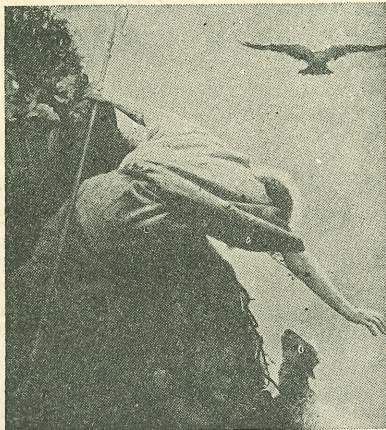


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"It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little Ones should perish." Matthew 18:14.

LENT

Lent—the remembrance of a loving sacrifice, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the Prince of Life. It began with His conception by the Holy Ghost. It continued throughout His life and ministry. It culminated in Gethsamene and a cursed death on a tree on Golgatha. The Prince of Life, Himself Eternal Life, God of Glory and Light, sacrificed this glory and power, His blood, His very life. For *you*. For you, who through Adam's fall and your own sins had lost all, He gave His all that you might win back all that had been lost, holiness, the sonship of, and communion with, God, eternal happiness. For you He brought His Holy blood into the Holy of Holies, that you be adjudged acceptable to the Judge of all men. You, who through sin were an alien from the commonwealth of Israel, a stranger from the

covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in this world, were by the sacrifice of Christ restored to this blessed heritage. Verily, Lent—the remembrance of a loving sacrifice. THIS HE did for YOU.

Lent—a *pledge* of a loving sacrifice. Whose pledge? Yours. Yours should be the supreme sacrifice for HIM, just as HIS was the supreme sacrifice for YOU. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your *bodies* a living sacrifice". Nothing short of that will do. As His sacrifice for you continued throughout life, culminating in the giving of this very body and life, so must your sacrifice be life-long, growing larger and deeper the nearer we draw to the heavenly throne. In us remains, till death, the evil heart with every conceivable kind of sinful affections and desires. Even the sainted Paul had to lament that in his members was a law warring against the law of his mind. And it is a life-long battle to bring this law of sin, which is in our members, into captivity, so that the law of the mind prevails and we give our members a living sacrifice to Him who died for us. Often there arise in us affections and desires which, taken by themselves, are not sinful and would lead to great happiness, but whose gratification would offend in one way or another the supreme law of charity, and these must be put away and sacrificed with the most severe self-discipline for the love of our Redeemer. There is also in us the love of self, selfishness, which always is prone to look out for yourself first and to overlook and neglect the duties toward the neighbor. Often we would rather be the Priest and Levite, who passed by the man lying half-dead by the roadside, rather than the Good Samaritan, who at his own peril and at

his own expense gave help to him that so sorely needed it. Millions are still sitting in the shadow of eternal death in all countries of the globe, dying forever for lack of the bread and water of life. And we who have it and have it since infancy, we stand by coldly, using our talents, our money, our very bodies for our own pleasure instead of giving of them bountifully for the work of the Lord, the salvation of souls of men; instead of giving ourselves and all we have a living sacrifice. It can be done. It will be done, if we keep in mind the sacrifice on Calvary for us, where ALL was given that we might possess ALL. If this were kept in mind, with fervent prayer to make us worthy of, and glad for, service, selfishness would be conquered, our Church would be flowing with money, mission work would be carried onward and forward in ever increasing measure, even in these so-called, hard times. Then there are the sick, the blind, the feeble in body, the feeble in mind, the sorely afflicted deaf. All of these are looking to us for help for body and soul. Their institutions are stretching out pleading hands to be maintained by us for their bodily and spiritual, temporal and eternal welfare. Can we deny them? No, we cannot. Shall we deny them? No, we shall not, if in us lives the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, the spirit of a loving sacrifice for those in distress. Verily, Lent—a pledge of a loving sacrifice. WHAT will YOU do for HIM?

