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What is the Bible Worth to You?

Dr. John G. Paton, the heroic missionary to the New Hebrides, tells how the natives planted and sold arrowroot for fifteen years, raising the sum of \$6,000 to pay for the printing of the Bible in their language. When it was printed, Dr. Paton read a part of the Book to an old chief. When he heard the words, the old man fairly shouted for joy. "It speaks!" the old chief cried. "It speaks my own language, too! Oh, give it to me!"

The Example of the Church at Antioch.

Antioch, in Syria, was the seat of a small and struggling Christian congregation. The members were few in number and, probably, not rich in this world's goods. And yet they did not hesitate to send out Paul and Barnabas upon their mission of bringing the blessed Gospel of Christ to those who had not yet heard the glad tidings. Humanly speaking, this congregation of Christians were taking a great responsibility upon themselves. Let us also remember that, in sending Paul and Barnabas, they were sending their two strongest men, their leaders. Well they might have asked, "How can we, a small mission congregation, support two missionaries in the field, and how can we spare our two best men for mission work? We are in sore need of them ourselves." But they put all hesitation aside and sent them. And in giving them up, the Christians of Antioch did not impoverish themselves, neither did they grow weaker. On the contrary, they learned that in not keeping, but giving away, they were enriched and strengthened. In sending their best members and largest gifts out into the needy world, they grew more happy and prosperous at home. Let our modern churches and us modern Christians learn a lesson from these early Christians of Antioch.

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Quarterly receipts: Following are the reported receipts from our deaf for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1914:

By Rev. N. Uhlig, Chicago \$138.56, South Bend \$24.95; by Rev. J. Salvner: Minneapolis \$28.01, St. Paul \$13.89, Duluth \$7.50, Winona \$3.79, La Crosse \$2.80, Lake City-Red Wing \$3.95, Stillwater \$2.05, Gaylord \$5.75; by Rev. C. Schubkegel: St. Louis \$5.21, St. Charles \$2.35, Evansville \$6.15, Indianapolis \$3.25, Louisville \$1.55; by Rev. O. Schroeder: Detroit \$67.84, Cleveland \$10.26, Peru \$2.30, Logansport 50c, Ft. Wayne \$18.60, Bluffton \$3.50, Mt. Clemens 25c; by Rev. T. Wangerin: Milwaukee \$58.09, Racine \$2.80, Sheboygan \$3.50, Oshkosh \$7.00.

Chicago.—The birth of the Christchild was celebrated December 25 in the afternoon and evening at the church by services. Divine worship, attended by 50 deaf and a number of hearing people, began at 3 p. m. Familiar hymns, the familiar story of Bethlehem, the familiar tree, all helped to produce that spirit of joy which shone from the eyes of the worshipful throng. After the service, all repaired to the hall below the church where the ladies served a light lunch. As the light of the day vanished, the candles of the tree beamed forth brightness, and the oral Sunday school class, in a children's service, told the Christmas story, while the hearing children of the congregation recited declamations. The distribution of gifts followed and no one was forgotten. The pastor was especially well remembered by a gold gift of \$15 from the congregation, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Young Men's Club. He had that morning received \$12 from the South Bend and some of the St. Joseph deaf. A handsome office chair and a disappearing typewriter desk now eloquently bear witness to the kind

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remembrance by the deaf of the pastor. A hearty "Thank you!" to all the friends!

December 30, Mr. W. Michaelson, one of our voting members, was married to Miss M. Pearce. Miss Pearce, the hearing daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, thoroughly understands deaf-mutes and the sign language. May God bless this union!

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Knudtson was gladdened by the arrival of a healthy baby girl on December 27.

Officers of the congregation for 1915 were elected in our regular meeting Jan. 6. They are: E. Knudtson, Pres.; S. M. Breese, Sec.; E. C. Weinrich, Treas.; H. Retzlaff, Deacon; C. Hayman, Trustee; W. Smith and W. Frank, Auditors. The officers were installed Dec. 10.

