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Death

O death, they call thee an enemy,
And touching the flesh it may be;
But dare I call thee an enemy,
When God has sent thee to me?
Can that be a foe who opens the door
To heaven's pleasures and rest,
Where anguish and sorrow will trouble
no more,
But all is perfected and blest?

O death, they call thee an enemy,
And seemingly it may be;
But dare I call thee an enemy,
When Jesus is coming in thee?
Can that be a foe who leads me to Him
Whom long I desired to see,
Whom I have believed, though my
vision was dim,
And worshiped on bended knee?

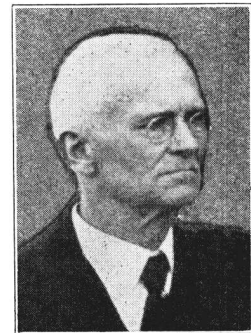
O death, they call thee an enemy?
And truly for some it may be;
But dare I call thee an enemy,
When dying means but to be free,
Where the Church Triumphant is
waiting for me
My song with their praises to blend?
No, death to me is no enemy,
But in Jesus my truest friend.

JOHN THEODORE MUELLER

† Rev. Charles Schubkegel †

On March 6 the Rev. Charles Schubkegel died at the St. Louis City Hospital, where he had been confined since February 11. Descending the terrace steps at his home in a storm, he fell and broke his left upper arm and right lower leg in two places. He had long wished for his departure and desired to go to his Lord.

He was buried March 9 in New Bethlehem Cemetery after a service at Zion Lutheran Church, where the undersigned, his pastor, spoke on Gen. 49:18. Rev. Paul Koenig, President of the Western District, also gave an address, based on John 12:26, in behalf of the District and the city pastoral conference. Members of the deaf congregation acted as pallbearers.



Rev. Charles Schubkegel

Pastor Schubkegel was born March 24, 1860, at Mascoutah, Ill. After his confirmation he attended Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1883. His first charge was at Blue Hill, Nebr., where he served twenty-five years, organizing several congregations in that vicinity.

Failing eyesight and hearing caused him to resign his pastorate in 1908. He came to St. Louis, learned the sign language and served twenty-seven years as missionary to the deaf, resigning in 1933, when a serious operation invalidated him, but serving, under great difficulties, two more years until a successor was found.

He organized the St. Louis deaf congregation and served deaf stations in St. Charles, Mo., Louisville, Ky., Indianapolis, Evansville, Columbus, Ind., and Jacksonville, Ill. He was a faithful, persevering servant of Jesus, doing his work under discouraging crosses and handicaps.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Ottilie Herold, who preceded him in death five years ago, after a union of fifty-five years. Nine children were born to their union, seven surviving, among them a son, the Rev. Theo. Schubkegel of Cass Lake, Minn. There are seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Many hearing and deaf people have been benefited by his work. He was a stern preacher, who showed sin and grace in simple, direct testimony. His physical handicaps must have been a source of discouragement and irritation many times, but we must praise the grace and power of God who helps His children to carry the load.

"Remember them that have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Heb. 13: 7. N. P. U.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Bible Study for April

Bible Lesson: Acts 3:23-26

"It shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the Prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the Prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

With our lesson of this month we are coming to the close of an important chapter of the Book of Acts. This, the third chapter, told us about a great miracle being done and a sermon which was preached. The sermon admonishes the people to repent of their sins and by faith in Jesus to seek forgiveness for their sins. In a very fine way the Apostle has made it clear that Jesus is the Son of God (v. 13), the Messiah who was promised to come. The

importance of *accepting* this Savior Jesus is also expressed to the people when Peter says that they will lose the heavenly home if they refuse Him. In days past the people had been threatened that their city and nation would be destroyed if they rejected God's Prophets. Now their soul is threatened with eternal damnation if they reject Jesus.

In coming to the end of this great sermon, Peter wishes to have the people know that he is not preaching a new doctrine, but that "all the Prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, *as many as have spoken*, have likewise foretold of these days" (v. 24). That is, the Prophets foretold how Jesus would be born in the flesh, and they wrote about all that He would do to redeem sinners and to earn for them salvation.