Sometimes the parent of a young deaf child will say, "My child is three years old, but he cannot talk yet. I believe he is deaf. But I hope, and some of my friends assure me, that he will outgrow it." The parent who speaks thus harbors a false hope, for there is no case on record where deafness was outgrown. The thing for that parent to do is to take that child to the best ear specialist he can find and let him determine whether or not the child is deaf. Should the specialist pronounce the child deaf, the parent should spend no money in an effort to have hearing restored. Hearing once lost CANNOT be restored. The child ought to be sent to a school where deaf children are being taught to get along without hearing. And since the child's spiritual handicap is even greater than his physical, he should be sent to a school where he is taught how to overcome both.

Such a school is our Ev. Luth. Deaf-Mute Institute, at Detroit, Michigan.

A LETTER

My Dear Sisters Cora and Alma:

I received a letter from you last Wednesday morning and was glad to hear from you.

How are you? I have a bad cold and cough. My chest hurts a little. I hope that you are well. I bought some Vicks yesterday afternoon and took it. I like it very much. It cost 10 cents.

Next February 6th we shall go to see pictures about George Washington. We shall be glad to go. Do you like to see pictures about George Washington? I do. We don't like to go the circus again, because we always see the same animals as in other years.

This morning Paulina received a letter from her father. He sent her five envelopes and stamps. He told her that she should study her lessons very hard, because she will be confirmed.

Last Wednesday afternoon Edith and I went to the post-office and bought some stamps. When we came back to school we saw an automobile hit a small boy. His leg was hurt. I felt so sorry for him. A man brought him to the hospital. I think his parents were angry at him, because he disobeyed them.

Last Wednesday noon Rev. Gielow, his wife, Mr. Bellhorn, Mr. Klein, Miss Zuberbier, and Mrs. Schulz went to the funeral of Mrs. Hagen. She was a minister's wife. She left five children. One was a baby twelve days old. I think the children cried, because they wanted their mother. I feel so sorry for the children because they have no mother.

Rev. Gielow's birthday is to-day. He is fifty-seven years old. I will say to him, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you." He will thank me.

Last Sunday Frank, Clarence, Edith, and I went to Ruth's home to visit. Her father told me that he was in Chester, Illinois, when he was a soldier in 1898. I told him that you were working in Chester, Illinois. He was surprised to hear it.

I must close my letter now, because I do not know any more news to write.

With love to all, I am,

Your sister,
Helen Bogenpohl.

(4th grade pupil, age 12. Printed as written).

SCHOOL NOTES

Harold Jacobson, of Niles, Michigan, a pupil of our school, was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism soon after he went home for his vacation last June. For five long months the boy suffered intensely from this illness, often not sleeping for days.

During these months his thoughts often turned to the school and his classmates, whom he longed to see again. Slowly his strength returned, and a few days before Christmas he was permitted to move about for the first time, with the help of crutches. Unfortunately, he has lost the use of his left leg.

Although compelled to use crutches, the lad insisted on going back to school. The parents did not feel that their son was strong enough to take care of himself. Still he continued to beg them to let him return to school, and, finally, they consented.

On January 16th Harold came back to school on crutches. His love for his school and the longing to be with his friends and classmates brought him back. The boys and girls are now proving their true friendship by doing everything possible to make life pleasant for him, such as carrying his books and chair pillow to and from classes, helping him up and down the stairs, etc.

Harold is thankful to God that he is able to move about at all.

We are glad to have Harold back with us. And especially are we happy that he loves his school as he has so nobly shown.

- St. Valentine's Day found a large box in Mr. Klein's schoolroom filled with beautiful valentines, made by pupils themselves. And we find that our school is not without its artists.

The educational films shown at the school during the year are very interesting and worth while. Especially do the upper classes derive great benefit from them as later questioning on the subject proves.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Here is a letter we received from Miss Priscilla Koiner, for the Pilgrim Sunday School, Baltimore, Md.:

In response to your appeal for funds, the children of the Sunday School of Pilgrim Mission, willingly and volun-

tarily gave up their Christmas candies. That amount is being sent to you, twelve dollars. Please find enclosed a check for twelve dollars. May God's richest blessing rest upon your work.

May these children continue to grow in this spirit of sacrifice. If such a spirit were in us all and always, what a power for good, both for soul and body, would the Church be!

