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"Hosanna to the Son of David."—Matt. 21:9.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

	Att.	Col.
March 7	359	\$5.36
March 14	378	5.80
March 21	374	5.51
March 28	387	5.52
Average	375	\$5.55

At a special meeting after Sunday School on March 7, the following persons were appointed to prepare a program for Easter: J. W. Reita, chairman; M. L. Heisey, Miss Emma Brown, Mrs. H. B. Swartz, Mrs. Kate Hambright.

CRADLE ROLL.

Miss Ann May Hauf upon reaching her fifth birthday, presented a five-dollar bill to the Cradle Roll.

CHOIR.

The seasons of Lent and Easter are those which make great demands upon the faithful members of our fine choir. They are meeting the requirements splendidly. A dainty treat was given them recently at the close of rehearsal on March 25, by Mrs. Susan Zecher, of the parsonage, who prepared a service of delicious coffee and delicate buns for them all.

ALTAR SOCIETY.

The February meeting of the Altar Society was at Mrs. Mary S. Bitner's home, No. 630 North Duke street. Everybody enjoyed hearing the reports of the successful work of the month.

REMOVALS.

Every member who removes to a new residence is earnestly requested to send to the pastor at once the name and new address.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Each person who pays five nickels receives the copies of the "Grace" paper during the entire year, beginning with the present number.

MEMORY.

During the past month the following persons have been called away by death: Christiana Killian, James Grant Pyle, Daniel F. Hartman, Viola C. Lentz. To the families of these departed ones we extend our cordial and most sincere sympathy; not the least being to our ex-editor, James I. Pyle and his dear wife, in the going of their baby boy. He was one of the first nine baptized at the font of the new church, and is the first of them to enter into the higher life of glory, and to rest in the bosom of "The Good Shepherd."

The chart of pews is being steadily filled. Every one who can afford it is urged to see that a place is secured. This is systematic and orderly.

The study of the catechism will not be resumed until the autumn, after Palm Sunday this year. It is the desire of the church council that but one confirmation be held annually.

GRACE CHURCH NEWS

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Services—Weekly

SUNDAY SCHOOL, Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
 MORNING WORSHIP, Sunday, 10:45 A. M.
 CATECHETICAL CLASS, Sunday, 6: 5 P. M. and Friday, 7:30 P. M.
 MISSION BAND, Sunday, 6:30 P. M.
 EVENING WORSHIP, Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
 LUTHER LEAGUE, Second and Fourth Tuesday.
 JR. LUTHER LEAGUE, Tuesday, 6:45 P. M.
 LENTEN SERVICE, Tuesday and Friday, 4:30 P. M.
 PRAYER MEETING, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Monthly

CHURCH COUNCIL, First Tuesday.
 AID SOCIETY, First Wednesday.
 THE GUILD, First Friday.
 ALTAR SOCIETY, Third Monday.
 DEACONESSES, Third Thursday.

THE APRIL KALENDAR.

1. Th. Moving and settlement day.
2. Fri. Last Vesper half hour, Lenten service at 4:30 P. M. Birthday of Presidents Jefferson and Monroe, and of the Emperor Charlemagne.
4. Palm Sunday. Day of Hosannas. Adult Baptism and Confirmation at morning service. Infant Baptism at 2 P. M. First Passion service at 7:30 P. M.
5. Mon. Second service of Passion Week.
6. Tues. Third service of Passion Week, the music being that of "Penitence, Pardon and Peace."
7. Wed. Confessional service of Passion Week, 7:30 P. M.
8. Holy Thursday. The Holy Communion at the Fifth Passion service, 7:30 P. M.
9. Good Friday. Sixth and seventh services of Passion Week. Preparatory service at 7:30 P. M.
10. Holy Saturday. Day of silent personal prayer and penitent meditation.
11. GLORIOUS EASTERTIDE, Holy Communion at morning service. Children's service. Easter sermon at Vesper service.

