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Where Shall I Spend Eternity?

At a time when the flowers were in their highest glory, a lady had written on a card, which lay on the top of an hourglass in her garden house, the following simple verse:

“To think of summers yet to come
That I am not to see!
To think a weed is yet to bloom
From dust that I shall be!”

The next morning she found on the back of the same card the following lines, which all would do well to ponder:

“To think when earth has passed away
And seasons are all o’er;
To think of the last judgment day,
When time shall be no more!
Oh, where will then my portion be?—
Where shall I spend **Eternity?**”

“Thy Mercies Have No Date.”

When you write a letter you put a date to it, which shows the day and month and year when it was written. If you know the date of a man’s birth and the date of his death, you can take the one from the other, and then you can tell exactly how long he lived in this world of ours.

But God’s mercies “have no date.” You cannot fix a time when they began, for they are “from everlasting.” You cannot fix a time when they will end, for they are “to everlasting.”

They are like God Himself, “from everlasting to everlasting.” He was a God of love in all eternity past, and He will be a God of love throughout all eternity to come.

Have you any share in His mercy? Then you may rejoice and give thanks, because His mercy endureth forever.

For Christ’s Sake.

In one of my early journeys I came, with my companions, to a heathen village on the banks of the Orange River. We had traveled far, and were very hungry, thirsty, and fatigued; but the people of the village rather roughly directed us to a halt at a distance. We asked for water, but they would not supply it. I offered the three or four buttons left on my jacket for a drink of milk, but was refused. We had the prospect of another hungry night, at a distance from water, though within sight of the river.

When twilight came on, a woman approached from the height beyond which the village lay. She bore on her head a bundle of wood, and had a vessel of milk in her hand. The latter, without opening her lips, she handed to us, laid down the wood, and returned to the village. A second time she approached with a cooking vessel on her head, a leg of mutton in one hand, and a vessel of water in the other. She sat down without saying a word, prepared the fire, and put on the meat. We asked her again and again who she was. She remained silent, until we affectionately entreated her to give a reason for such unlooked-for kindness to strangers. Then the tears rolled down her sable cheeks, and she replied, “I love Him whose you are, and surely it is my duty to give you a cup of cold water in His name. My heart is full, therefore I cannot speak the joy I feel at seeing you in this out-of-the-world place.” On learning a little of her history, and that she was a solitary light burning in a dark place, I asked her how she kept up the light of God in the entire absence of a church. She drew from her bosom a copy of the Dutch New Testament, which she had received from a missionary some years before. “This,” said

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she, "is the fountain whence I drink; this is the oil that makes my lamp burn." I looked on the precious relic, printed by the British and Foreign Society, and the reader may conceive my joy while we mingled our prayers and sympathies together at the throne of the heavenly Father.—Moffat.

To be baptized is naught else than to be bathed and cleansed in the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.—Luther.

Quarterly Report.

The following contributions by the deaf of our various missions have been received by the undersigned treasurer:

Received in December, 1914, from Rev. Schroeder, Detroit, \$59.28.

In January, 1915: Rev. Uhlig, S. Bend, Ind., \$3.62 and \$7.00; Rev. O. Jagels, Kansas City, \$2.40, Omaha, \$3.70.

In February: Rev. Schroeder, Mt. Clemens, \$0.20; Cleveland, \$4.40; Detroit, \$3.79; Rev. Jagels, Kansas City, \$3.35; Omaha, \$1.26; Wichita, \$0.70; Rev. Wangerin, Milwaukee, \$12.50; Rev. Salvner, Minneapolis, \$12.20; St. Paul, \$5.85; Duluth, \$1.38; Winona, \$0.65; Lake City and Red Wing, \$2.71; from N. N., \$2.00; Rev. Uhlig, South Bend, \$9.00.

In March: Rev. Salvner, Mpls., \$7.54; St. Paul, \$2.68; Duluth, \$2.16; Stillwater, \$0.55; Rev. Jagels, Kansas City, \$2.11; Omaha, \$5.45; Sioux City, \$0.50; Rev. Uhlig, South Bend, \$7.79.

Minneapolis, Apr. 1, 1915.

JOHN HUCHTHAUSEN,

Treasurer of Board for Missions
to the Deaf.

Notice.

Acting upon a suggestion of our honorable mission board to have Ephphatha Conference convene in Minneapolis, during the month of September, the undersigned called for a vote of the missionaries on this question to change time and place of our next conference. A majority of the missionaries favoring Minneapolis our conference will not convene in Detroit in June, but sometime during September in Minneapolis.

N. F. JENSEN, Chairman.

Among Our Deaf.

Minneapolis.—Our Easter services in Minneapolis and St. Paul, were well attended by many deaf who with us rejoiced in our Crucified and Risen Savior. At 10:30 Holy Communion was celebrated at Minneapolis, and 24 partook of it, the largest number that ever came to the Lord's Table here in one service. We also had the largest attendance we ever had since we have held services in the Y. M. C. A. About 70 deaf attended our Easter service, and therefore it was, indeed, a source of great joy to us to be able to tell so many deaf about the victorious Savior. In this service Easter hymns were beautifully rendered in the sign-language by several of our ladies. The Ladies' Aid also had collected money and bought Easter lilies for our service, which were at the close of the service given to the pastor. Hearty thanks! The Easter collection amounted to \$7.49. After the sermon, Harry Holly, the child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Garrison was baptized and so also was made partaker of the victory of our Risen Lord.