Another donation came to us from "Inmates of Veterans' Hospital" of the Twin Cities in Minnesota. These men, sufferers from the World War, surely have not too much of this world's goods. Their gift is the widow's mite, loved by the Lord, to whom it was given, and very highly appreciated by us. No doubt, that many such mites were given to us and are still being given. The Lord knows them all and in love will reward manifold.

THEN AND NOW

The first education of the deaf child in our country was by means of writing, spelling, and signs. The deaf child, so educated, was as well educated as it is to-day. However, because this deaf person had to communicate with the people around him either by writing, or spelling, or signs, he was more or less isolated, except where his people knew how to spell and sign, or would take the trouble to converse in writing.

Nowadays a child born deaf or deaf from early infancy, wherever possible, is taught to use the voice he has (something very few not working with the deaf realize) in speech. He is also taught to speech-read the words and sentences spoken to him by people. In very rare cases does the speech of the born deaf approach the quality and perfection of the hearing people. Also the speechreading seldom approaches perfection in the born deaf or those who never learned language by ear and then became deaf. Yet, imperfect though this achievement may be, it has the wonderful advantage of putting a child capable of being taught to speak into closer contact and communion with his parents, brothers and sisters, and friends. Surely, it is greatly to be desired that a deaf child be taught to speak the language of man and to read it from the lips of others. There will be very few schools to-day that do not teach the deaf

to speak and to teach them by speech, which means that the deaf child must read from the lips what is said. Our Ev. Luth. Deaf-Mute Institute does this also, in fact, it was the second school in the country, teaching in this manner. For lectures and sermons the sign language stands supreme, after the deaf child has acquired the knowledge of language and speech.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS IN CASH
Oct., Nov., Dec., 1932

MEMORIAL WREATHS

OHIO: Cleveland: Mrs. H. Sommerfeld and Family in memory of husband and father: \$5.
NO. DAK.: Crete: Emmanuel Y. P. S. in memory of Elmer A. Samel: \$5.00.

For Building Fund

Indiana: Peru: Amicos Club: 5.00.
Michigan District: 21.36.

For General Fund

a. From Individuals, Societies, Congregations

Florida: Belle Glade: Mrs. H. Lamb: 5.00.

Illinois: Addison: Rev. A. Protenhauer: 1.00; Chestnut: Zion's L. A.: 3.00; Chicago: Mrs. John Kuester: 1.00; Mrs. Wm. Sietmann: 5.00; Maywood and Melrose Park: Ladies Benevolent Club: 5.00; Newman: Y. P. S.: 5.00; Pekin: Rev. H. C. Witte: 1.00; Peoria: Mrs. Mathilda Zeitz: 25.00; Miss Louise Zeitz: 5.00; Miss Hulda Zeitz: 2.00; Mrs. Anna Harsem: 3.00; Trinity Martha Society: 10.00; Sadorus: Lutheran Ladies Aid: 5.00; Tinley Park: J. C. Klemm: 5.00; Topeka: St. John's Ladies Aid: 5.00.

Indiana: Ft. Wayne: N. N.: 1.00; Logansport: Grace S. S.: 5.81; Whiting: Mr. and Mrs. Glock: 5.00.

Kentucky: Louisville: Concordia Men's Club: 5.00.

Maryland: Baltimore: Pilgrim S. S.: 12.00.

Michigan: Battle Creek: Ladies Aid: 5.00; Detroit: Gertrude Morris: 7.50; Iroquois Ave. Christ Church: 1.50; M. Emilie Berns: 5.00; Victor Berkich: 2.00; Mrs. L. Kerkhove: 2.00; Covenant Ladies Aid: 5.00; Grand Rapids: Immanuel Congregation: 20.00; Jackson: Route 3: Mr. and Mrs. A. Heidemann: 5.00; Route 2: Hattie Lenski: 5.00; Rapid River: Hy. Jahne: 2.00; Richville: E. R. Moser, C. C. Schultz, Mrs. Hecht, each 1.00; Mrs. Geo. Schust: .50; St. Clair: Carl Gliem: 5.00; South Haven: St. Paul's Y. P. S.: 5.00; Wyandotte: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wiesinger: 5.00.

