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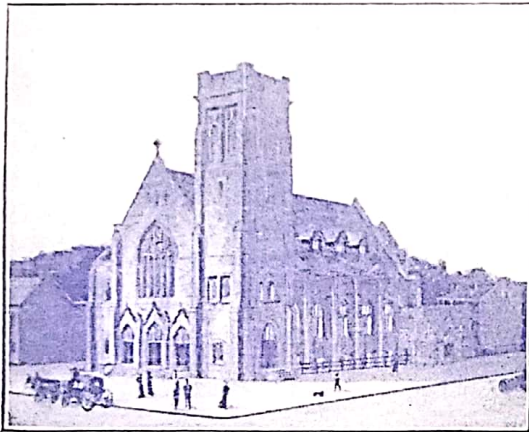
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Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart;
For Calvary-day and Easter-day
Earth's saddest day and gladdest day,
Were just one day apart!



THE NEW BUILDING.

The plans of the church-building have been greatly admired.

There will be eleven rooms in the new building. The work has been resumed by the stone masons. Thus far we have paid out \$9,000, in three installments, upon the new church. Our next payment will be \$12,000. To meet this, much is yet needed, and it is hoped that under the Divine blessing it will be possible to meet it. It will be wanted when the large steel rafters are put into their places.

The pews for the main auditorium are of rich oak, beautifully finished. The order has been given for the chairs of the Sunday School room.

The work on the new building was not begun last year until June 21st. Then the first stone was set in place. The entire contract price is \$64,490.

The material is Hummelstown brown-stone, No. 4 quarry.

THE CONGREGATION.

The church of Grace appreciates very gratefully the interest of the Jewish people in our welfare, by the permission to use their building as our place of worship. O, that we might persuade them to accept Jesus as the Son of God, and the Divine Life of the World!

Every one during life should draw up a will and make proper disposition of all worldly goods. In so doing we should ever remember the House of the Lord, by bestowing what we can to benefit the cause of salvation among men.

It is hoped that there may be enough sittings in the new church to provide one for every member, so that in the pew and at the altar we can each be as much "at home" as at our own house, in an arm-chair or at the table.

Much yet remains to be raised. The pastor has reported that up to the 18th of March the sum of \$7,086.15 has passed thro' his hands.

Have you obtained your new packet of envelopes yet?

Friends of the congregation on every hand have nobly and generously assisted us and many hopes have been expressed that we may soon be able to enter the new building. For all these kind deeds and words we return our most heartfelt thanks and can only add our most earnest invitation to one and all to come and share with us the benefits of the church, the leagues and the schools.

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GREETING.

Did you ever think: "If all the members were like me, what kind of a church would GRACE be?"

If this paper is to be a success, it depends on you, dear reader. If you will co-operate, not only by giving us your subscription, but also any item of news which will be of interest to the congregation, then all will go well.

In each issue hereafter we hope to give a chapter from the history of Grace Church, notice of the regular services, entertainments, Sunday School work, Society items, baptisms, marriages, deaths—in fact, everything of interest to the church members.

To this end we solicit your help, not merely passive but real live interest. As soon as you read this number hand in your subscription for a year to
THE PRESS COMMITTEE.

MISSIONARY.

That was a very interesting and inspiring meeting held at "Old Trinity" church on Feb. 28th, to spread information concerning the work to be done by our dear Church among the children of our people in this great homeland of America.

"All Hail."

"Resurrection."

"Thanks be to God."

"I am He that liveth, and was dead."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The visit to our school of the "Thomas Christian," of Mosul, Koor-distan, Persia, Rev. George Daniel, accompanied by his wife, on Lord's day, March 10th, was an interesting one. The Thomas Christians are thought to have been followers of Thomas, the disciple of the Lord, who, after His death and resurrection, is supposed to have carried the gospel to the north-east, to the land of Nineveh, one of the most ancient historic regions of the earth.

The school has pledged \$5,000 as its share in the erection of the new church. Not quite one-half of the amount has been yet paid in, but we are steadily working toward that end.

The dark oaken chairs ordered for the new room are very artistic and comfortable. Cost, \$1,031.25.

The Home Department of our school is ready to furnish those who are unable to attend the sessions of the classes with the necessary lessons to enable them to keep in touch with the advanced grades of the school.

The number of square yards of imported linoleum required to cover the floor of the Sunday School is 708.

The cost of same is\$ 920.40

The teachers' chairs will require 151.25

Chairs for 526 pupils 880.00

Total cost\$1,951.65

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In its quiet way this faithful band of true laborers has for many years done a noble work. Those who are of a quiet mind and who have the style of duty that is humble but useful prefer to do their parts in this good way. The plan is to contribute a small amount monthly. Miss Hallie M. Keller is the treasurer, and she is assisted by several collectors, who report to her.

THE GUILD.

On Wednesday evening, January 23d, a meeting was held at the home of the Misses Guthrie, on West Walnut street, to begin the formation of a working body of the goodly company of daughters of the Church of Grace. The gathering was quite enthusiastic and it was decided to begin as soon as possible.

Two meetings have since been held, one at the home of the Misses Sonon and Rohrer, the other at the parsonage. The number at the last meeting was such as to crowd the pastor's room to its utmost capacity.

The name chosen for this infant organization is THE GUILD OF GRACE.

It is proposed by the Guild to hold, on Thursday evening, April 4th, a Village Supper at Martin's Hall, on East Chestnut street, between Duke and Lime. For a small amount a nice supper of baked beans, coffee, etc., can be had; and for larger amounts a number of extras such as soups, cakes, creams, confectionery at the fancy of the individual. All will be in charge of the young ladies, and the proceeds are to be devoted to the improvement fund of the Church.

Victory! Victory!

Glory be, O Christ, to Thee.

Thro the sad Gethsemane,—

On to cruel Calvary;—

Suffering upon the tree—

Dying there, for sinful me,—

Lives again triumphantly!

Reigns in peace eternally!

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THE ALTAR SOCIETY.

The Society enjoyed a very delightful session at the home of Mrs. John W. Reith on March 18. In honor of the home-coming of her son, now Doctor John W. Reith, with his good wife, the evening became a reunion of friendships and a table of most delicious dainties was served to those who had the pleasure of being present.

This earnest band of workers has been able to accumulate for the use of the church the generous amount of \$2-186.94. In connection with the Ladies' Aid Society, the Altar Society has also added \$1,712.48 to the Improvement Fund. These two sums, the result of the earnest work of the women of our church, aggregated \$3,899.42, up to Feb. 25th, 1907; and the work is steadily advancing.

THE LEAGUE.

There were many congratulations extended to the pastor at the success of an effort, in a word contest, to obtain a beautiful \$450.00 Lester piano for the League-room and use of our young people. The instrument is a beautiful one from the music rooms of Kirk Johnson & Company, of this city, and is finished in rich "Flemish oak" style, of the upright grand class. The stool and scarf accompany the piano.

The League has held a number of very pleasant meetings during the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst, on West King street. It is needless to say how greatly they have been appreciated and enjoyed.

During the interim of this transient condition the Junior League has been discontinued, to be resumed, we trust, as soon as possible in the new building.

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