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## **"That is Me!"**

When a poor Hottentot in Africa, who had heard a word or two about God, thought over what he had heard, he became very anxious about his soul. As he went about his work in the fields, he would mutter to himself, "Me would like to pray to the great God, but me not know how"; and day after day he went on with his work, hoping that soon he would learn how to pray to the great God. One Sunday morning the farmer gathered his people together and read a portion of the Scripture and prayed with them. He read from Luke 18, and when he came to the words, "Two men went up into the temple to pray," the anxious Hottentot exclaimed, "Ah, me glad, me learn how to pray now." The master read, "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men." "No," said the poor black man, "me worse." "I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all I possess"; and the poor African said, "No, that is not me." But bye and bye the great Book spoke of the publican's prayer, and he heard that he smote on his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Then the poor black man could stand it no longer, but, rising to his feet in the sight of every one, with the tears coursing down his black cheeks, he said, "That is me! That is me!"

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## **Honoring the Aged.**

A great and imposing army review was to be held in the city of Cologne in Germany. Thousands of spectators crowded around the stand, before which the emperor was to watch the passing regiments. Among them was a dear little German girl who was well seated where

she would have an unobstructed view of the parade. Suddenly she observed a feeble old woman vainly struggling to get where she could see.

"It is not right," said the little German girl to herself, "for me to sit here, when I am strong and well and can stand, while that poor, feeble old woman can see nothing. I ought to honor old age, as I would wish to be honored when I am old." Then she gave up her seat to the old woman, went down, and stood in the crowd.

While she was standing there, on her tip-toes, vainly trying to see, a courtier of the Emperor, covered with gold lace, elbowed his way to her side. "Little girl," said he, "Her Majesty wishes to see you, in the royal box." When the abashed child stood before the Empress, she graciously said, "Come here, my daughter, and sit with me. I saw you give up your seat to that old woman, and now you must remain at my side."

God especially honors those who are considerate of the aged and infirm, whose earthly pilgrimage is nearly ended.—Ex.

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## **Blotting Out Sin.**

Siegfried had just been reading to his mother that promise out of the Bible, "I will blot out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions," when he stopped to ask:

"Mother, what does God mean when He says He will blot out my sins? I cannot see how God can really blot them out and put them away. What does it mean—blot out?"

The mother said to the boy: "Didn't I see you yesterday, Siegfried, writing on your slate?"

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"Yes ma'am," he said.

"Well, bring it to me."

He brought his slate. Holding it in front of him, the mother said:

"Where is what you wrote, my boy?"

"Oh, I rubbed it out."

"Well, where is it?"

"Why, mother, I don't know."

"But Siegfried, how could you put it away if it was really there?"

"Why, mother, I know it was there, I rubbed it out, and now it is gone."

"Well," said she, "that is just what God means when He says, 'I will blot out thy transgressions'."

**A Child's Prayer.**

A teacher among the Sioux Indians relates the following incident:

An Indian baby was dying. It lay in its father's arms, while near by stood another little daughter, a few years older, who was a Christian.

"Father," said the little girl, "little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray."

As she said this she kneeled at her father's knee, and this sweet prayer fell from her lips:

"Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Please open the door softly and let her in. Amen."—Ex.

**Different Mothers.**

A young criminal, sentenced to death, was alone in his prison cell the day before his execution, when his mother came to take a last farewell of her wretched son. Alas, unhappy mother! When she entered the cell, the young man rose, and stretching out his arms, cried in great fury: "Mother, you are the cause of

my death! I shall go and accuse you before the judgment seat of God. When I the first time brought home turnips stolen from our neighbor's garden, you laughed and called me a clever, smart boy. And I went on in this wicked way of sin and crime, which ends so disgracefully tomorrow."

Poor, unhappy mother! As she leaves the prison, she may well cry out: "Woe is me!"

There was a mother who acted quite differently. She was a wise, God-fearing mother who saw to it that her children walked in the ways of God. When her little boy one day brought home a fine wooden toy, she feared that something was wrong. She therefore earnestly questioned him and brought him to confess that the toy was stolen. The boy desired to take the money to the merchant as payment. The mother, however, made him take back the toy and ask the merchant's forgiveness. Nor did she spoil her child by sparing the rod. But she also explained to him God's commandment: "Thou shalt not steal," and led him to seek also God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. For all this the boy was thankful to his mother and blessed her all the days of his life.

What a great power for evil or for good is the influence of a mother! A faithless, wicked mother easily proves a curse to her children. A faithful, God-fearing mother is a great blessing. Her pious example, her kind words, her earnest teachings, her faithful warnings, her prayers, her tears, are not in vain. Her children will rise up and call her blessed.

**Sunshine after Rain.**

Long years ago, writes a pastor, on a day of thick fog and pouring rain, I ascended a mountain by an old bridlepath over the slippery rocks. A weary, disappointed company we were when we reached the cabin on the summit. But toward evening a mighty wind swept away the bank of mist, the body of the blue heavens stood out in its clearness, and before us was revealed the magnificent landscape stretching away to the sea. That scene was at the time, and has often been since, a

lesson to my soul. It reminded me that the Christian's pathway is over steep and slippery rocks, often through blinding storms; but God keeps His hold on His trusting children, and will yet bring us out into the clear shining sun after rain.

So it's better to hope though the clouds run low,

And to keep the eye still lifted;

For the clear blue sky will soon peep through  
When the thunder cloud is rifted.

