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Patience in Affliction

The story is told of a Christian worker who dreamed that he was swept into heaven and was greatly delighted that at last he had reached the blessed end of all his hopes. Suddenly some one came and said to him: "Come, I wish to show you something." He took him to the battlements and said, "Look down yonder and behold the world below. What do you discern?" The sleeper answered: "I see great hosts of blindfolded people stumbling over a great precipice." Then said the guide, "Will you remain here and enjoy heaven or will you go back to the earth and spend a little more time telling those men about this place?" It was just a dream, but this particular Christian worker never again wished himself in the next world contrary to the will of God.

For all men, even in the greatest of their successes and pleasures, there is mixed up in this life some trouble and evil. The changes of life come to all without distinction. All men alike are subject to bodily suffering, sin, sorrow, and death. Rich and poor alike will experience sorrow by the loss of a loved one and must bear the agonies that death's separations thrust upon them.

God's children do not despair because of their misfortunes in this life. They know that laborers need not understand the details of the art of the building on which they are working, that they need only a good knowledge of their tools and duties. Therefore they do not trouble themselves with the mysteries of God's rule, but continue to discharge their Christian duties with fidelity and honesty.

Job, the righteous, lost his home, family, possessions, friends, and health after having been prosperous for many years; yet he did

not lose courage. Faith in the guidance and love of the Almighty upheld him in his afflictions, and he was purified and exalted by them. In like manner the prophet and king David, in spite of his temporal success and glory, experienced many difficulties and heartaches through domestic and political enemies. He, too, continued to trust in the Lord and assures all believers, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit," Ps. 34:18. All true Christians today likewise need not vex themselves with doubts and fears even in times of affliction, for St. Paul, the inspired writer, tells us, "All things work together for good to them that love God," Rom. 8:28. Christians know that God is able and willing to provide for His children abundantly in time and eternity, and they may rest securely and safely in His love and protection.

O. C. S.

Rev. Arthur Boll

Shortly before Christmas the dear Lord, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, called another one of His faithful servants, the Rev. Arthur Boll, to his eternal home above. Death came quietly and peacefully during the night and took from our midst one whose labors here, according to human thinking, were not yet finished. However, the Lord's ways are not our ways, and so we bow to the almighty and omniscient God and say, "Thy will be done," and, "Blessed be the name of the Lord," and, "He doeth all things well."

Over 40 years Pastor Boll was active in the Lord's work among the deaf, and it can be said that during all these years he devoted his untiring efforts to his work and to the welfare

of his deaf congregations. During his first years in the ministry he labored in the interest of the deaf of Toledo, Ohio, and vicinity. In 1912 he accepted the call east to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he resided at the time of his death. His preaching-stations were Brooklyn, N. Y., Newark, N. J., and Baltimore, Md., and his schedule also took him to four institutions for the deaf: the New York School for the Deaf, the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf, the Maryland School for the Deaf, and Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. In these



schools a large number of pupils were instructed regularly and faithfully in the saving truths of God's Word.

On the Sunday preceding his death, Pastor Boll preached two sermons to deaf groups and during the following week carried on his work as usual, and on the morning when he was found dead in bed, he had expected to take a train to Baltimore. However, the Lord willed it otherwise and called His servant to eternal rest. Pastor Boll will be sorely missed by all those to whom he brought the Bread of Life, and the members of the Ephphatha Conference are particularly saddened and will miss their fellow-worker at the annual conferences, since Brother Boll was an example worthy of emulation, and his sound and timely advice, based upon many years of experience, was an

incentive for more earnest and consecrated service especially to the younger brethren. We pray that the good Lord may help in finding another able and consecrated laborer to carry on where Pastor Boll terminated his work, and may the Lord also keep and protect and guide the bereaved family and comfort them through His abiding presence.

Rev. Arthur Boll was born at St. Louis, Mo., on March 2, 1877. He received his early Christian training in a parochial school of that city. After confirmation he attended Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., and completed his ministerial course at the St. Louis Seminary. In 1917 he received his M. A. degree from Columbia University. Pastor Boll reached the age of 64 years and 9 months.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." E. M.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD ARTICLE

"I believe in the Holy Ghost"

The Holy Ghost has called us Christians to true faith and has made light in us by His wonderful gifts. And now He leads us upon the holy way to live unto Jesus. In our Catechism we therefore say: "The Holy Ghost has sanctified me."

The Holy Ghost Leads the Believer upon the Good and Holy Way

By faith in Christ Jesus the Holy Ghost has begun a new life in man's heart. And this new life will show itself in good thoughts, words, and deeds. "This is the will of God," 1 Thess. 4:3. "We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works," Eph. 2:11. First, a Christian, as a dear child, will go to His dear Father in heaven in prayer. This we see in Paul when he became a Christian. God told Ananias to go to him, "for," said He, "behold, he prayeth," Acts 9:11. Furthermore, a believer will gladly hear and learn the Word of God, as Mary did, who dropped all her work and sat down to listen to the word of her Lord, Luke 10:38-42. Therefore he also loves to be in the house of God and with those that love

Jesus, always saying: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," Ps. 122:1. And a follower of Jesus also will willingly give for the Lord's work, as that widow did who gave all she had unto her God, Mark 12:44. And when the devil and the world and the wicked heart tempt him and try to lead him away from Jesus upon the way of sin, he will say no, as Joseph did to Potiphar's wife, Gen. 39:9. All this the Holy Ghost works in the heart of the believer, and he will more and more hate sin and love to do good.

