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The Angel's Story.

Angelic voices fill the air
With golden notes of music rare,
And gracious news proclaim:
There lieth lowly in a manger
A Guest divine, a wondrous Stranger,
And Jesus is His name.

What means this gladsome tale of old,
The news by angel voices told?
What means this lowly birth?
It tells of might and mercy blending,
It tells of grace and love unending,
To all the sons of earth.

Behold, He comes in manner mild,
For unto us is born a Child,
Yet Son of God is He:
For unto us a Son is given,
Who comes with all the might of heaven,
The Savior Christ to be.

H. A.

A Blessed Christmas.

Hattie went out to take a walk on Christmas morning, and as she reached the doorstep on her return, she saw a poor, ragged-looking boy leaning upon the railing and looking wistfully into the kitchen-window, where the cook was preparing the dinner.

"I wish you a merry Christmas," she said.

"Thank you," said the boy, lifting up his torn cap and trying to make a polite bow; "but I guess it won't be a merry Christmas at our house."

"Why not?" said Hattie; "I thought everybody was happy on Christmas Day."

"Well, there won't be any good time at our

house, for father's been sick, and mother has had to work so hard, she's all tired out. We had only one slice of bread apiece for our breakfast this morning, and there isn't even a crust left for our dinner."

Hattie's blue eyes opened with wonder at this sad story, and her bright face was clouded with sorrow. "Wait till I come back again," she said, and she flew up the steps and over the house to find her mamma. When she found her she said, "O mamma, there's a poor boy on the steps who says his father is sick, and they haven't a morsel in the house for dinner. Please, mamma, give him some money to buy one; and I'll add the half dollar which Uncle Roy gave me this morning."

"Don't get so excited, Hattie; I will talk to the boy and see what can be done."

While Mrs. Allen was talking with him, her servant-man returned with some parcels, and as he passed the boy he recognized him as the son of a poor man whom he well knew. The lady was quite satisfied that Johnny's story was true, and calling him into the kitchen, she filled a basket with good things, and Hattie slipped in an envelope enclosing her half dollar.

Johnny's mother went about her work that Christmas morning with a sad heart. Her husband was growing weaker every day for the want of nourishing food, and now they had actually eaten their last crust.

"What will become of us?" she asked herself again and again as her little ones came crying around her for food.

Just then Johnny burst into the room, his face aglow with pleasure, and setting the well-filled basket upon the table, he exclaimed, "Cheer up, mother, we'll have a Christmas din-

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ner yet; only see what I have here!"

Mrs. Morris examined her treasure as well as she could through the tears of joy that filled her eyes, and while she took out the many good things, Johnny told her how they all come to him as a Christmas present from some kind Christian folks. Mrs. Morris also found the envelope with Hattie's half dollar, and another envelope enclosing a five dollar bill, with these words:

"Accept these gifts for the sake of Him whose birth we celebrate today, and may you all learn to love Him as your Savior from all sin, and trust Him in your hour of need."

How changed was everything now in the humble home of that poor family! They celebrated not only a merry but a blessed Christmas. Their hearts were drawn to the Savior, and they thanked Him for all His loving kindness.

Christ Our Light.

Pastor Frommel relates the following:—

I was called one Christmas Eve to the bedside of an old man of eighty years, who lay dying.

He was poor, very poor. As long as he was able, he had earned his daily bread by carpentering, but now he was old, blind, and sick. As long as he could see, he had searched diligently in God's Word. As long as he could go, in spite of his blindness, he went Sunday after Sunday to church, a two hours' journey over the mountain, led by his little grandson; but he had fallen once and was now so lame that he could not leave his bed. I had often sat by his side, yet in the twenty years that I had known him he never uttered a word of complaint. Deep peace rested upon his noble

features, and his highest joy was to speak of the mystery of God's love, to my edification. As the end drew near that Christmas Eve, I asked him what text I should take for his funeral sermon. Raising himself up and turning his sightless eyes upon me, he said, "My text is in the book of Micah and reads: When I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me."

"Christ is come to be thy light
Shining through the darkest night;
He will make thy pilgrim way
Shine unto the perfect day.
Take the message! Let it be
Full of Christmas joy to thee."

The Holy Christmas Night.

Without the shining Christmas night of Bethlehem our whole life would be deep darkness. Without Christmas, no Good Friday; without Good Friday, no Easter; without Easter, no Pentecost, no Gospel, no baptism, no salvation, no heaven, no happiness. Here we would be lost, because we would have no God; there we would be condemned, because we would be without heaven. That would be the fate of all of us, without the holy Christmas night at Bethlehem. Thought, dark as midnight, depart! Thought, pale as death, flee from us! Thought, terrible as the terrors of hell, leave us!—No, our fate is not to despair, for unto us the Savior is born in the holy Christmas night.—W. F.

Moving Pictures.

