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Our Refuge

O Lord, our Refuge and our Hope,
On Thee alone we rest;
Thou wilt sustain Thy very own,
Thou knowest what is best.
We'll walk with Thee where Thou dost lead
And let no sorrow rise,
But say, "Thy will be done, dear Lord,"
And count the cross a prize.
Why should we choose the easy path,
Or flower-petaled aisle,
When Thou didst tread the toilsome road
And suffered all the while?
Eternity will dawn at last,
And then, Lord, through Thy grace
We'll view the beauty of the dawn
And meet Thee face to face.
Then, with the loved ones gone before
Our voices we'll unite,
And through the skies shall ring a song
Of infinite delight.
We'll praise Thy gracious, wondrous love,
Thy many words of cheer
That filled our hearts with rapturous joy
The while we sojourned here.

MARIE C. TURK

A Christian Pastor

In matters of Christian faith and life it is very foolish to honor highly the opinions of petty men, who vanish from the earth as snow in the March sun; yet we have reasons to heed the words of godly ministers of the Gospel, for they stand on the firm rock of God's eternal Word and teach clearly and definitely God's love and redeeming grace in Christ Jesus.

By his courageous leadership a true minister of Jesus proves the importance of having sincerely Christian men in Christian pulpits. Unlike many modernists, he stands firmly for

the divine authority of the Scriptures and tries sincerely to impress upon his flock the necessity of knowing Jesus as the Savior from sin and death.

In these times of religious confusion, when many are living in a false security, the world is sadly in need of Christian pastors. May our deaf honor these soldiers of the Cross; for St. Paul admonishes us: "Remember them . . . who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow." Heb. 13:7. May God continue to send more and more faithful ministers of the true Gospel into this world of sin and suffering!

Do our deaf appreciate the faithful services of their pastors as they should? In this Centennial year of Synod, may our deaf also praise God for the pastors who have brought them the unimpaired message of God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure.

O. C. S.

The Fiery Serpent

"And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom; and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord that He take away the serpents from us. And

Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass and put it on a pole, and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived." Numbers 21:4-9.

Jesus, speaking to Nicodemus, referred to the fiery serpent with the following words: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up," John 3:14. The people of Israel had sinned against God by murmuring against Him and His servant Moses. They said, "Why have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" For years Israel had been in slavery under Egyptian rulers, praying for deliverance. God heard their prayer and sent His servant Moses to lead them to the Promised Land. They were now on their way, yet they murmured against God. God in His wrath sent serpents among them. Israel then saw its error and pleaded for help. God granted it and commanded Moses to raise the fiery serpent on a pole with the promise that those who looked at it in faith should live. Thus Israel was saved.

Here is a picture of all humanity groaning and suffering under sin and its consequences, death and eternal damnation. In the midst of this misery God has raised Jesus, His Son, on the cross and given the promise, who looks in faith to Jesus shall live.

Let us not follow the doubts of our hearts and the temptations of Satan to disrespect this promise, but let us, like Israel in the desert, look to Him whom God has put on the cross for us, and live eternally and happily. O. C. S.

British Home for Aged Deaf

The British Deaf Association have purchased premises in which they are setting up a special home for deaf men and are now busy building up a fund for furnishing and maintenance. It is one of the oldest societies, with connections going back to 1836, and is still active and up-to-date. Its Pensions Fund for aged and infirm deaf people is now paying out to over a hundred people. — *American Era*

Some Day We'll Know

Some day in that far city
On golden streets we'll stand,
With throngs of righteous gathered
We'll read and understand.

Some day we'll know why others
Have gathered in much wealth,
While some in want have perished
Without a home or health.

We'll learn why lives were blighted,
Their sun obscured by clouds,
And know why bridal garments
Were oft replaced by shrouds.

And there we'll find the reason
Why many tears were shed,
Why fondest dreams have vanished,
And earthly hopes were dead.

And when we meet the Savior
Each cross He will explain,
To every eye disclosing
That naught was borne in vain.

Some day the revelation
Will come to great and small,
The book of life will open
When Jesus tells it all.

ERNA E. HOEFS

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE CONCLUSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Forever and Ever. Amen"

Our heavenly Father is our King, our almighty King, and our glorious King. Therefore with all boldness and confidence (trust) we may go before Him with our prayers.