### The Bible Safe.

An old Christian blacksmith, when told of the many fierce attacks made on the Bible by learned infidels, simply replied: "The Bible is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer."

### AMONG OUR DEAF.

**Quarterly Report.**—The contributions for the mission by our deaf for the quarter ending Sept. 30th are as follows:

Reported by Rev. N. Jensen: Omaha \$6.50, Kansas City \$3.35. Rev. C. Schubkegel (6 mos.): St. Louis \$14.69, St. Charles \$5.00, Evansville \$14.00, Louisville \$2.80, Indianapolis \$7.50. Rev. N. Uhlig: Chicago \$70.65, Picnic \$218.91, South Bend \$7.00. Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$20.64, St. Paul \$7.24, Duluth \$8.31, Gaylord, from the deaf \$14.50, from the hearing \$23.24, LaCrosse \$2.93, Winona \$2.48, Sabin \$1.50, Stillwater \$1.30, E. Dahms, Sibley, Ia., \$2.00. Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee \$49.35, Sheboygan \$4.60, Oshkosh \$5.05, Racine \$1.14, Merrill \$1.00, Wausau \$1.45.

**Milwaukee.**—On Oct. 19th Pastor Wangerin preached two sermons to the congregation of Rev. J. Todt, Manistee, Mich. This congregation showed its interest in missions by lifting \$236.68 for the day, \$30.00 of which went to our mission among the deaf. The evening service was a joint service in which a sermon was delivered to the deaf and an address to the hearing congregation. Through the kindness of Pastor Todt we secured 20 subscribers to The Deaf Lutheran. We never spent a more enjoyable mission festival than that at Manistee.

**New York.**—St. Matthew's Lutheran Guild for the Deaf, which was organized in this city last June, now numbers 28 members. The object of this guild is to aid the poor and sick. The officers are: President M. A. Berg, Vice-President Mr. Hadguhn, Treasurer Erich Berg and Secretary Miss Christegan. The Visiting Committee for New York Misses R. Weber and A. Lindenschmidt, for Brooklyn Mrs. Nebel, Miss Neder and Mr. Kadgiehn. It is hoped that many new members will soon join the guild, which meets every second Saturday of the month at St. Matthew's church, Broome and Elizabeth Streets.

Last August the guild gave a picnic at Clinton Park, Long Island, which was a success. About 200 people attended the outing, games were played and prizes were awarded the winners.

On Oct. 12th Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Matthew's Mission for the Deaf. About 35 other deaf were in attendance. Catechetical instructions are held twice a week by Pastor Boll: Wednesdays 8 P. M. and Sundays 4:30 P. M. at St. Matthew's.

**Minneapolis.**—We acknowledge with thanks the following donations for our church fund: From a friend in South Dakota \$5.00; Mrs. P. Bienert of Lansing, Mich. \$1.00, Rev. A. Schlueter's Congregation at St. Paul \$15.00. God bless the kind givers.

On the 1st of October a special meeting was held to elect trustees and to take other necessary steps for the purpose of incorporation. The hearty thanks of Grace Congregation and its pastor are due to Attorney Olaf Bruce for kindly giving us his services free of charge. The following trustees were elected: Mr. Jens Hansen for three years, Mr. Carl Fels for two years, and Mr. H. G. Humble for one year.

On his trip to Duluth in October, the pastor took with him our deaf-blind friend John Lauby. He intends to stay for a while to visit relatives and to obtain orders for footstools which he makes and sells for a living.

Three deaf of Minneapolis are now being instructed in the precious truths of God's Word. May God bless His Word in the hearts of these deaf unto the salvation of their souls.

Indeed, a better step cannot be taken by anybody than to study the chief doctrines of Holy Writ. We hope that many more deaf will be willing to take this step.

**Chicago.**—Miss Lala Lee of Ossian, Ia., a graduate of North Detroit, Mich., is here in the city on a visit. She expects to remain a few months.

Sunday, Oct. 5, we commemorated the dedication of our church building. A goodly attendance of deaf and hearing friends was noted.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, the new Teachers' Seminary at River Forest was dedicated. On that day the deaf met at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of 3 in the afternoon. The pastor delivered the address of Director G. Weller of the Teachers' College at Seward, Neb., showing that the parochial schools are a blessing of the Reformation. Dir. Weller was one of the six speakers who addressed the large throng at the College in the afternoon. After our brief service at the church, a few of the deaf repaired to River Forest to witness the ceremonies.

Word is received from Boone, Ia., that Mr. John Krejci of Chicago and Miss Minnie Minde-mann of Boone, Ia., well known to the Lutheran deaf, were united in marriage at that place the latter part of September.

#### SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

##### CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 1431 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

##### SOUTH BEND, IND.

Services the 3rd Wednesday of each month, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

##### St. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Wednesday of every month at the German-Lutheran Church, by Rev. N. Uhlig.

##### NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 315 Fenimore, Brooklyn, N. Y.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 4218a Maffit Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

##### ST. CHARLES, MO.

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

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services by special appointment, in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services by special appointment, 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, 224 Fisher 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 St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 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.

##### 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.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

##### 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.

Monthly services the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mark's Church, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### OSHKOSH, WIS.

Monthly services the 2nd Wednesday, 226 Bowen St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### SEATTLE, WASH.

Services every first Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, corner E. Union St. and 22nd Ave., by Rev. Oscar Fedder, 2116 E. Union St.

##### TACOMA, WASH.

Services every third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. in Zion Lutheran Church, corner 16th St. S. & L St., by Rev. Oscar Fedder.

#### 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.