

EASTER.

There are many living under the benign influences of Christianity, who have grown so accustomed to its cheering teachings that they almost take them for granted as if they were not revelations to man, but truths instinctive to human nature. The doctrine of the Resurrection is one of these. Always has there been a craving in man to be satisfied as to the reasonableness of his hope for immortality. But that the certainty of this doctrine is not instinctive to man is readily ascertained by reference to the state of people without Christianity. Who can picture the degree of disappointment of hopeless despair in the hearts of heathen relatives when death has snatched his victim from their hearts. "What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit?" is the thought put into words, of every despairing heart, when face to face with death.

Many a conjecture, many a longing, many a tentative expression of a theory in regard to a future life, but nothing satisfactory or definite was ever put forward into the world till immortality was revealed in Christ. And indeed, as if to affirm the reasonableness of the complaint, the words of the Psalmist just quoted were spoken not of himself but prophetically of Christ. "Of what avail my agony and suffering; or what profit in my death unless I rise again from the dead?" Christ established the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead.

And so, a careful examination will show that the Apostles made this their cardinal doctrine. Because Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of those who sleep in death, man has now ample ground for cherishing his hope of immortality.

This anniversary festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Christian church owed its place in the calendar to the time of the Jewish Feast of the Passover, when Christ was crucified, was buried and rose again. Hence its first name was the *Pascha*, a Hebrew word which signifies passage. And as the festival always occurs in Spring, it was not long before the early British Christians transferred the name of the goddess of the first season of the year, in the heathen religion in which they had been nurtured, to this Christian feast. Accordingly from *Eostre*, goddess of Spring, is derived *Easter*, the name by which the Festival of the Resurrection is now so familiarly recognized.

Though all Christians at first were agreed in the observation of Easter, yet they differed as to the particular time of its celebration. Some preferred to have it a fixed date. Others that its connection with the Jewish Passover should be maintained by following the date set for that feast. And in this manner it was finally arranged by the Council of the Church, which met at Nicea in the year 324, that Easter Day should be the Sunday following the full moon, which falls on or next after March 21st.

The early practice of freeing slaves and ransoming captives, marking the day as especially appropriate for Baptism, and the well-known universal custom of Christians greeting one another with the words "The Lord is Risen," all point to the high esteem in which the festival was held, as a day of exultation and rejoicing. And the Easter egg, so familiar to children, is a custom significant of the acceptance of the teaching of the Resurrection, as its only meaning lies in its being a symbol of life out of what seemed dead.

More and more is a general regard for Easter returning to Christendom. The effect of this regard is noticed in the elaborate pains given to the proper rendering of the praises of the day, the beauty and lavishness of the decorations of the churches, and the numbers which flock to join in the services of the day.

HOLY WEEK.

The services of Holy Week in those churches that have special observances of this time, began last Sunday, which was Palm Sunday. To-day is Maundy Thursday, and to-morrow will be Good Friday. Services have been held daily in St. Paul's Church and will continue the remainder of the week. On Good Friday there will be services at 10:30 in the morning, and from 2 to 3 in the afternoon, and at 7:30 in the evening.

The metallic cases for the Recorder's office have arrived and will be placed in position at once. This is a much needed improvement and one which has been recommended by several Grand Juries.

EASTER IN THE CHURCHES.

At St. Paul's P. E. Church the first service on Easter Sunday will be held at half past six in the morning. Some fine music has been prepared, and will be rendered by the regular choir consisting of eight ladies, eight boys and eight men, who will be assisted by Mrs. J. L. Dillon, Miss Vida Miller of the Presbyterian choir, and Miss Nellie Ent of the Reformed choir. The ladies will wear their new vestments for the first time, which consist of dark blue capes and skirts, and Oxford caps.

The following music will be rendered:

- 6:30 A. M.
 Processional, Hymn 397.
 Anthem, "Christ our Passover." *Potter*.
 Gloria Patri.
 Gloria in Excelsis.
 Te Deum.
 Jubilate.
 Nicene Creed.
 Hymn 112.
 Offertory, Anthem,
 "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen," *Clare*.
 Recessional Hymn 115.
 Postlude, Easter March, *Flagler*.
 A celebration of the Holy Communion will follow immediately after this service.

At 10:30 there will be a second celebration, with the following music, and a sermon.

- Processional, Hymn 115.
 Kyrie Eleison.
 Gloria Tibi.
 Nicene Creed.
 Hymn 122.
 Offertory,
 "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen" *Clare*.
 Sanctus.
 Agnus Dei.
 Gloria in Excelsis.
 Nunc Dimittis.
 Recessional Hymn 397.

A Sunday School service will be held at 4 p. m., and evening service at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend any or all of these services. Ushers will be in attendance to show strangers to seats.

The Lutheran Church will celebrate this greatest of the religious festivals this year with more than ordinary interest. Services are being held every evening this week and the attendance is the largest of any previous Passion Week. The early Sunday morning service will be held at 6 o'clock. This is a delightful beginning for the day. The morning Sunday School will be postponed to 3:00 P. M., when a beautiful service especially prepared for Easter will be rendered by the School. In the evening the pastor will preach on the Resurrection. The Holy Communion will be celebrated in the morning and evening with Confirmation and Baptism at the morning service beginning at 10 o'clock. The floral attractions will be all that the space will permit. The music will be one of the special features of the day. In the morning the choir will sing "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen," by Lyon, and Mrs. Hall will sing a solo, "I Will Extol Thee."