"Forever and Ever"

Our God is the everlasting King, and everlasting power and glory are His. He is not like the kings of the earth. They are kings who have power and glory only for a short time. They die, they become weak, often they come to shame. But not so our heavenly King. He rules "forever and ever." Always we can say with the Psalmist: "The Lord reigneth." Now and forever we sing: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever," Rev. 5:13.

"Amen"

Jesus teaches us to close our prayer with the word "Amen." This is more than just a closing word. It has a wonderful meaning. And what does it mean? Our Catechism an-

swers: "That I should be certain (sure) that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him." And why are we so sure? "For He Himself has commanded us so to pray." His own Son taught us this beautiful prayer and said: "After this manner (way) therefore pray ye," Matthew 6:9. And, furthermore, "He has promised to hear us." His own Son, our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, has given us this promise: "Verily (Amen), verily (Amen), I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you," John 16:23. Therefore Luther says in our Catechism: "Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so." A Christian praying and saying "Amen" intends to say: "God has heard my prayer and will do as I have asked Him. Amen, His name shall be hallowed! Amen, His Kingdom shall come! Amen, His will shall be done! Amen, He will give us our daily bread! Amen, He will forgive us our sins! Amen, He will not lead us into temptation! Amen, He will deliver us from evil! Amen, it shall be so."

Oh, Pray with All Boldness and Confidence!

Our Lord Jesus says: "After this manner therefore pray ye," Matt. 6:9. Daily pray in the name of Him who has purchased and won you from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that you may be His own!

J. L. S.

Agency for Handicapped Suggested by Rep. Madden

Establishment of a Government department devoted to the interests of the physically handicapped was suggested last night by Representative Ray J. Madden (D., Ind.).

Madden was among speakers at a meeting held under the sponsorship of the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped in the National Press Club.

The Indiana Congressman said that he believed Congress would provide such a department for the more than 28 million physically handicapped in this country.

Robert C. Goodwin, who received an ovation when AFPH President Paul Strachan in-

troduced him as the director of an agency (the United States Employment Service) which has placed more than 1,300,000 handicapped persons in jobs, stressed that the employer must be made to realize that the handicapped person is worth his hire. — *The Washington Post*, June 19, 1947.

Why I Attend Church on a Rainy Day

I attend church services on rainy days because —

1. I expect my pastor to be there, and I should be surprised if he were to stay at home on account of the weather.

2. My presence is needed especially on rainy days because my example must influence others. If I remain away, why may not they?

3. On any important business rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is in God's sight a very important matter.

4. Rainy weather does not keep even the delicate female from the movies or other places of amusement.

5. Bad weather will show me upon what foundation my faith is built; it will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.

6. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life and not by the rise and fall of the barometer.

7. Though my excuses satisfy myself, they must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well grounded to do that. — *Selected*.

Sons of Deaf Parents

It was interesting to note that four of the school officials attending the recent North Central Conference of Schools for the Deaf here were sons of deaf parents. The gentlemen were: Lloyd Berg, superintendent of the Iowa School; LeRoy Noble, principal of the Iowa School; Stanley Roth, superintendent of the Kansas School; and Dan Cloud, superintendent of the Illinois School. All of them use signs fluently, understand the deaf, and are doing good work in the profession.

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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — State-Line, Ill., (Calumet Region) deaf and deaf-blind who attend the services conducted by Pastor O. C. Schroeder.



Our blind friends tell us: "My wife and I enjoy reading your *Messenger*. It is very helpful to us and we feel that it is doing a good work for many people also."

Illinois

"My sincere thanks for the very marvelous *Mes-*



Pupils from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebr., Schools for the Deaf, Confirmed May 4 by the Rev. E. Mappes

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senger which you compile each month. It contains so many very wonderful articles. I do enjoy all of these fine articles; the editorials are always so very excellent. I do appreciate the grand work you are doing for all the blind. Again, loads of thanks."

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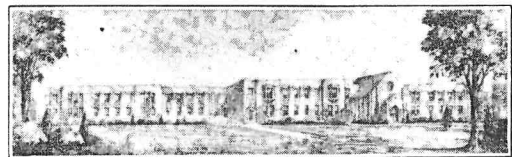
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