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The New Year

The vanishing of the old year reminds us forcibly of the short duration and sudden termination of our earthly existence. Moses speaks of the same subject in the 90th Psalm, vv. 3-6 and 9-10 when he says: "Lord Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return ye children of men, etc."

We should be reminded by the advent of the new year that the end of our days will not be delayed. One of the saddest sights on earth is this, that people who know their lives are in the hands of the Almighty will continue to live in open rebellion against God. The Lord provides them with every mouthful of food they eat and with every breath of air, but still they live in this world day after day, year after year, as though they were under no obligations to God, as though there was neither heaven nor hell. The great mass of people is more concerned about the trivial matters of everyday life than about the eternal welfare of their souls. To such the approach of the new year should be a solemn warning. It teaches that all must face death sooner or later. "Dead" will sometime be said about us. The advent of the new year impresses upon our minds the fact, that there is a moment speeding toward us which will be the most important of all on earth, for then our earthly life will cease and our soul will be ushered into the presence of its Maker and the judgment seat of Jesus. For this supreme moment of our life we must be prepared. Therefore let us give heed to the warning of the Word of God and to the lesson which the change of years brings us. May the chief object of all our ambitions and desires in this new year of our Lord 1915 be: to prepare our souls for the last year or rather for the last moment of our life in which we must meet our God.—How can we be prepared? If we

believe the word and promise of Jesus? Without Jesus God is a consuming fire and only Jesus and his merits can shelter us from the wrath of God. God has opened up a way of escape for us through his son Jesus Christ. "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Love for the Bible.

A blind girl who had received a copy of the Bible in raised letters read it so eagerly and constantly with her fingers that they were soon so worn, that every line she read was marked with blood; and ere long her fingers became so sore, that she could no longer use them. Thinking that for weeks she could not read her Bible again, she raised it to her lips for a loving good-bye kiss. As the raised letters of the page touched her lips, a thrill of surprise flushed her face, for she found she could read the page with her lips; and so, while her fingers recovered, she moved the pages across her lips, with greater relish than for physical food. "God's word's were found, and she did eat them and they were unto her the joy and rejoicing of her heart"—"sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

Thy Will Be Done.

A friend came to Dr. Luther one day and complained, "Everything goes against me; none of my wishes are fulfilled; my hopes are shattered; my plans all miscarry."

"My dear friend, that is your own fault," replied Luther.

"My fault?" said the man in surprise.

"Yes," said Luther, "why do you pray daily, 'Thy will be done'? You ought to pray, 'My will be done.' But as long as you pray that God's will should be done you have to be satisfied if He does according to your prayer."

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If you try to ride to heaven on the pope's wax and parchment, your carriage will soon break down, and you will fall into hell.—Luther.

The Debit and Credit Sides.

An old legend is told of a dying man to whom Satan brought a closely written parchment roll, a list of the sick man's sins through all his life: every idle word he had ever spoken, all of his angry words, his unchaste words, his false words and profane words. The man's actions were all pictured on another part of the roll. Satan held the scroll up before the man, saying, "Where are your virtues among so many sins? What chances have you on Judgment Day?" The dying man answered: "That is all true, Satan; but you have not kept the full account. That is the debit side. There is a credit side. Down opposite to your dark picture of my actions you should have painted the cross, and down opposite that long list of sinful words you should have written this: 'The

blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin'." At the mention of these words, Satan vanished.—Sel.

Our Treasures.

When tears of pain drop from our eyes,
It is so helpful, good, and wise
To view our treasures which we prize:

Our Savior's grace, our Father's love,
The presence of the Holy Dove,
And our inheritance above.

How fleeting is our earthly woe!
We're only wanderers here below,
To our beloved home we go.

H. Osterhus.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

The Pacific Coast.—Our newly appointed missionary to the deaf on the Pacific coast, Rev. N. F. Jensen, of Oakland, Cal., has, at the time this is being written (Dec. 14, 1914), finished his first visit to the various mission places, and reports having met with universal success. In all the cities on the coast, from Los Angeles to Seattle, the deaf have given him a cordial reception, attended the services in large numbers and rejoiced in the fact that, henceforth, they are to have regular monthly services and the spiritual help of a resident missionary on the coast. The prayers and fond wishes of the deaf on the Pacific coast have been realized, and the words of gratitude spoken to the missionary at the conclusion of services will long be remembered by him. If anywhere, it may be said of the Pacific coast—

Our country's voice is pleading,
Ye men of God arise!
His providence is leading,
The land before you lies;
Day-gleams, are o'er it brightening,
And promise clothes the soil;
Wide fields, for harvest whitening,
Invite the reaper's toil.

Yes, "wide fields, for harvest whitening," are to be found on the coast. An immense field "invites the reapers toil." But now the beginning has been made. We hope that the

anxious query in the "Washingtonian" of Nov. 12, "What are we doing to secure that coast missionary? Hope deferred maketh the heart sick!"—has been answered in the most effective way by our Board for Missions for the Deaf by sending Rev. Jensen to the Pacific coast, to

—where the waves are breaking
On California's shore,
Christ's precious Gospel taking,
More rich than golden ore.

