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A Home Without a Bible.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a place where day is night,
Starless night; for o'er life's pathway
Heaven can shed no kindly light.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a place where daily bread
For the body is provided,
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?
'Tis a vessel out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken,
Drifting, drifting aimlessly.

What is home without a Bible?
Listen, ponder while I speak!
'Tis a home with Bibles in it,
But not opened once a week.

Selected.

The Christian Home.

A better home-life is one of the greatest needs in the world to-day. Parents should look to God and His Word for wisdom and guidance in governing their children. They can be successful in making a happy home when they are willing to fit into God's plan. Children can trust fully only those men and women who honor and love their Savior Jesus Christ. Happy homes are made through respect for God and His laws.

After the Israelites had suffered hardships in Egypt for many years and were at last happily settled in the promised land of Canaan, God-fearing Joshua firmly announced: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24, 15. We, too, should serve God in our home. Members of a truly happy family read the Bible and gather for prayer daily. The prayers of Christian parents do mighty works in the Church and in the nation. God Himself abides in such homes of Bible-study and prayer. His Word is a sure com-

fort in trouble and a firm foundation of hope in all the sorrows and miseries of life. Satan loses his power in the hearts of those who truly accept God's promises. Though the homes of the ungodly may prosper for a time, they will fail at last; for they are founded upon the sinking sands of human wisdom alone.

Christian parents live in Christian homes and have faithful children. Where the parents are Christians and the children are loyal, there must be a happy home. Great and good men and women grow in such homes of Christian harmony. A trustworthy child will make a faithful man. Loyal men make strong churches and great nations. If you have been reared by Christian parents, bless God daily for this heavenly privilege and strive earnestly to give also your children a Christian home.

O. C. S.

Important Resolutions of Synod.

The Thirty-sixth Convention of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States met in Cleveland, Ohio, June 19—28, 1935. Matters of great importance to the work of our Church, missions, educational institutions, and finances were discussed, and two doctrinal essays were read. The following are some resolutions with regard to Synod's work among the deaf and the blind which were adopted:—

a) That Synod, through its Board of Missions for the Deaf and the Blind, call and place a missionary to the deaf into the Western Canada field at the earliest possible date;

b) That the Board of Directors of Synod instruct the General Church Extension Board to make the necessary loans for chapels at Omaha

and St. Louis as soon as possible, in accordance with the resolutions of 1934;

c) That the Ephphatha Conference be again permitted to meet as was customary in former years;

d) That a course of at least twenty lessons in the elementary sign-language and the work among the deaf be given at St. Louis, that the faculty at St. Louis arrange the necessary time for this course, and that the students be encouraged to take advantage of this course.

e) Finally it was resolved that more funds be granted for the printing of literature as soon as possible.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain."

How do people take God's name in vain? Our Catechism answers that they do this if they "curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie or deceive by His name." We have learned what this means, and our prayer is and should be: From these sins preserve us, heavenly Father. We now ask: How should we honor the name of our God and use it so as to please Him? Our Catechism gives the answer, saying that we do it if we "call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks."

"Call upon It in Every Trouble."

This world is full of trouble, especially during these times, during these days of depression, as people call them. Here let us remember that all trouble came into this world by sin; and as only God can take away our sin, so God is the only true Helper in every trouble. Therefore what is the first and best thing to do in trouble? Call upon God's name, says our Catechism. However, that is the last thing many people do to-day. Men trust in man's wisdom and understanding and help and put God last. Oh, let us honor the name of our God, who loved us and gave His only Son to die for us! Let us call upon His name in trouble, as did Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, who in her trouble prayed unto the Lord, 1 Sam. 1, 2; or as Martha and Mary, the two sisters of Lazarus, who called Jesus, saying: "Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick," John 11, 3. And God Himself wants us to do this. He says in Ps. 50, 15: "Call upon Me in the day

of trouble; I will deliver thee." Come, let us call upon the holy name of our God during these days of depression, of unemployment, and of suffering! If the people of our nation would turn to God in their trouble, confess their sin, and trust in Him, then all would be well. Christian friend, let us honor the great name of our God and cry unto Him day and night in these troublous times, and — so His promise reads — He will deliver us.