God willing, we will have a picnic again this year on July 31 at the place where last year's picnic proved to be so enjoyable. Mr. W. Smith was elected chairman of the picnic.

Sheboygan, Wis.—An interesting study in the education of the deaf was recently given by Rev. T. M. Wangerin of Milwaukee, speaking before members of the Lutheran Men's Club at its regular meeting at St. Mark's English Lutheran Church. The speaker who has had 18 years of experience in the education of the deaf, described the methods by which the deaf are taught and spoke in a general way on mission work among this class of people as conducted by the Lutherans. Preaching monthly at Sheboygan, he declared that the room afforded him at St. Mark's Lutheran Church was one of the finest in the state devoted to the purpose of the deaf. In closing he spoke of the three blind deaf ladies of this state and remarked that they are of a more cheerful spirit than we with all our faculties. "Their case is

an example which should be a great lesson to humanity."—Sheboygan Press.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Six deaf are now taking instructions preparatory to confirmation, four of whom will likely be confirmed before Easter Sunday.

Minneapolis.—Perhaps, dear reader, a few numbers regarding our work will interest you. During the year 1914 the good God again abundantly blessed our work. Opportunity was offered us to preach the good news of forgiveness to many deaf. In Minneapolis, 52 services were held, in St. Paul 34, Duluth 11, Winona 8, La Crosse 5, Stillwater 8, Gaylord 6, Kindred-Sabin 2, Lake City-Red Wing 2, Devils Lake 1. In these services the average attendance was 28 in Minneapolis, 10 in St. Paul, 18 in Duluth, 6 in Winona, in Kindred-Sabin, and in Lake City-Red Wing, 5 in La Crosse, in Stillwater, and in Gaylord, in Devils Lake 105. We have 33 communicants in Minneapolis, 9 in St. Paul, 6 in Duluth and in Winona, 5 in Stillwater and in Kindred-Sabin, and 3 in Gaylord. During the past year 97 communed in Minneapolis, 31 in St. Paul, 10 in Duluth, 6 in Winona, 25 in Stillwater, 7 in Gaylord, 8 in Kindred-Sabin. The collections of the deaf for our mission amounted to \$96.49 in Minneapolis, \$45.45 in St. Paul, \$25.69 in Duluth, \$7.59 in Winona, \$4.48 in La Crosse, \$7.15 in Stillwater, \$26.00 in Gaylord, \$9.15 in Kindred-Sabin, \$3.95 in Lake City-Red Wing. Total \$225.95. The pastor baptized two adults and one child in Minneapolis, one child in St. Paul, two in Superior, Wis., one adult in Sabin, and one child in Winona. Three were confirmed in Minneapolis and three in Sabin. Two couples were united in holy matrimony and one child was buried. Let us, kind reader, render thanks unto God for His blessings which He bestowed upon us during 1914! And forget not to make mention of our work among the deaf in your daily prayers during 1915!

Christmas services were held in nearly every city on our list which were well attended. In our Christmas services in Minneapolis we were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Foker of Chippewa Falls, Wis., who formerly lived here and were members of our mission. They requested the pastor to come also to Chippewa Falls and be-

gin to preach to the deaf in and near that city and celebrate Holy Communion. There are about five deaf there who have already been confirmed. We hope arrangements can be made, so that regular services can be held also with these deaf.

The pastor was kindly remembered for Christmas by several deaf of Minneapolis. The deaf of St. Paul presented him with a traveling case which he certainly will find very useful. Heartly thanks to all!

Harold Marshall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kriegbaum, was baptized on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, in St. John's Church, St. Paul, after the service. May God keep him in His grace unto life everlasting.

