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Could Not Keep the Good News to Herself.

A girl of New Zealand was sent to England for an education. While there, she became a Christian. When she was about to return home, her associates tried to dissuade her from going. All their endeavors were in vain, however. "Do you suppose," said she, "that I could keep the good news for myself? Do you think I could be content with having gotten pardon, peace, and eternal life for myself and not be anxious to tell my dear parents how they too may obtain these blessings? Do not try to prevent me; I must go to tell my people the good news."

A Useless Member.

The following story, from an exchange, may be used as a parable and applied as needed. "Yes," said Aunt Sarah, surveying her bandaged wrist, "the doctor says it's a bad sprain; and the minister says I know now how the church feels, in not having the use of all its members. The minister didn't mean that just for a joke, either; he looked at me as if he wanted to see how I'd take it. I had sense enough, too, to feel I deserved to have him say it for me. A word like that comes home pretty straight when one of your own members is useless and worse.

"I've never thought just what being a member of the church meant before, though I've been one for thirty-five years. I've never felt obliged to do what the church wanted done. I felt it was a favor, my doing it at all, and half the time I let some one else do it instead. When I was through with work at home, and with what things I liked to do outside, then I was willing to do something in the church—

if it was the kind of work that suited me. I guess I've been about as useless a member to the church as the sprained hand is to me, all stiff and crippled, and refusing to bend more than an inch or two.

"There's lots of things I need to do, but I can't use this member to do them—that's certain. That's the way the minister felt about me, I guess. I've been a useless member for thirty-five years, that's the long and short of it; and, if the rest of the members had been like me, the church would have been as paralyzed as old cousin Josiah Jones, who can't move hand nor foot. I'm ashamed of myself—I truly am—and things are going to be different from now on," and Aunt Sarah nodded her head with a firm determination as she looked at the church spire from her window.

No Longer Afraid.

Little Clarence, ten years old, was an inmate of an Orphans' Home.

"Please, ma'am," he said one day to the lady who was teaching his class, "I've been thinking a good deal lately."

"Have you, Clarence? I am glad to hear it. But tell me what you have been thinking about."

"Well, I've been thinking that if, as you say, God knows and cares about all things, He must be very busy. And then I'm right afraid He might forget about a little chap like me. I'm so small."

"Ah, Clarence, older people than you are tempted to think that sometimes. But shall I tell you something that will make you quite sure that He will not forget you?"

"Please, ma'am."

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"When Jesus was on earth, a sparrow was worth only half a farthing, and yet He said that not one fell to the ground without His Father's knowledge. What do you think about it now, Clarence?"

"Thank you, ma'am; I'd forgot that, I shall be no longer afraid."

This poor little boy had been deserted by his mother, and had yet to learn that there is a love stronger than a mother's. It is the love of Him who says:

"Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee." Is. 49, 15.

Down to the Sea in Ships.

Two days late the Celtic reached New York Saturday after a battle with the waves. The great steamer probably had been in no real danger, but the passengers had not found the voyage a happy one. Snow and rain, thunder, lightning, hail and worst of all, high winds had disturbed their peace of mind, made them anxious and troubled. They had felt like singing hymns. "The favorite tune," said one passenger, "was the doxology."

Again and again we see men in times of peril, experience that they at least believe fraught with very real danger, turning to the God in whom at bottom they must always have believed, seeking help beyond the help of man, or if the end is near, looking to divine power, trusting to a life beyond the grave. Whatever a man's rule of life may have been, most men want a religion when death threatens them. It is as universal as humanity, a need and longing of the pagan as well as of the Christian.

Sometimes when we pause to think of this,

it must come to us that a good faith in the hour of danger or of death ought to mean more than it does to many in the full current of life. Are we going to leave the good of such an experience as the passengers on the Celtic had all to those that "go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters?" Is it theirs only to "see the works of the Lord, what desolation he hath made?"

Conference Notice.

The Lutheran Ephphatha Conference will meet at Chicago from May 8th to 11th. The following papers are to be read: "Sermons in the sign language, by Revs. Boll and Wangerin, substitute Rev. N. Uhlig. Catechization in signs on "The Office of Christ" by Rev. N. F. Jensen, on "Person and Work of the Holy Ghost" by Rev. O. Schroeder, on the remainder of the third article by Rev. N. Uhlig. Rendering in signs of Isaiah 53 by Rev. T. Wangerin and John 17. by Rev. John Salvner. "What Can We Do to Promote and Encourage the Reading and Study of the Bible in the Homes of Our Lutheran Deaf?" by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

As the General Synod meets at Chicago from the 6th to the 16th of May in St. Luke's Church, cor. Belmont and Greenview Aves., a joint service will be held in that church on Monday evening, May 11th. Three short addresses are to be given in this service which shall be spoken and simultaneously rendered in the sign language. Rev. T. Wangerin will speak on "What We Preach," Rev. A. Boll on "Where We Preach," and Rev. John Salvner on "How We Preach." Those desiring lodging are requested to announce with Rev. N. P. Uhlig.