In verse 25 let us note how the preacher plainly makes the application of the sermon. He tells the audience *what they must believe!* They must believe that Jesus is the promised Seed, the promise which was made unto Abraham, Gen. 12:3. Dr. Luther says that "Peter spoke about the covenant of which God spoke to Abraham, because this was a glorious promise of grace and mercy." You and all the people are included in this promise of God to the patriarchs if you believe that it was fulfilled in Jesus.

After preaching repentance to the audience, St. Peter, in closing tells the people that (26) by and by through Christ they receive the blessing of forgiveness. No one is excluded. Likewise, to us come the words that we may pray the Holy Spirit to enlighten us, so that we may leave the path of sin, and be led by Him to walk in the path of truth. A. E. F.

From the Dust of the Tomb

A vase closely sealed was found in a mummy pit in Egypt by the English traveler Wilkinson, who sent it to the British Museum. The librarian, having accidentally broken it, discovered in it a few peas, old, wrinkled, and hard as a stone. The peas were planted carefully under a glass on the fourth of June, 1884, and at the end of thirty days these seeds were seen to spring into new life. They had been buried probably about three thousand years ago, perhaps in the time of Moses, and had

slept all that time, apparently dead, yet still living, in the dust of the tomb.

God, who had given these seeds their life in the first place, had preserved life in them those many years. This same God has given life to us, and though our bodies will lie in the dust of the tomb for perhaps many years, He will bring them forth from the grave again with renewed life.

The ungodly do not wish to hear about the resurrection, because they fear the Judgment of God and eternal damnation; but believers in Christ, through whom they have found forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, are awaiting that day when they shall be brought forth from the dust of the tomb alive again. The risen Savior gives us this sure promise: "I am the Resurrection, and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." John 11:25.

O. C. S.

Andrew's Good Example

"He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto Him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ," John 1:14.

"What did you preach about on Sunday?" was the question asked of a city pastor one day.

"I preached about Andrew," was the reply; "and, do you know, I found him a most interesting character?"

"What was there about him that was remarkable?"

"Well, I do not suppose you would call him a great man, but the significant thing about him was that every time he is mentioned in Scripture he was introducing someone to Jesus."

This was certainly a beautiful occupation, and yet it does not call for any wonderful talents. It is work that anyone of us can do.

Yes, It Is True

The person who disagrees with me does me a favor. My ideas are not perfect, and they cannot always be put into effect. But if someone disagrees and makes suggestions, then I may be able to revise my opinions and, consequently, be more successful in my work.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission.—The second week in February the writer made a trip east in the interest of the Lord's work among the deaf. First, he stopped in Chicago and had a meeting of almost five hours with Pastors Schroeder, Scheibert, and Bremer, discussing various phases of our work. After spending two days with relatives in Saginaw, he left for Detroit and was met by our missionary, the Pastor Borchardt. Sunday morning, February 13, the writer preached in the service in the beautiful church at our Lutheran School for the Deaf. This service was attended by about 75 adult deaf from the city and probably 80 or more children from the School. Of the adult deaf 53 came to the Lord's Table, both the pastor and visitor also partaking of the Holy Supper. After the service Pastor Borchardt had to hurry away for services in Flint and Saginaw, the writer holding a meeting with the whole congregation and discussing church and Holy Communion attendance, contributions for the Lord's work, etc. After the meeting the ladies served dinner in the basement, and we surely had an enjoyable visit with the deaf in the afternoon. Monday and Tuesday we spent at the School. Director Klein asked us to conduct the devotional exercises each morning. For two days we visited all the religious classes and saw what material they used and what could be used for our purpose in our Mission. We were cordially received both by Director Klein and all teachers. All were glad to give the information desired. For all this we are very grateful. Our School surely is doing a wonderful work in teaching these boys and girls every day the glorious truths of our Bible and Catechism. We were impressed by the thorough instruction in God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure our boys and girls receive there. Wednesday we accompanied Pastor Borchardt to Flint, where he has four classes attended by twenty children. What a blessing that also to these children Jesus and His word of salvation is brought every two weeks! Of course, in our Detroit school they are instructed in God's Word every day!