"Pray."

But not only in evil days, but also in good days we should seek our heavenly Father in prayer. He wants us to pray always, as Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit," Eph. 6, 18. Everything that we begin or do should be joined together with prayer, whether we go to sleep or are awake, whether we work or play, whether we go to church or visit friends — all things should be done in prayer. Jesus says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," Matt. 7, 7. Friend, do we pray always? Do we begin and do everything prayerfully? Oh, we must feel ashamed. Let us ask our heavenly Father to forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake, who died to save us, and then let us ask Him to give us the Spirit of prayer that we pray always and honor His holy name.

J. L. S.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for August.

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee," Ps. 50, 15.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 5, 21—34.

"And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto Him; and He was nigh unto the sea. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagog, Jairus by name; and when He saw Him, he fell at His feet and besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death; I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her that she may be healed, and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him and thronged Him. And a certain woman, which had had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind and touched His garment. For she said, If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole.

And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that virtue had gone out of Him, turned Him about in the press and said, Who touched My clothes? And His disciples said unto Him, Thou seest the multitude thronging Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me? And He looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth. And He said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague."

When Jesus returned from the country of the Gadarenes, where He had healed the man possessed with an unclean spirit, a ruler of the Jewish synagog came and begged Him to come to his house because his little daughter was dying. Jesus should lay His hands on her that she might be healed and live. This man had strong faith. He was sure that, if Jesus would come, his daughter would live. So let us trust in Jesus with strong faith; He can help us.

And Jesus is willing to help. When the ruler of the synagog, Jairus, begged Him to come, He at once went with him. Many people also followed and thronged (crowded and pressed around) Jesus. Among the people who followed Jesus there was a woman who had been sick twelve years. She had gone to many physicians (doctors) and spent all her money, but instead of regaining her health, she became worse.

When this woman heard of Jesus and how He was always willing and able to heal the sick, she believed that He could also help her; yes, so strong was her faith in the Lord that she said within herself, If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole (well). And she walked up behind Jesus and touched His garment (dress). And when she touched His garment, she felt that she was healed.

Jesus knew at once that virtue (healing power) had gone from Him, and He asked, Who touched Me? Did Jesus not know who touched Him? Yes, Jesus knew that; but He wanted the woman to come before Him and confess what she had done and how she had been healed. His disciples said, The people throng (crowd) Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me? And when Jesus turned around and looked at the woman who had touched Him, she knew that she could no longer hide herself, and fearing and trembling, she fell

down before Him and told Him the truth. And see how kindly Jesus now dealt with her, saying, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole (well). She trusted in this mighty Jesus, and she was made whole of her plague (sickness).

This same Jesus says to you, Call upon Me in the day of trouble. Bring all your needs to Him in prayer, and He will deliver you.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Thou mighty Savior, Thou camest to help the lost sinner, and by Thy wonderful works Thou hast shown that Thou art able to save. Let us always trust in Thee and Thy blood and thus be washed from our sins and saved. Amen.

E. EN.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

St. Louis Mission.—Looking over the short period of a few months in our present field, we have reasons to sing: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." To enumerate all the blessings which He in His great mercy has showered upon us would take too much space; so we shall be content to tell of some of His special blessings. Every Sunday He has led strangers and visitors to our door and permitted us to proclaim to them the good news that Jesus died on the cross to free them also from the burden of their sins. When the room which we had been using became too small, He immediately opened up the doors of another church for us. In our present location we do not have a bare room in which to sing His praises, but it is a regular chapel, which gives our services a more churchly atmosphere. Our earnest prayer now is that God will in the near future provide for us a chapel of our own, in which we may meet further to sing His praises.

The Lord pointed out to us the need of proclaiming the Gospel to the colored deaf in the city of St. Louis and made it possible to begin work among them immediately. St. Philip's Church (colored) invited us to have our services for the colored deaf in their church, and on May 12 we had our first service there. Fourteen deaf attended this service, and in a joint service with the hearing praised Him from whom all blessings flow. Since then we have had another service which was attended by fifteen deaf, not counting some of our members, who assisted in arranging the services.