Minnesota: Blue Earth: Route 1: Y. P. S.: 5.00; New Ulm: Prof. Emer. J. E. Sperling: 1.00; St. Paul: Prof. Paul Denninger: 1.00; Inmates of Twin Cities Veterans' Hospital: 5.00.

Missouri: California: St. Paul's S. S.: 5.00; Stony Hill: L. M. Karstedt: 5.00; Wellston: Grace Luth. Ladies Aid: 5.00.

New Jersey: Maywood: Rev. E. F. Miller: 1.00; Westwood: Zion S. S.: 10.00.

New York: Buffalo: Ernst Schneider: 5.00; Saratoga Springs: J. E. Beyer: 1.00.

Ohio: Lakewood: Miss C. A. Kocklaum: 2.00; Marysville: St. John's School, Grades 1 - 4: 6.00.

Pennsylvania: Pittsburg: J. P. Schaffer: 50.00; Mrs. J. P. Schaffer: 50.00; Pittston: Fred E. Burkart: 3.00.

Tennessee: Chattanooga: Hawthorne Thimble Club: 3.00.

Texas: Clara: Trinity S. S.: 6.63.

Wisconsin: Ashippun: Mrs. Frank Hoge: 5.00; Mrs. A. Pagenkopf: 5.00; Beyer's Settlement: St. Katherine's Ladies Aid: 5.00; Caroline: Y. P. S.: 2.50; Clintonville: St. Martin's Ladies Aid: 5.00; Lake Mills: Lutheran Girls' Club: 5.00; Manitowoc: First German Ladies Aid: 15.00; Milwaukee: Hannah Herrmann: 2.00; North Freedom: Mrs. M. Schuster: 1.00; Woodland: Mrs. C. Leecow: 2.00.

b. From Synodical Districts.

Atlantic: 72.50; Eastern: 2.35; English: 54.68; Michigan: 434.60; No. Ill.: 20.00; Central Ill.: 10.00; Northern Wisconsin: 6.25; Southern Wisconsin: 7.00; Central: 135.68; Minnesota: 14.71; Iowa: 30.50; Northern Nebraska: 3.00; Oregon-Washington: 2.75; North Wisconsin District, and Michigan Districts of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin: 3.11 and 16.40 resp.

DONATIONS IN VALUE

Brooms: Chas. Manzelmann, Detroit, (12).
Candies and Cookies: Walther League Zone Rally, Decatur, Ind.; Member Rev. Loeber's Congregation, Detroit.

Christmas Gifts for all the children: Bethany Ladies Aid, Detroit; Mission and Charity Circle, Ionia, Mich.; Young People Grace Church, Logansport, Ind.

Comforters and Quilts: Ladies Aids: Lancaster, O. (2); Holgate, O. (1); Otto, N. Y. (2); Bennett, Ia. (1); Grace Ladies Society, Monroe, Mich. (1); Zion Luth. Sewing Circle, Dallas, Texas (1).

Curtains (new): Mrs. E. Buelow, Detroit (5 prs.).

Fruit: Chr. Podhert, Port Hope, Mich. (1 bbl. Spy Apples); Rev. O. Kutschinski, Harbor Beach, Mich. (1 bu. pears).

Groceries: Schools and Sunday Schools of following Detroit Pastors: Brauer-Hasen, Fackler, Riess-Smukal, Lussky, Tresselt-Gold, Claus-Hagen, Sr., Krach, Olsen, Claus, Jr.; Young People, Farmington, Mich.

Honey: Rev. List, Sebewaing, Mich. 60 lbs.

Sheets: Ladies Aid, Bloomington, Ill. (4).

Towels: Dorcas Society, Battle Creek, Nebr. (6); Ladies Aid, Bloomington, Ill. (12); St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Mattoon, Ill. (14); Good Hope Ladies Aid, Ellensburg, Wash. (12).

Used Furniture and Dishes: Mrs. Kamin, Mrs. Erkkitz, Mrs. E. Buelow, Detroit, Mich.

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