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*"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."—Psalm 65: 11.*

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## A New Year's Resolve

As the dead year is clasped by a dead December,  
So let your dead sins with your dead days lie.  
A new life is yours, and a new hope! Remember  
We build our own ladders to climb to the sky.  
Stand out in the sunlight of promise, forgetting  
Whatever your past held of sorrow or wrong.  
We waste half our strength in useless regretting.  
We sit by old tombs in the dark too long.

Have you missed in your aim? Well the mark is still shining.  
Did you faint in the race? Well, take breath for the next.  
Did the clouds drive you back? But see yonder their lining:  
Were you tempted and fell? Let it serve for a text.  
As each year hurries by, let it join the procession  
Of skeleton shapes that march down to the past,  
While you take your place in the line of progression,  
With your eyes on the heavens, your face to the blast.

I tell you the future can hold us no terrors  
For any sad soul while the stars revolve,  
If he will but stand firm on the grave of his errors.  
And instead of regretting, resolve, resolve!  
It is never too late to begin rebuilding,  
Though all into ruins your life seems hurled.  
For look: how the light of the New Year is gilding  
The worn, wan face of the bruised old world!

—Selected.

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## SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION, 9:30 A. M.  
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It is with great pleasure that we report the setting of the last stone in the tower of the new Grace church on December 19, at 1:30 P. M.

The recent bazar under the direction of Mrs. Noltz increased our building fund \$421.66.

## OUR NEW MEMBERS.

Confirmed First Sunday in Advent, December 1:

Mary C. Beck, Florence P. Breitigam, Ethel R. Downs, Bertha L. Dunlap, Edna M. and Grace A. Erisman, Joseph W. Grosh, Charlotte E. Gross, Anna B. Hahn, Mary P. Hall, B. Frank Herzog, Alma M. Holton, Edna Longenecker, C. Helen Mohn, Charles J. Nestel, Alice R. Patterson, Frank Paes, B. Susan Rohrer, Catherine Slaugh, Paul and Elsie Stauffer, Erma E. Streaker, Myra S. Swartz, Harold W. Vatter, Jasper Van Buskirk, Maud A. Wetzel.

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Mrs. Sarah Benson, Mrs. Anna Moyer, Andrew Groff, Elizabeth M. Gray, Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, Mrs. Catharine Stark, Mrs. Amelia Shenn, Mrs. Margaret Barr, David and Anna L. Hoke, Mrs. Martha Wiker. Total 44.

To each and all of the above we extend a most cordial welcome.

## MONTHLY KALENDAR.

December 31, Tuesday. "Sylvester" evening, Reception by the Luther League of the new members of Grace church received during the past year. All members and their friends invited. Watch Night services at 11 o'clock.

1908, Wednesday, January 1. Festival of the circumcision; service at 10:30 A. M.; infant baptism, at 3:30 P. M.; Luther League, at 7:30 P. M.

January 3, Friday. Meeting of the Guild of Grace.

January 5, Sunday after New Year. Services and sessions as usual. Infant baptism, at 3:30 P. M. (Envelope 45.)

January 6, Monday. Festival of the Epiphany.

January 7, Tuesday. The Church Council.

January 12, First Sunday after Epiphany. Services and sessions as usual. (Envelope 46.)

January 14, Tuesday. The Women's Missionary Society.

January 15, Wednesday. The Luther League.

January 16, Thursday. The Deaconesses' meeting at 38½ East Chestnut street (Mrs. Landis).

January 19, Second Sunday after Epiphany. Usual services and sessions. (Envelope 47.)

January 20, Monday. The Altar Society meets at No. 540 West James street (Mrs. Livingston).

January 26, Third Sunday after Epiphany. Usual services and sessions. (Envelope 48.)

January 31, Anniversary of Grace Luther League.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

At the meeting of the Teachers' Association, held Sunday morning, December 22, Mrs. C. G. Schuberth, Mrs. Lulu M. Bard, Mr. William Z. Roy and Mr. Henry E. Brallier were elected members of the association.

## RE-OPENING.

It is with great joy that we announce the successful opening of the new and handsome rooms of our Sunday School for the first services of Grace congregation. Everything was carried out to the letter as had been arranged for the first Sunday in Advent and despite the snowy day a goodly company of members and friends were with us on December 1, 1907.

The Communion service of the following Lord's Day brought to its completion the week of festive joy. Almost three hundred and fifty of our enrolled membership were present at the Lord's Holy Supper.

We were honored by the kind assistance of a former Lancaster pastor at our recent communion, in the person of the Rev. John Rumble, Ph. D., who is now of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Rumble was formerly pastor of Christ church, of this city.

"Speak to all more kindly  
Than the year before,  
Pray a little oftener,  
Love a little more.  
Cling a little closer  
To the Father's love;  
So life below shall liker grow  
To the life above."

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## PERSONALS.

Charles E. Haupt, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and William E. Hawman, of Philadelphia, came home for the re-opening of Grace church.

On December 17 the telegram announcing the safe arrival at Cherbourg, France, of Dr. Amy B. Rohrer, who is on her way to India, was received.

The first scholar to enter the new Sunday School room on December 1 was Rose May Hawman, who came at 8:45 A. M.

One of our former Sunday School boys who has become sergeant major of the battalion at Fort Riley, Kansas, Jacob J. Herzog, is revisiting his home at No. 261 New Holland avenue. This is his second visit to Lancaster in nineteen years.

The annual congregational meeting was held in the Normal room on Wednesday evening, December 18. Owing to the fact that it was held so near to Christmas a very small attendance resulted.

Reports were presented and several matters were referred back to church council for final action.

The Christmas service of the church was held on Christmas morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The pastor preached a very appropriate sermon and the choir rendered several anthems.

In the evening the Sunday School entertained its scholars with a treat which took the form of an illustrated lecture on the Life of Christ. These pictures, reproductions of Tissot's famous paintings, are the property of Mr. J. Frederick Sener, and were very kindly loaned by him for this occasion. Without fear of contradiction we say these pictures have never been excelled in color.

The enrollment of the church school for the present term is 50.

The new Catechetical class looking forward to its confirmation at Easter already numbers 45. All who wish to join this class, which will be the first class confirmed in the church proper are cordially invited to come on Sunday evenings at 6:15 in the new Bible class room.

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