On May 26 Lorayne Carlson, one of the pupils at the school in Jacksonville, Ill., was taken into the Church through the rite of confirmation. May the Lord give her faith and strength to remain with her Lord and Savior, whom she has learned to love.

On June 16 our local flock was enlarged by eight new members, who on that day, after completing their course in Catechism and Bible-study, in a confirmation service renewed their baptismal vow to remain true unto their Savior even in the face of death. May the good Lord, who has chosen them and led them into His Church here on earth, daily keep this vow before their eyes and give them faith and courage to remain true

to their promises. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumb, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ziel, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gramlich, Miss Charlotte Kuhn, and Mr. John Lovitz. This brings the number of our local membership to thirty-nine communicants and seventeen voting members.

Our services in Memphis, Tenn., and in Little Rock, Ark., have been quite well attended, and the deaf in these cities have shown a great interest in our services. Up to the present time we have not yet instructed any deaf in these parts, but we are confident that our gracious God, who has opened the door for us in these cities, will not permit His Word to go out in vain. There also, we know, His Word shall not return unto Him again void, but find fertile soil and bear fruit.

Thank you, dear reader, for remembering us in your prayers and asking God to permit His blessing to flow upon us also.

F. HISCHKE.



R. Beaver and His Family of Detroit, Mich.

All are deaf. The Rev. W. Gielow baptized the children and confirmed the parents and the two daughters. They are all members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Detroit.

Minneapolis Mission. — "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Acts 2, 47. This still happens to-day. Sunday, June 16, four deaf from the Minneapolis School for the Deaf were confirmed orally in Grace Chapel. Of the confirmation of Robert Norbeck, also a member of this class, on June 9 we told you in the July number. The four are: Fred Armstrong, Clifford Horgen, Jack Warne, and Doris Bjeland. Fred Armstrong also was baptized into Christ together with Lyle Tovsen, who attends our oral Sunday-school class. On June 30 four deaf, Arthur Bren, Arthur Cuskey, Philip Helliwell, and Royal Savage, were confirmed in our sign service. Mrs. Savage and Mrs. J. Easthouse were received into communicant membership on Easter day and Mrs. Bren in our service on June 30. The oral communicants now number eighteen and those who attend the sign services fifty-nine. We thank and praise God the Holy Spirit for giving His Word success also among the deaf. May every one of these new members continue in the true faith and walk worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the end!

Two marriages were performed by the pastor in June. On the 26th, Lawrence M. Anderson and Clara A. Schwartz were united in holy wedlock in the parsonage and Herman Webb and Minerva Sieverson

in our chapel on the 29th. May the Lord Jesus be with them! Then all shall be well.

A new station was added to our many others. June 24 we held our first service in Winthrop, with five deaf. They are all confirmed and partook of the Lord's Supper in this service. In the Minneapolis field we now have 152 communicants. Let us praise Him from whom all blessings flow!

J. L. S.



Lutheran Deaf of Flint, Mich. 29 Souls.

This picture was taken on Sunday, May 26, 1935. Pastor Gielow, who serves also the State School for the Deaf in Flint, is shown at the extreme right of top row.

Chicago Mission. — The decorators are busy now washing and restarching our chapel in Chicago. The chapel should look as though it had a new coat of paint when the job is finished. Our members are well satisfied with the repair job the painter made in the ceiling panel. Soon we will ask for volunteers to help wash down the dirt in the basement and on the walls and ceiling.

We had a fine attendance in church on June 16, when three adults were confirmed as new members of our Church.

A. C. DAHMS.

Missions for Blind and Deaf. — The Rev. R. Jahn has taken up the study of the sign-language in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama schools for the deaf are located within one hundred miles of Chattanooga. We believe that Rev. Jahn will render our mission valuable service after he has learned to use the sign-language well.

In Corbin, Ky., we found our friend L. O. Thurston on the sick-list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

One of our missionaries in the West recently wrote to us as follows: "I shall need 300 copies of the DEAF LUTHERAN in the future. My deaf certainly enjoy the paper. I am sure most of them read all of it."

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