The Holy Ghost Does All This by the Gospel

By the Gospel the Holy Ghost works faith in us, and by the same Gospel sanctifies us, or leads us upon the holy way. Daily He tells us of God's great love in Christ Jesus, holds forth Christ's bitter suffering and death for our sins, and by this makes us glad and willing to do the things that please God. This Gospel we have also in the Sacraments, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper, by which the Holy Ghost gives us strength for a holy life. Therefore, only if we stay in Jesus and His Word can we do good. He says in John 15:5: "He that abideth [stays] in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit [good]; for without Me ye can do nothing." All good works flow from the love of Jesus. Paul says: "The love of Christ constraineth [urges] us," 2 Cor. 5:12. The better we know His love, the more shall we love Him and do good, Luke 7:47, and shall do all we can, Mark 14:8. Knowing Jesus and His love, the believer will not listen to men who come with the commandments of men, but he will always ask: "What does my Jesus want me to do?"

Stay in Jesus and Live unto Him

Let us gladly learn the Word of Jesus. Let us daily think of our Baptism. Let us often go to the Holy Supper and eat Christ's body and drink His blood, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Then the Holy Ghost will sanctify us more and more and make us rich in good works unto the glory of our God and the good of our neighbor. May He work this in everyone of us unto the glory of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible-Study for February

"In the congregations will I bless the Lord,"
Ps. 26:12

Bible-Lesson: Acts 1:21-26

"Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph, called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two Thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

One of the days after Jesus' ascension into heaven, when the disciples were gathered in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem, waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit from heaven, Peter spoke to them about selecting a man to take the place of Judas, the apostle who had betrayed Jesus and who had taken his life by hanging himself. By his death the office which he had held, that of an apostle, had become vacant. In the Old Testament the Lord had prophesied: "Let another take his office," Ps. 109:8. Therefore the disciples should now choose a man to succeed Judas in the apostleship.

This new apostle was to be chosen, Peter said to them, from the group of disciples which had been with the Twelve and with Jesus from the very beginning, who had companied (kept company or associated) with them all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among them, beginning from the baptism of John until the day that Jesus ascended into heaven. The disciples were to select a man who was thoroughly familiar with the words and works of Jesus, one who in true faith accepted Jesus as the Savior, one who could be a witness, together with the other apostles, of those things which he himself had seen and heard, especially of the resurrection of Jesus.

When Peter had spoken, the disciples appointed, or nominated, two men for the position, one of whom was to be chosen in Judas' place. The one was Joseph, called Barsabas,

who was surnamed Justus and the other was Matthias.

And now let us note that the disciples, before casting their votes, prayed to God, saying: "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two Thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." And when they had prayed, they gave forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias. Therefore he was added to the number of the apostles.

Just as the disciples took this important matter to God in prayer, asking Him to direct and guide them, so we, too, should ask God in earnest prayer to direct all our activities according to His will and for the best interests of His kingdom. And God will hear and answer the prayers of His children. E. EN.

WHEN you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are a very small package.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Kansas City, Mo.—In November we again met our friends and members of Colorado for services. At Colorado Springs nearly one hundred scholars of the State School, together with a fine group of adults, came to the services. It is our privilege to conduct our services in Immanuel Lutheran Church on N. Wahsatch Street.

Upon arriving in Denver, we were greeted by seventeen friends at the church. Some had come forty miles. The service was especially inspiring because Mr. George H. Dietz made a fine public confession of his faith and became a communicant member of our Church. There are now seven members in our Denver mission, and one additional friend is preparing to join.

In Kansas City little Patricia Sandifer and Clark Page were baptized into Christ's kingdom in our Negro mission during Christmas week. By the kindness of the local Lutheran Missionary Auxiliary we were able also to distribute four wonderful Christmas baskets to as many families.

On the last evening of the past year, a number of Kansas City Christians assembled for prayer and Holy Communion. The heart of many loyal friends was filled with gratitude to the gracious Lord, who in the past year guided and protected us. Moreover, we were grateful that, amidst a world that is upset with strife, we were able to begin construction of our chapel, which we hope to complete in a few months. December 31, was a day of most unfriendly weather, with rain and sleet, but Mrs. Judge brought infant Betty Mary to

services that evening that she also might be baptized into Christ's kingdom.

May the new year be for our friends a year of many divine blessings. A. E. F.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—With the help of Pastors Bremer and Scheibert we arranged holiday services in the chief stations of the Indianapolis field. Our workers in Chicago, St. Louis, and Memphis will serve the field regularly, beginning in February.

After considerable correspondence our Library for the Blind has received recognition with the postal authorities in Washington, D. C., entitling us to free postage. The library has been moved from St. Louis to Chicago. O. C. S.

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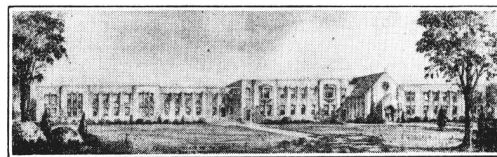
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