



GRACE



"Jesus hath now many lovers of His heavenly kingdom but few bearers of His cross."—A. Kempis.

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A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

The Sunday School reopened its library after the long delay with a splendid new series of cabinets and a fine stock of books. The librarians will be on hand at 9 A. M. every Lord's Day morning and exchange volumes. Those calling for books are asked to use them with great care, to leave name and address with the librarians and to keep them not more than one week. The books will be distributed for 30 minutes prior to the opening of the school. About 70 books were taken out the opening Sunday.

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The Sunday School continues to grow in numbers and attendance. We hope soon to be able to over-run our record attendance and to develop onward to higher and nobler planes of activity. The attendance has kept up splendidly all along through the summer.

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The Bible class has been interested in a descriptive outline of the "Fall of Jerusalem" as presented by a number of the pupils of Mr. R. Tillman, a kind-hearted music teacher of this city. The proceeds were devoted to the Church Improvement Fund. Many thanks!

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The Guild we are told is making preparations for a good series of meetings during the winter.

We wonder whether all the parents of the children are aware of the value of the Junior League, meeting on Saturdays at 2. It is the object of this work to give the Junior boys and girls a fuller knowledge of good and useful things, teaching them the Holy Scripture, beautiful hymns and many useful facts and necessary information. Two o'clock on Saturday afternoon is the time appointed and it is hoped that all the parents will send the boys and girls to what proves so pleasant and profitable to them all.

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The Missionary Society have had the great pleasure of giving a reception to Miss Susan E. Monroe (who recently returned from sin-darkened India after a long sojourn at our Mission Station there), on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Her remarks were extremely interesting, and combined with her charm of manner and her rich and varied experience, the evening was one long to be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present. During her stay Miss Monroe was the guest of the Misses Rohrer of East New street.

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In connection with the Service of Confession and Absolution the following persons were received into membership in this congregation: Mrs. Katharine M. Stark, Miss Katie M. and Miss Anna Mary Stark, Mrs. Mary Goodman, Mrs. Catharine Baker, William Hughes. To them all we extend our sincere and heartfelt welcome. May they enjoy their life membership in Grace.

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 MORNING SERVICE, 10:45 o'clock each Lord's Day.
 CATECHETICAL CLASS, 6:15 P. M.
 EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 o'clock each Lord's Day.
 PRAYER MEETING, Wednesday evening, 7:30.
 JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUE, Saturday, 2 P. M.
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A NEW PAPER.

At different times during the last five years movements have been started to publish a church paper at Grace. However all efforts failed until April, 1907, when the first number of GRACE was issued. This paper, so far as the Committee of Publication are aware, is entirely satisfactory to the subscribers.

Several times since its success was demonstrated, the suggestion has been made that the paper be issued weekly in the form of a church program, but nothing definite was ever decided upon. Now, as we are about to occupy the new church, the matter has been presented again. Some think it would be of great advantage to do this, giving as it would the entire liturgical service both morning and evening, so that any visitor might feel perfectly at home with our service.

To do this will require the consent of the present subscribers and also will entail an additional expense of at least three times the cost of the present paper. Our organist, Mr. Roy, who is heartily in favor of this new plan, is now engaged in soliciting the financial support of the

church societies, so that the extra cost can be made up in this manner.

Another plan is open to us, possibly the better, that of continuing the present paper in the same form, and issuing a weekly program as a separate publication.

These propositions are presented to the congregation in time, so that they may be given some thoughtful consideration, as the matter rests entirely in their hands and will come before the congregational meeting in October for final disposition.

OCTOBER KALENDAR.

2. The Guild.
4. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. Env. 32.
6. The Church Council.
11. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
13. Luther League.
14. Midweek Service. Ladies' Aid Society. Deaconesses' Annual Meeting and Hospital Donation Day, held at Grace Church.
15. Lancaster Central Luther League at Ephrata.
17. The Juniors.
18. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke's Day.
19. The Altar Society meeting at 514 N. Duke St. (Mrs. Snyder).
20. The Women's Missionary Society.
24. Junior League.
25. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
27. The Luther League's Social Evening.
28. The Congregational Meeting.
31. The Festival of the Reformation. The Juniors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

	Att.	Col.
Sept. 6	286	\$4.70
Sept. 13	362	5.25
Sept. 20	348	5.15
Sept. 27	355	5.42
Average	338	\$5.13

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A teachers' meeting should be a TEACHERS' meeting. It is a meeting of teachers, designed to increase their efficiency as teachers in a general way, but especially to prepare them to teach the particular lesson of the ensuing Sabbath to the various grades of pupils in their school.

It is a meeting for discussing methods, for framing and comparing questions, discussing difficulties met with—difficulties which arise from the peculiar circumstances and characteristics of their pupils.

If this be the true idea of the teachers' meeting, several practical necessities follow:

1. Study the lesson, always keeping in view the *locality* in which next Sabbath it is to be taught. What is there in this lesson for our community? Are there any moral duties which can be brought to the surface, such as "Sabbath observance," "purity of speech," "parental fidelity," "reverence for parents?" Thus teachers may agree upon a general subject which will prove to be beneficial to any particular community.

2. Let the law of adaptation be applied to the lesson in the teachers' meeting. The school is composed of a great variety of pupils. Some are old, some young, some church members, some irreligious. The method employed with success by the primary teacher, may not be, in detail, valuable to the teachers of the intermediate or other divisions of the school, but from the plans employed by the primary teacher, oftentimes come valuable suggestions, which greatly aid the others.

At every teachers' meeting the question should be asked and answered, "How may we teach the truths of this lesson so that the greatest number of pupils will receive the greatest benefit?" The way to accomplish this is to draw on slates or paper maps to illustrate the topography; prepare a diagram or outline to present several facts, or truths contained in the lesson; two or three in-

cidents may be illustrated; comparisons may be made; call for facts of history to illustrate and enforce the lesson.

3. Let some time be spent in *word-picturing*. This is one of the most effective methods of teaching. It appeals to the imagination. It transfers life-like scenes from the book to the brain. Sermons that are full of pictures captivate their hearers.

4. Let some time be spent in conversation regarding the management or instruction of their pupils. An occasional meeting for the exchange of personal experiences in class work might be exceedingly helpful.

 OUR YOUNG MEN.

The Men's meeting on September 8th was a very disappointing one. It was called for the purpose of organizing our men, but owing to the small number present, it was decided to call another meeting for Tuesday evening, October 13th, at eight o'clock.

Let all our men show their interest in Grace Church and turn out. Surely there is no reason why we should not keep step with our sister churches and have a live, active, working society.

The Altar Society resumed its work and held its first meeting of the season at the home of Miss Mary Goll, Sept. 21st. There was a good attendance and a full discussion of the matters pertaining to the finishing and furnishing of the chancel. The next meeting will occur at the home of Mrs. Snyder.

The Deaconesses at the recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Kendig, arranged to meet next time at the church and have a "Donation Day" for the Lancaster General Hospital. This will occur on or about Oct. 14. The entire congregation is invited to send in contributions of useful articles suitable for our sick suffering friends. If each one will give something nice, what a help it will be, and what an honor to the good name of the congregation which has done many successful works in days that are past.

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