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About Church Attendance.

Those who have any reverence for the Bible, admit, that all persons, so far as they can, should visit the house of God at the time of public worship. This is so generally conceded, that very few have any doubt on the subject. A man must first avow himself an infidel before he can consistently hesitate to admit this. All churches hold as much as this. It will not, therefore, be necessary to argue the point. Yet many concede a principle who seldom observe it, and many others pay only such attention to it as comports with their convenience. How few regard themselves as much bound to be in their pews as they think the preacher bound to be in the pulpit. Many a pastor would be dismissed for failing six times a year to be in his place, if he could assign no better reason for absence than is given by many who are absent twelve times a year from their pews. If the pastor is bound to study and preach, the people are bound to come and hear. Slight causes should not hinder us from going to church when the congregation meets for divine services. Do not all agree to that?—Sel.

The Arch Enemy.

In a church in Germany, during the annual catechetical examination in which the adults were questioned as well as the children, the pastor asked which were the three worst enemies to mankind, and received the answer: sin, death, and the devil. Turning to a child, he asked which of the three was the most to be feared. The answer was, "Death; to heaven I should like to go, but not into the coffin and the grave." The examiner put the same question to a man, and got the answer, "Satan; one

shudders at the thought of hell." He then turned to an aged man, one wise by Scripture and experience, who replied: "It is sin; for if this enemy had not claimed us, the other two, death and Satan, would have no power over us."

Your Sundays.

Did you ever think of the many Sundays that have come to you during your lifetime? They were **your** Sundays. Since every seventh day is a Sunday, a person seven years of age has had a whole year of Sundays, a person 21 years of age has had three years, and a person 35 years of age has had five years, and a person 70 years of age has had ten years of Sundays. Think of the many Sundays of your lifetime—**your** Sundays. On how many of these Sundays did God's grace come very near to you in His Word and Sacrament? Do none of these Sundays bear witness against you as a despiser of God's Word and preaching? Have you always been diligent in the use of these Sundays for the salvation of your soul?

Another year comes to you with its many Sundays. You may not live to see them all; they may not all be **your** Sundays; **your** Sundays may come to an end before the close of the year 1912. Consider the things which belong to thy peace, and neglect not the time of thy visitation!

God's Presence.

"My presence shall go with thee." This is God's promise given to His children. What a promise for the New Year! Suppose you had a long and dangerous journey—you would like company. How pleasant if some kind

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friend acted as guide and led you by the hand and protected you. No fear, then. God, the almighty and merciful Father, goes with His children on their journey. He says, "My presence shall go with thee." Life is a going forward from day to day, and God goes with His children, watching over them and directing their steps. No fear, then.

If the Church stands for the things you approve, support it; if there is a Word of God, read it, study it; if Christ is indeed the Lord, give Him your allegiance, and let no carping voices sway you.

The Christian who does not believe in missions is like the soldier who does not believe in fighting. A praying Christian is a paying Christian.

The way to forget our miseries is to remember our mercies.

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?

A true Christian should not only be willing to give freely to God's kingdom, but should do so without grumbling, should find pleasure in so doing, and thank the Lord when he is able to aid by earthly means in the establishment of God's kingdom.

"The Lord takes up none but the forsaken, makes none healthy but the sick, gives sight to none but the blind, makes none alive but the dead, sanctifies none but sinners, and to all these He is precious."—Luther.

As long as the Word of God is held in honor in the Church, it is still well with her.—Luther.

We see God's hatred of sin more in the storm of grief which Christ endured than if the angry heavens had shot lightning into every point of space. Jesus suffered more than the sinner can ever suffer on account of sin.

Where the Spirit of God dwells, there the fruits of the Spirit, as opposed to the fruits of the flesh, will make their appearance.

Since we are born in sin, we shall never begin to pray, if it is our intention not to pray until we are entirely rid of sin.—Luther.

"If thou art wise, thou knowest thine own ignorance, and thou art ignorant if thou knowest not thyself."—Luther.

A Pious Mother.

Du Chaillu, the well-known traveler, says that in his travels in Sweden he once heard a pious Lutheran mother singing a familiar church hymn over her babe in a lonely fisher's hut. When asked why she sang such a hymn, she replied: "I want my dear child to learn the name of our blessed Savior before anything else."

Trust Not in Feelings.

Trust not in your feelings. Whatever they are now, they may quickly change. But he that trusts in God's Word rests on something which never changes. He has a firm foundation and will stand fast, not heeding what he feels in himself or which way the wind blows.

The old Christian was right who, when asked if one should trust the feelings or the Word of God, replied: "The Word of God every time; for the devil can play on my feelings like on a harp."

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Quarterly Finances.—The receipts in our various missions for the quarter ending December 31st are the following:

By Rev. A. Boll, New York \$25.55. By Rev. N. Jensen, Kansas City \$5.95; Omaha \$8.96; Wichita .65; Topeka .35. By Rev. J. Salvner, Minneapolis \$16.59; St. Paul \$7.22; Stillwater .90; La Crosse \$.51; Winona \$.55. By Rev. A. Reinke, Chicago congregation \$99.26, Ladies' Aid \$11.75. By Rev. O. Schroeder, Toledo \$6.00; Ft. Wayne \$14.60; Detroit \$10.00; Cleveland \$11.50; Logansport \$.30; Wabash \$1.00; Peru \$5.25. By Rev. C. Schubkegel, St. Louis \$6.71; St. Charles \$2.10; Evansville \$10.30; Louisville \$4.15; Indianapolis \$3.00. By Rev. T. Wangerin, Milwaukee congregation \$76.54; Ladies' Society, \$10.00; Oshkosh \$11.90; Sheboygan \$5.95; Racine \$1.88; Wausau \$3.40; Merrill \$.85.