On the 16th of January, Thomas W. Hancuff, 28 years of age and one of our members in Minneapolis, passed away firmly trusting in his Savior. He had been in Hopewell Hospital for nearly two years. During the winter of 1913-1914 the pastor visited him every week and instructed him in the Word of God and Luther's Catechism. On the 21st of June, 1914, he was confirmed in Minneapolis with two other deaf. He loved the word of God and his catechism. Often he also partook of the Lord's Supper. Five days before his death he again strengthened his faith by eating and drinking the body and blood given and shed for him for the remission of sins. On the morning of the 16th he called for his pastor, as he felt that the end was drawing nigh. In the hour of death he made a beautiful confession of his faith. Upon being asked, "Do you still cling to Jesus?" he answered with a firm "Yes." And the same firm answer he gave, when we asked him, "Do you want to die with faith in this Jesus?" One half hour before he died, he gazed up to heaven and sighed, "Come, Jesus! Home!" Shortly thereafter he fell asleep, but once more he opened his eyes and said, "Savior, come, now!" Again he closed his eyes and in a few minutes his Savior came and took him home. What a blessed death! His body was laid to rest on the 20th in Lakewood Cemetery where it awaits the glorious resurrection from the dead. About 45 deaf attended the service. We herewith extend our heartfelt sympathy to his

wife, parents and other relatives. May God grant unto us all such a blessed end!

For our church fund we received \$1.75 from Ralph and Edwin Stroebel of Saginaw, \$5.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foker, from Mr. E. Dahms \$1.00, and from Dr. A. Jensen, Elmhurst, Ill., \$2.00. Mr. Brock, the treasurer of the Minnesota Synod also sent us \$10.00. A hearty "Thank you" to all!

With the renewal of subscriptions to the Deaf Lutheran, we received the following for our mission: Miss E. Ringrose of Alma Center, Wis., 25c, E. Dahms \$1.00, Mr. Netzmann of Gibbon 75c, Mr. C. Hinrichs of Canastota, S. Dak. 25c, Mr. E. Zellmann of Young America with his renewal of his subscription sent us \$1.00 as a present for the Deaf Lutheran. May God reward all the kind givers!

The Pacific Coast.—The initial work of our mission in the cities on the Pacific Coast is being carried on with continued success and with new and additional evidence that the deaf on the Coast are appreciating the praiseworthy efforts of our mission board to give to the deaf of the Pacific Coast the same blessings which their afflicted brethren in the East have been enjoying these many years—the Word of God, preached in the sign language so dear to the hearts of our deaf friends. Up to the present time the deaf on the Pacific Coast have been compelled to depend upon lay-readers, and interpreters for whatever religious services they were able to get in this way. Now they have the opportunity to attend divine services by a regular minister of the Gospel and the attendances at services in the various cities show that the deaf appreciate the new order of things. At a recent service a deaf lady thanked the missionary for his sermon and remarked: "It is too bad you cannot be with us every Sunday." "To have services every Sunday," or at least twice a month, is the wish of many deaf, but for the present the missionary is glad indeed, to travel up and down the Coast once a month. But the large and attentive audiences, the hearty handshake, the word of thanks spoken to the missionary at the close of service make him forget the long trip of the day before and the long one to follow. And a visit to the state school, for instance Van-

couver, Wash., helps him to forget that he has been away from home for almost two weeks. To stand before 145 pupils on a Sunday morning and explain the wonderful story of the visit of the Christchild, at the age of twelve years, to the temple at Jerusalem, to see the look of intense interest, the beam of gratitude on the face of the deaf child eager to learn from the example of the Christchild is ample reward for the labor involved. We hope and pray that our Heavenly Father will fulfill all the wishes of our friends who have wished us a prosperous and blessed year of grace on the Pacific Coast.

Tacoma, Wash.—William Homer Foster, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster was baptized in the name of the Triune God on Jan. 5th, by Rev. N. F. Jensen, of Oakland, Cal. May he ever remain a child of God through faith—Jesus Christ. Mrs. Foster will be remembered by former pupils of our Detroit school as well as those of the Wisconsin school at Delavan, as Miss Adalena Hagemann.

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 Grace Church, cor. Garrison and St. Louis Ave. 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, 476 Lycastrate 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.

TROIT, 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. Giele-Supt., North Detroit, Mich.