In the afternoon, services with Lord's Supper were held in St. Paul. Also here we had a large attendance. Our Stillwater deaf also were present and so saved the pastor an extra trip. Twenty deaf were present of whom thirteen partook of the Lord's Supper. Also here several ladies beautifully signed Easter hymns. St. John's Church was most beautifully decorated for Easter and we are very thankful that we had such a beautiful place to hold our Easter services. The collection in St. Paul amounted to \$4.37. May God bless His Word and Sacraments in all hearts so that many will forever rejoice in this triumphant Lord!

On the 6th of April Ludvik H. Landsverk of Boyceville, Wis., and Mathilda Gunther of Eau Claire Township, were united in holy matrimony at the bride's home. After the wedding they came to Minneapolis and St. Paul for a few days and attended our services in St. Paul on Sunday. On the 10th of April, Carl P. Magnuson of Two Harbors, and Hazel Boyd of Duluth, were joined in holy wedlock, also at the bride's parental home. Mr. and Mrs. Magnuson have heretofore attended our services in Duluth, and we hope they will often come from Two Harbors to learn the good news of forgiveness. May God's richest blessings rest upon these newly wedded couples!

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of fifty cents from Mrs. P. Bienert of Lansing and seventy-five cents from Mrs. Wm. Zumker of Alexandria, for our church fund and the renewal of their subscriptions to the Deaf Lutheran. We were glad to read in Mrs. Zumker's letter that she is taking such good care of her aged father-in-law. We ought never to forget our duty to our parents. God himself commands and says, "Honor thy father and thy mother that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on earth."

St. Louis, Mo.—On March 28th, Pastor C. Schubkegel visited the State School for the Deaf in Fulton, Mo., and was cordially welcomed by the superintendent, Mr. J. S. Morrison, and the teachers. In the forenoon he had the pleasure to preach the Gospel to about 300 pupils at chapel services. He found a number of Lutheran pupils in the school, and those living in St. Louis, promised to take catechetical instruction next summer.

Miss Esther Kraft and Miss Hulde Borgfeld, who have been communicant members here during the past year, have left us, the former going to relatives in South Dakota, the latter to her home in Texas.

Chicago.—Five persons, desiring to become members of the Lutheran Church and to participate in all its privileges, goods and blessings, are at present engaged in the study of the Catechism at Chicago.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kraft, on March 21.

Repairs of the church basement are well under way and ought to be completed within a few weeks. The basement will then no longer be so damp as in former days, as additional excavating to the depth of a foot has been done and drain tile laid. It will, moreover, be vastly improved as regards practical arrangement. The flooring is maple. A room under the entrance hall, heretofore altogether ignored, was laid furnished with a concrete floor and fitted for a coal and storage room. The lengthy rear room, the former coal and storage room, is plastered, fitted with sink and gas stove to serve as kitchen. A part of this room will be fitted out to be the wardrobe. A closet under the rear stairs leading to the church, the concrete walls and floor of the rear basement entrance and the new porch covering it, ventilators in the basement, and five-foot high wainscoting crowned by a plate rail all around the walls are other improvements. The costs will total about \$730. Mr. Chas. Hayford, a deaf contractor, who is also at present studying the Catechism, is in charge of the work and employs deaf of our congregation as workers.

The Pacific Coast.—Since sending in our late report on our work in our new mission on the Coast, the work itself has gone on in a very successful way. A few more places have been visited and arrangements made for regular services. In February, your missionary visited San Diego, Cal., and conducted services with eleven deaf. A similar service with a like number of deaf present was held in March. Porterville, Cal., was visited in March and here the missionary found about twenty deaf residing in and around the town. During Holy Week your missionary visited every mission place and preached the Gospel of the crucified and risen Savior to good and attentive audiences. On Easter Sunday he conducted chapel services in the Vancouver, Wash. school in the forenoon, preaching to the 150 pupils of the school, their teachers, attendants and some of the local deaf. In the afternoon services were held in Portland, Oregon, and in the evening in the Salem, Oregon school with 90 pupils, teachers, attendants and quite a number of local deaf. The services were beautified by hymns rendered in signs by

the pupils in the schools and by Mrs. Meagher in Portland. It was a day long to be remembered by your missionary.

In Spokane, Wash., a bible-class, with ten members, has been organized and will study the Catechism during the monthly visit of the missionary. In the Vancouver school four Lutheran pupils are being instructed. Thus we are getting in closer touch with our deaf friends and by this means we hope to be able to show them the blessings a systematic study of the Bible gives to all who devote a few hours of the week to the diligent study of God's Word.

A lecture on our mission among the deaf, by our missionary on the coast, is one of a series of lectures the Lutheran pastors in and around the Bay Cities are giving before their Young People Societies.

A donation of \$1.00 to our mission fund by Mrs. Wessling of Oakland, is hereby acknowledged with thanks.

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: Zion's 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 Lycastrale 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.