A few days ago we were shown a newspaper clipping containing a cut of an actress accompanied by the statement that the board of censors of moving picture films had engaged her to read the lips of actors in moving picture films, with a view to eliminating those improper expressions that are said to shock deaf patrons of moving picture shows. The hullabaloo made about this matter is ridiculous, to put it mildly. There is about one deaf person to two thousand hearing persons in this country. The number who attend moving picture shows frequently is therefore quite small.

The number who could catch such expressions from the lips is even smaller. And the number of improper impressions that may occur in a show is so few that the possibility of moral contamination as regards the deaf is made ridiculously small. To us the whole thing seems very much like the biblical illustration of straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. There is a hundred times more improper or profane language to offend the ear in public places than there can be to offend the eye in moving picture shows. Why not raise the hue and cry against that? And to our thinking, in the **pictures themselves**, many of them at least, there is far more to contaminate the minds of the young than in any lip motions. The scenes of drinking, both in saloons and private houses, gambling, shooting, looting, the airing of marital infelicities, etc., afford plenty of opportunity for the purists to wager war without pouncing upon a mere bagatelle and trying to make a big issue of it.—Minn. Companion.

The Word Made Flesh.

The Son of God came down from heaven that we might receive the adoption of sons. God became man, that man might become a partaker of divine grace and of the divine nature. Christ chose to be born into the world in the time of the peaceful Augustus, because He was the blessed Peacemaker between man and God. He was born in the darkness of the night, who came as the true light to illumine the darkness of the world. He was born in Bethlehem, the house of bread, who brought with Himself from heaven the bread of life for our souls.—John Gerhard.

"He Is My Savior."

"He is my Savior." That was the answer written by a deaf girl to the question: "What do you know of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

Happy child! Her answer was the utterance of a heart that knew and loved Jesus. Many a one, more learned than that little girl in all the details of the history of Christ, cannot write so trustingly: "He is my Savior." Heart knowledge is better than head knowl-

edge. A person may know much **about** the Lord Jesus without knowing **Him**. A person may know the story of His lowly birth, of His life in poverty and want, of His bitter sufferings and death, and yet be far away from Him. A person may call Jesus a Savior, or **the** Savior, without being able truthfully to say with a trusting heart: "He is **my** Savior."

Only the sinner that has come to the true knowledge of sin and of God's wrath over sin, the sinner that realizes his own lost and helpless condition without a Savior from sin, death, devil, and hell—only that sinner will with the arms of a trusting faith embrace the Savior born at Bethlehem, and with a heart filled with true Christmas joy will gladly exclaim: "He is **my** Savior."

The Power of Faith.

Faith, wherever it lives in the heart, must show its power. This we find in the fruit, that the heart, being filled with heavenly comfort and assurance of God's love and grace, is moved to be kind, gentle, forbearing, and patient towards the fellowman, not envying or hating any one, but willingly ministering to every one.—Luther.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

A Card: The sincerest of all holiday greetings to you each and all. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!

Milwaukee.—Special holiday services have become the custom of Emmanuel Congregation. Two services will be held on Christmas day, the afternoon being reserved for a combined service with the deaf, the hearing and children of the members, the latter to sing the beautiful Christmas hymns and to tell of the birth of the Christ child at Bethlehem. The Messrs. Tischaefter, Schoknecht and Nimmer are acting as Christmas committee and are making the usual preparations. A special collection will be lifted in the afternoon service. Don't forget, members! Your Savior needs your financial aid.—The New Year's service will take place at the usual hour, 10 A. M.

Mr. Julius Goetsch of Wausau has moved

to Milwaukee to get the benefits of our church. Pastor Wangerin has found employment for him in one of the local shoe factories. He is also taking instructions preparatory to confirmation.

"The Wisconsin Times" published at the state school in Delavan in its issue of November 11th devotes a whole page to the confirmation of the three Wisconsin blind-deaf which took place at Emmanuel Chapel in September, publishing with the article seven half-tone cuts of these girls, their teacher Miss Hammond, their pastor Rev. Wangerin, and one of our chapel in which the confirmation took place. The whole is neatly gotten up and does much credit to the printing department of that school, of which Mr. F. Larsen is at the head.

Minneapolis.—The month of November again brought us several contributions for our church fund which now amounts to \$76.38. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of contributions from the following friends: Mr. W. Bade of Young America 50c.; Mr. Gottl. Trick of Young America \$1.00; Mr. Fred Kulisch of St. Paul \$2.00; Mr. Theo. Priebe of Gaylord \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zorn and Mr. and Mrs. N. N. of Saginaw, Mich., \$1.00 each.

Pastor Salvner was at Saginaw, Mich., for about ten days to visit his mother who is in the hospital at present in a very helpless condition. Until now there has been but very little improvement in her condition.

Toledo.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nichols was baptized by Rev. Schroeder on Sunday, Nov. 5th, in the church on Vance and Ewing Sts., about forty deaf witnessing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fromm acted as sponsors. Also holy Communion was celebrated the same Sunday.

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.