The precious Gospel of Jesus Christ! May God bless the preaching of His Word on the Pacific coast!

On his initial trip along the coast Rev. Jensen also visited the Washington State School for the Deaf at Vancouver, Wash. For two days he enjoyed the cordial hospitality of superintendent and Mrs. Thos. P. Clarke and also had the pleasure to address the 142 pupils at chapel services, Dec. 13th. He has found a number of Lutheran pupils at the school and will give them his special attention.

Minneapolis.—On the 2nd of December an opportunity was given us to speak a few words in behalf of our mission among the deaf before our congregation at Lester Prairie of which Rev. Mr. Greve is pastor. The collection amounted to \$16.00. We also secured a few new subscribers for the Deaf Lutheran. Hearty thanks to pastor and congregation!

On the 30th of November the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnesen of Duluth was baptized in the name of the Triune God. Mrs. Arnesen is a communicant member of our mission in Duluth. The names given to the child are: Ethelyn Genevieve. At the same time John Calvert, the son of Mr. Arnesen's sister, Mrs. Vacha, was baptized.—On the 15th of December the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrosen, members of our mission in Winona, was brought to Christ in Holy Baptism. He was named Edwin Clarence. May the Lord Jesus keep these children in His grace unto life everlasting.

In the second week of December, our Minneapolis missionary spent several very pleasant days in the State School for the Deaf in Devils Lake, N. Dak. For some time the pastors of North Dakota had urged him to visit this school

to ascertain how many of the pupils were of Lutheran parentage and to see what could be done for them. Although he had plenty of work as it is, he at last decided to go and he does not in the least regret his visit. Supt. Blattner and also Mrs. Blattner extended a cordial welcome to him. Also Mr. Sheridan, a teacher of the school, and Mrs. Sheridan whom the pastor learned to know years ago in Minnesota showed much kindness to him. Mr. Blattner showed us the classrooms, dormitories, in fact, took us through the whole school. On Thursday evening we spoke to all the deaf on the great blessing and necessity of schools for the deaf, of the sign language and also of divine services for the deaf. The next morning we conducted the chapel exercises and spoke on the Christmas gospel as we find it recorded in Luke 2, 1-14. Looking over the applications in the morning we found that one-half of the 106 deaf at school was Lutheran. During the noon-hour the Superintendent kindly permitted the pastor to meet with the Lutheran pupils in the chapel. We spoke to them about instruction in the chief doctrines of the Christian religion and preparation for the Lord's Supper. All seemed to be very much interested and willing to learn more about the precious words of Jesus. Thereupon the pastor handed every one a copy of Luther's catechism. Before we left, we paid a short visit to the classrooms and in the evening departed with a joyful and thankful heart. Hearty thanks to Supt. and Mrs. Blattner, to Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, and to all who have shown us so much kindness. We intend to visit the school again and hope to be able to find ways and means to prepare our Lutheran children for confirmation. May God bless our work also in this new field.

During the past month we again received a few dollars for our church fund. We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$1.00 from Mrs. R. J. Jungelaus of Glencoe, of \$1.00 from Mr. Mosemann of Hamburg, and of 75c from Mrs. Eichmiller of Glencoe. We now have about \$1500. Also several of our little friends in Saginaw, the Nuerninger's children, kindly remembered our fund. Several of them emptied their savings banks, one of the girls sold flowers in fall and all these pennies and nickels and

dimes which amounted to \$3.50 they sent to us with the words: For the church fund of the deaf. Heartly thanks to all givers, large and small, and may God bountifully reward them!

New York.—Joseph Sykes and Rebecka Tebnackenberg both of New York City were united in marriage on the 29th of November in the chapel. It was the first wedding in the chapel and took place after the service before a large number of deaf. Mrs. Sykes has been with the mission since it began, three years ago. She then knew nothing of signs, having been instructed by the oral method. In the course of time, she learned to use the language with ease though she speaks well. Mr. Sykes is now under instruction preparatory for confirmation. May God bless the union.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CAL.

Services on the third Sunday of the month. San Francisco: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eddy and Gough Sts., 7:45 p. m. Oakland. Zions Lutheran Church, 12th and Myrtle Sts., 3 p. m. Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1319 12th St., Oakland, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, W. 18th and Cherry Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, Williams St. and Graham Ave., every second Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Services at Trinity Lutheran Church, 22nd Ave and E. Union St., every first Sunday of the month, 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

TACOMA, WASH.

Services at Y. W. C. A., first Sunday of month, at 11 a. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. Oral Sunday School, 9:30 a. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 1431 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

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

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

Services Thursday following the third Tuesday 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, 1432 Kerchival Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2418 N. Emerson Ave., 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 first and third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. L. Jagels, 2020 Spence Ave., Kansas City, Kans.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 25th and Evans Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

SIOUX CITY, IA., TOPEKA AND WICHITA, KANS.

Services by special appointment by Rev. L. Jagels.

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. Giesbert, North Detroit, Mich.