JOHN SALVNER, Sec.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Chicago.—Seven persons are at the present time engaged in the study of our catechism. They are Grace and Mamie Richards, John Krejci, William Pearce, Edwin Buttmann, Peter Holzner, Harry Odegaard. May the Lord bless their studies!

The engagement of Miss E. Swee to Mr. Miller, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., was announced lately.

Our annual picnic will be held on August 29 at the spacious Kolze Electric Park. The committee, E. J. Pahl, H. Retzlaff, Jos. Heinold, headed by Wm. Frank, chairman, is working out the details.

The fire at the Teachers' College at River Forest, causing a loss of the Administration Building, was a shock to the members of our deaf-mute congregation. Eager to contribute their mite to the fund for re-constructing the building, it was decided to lift a collection among the members for that purpose.

South Bend, Ind., and St. Joseph, Mich.—The monthly journeys of the pastor from Chicago continue to be very much enjoyed, because of the fact that the deaf at these places are taking great interest in hearing and studying the Word of God. A class, consisting of all the old and four new faces is studying or repeating the catechism at South Bend, while a Sunday school was organized at St. Joseph, meeting every Sunday in the hall of the German Lutheran church and considering in its meetings the lessons of Rev. Hanser's "The Bible Hour."

Seattle, Wash.—Work among the deaf is still conducted on the Pacific in Seattle and Tacoma. Owing to other work Rev. Oscar Fedder, who has charge of a hearing congregation, can not give this work the attention he would like and that it really requires. The services at Seattle which are held monthly are attended by an average of 12 deaf. Those at Tacoma by 5. No doubt, with more time and attention these numbers could be increased. God grant that our church soon finds a man to devote his whole time to this field.

Kansas City, Mo.—Our hopes and expectations for 1914 are being realized more and more. The number of deaf attending regular services is increasing so that we now have an average attendance of 15—20. Three catechumens have taken up the study of the catechism and we hope to add several more to this list in the near future.

On Feb. 20th Rev. N. Jensen had the pleasure of meeting Helen Keller who delivered a lecture in Kansas City on how she overcame her infirmities. Helen Keller has been deaf,

dumb and blind since she was 19 months old. The story as to how she gained her remarkable education and her ability to speak is too well known to be given here in detail. She showed great interest in what our mission is doing for the deaf-blind. Through her visit Rev. Jensen became acquainted with a deaf-blind lady living in Kansas City. He called on her recently and enjoyed a two hours visit with her. She requested him to call again and it is needless to say that our missionary will comply with her wish. We, who have the full use of all our senses, have much to be thankful for and should certainly leave nothing undone to brighten the life of such unfortunates and lead them to the knowledge of Him who in days of His flesh opened the eyes of the blind and gave hearing unto the deaf.

Omaha, Neb.—In the state school for the deaf at Omaha, Rev. Jensen is now looking after the spiritual welfare of ten Lutheran pupils. The local Lutheran deaf continue to show their love for God's word by regular attendance at church services. Miss Lydia Rothe of Arlington, Neb., has 35 miles to come to church, but she is there just as regular as those who come 35 blocks.

Wichita, Topeka, Sioux City.—Recent visits to these cities by Rev. Jensen showed good results. The attendance at Sioux City averages 18 and the deaf are showing great interest in this effort to establish a mission in their midst.

Minneapolis.—We are sorry to note that two of our communicants at Minneapolis have left us, for some time at least. Mr. S. Olson went to the Printers' Home in Colorado Springs to regain his health. May God according to His good and gracious will grant Him as we wish and pray.—Mrs. Clara Lauby left us March 2. and went to Montana to take up a claim. We hope to see her with us again next fall.

Quite a sum was added to our church fund during the last month. It now again amounts to about \$160.00 after \$1,000 were paid for the lot. The pastor gave a stereopticon lecture which netted our fund \$29.00. The school children of Trinity Church, Minneapolis again remembered us and sent us \$10.00. We also acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$1.00 from Mr. Goldmann of St. Paul.

Dorothy Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Keely and granddaughter of Mrs. Jos. Bittner, a member of St. Paul mission, was baptized at St. Paul on the 8th of February. "Be baptized and wash away thy sins." Acts 22, 16.

Within the last months the pastor had several occasions to lecture in behalf of our dear mission before the Men's Club of Mt. Olive Church, Minneapolis, and also before the Men's Club of Redeemer Church, St. Paul. The latter the same evening tendered a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Oberschulte and had invited Redeemer congregation for the evening, so that the pastor could tell a goodly number about the blessed work among the deaf and how it is carried on. Rev. Mr. Oberschulte has taken charge of an English mission on Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul. May God abundantly bless his labors!

On the 2nd of March the pastors of Sibley Co. met at Gaylord to celebrate Holy Communion. Combined with this service was a service for the deaf of Gaylord and vicinity. Five deaf and many hearing friends were present and the collection for our mission amounted to \$9.00. We again thank our Gaylord friends for their lively interest.

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.