12. Communion among the infirm begins.

15. Thu. The Deaconesses at No. 525 Lancaster avenue (Mrs. Hunsecker's). Martin Luther Brotherhood.

18. First Sunday after Easter, Luther at the Diet of Worms in 1521.

20. Tues. Women's Missionary Society, 7:30 P. M.

22. Thu. Thirty-fifth anniversary of Grace Church Founders' Day.

25. Second Sunday after Easter.

27. Benjamin Franklin and President U. S. Grant born.

29. Thu. Pastor's Bible Class.

THE HOLY SUPPER.

Some think that it "doesn't make much difference whether you miss a Communion, or not." There are some people who care far less for their souls than for their bodies. They seem to wish that God had not blessed each one with the gift of a soul. While no force compels our coming, love is a stronger power than constraint.

The pastor goes to the sick with the Holy Supper, not only to comfort and sustain them, but also to show to those who are well how to come faithfully and diligently to the Holy Altar.

BE ON TIME.

If you belong to any organization you should always attend its meetings, and if for any reason you are not always able to be present be sure to notify the recording secretary by 'phone or postal stating, if possible, the cause of your detention. In this way you will not discourage others in their attendance, nor show indifference toward the cause nor keep others waiting for you to help make the quorum required to do business in a legal way. If you cannot attend at all, you should either become simply a contributing member or else resign.

The Board of Deaconesses enjoyed a delightful quarterly reunion at the home of their principal, Mrs. L. Myers, on February 25.

THE SYMBOLISM OF EASTER.

Easter, of all our holidays, is the most significant; for it symbolizes the widespread, nay, almost universal, belief in the immortality of the soul—the belief which, most of all, makes life valuable; the hope which helps men forward from day to day, and cheers them as they toil on the monotonous plane of routine and materialism. For always before their eyes gleams the rosy-tipped peak which tells of purer heights, and which shines always with the radiance of a sun entirely submerged from the mortal view. At Eastertide the serious and thoughtful think of the glorious promise of the life to come, made certain through the Resurrection. Nature is alive with the glad tidings of life revived. After slumbering for months under frost and snow, with the approach of the gentle spring there is a great quickening. To nature's analogy add the truth of revelation, and man's hope for life beyond is assured.

It has been well said that man's longing for immortality is inherent. Men are born into this life with that fond anticipation. This heart-throbbing for life beyond impelled the giants of philosophy of ancient times to speak and write on the subject. It inspired Socrates in his noble work among the Athenian youths, and gave courage to Cicero in the Roman forum. And what was regarded by them as only a possibility was later "made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." The Christian's ideal of immortality, it should be noted, was that of prolonged existence upon an immeasurably elevated plane. Socrates, wisest and best of pagans as he was, conceived a dreamless sleep which would not be a conscious existence. Buddhism teaches an absorption of souls into the universal spirit, which involves an extinction of personality. Mohammedanism teaches the perpetuation of individual existence only for the sake of enticing its followers with the promise of an eternity of sensual

delights. But to the Christian immortality means not only continued individual existence, but also it is divested of all sordid, sensual, and selfish elements. The joy of Easter is not only joy in life, but in pure and elevated life.

It is well that once a year the symbolism of Easter brings home anew the lesson that men, if they will, may o'erleap the barriers that their own errors and weakness have created, and emerge into a fuller and higher life, crowned with the assurance of immortality. Whether men believe or disbelieve, whether the future be for them dark or bright, whether they hold to religion or not, it is still true that they desire to see the good deed deathless, the righteous man immortal; and the deep-hearted believe that the life freely poured and given in human service returns in new life and life-giving power.—Leslie's Weekly.

ITEMS.

The class confirmed this year is a large and interesting one.

The Sunday School is steadily developing.

The Grace church bonds are being taken.

They are interest bearing at 5 per cent., payable semi-annually.

Quite a number of our members have met with sickness and affliction during the stormy month of March.

There have been a number of new contributions during the month. Thanks.

The proceeds of the congregational reunion, or "Pink Tea," have realized over \$500.

We hope to hold in the near future a service especially for the aged members of the congregation.

The attendance at the Lenten services was very limited this year. Let's do better.

The pastor's study in the southeast corner of the new church, up stairs, has been finely fitted out with rugs taken from the chancel of the old church. It presents a neat appearance.

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