Chicago.—At the first official meeting in 1912 of our congregation, Jan. 3d, the following officers were elected: President: J. Heinold; Secretary: S. M. Breese; Treasurer: E. C. Weinrich; Trustee (3 year term): Wm. Frank.

Mrs. Fred Christoffer, aged 53 years, one of our communicants of long and good standing, was instantly killed by a switch-engine near her home at Melrose Park, while on her way to her daily work. At her funeral, Jan. 7th, many deaf were present, despite the severe cold. The pall-bearers, members of our flock, accompanied the casket to the Lutheran Church at Melrose Park. Our pastor's address was based on Luke 12, 37. The flower-piece and letter of condolence to the husband sent by the congregation of our Savior, bear testimony of the estimation in which our departed sister was held, for she was, in our conviction a sincere believer.

The collection raised for the Deaf and Dumb Institute at North Detroit, Mich., amounted to \$10.00.

St. Louis.—The Christmas services for the deaf in Zion Chapel were well attended. After the service Holy Communion was celebrated. Several of the members could not attend on account of sickness in their family.

Mr. Ed. Luchow's mother of East St. Louis celebrated Christmas in the presence of her Savior in heaven, having departed from this

life on the morning of Christmas-day. The funeral took place on Dec. 27th, the Rev. H. F. C. Meyer officiating. The deceased leaves a husband and three children.

A number of Pastor Schubkegel's deaf friends surprised him with a purse as a Christmas gift.

Evansville, Ind.—On Dec. 17th Pastor Schubkegel preached a Christmas sermon to the deaf here. After the service Holy Communion was celebrated, four communicants partaking, among them Mrs. Werner and Miss Gram of Fort Branch, Ind.

Minneapolis.—Mr. Martin Engen of Kindred, N. Dak., whom the pastor confirmed in 1910 kindly remembered the pastor on Christmas and also sent \$3.00 for our mission treasury. Hearty thanks!

By God's grace another year has been added to our life. It is well to stop for a moment and look back upon the old year. During the year 1911 Grace Congregation lost six communicants, one died and five moved away. Five were added: three were confirmed and two moved to Minneapolis from Stillwater. Our congregation numbers eleven voting members and 33 communicants. Fifty services were held at Minneapolis, 37 at St. Paul, 10 at Stillwater, 7 at Winona, 6 at La Crosse, and at Gaylord and Rochester one each. Average attendance: Minneapolis 24, St. Paul 8, Winona 6, La Crosse 6, Stillwater 7, Rochester 8, Gaylord 6. Collections: Minneapolis \$94.16, St. Paul \$30.72, Stillwater \$7.26, Winona \$6.87, La Crosse \$3.15, Rochester \$1.45. At Gaylord a collection of \$22.42 was lifted in a combined service. Communicants: Minneapolis 25, St. Paul 8, Winona 4, Stillwater 4, La Crosse 3, Gaylord 3. Communed: Minneapolis 70, St. Paul 28, Winona 10, Stillwater 21. The pastor baptized two adults, one in Minneapolis and one in St. Paul, confirmed three, two in Minneapolis and one in St. Paul, solemnized three marriages, two at Minneapolis and one in Rochester. Let us render thanks unto the Good Shepherd for His blessings which He bestowed upon us during the old year and may He abide with our little flocks during the new year, bless them, guide them, make them rich in good works, add many more deaf to them, and finally lead them all into the heavenly folds.

May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Detroit.—On December 8th Miss A. Meyer, a faithful servant at the Lutheran School for the Deaf at North Detroit, died trusting in her Lord Jesus. She was laid to rest on Dec. 12th, the Rev. P. Schwankowsky officiating. On the following Sunday Rev. O. Schroeder delivered a memorial address at the mission for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the funeral.

New York City.—Following an appeal from the Mission Board of the Atlantic District our Board of Missions for the Deaf last year requested the Rev. A. Boll, then of Toledo, to reconnoiter the field. He held services with the deaf in Manhattan and Brooklyn which were attended by 37 deaf. After having made a detailed report to our board the Rev. A. Boll was called into this new field as missionary to the Lutheran deaf. Since September of last year 71 deaf attended his services. On January first in meeting assembled, the New York deaf expressed their satisfaction with our mission, urgently requesting that it be continued. A class of 9 expressed the wish to take up with Pastor Boll the study of the chief parts of the Christian doctrine. "The Deaf Lutheran," too, has gained several subscribers and we hope that in the course of time many more will subscribe. Services are held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Elizabeth and Broome Sts. Rev. Boll's address is 122 E. 88th St.

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.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 122 E. 88th St., New York.

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 every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

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

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services every Saturday before the 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 third 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.