

PRAYERS.

(The following, which are entirely the pupils' own, are here given as interesting illustrations of the religious knowledge and devotional feeling of the deaf-mute at a certain stage of mental development.)

I.

O Lord God, I thank Thee for sparing me. Thou kindly givest me food, clothes, health, and other blessings. O God preserve me. Make me a good boy. Help me to love and faith in Christ and God. I want God to give me more knowledge. Help me to deliver from evil. Watch over me during the year. O Lord bless my parents and not cause them to die. Thou art very kindly to me, for Thou didst not cause me to die suddenly. I wish to go to heaven and see God and Christ. Heaven is much more pleasant than this world. I shall be very overjoyed to receive a gold crown from God. Help me to keep the Sabbath day holy. God and Christ are very kindly to me. My many sins are very bad. Pardon them. O Lord give me a pure heart. For Christ's sake. Amen.

II.

O God, I thank Thee for all Thy goodness to me during the day. Oh, Thou hast spared my life since I was born. Thou hast given me a soul that I may learn to know, and love and serve Thee. O Lord, help me to love Thee. Help me to serve Thee. Help me to think much about Thee. O Lord, take away my sins and give me a clean heart, and wash me from all my sins by the precious blood of Christ. I confess my sins that I often offend Thee, I often think evil thoughts, I often commit evil actions. O Lord God, forgive all my sins through Jesus Christ, who died for me. If Jesus had not come to the world to die for me, so I must be sent to eternal death. O Lord God, Thou art greatest kindness to me, because Thou hast sent Jesus Christ to die for me. O Lord, help me to love our blessed Saviour.

Thou hast given me strength, health, food, clothing, friends, teachers, and other blessings. Help me, and deliver me from evil. Thou dost not cause me to die. I beseech Thee make me more and more wise than I have ever been before, and make me more happy. O gracious God, I beseech Thee prepare me for death and judgment. Make me humble and mindful of death. Preserve me from quarrelling or lying, or stealing, or breaking the Sabbath day. Watch over my parents, brothers, sisters and relations all, by day and by night. Hear my prayers. O Lord, pardon all my sins for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

III.

O Lord God! I thank Thee for sparing me during the past night. I often forget Thee, but Thou art slow to anger. O God! keep me from evil passions, bad tempers, quarrelling, fighting, lying, and other things. O Lord! keep me from worldly thoughts and worldly conversations, and worldly actions, and other evil things on the Sabbath day, because it is God's holy day. I should remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. I

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