In the afternoon there will be a male quartette, "Christ Hath Arisen" by Billhom, and a duet, "Easter Bells." In the evening the choir will sing two anthems, "King of Glory" by Fillmore, and "Hosanna" by Lorenz.

The Holy Communion will be administered at Trinity Reformed church on Easter Sunday morning at 10:30, and in the evening the Junior Christian Endeavor Society will hold their Easter service.

A service will be held in the M. E. Tabernacle at 6 o'clock a. m. At 10:30 there will be an Easter sermon by the pastor, and in the evening at 7:30 there will be Sunday school exercises. Special music has been prepared for these services by the excellent choir, under the direction of F. B. Hartman.

A double quartette choir will render some fine Easter music at the Presbyterian church, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The music will be repeated on the following Sunday.

After the first of April, the room now occupied by A. A. Drum as a grocery store will be used by the Broadway store. An arch will be cut through the partition thus throwing the two rooms into one. This change became necessary on account of the increasing trade of the store.

John Jones has commenced the erection of a building at the rear of the U. S. Express office to be used as a boot and shoe shop.



Spring overcoat, large line for every sized man up to 48 broad measure. All wool ones, \$5.00. Better ones, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10, \$12 or \$15.



Blouse suit like this, blue flannel with black braid, white tie and cord, \$1.48. Brown, fine cloth, cord and braid, red cloth with black braid, blue cloth with white braid. Sizes, 3 to 10, \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00.

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HARTMAN-CORTRIGHT.

It was Rev. T. L. Tomkinson who spoke the words that united Charles F. Hartman, of Espy, and Miss Anne Cortright in the holy bonds of matrimony on Thursday, March 26, at 12 o'clock noon. The auspicious event took place at the home of the bride's mother, on Second street, Berwick, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of one hundred of the friends and relatives of the young couple. To the sweet strains of Lohengrin's bridal chorus sung by Misses Anna Depuy, Myrna Tomkinson, Etta Depuy and Sue Thompson, the bridal party entered the parlor. First came the groom with Fred S. Nagle of Espy, then the maid of honor followed, Miss Bertha Angle, and closely following was the pretty little niece of the bride, Emma Cortright, of Wilkes-Barre, who acted as flower girl, and who was gowned in a white mull and carried a basket of carnations. The bride entered leaning on the arm of her nephew, Ralph Hull of Kingston. She was becomingly attired in a grey novelty costume with satin and Persian trimming and carried bride's roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of grey and carried carnations. The gentlemen of the party wore the conventional black. The house was elaborately decorated with growing plants and trailing pine was everywhere seen, and especial mention must be made of the beautiful floral altar in the south corner of the parlor, at which place the ceremony was performed. The house was nicely arranged and the guests were given carte blanche to enjoy themselves to their hearts content. The presents comprised a large array of handsome silverware, furniture, cut glass, linen and bric-a-brac. Miss Anna Depuy played some selections during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman left on the 3:33 train for a visit to the principal cities in the state. —*Berwick Independent.*

William C. Shaw who had the contract for papering the Millville hotel has completed the work, and has returned home. He informs us it presents a fine appearance. The hotel will be conducted by A. H. Neyhard as a temperance house, and his many friends wish him success in his venture.

DRAMATIC AND ART RECITALS

Miss Anna L. Dunkel will give her dramatic and art recitals in the Opera House on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 9th and 10th. The program will include a Grecian play, comedies, fancy dances, statue poses, and Delsartean work. A number of young people will assist her, and rehearsals are now going on. It will no doubt be a delightful entertainment. Miss Dunkel is an elocutionist and Delsartean artist, and she has been conducting a large class here for some time past.

Rev. P. A. Heilman has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Lutheran Church. This movement became necessary on account of his poor health. At a congregational meeting they voted him a vacation of six months or a year if necessary, and an increased salary if he would reconsider his action. This offer was declined, and the resignation will take effect on May 1st.

During his pastorate in this place, Mr. Heilman has made many friends who regret his departure from our town. He is a fine pulpit orator, and has done much to place the Lutheran church in the front ranks. His popularity in the town was evinced by the crowded houses which always greeted him. The best wishes of the COLUMBIAN go with the Rev. gentleman for his future success.

His Head Crushed.

While engaged in sawing logs at Dorsey's camp above Jamison City, on Friday, Thomas Kline, aged 21 years, a son of Abner Kline, deceased, met his death by having his head crushed between two logs. It appears that he and another man were sawing a log and when nearly through the other man who was on the upper side told Kline he would finish it and that he should step out of the way. Just as the log was finished it started to slide and caught Kline and jammed him against another log with the above result. Marvin McHenry, son of undertaker Ira McHenry of Benton, was called and prepared the unfortunate man for burial. Funeral services at Coles Creek on Sunday and interment at Fairmount Springs.

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