing her. The service was well attended by the members of the congregation. The sermon was based on II Tim. 3. 14: "But continue thou in all things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." The collection raised for our mission amounted to 16.94. Rev. Jensen also got eight new subscribers to "The Deaf Lutheran," and thus we hope to keep the cause of our mission before the members of this little congregation. But unto our Father in heaven we give all honor and glory for all things which are being accomplished. May His grace be and remain with this new member of His church in Martinsburg. We ask it for Jesus sake.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—We were pleased to see Miss Frevel of Cairo, Ill., in our services on Oct. 8th. Holy Communion was celebrated in Evansville on Sept. 16th, in Indianapolis and Louisville on Sept. 17th, in St. Louis on Sept. 24th and in St. Charles on Oct. 1st.

**Evansville, Ind.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. Werner of Fort Branch, Ind., attended the service for the deaf here Sept. 16th, also Miss Rosa Kuehn, who is being instructed in the chief parts of the Christian doctrine.

**SUBSCRIBERS** who are in arrears with their payment are requested to forward the amount of their subscription at once. We await to give thanks and a receipt to all who have yet to settle their bills. Every quarter helps. Can we not count on your help?

#### 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 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 by special appointment by Rev. C. Schubkegel.  
**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**

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

**EVANSVILLE, IND.**

Service every 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 first 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.

**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.