Two weeks later we went to Devil's Lake, N. Dak. Saturday afternoon, before Pastor Ferber arrived from Bismarck and Minot, we visited the State School, where we received a hearty welcome from Superintendent Buchanan and had a long talk with him about religious instruction. He is pleased with our work in the School. Saturday evening Pastor Ferber met with some of the confirmed deaf who teach the various grades Bible history in the regular Sunday school from 9 to 10:45 A.M. Our missionary has 62 of the enrolled 83 under his care. He supervises the instruction in eight classes. Every Sunday at 11:15 the children in the upper grades meet for chapel exercises, and the writer spoke to them on this particular Sunday. At twelve noon Pastor Ferber instructs the confirmation class in the Catechism, all having had Bible history in the morning. At 3:15 he usually has an intermediate class, and at four o'clock he meets with the confirmed deaf for Bible study. After the Bible class we boarded the train for Fargo, spending several hours on the train discussing matters pertaining to our work and likewise on Monday morning.

What a blessed work our Church is doing in bringing the Word of Jesus and His love to the boys and girls in the various schools for the deaf! May God richly bless this work. The writer regrets that he cannot make other trips in the near future because Pastor Lutz, our associate pastor, still has to minister to the deaf in South Dakota every two weeks and then also go to Duluth, Superior, and Cloquet the last Sunday of every month.

For our Mission, Saginaw relatives gave us seven dollars, and Mrs. Freda Stinsky sent us ten dollars in memory of her sister Agnes Hansen, who was killed in an automobile accident several years ago. May God bless both givers and gifts! J. L. S.

Omaha, Nebr.—Mr. Galen Philips of Omaha and Miss Isora Reineke of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were received into membership of Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation in Omaha by confirmation on Sunday, February 20. The latter also received Holy Baptism. God keep these new members of His Church in His grace and in faith unto death.

Miss Ruby O'Brine, one of our regular church attendants in Des Moines, Iowa, was married to Mr. Charles F. Oelberg of Des Plaines, Ill., in Des Moines on February 27. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osterberg. Attendants were Mr. Ralph Rose and Miss Esther Fairlie. Close relatives and friends attended the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Oelberg will live in West Chicago, and we hope they will often attend the deaf services in that city. May God grant them continued happiness and His rich blessings.

A class of 22 pupils from the Council Bluffs School for the Deaf is preparing for confirmation, to take place on May 7. 155 pupils of this school attend the Lutheran religious instruction classes conducted each week. 63 pupils are also enrolled in our classes in the Omaha School. E. C. M.

Mission for Blind and Deaf.—Many of our parishioners among the deaf and the deaf-blind have been ill with severe colds, influenza, and pneumonia in the past month. May they recognize the hand of God in their affliction and look to that same hand for healing. God alone can bless the remedies and the means of the physician to cure. May they trust in, and wait on, the Lord for deliverance.

A blind man wrote asking for our magazine in these words: "I shall be grateful indeed if you send me your *Herald*. I know it will be a great source of solace and comfort to me. May God bless you and all connected with your work."

Another told us: "I have been a reader of the Lutheran Braille *Messenger* for about 12 years. I am not a Lutheran, but I do deeply appreciate what your Church is doing in giving us this fine Christian periodical. I am always happy when my copy arrives." O. C. S.

Notice

Ministers to the deaf, please send us the zone numbers of your addresses. Thanks!

O. C. SCHROEDER

To Our Subscribers

It has been our custom to retain the names of our subscribers on our lists for two numbers after the subscription has expired, so that the subscriptions could be continued without interruption in case a renewal came in late. We were very happy to follow this plan at extra expense, but we are now unable to continue this policy because of present conditions.

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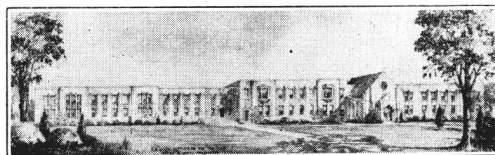
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