

# Tests in the Churches

## GLAD EASTER TIDINGS TO RING OUT IN MORN

### Elaborate Musical Selections and Reception of Hundreds of Members Will Mark Celebration of Christ's Resurrection in City Edifices

One of the most elaborate observances of Easter in the history of Harrisburg churches to-morrow is indicated by the preparations in the way of decorations, special music and appropriate sermons. In many churches, new members will be received, communion administered and baptismal services held.

The greatest day in the calendar of Christian churches is the occasion for the renewal of church activities by many members of the congregations, who after the discipline of the Lenten season are revived in religious matters. Church decorations will be of exceptional character and beauty, on account of the abundance of decorative spring flowers and plants. The advent of Easter, one week earlier than last year brings it at the time when indoor plants and house flowers are at their natural perfection. Choir music will be the best of the year, and the program of official activities will be given in almost all churches at both morning and evening services. Greatly augmented choirs have been rehearsing difficult compositions by the old and the modern masters, and will put forth the best of their abilities with all the encouraging accompaniments of the inspiration of Spring, of beautiful surrounding decorations, and the appreciation of crowded auditoriums.

Sermons on the fundamental theme of the Resurrection will, of course, be the Easter messages of practically all pastors and the meaning of the Easter spirit will be more especially emphasized in view of the counteracting and depressing influences of the European war.

At the Fifth Street Methodist Church the Rev. B. H. Hart will preach his far-reaching sermon on "Laying up His Pastorate of the Pine Street Methodist Church in Williamsport."

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bishop John W. Shanahan will hold pontifical mass and special masses will be held in all other Catholic churches of the city. New members will be received in practically all churches in the morning.

### Epworth Leagues Plan to Increase Membership

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Epworth Leagues of the city, composed of the presidents of the various chapters, at the home of Charles W. Boll, president of the Grace Methodist Epworth League, the Sunday evening devotional meeting of the league was the principal matter discussed.

These meetings, primarily intended for the young folks of the Methodist church, are well attended by those who know of the weekly evening meetings that are prepared by the leaders assigned each week. Not content with these regular attendants, however, the executive committee has outlined a publicity campaign that will be launched at once, with the object of acquainting other Methodist young people of the city with the salient features of these Sunday evening meetings. In addition, all the leagues will have a special committee at work inviting nonattendants.

Programs of unusual interest are planned for to-morrow and several of the leagues in addition are having a sunrise prayer service. As a token of appreciation to Dr. Brummitt, the editor of the Epworth Herald, the official league paper, who recently addressed a mass meeting in this city, an effort will be made to procure one hundred new subscribers from this city for that paper.

Tentative arrangements are being made for the second Epworth League rally, which will be held in this city some time in May.

### Lemoyne Church Will Observe Decision Day

The new Church of Christ of Lemoyne, which was dedicated last Sunday will be the scene of four meetings to-morrow. A Sunday school rally will be held at 9:30 o'clock with a candle demonstration, by the Rev. Roger H. Fife, the evangelist, who is conducting services in Lemoyne through every evening. It will be "Decision Day."

The regular morning church services will be communion administration and the choir will sing the cantata, "The Conquering King."

In the afternoon at 2:30 a mass meeting will be held for everybody, but the evangelist will preach a special sermon to men on "The Time That Never Came, or Hot Stuff for Men." The men will sit in a body in the church, and a ladies' chorus will sing "A Ladies' Quartet" by Phoebe Carey and R. S. Ambrose.

At the 7:30 o'clock evening service the evangelist will give an account of his conversion and tell why he united with the Church of Christ. The evangelistic meetings will continue another week.

### Double Quartet to Sing Special Music at Grace

Special music will take place of the usual sermon at Grace Methodist Church to-morrow evening. Mrs. S. D. Sanson will give an organ recital, as a prelude to the musical service, from 7:15 until 7:30. The double quartet will render the following anthems, "Roll the Rock Away," by J. H. Hollend and "As It Begins to Dawn," by Russel King Miller. The special musical feature will be the cantata, "Alleluia, Hall With Gladness," by Galbraith, sung by the double quartet. The exceptional feature of the service will be the violin solo, "Legende," composed by Wieniawski, which will be played by Miss Sarah Lerner. Miss Lerner will also accompany the double quartet which consists of: Sopranos, Miss Katherine Heitcher, Mrs. Ada Egan, Mrs. A. M. Myers, Miss Mary Worley and Mrs. Frank Fager; tenors, Earl Rhoads and Dr. Byron S. Behney; basses, William S. Hoover and Howard Frain.

### Elaborate Services Will Be Held at Cathedral

Easter services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in addition to the usual 7 and 9 o'clock masses, will consist of solemn pontifical mass at 10:30 o'clock in charge of Bishop Shanahan, assisted by the Rev. M. M. Hassett, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Rev. Benjamin Brennan, the Rev. T. E. Johnson and several seminarians from Overbrook Seminary. Pontifical vespers will be held in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

In the morning service Weber's mass will be the principal number on the musical program. The soprano solos will be sung by Miss Ella Ryan, Miss Sarah Lerner, Miss Mary Worley, Mrs. Bradley and Miss Julia Ryan; tenor, Mr. Hamilton, and bass, Reroy J. Strook. The offertory will be "Jeri Anthem," by Gellih, sung by a quartet. The evening service will be strictly Gregorian with one solo part, "Regina Coeli," by Miss Julia Ryan.

### EPWORTH LEAGUES OF THE METHODIST CHURCHES OF HARRISBURG

- Topic for April 4: "The Promise of Immortality."  
Refs: John 11:25. Phil. 3:20, 21. II Tim. 1:10
- CURTIN HEIGHTS, Sixth and Woodbine Sts.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Mr. Eli Hollinger.  
Attendance last Sunday, 35.
- EPWORTH, Twenty-first and Derry Sts.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Mr. J. Knight Cotterel.  
Attendance last Sunday, 45.
- FIFTH STREET, Fifth St. and Granite Ave.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Mr. Mervin Mellinger.  
Attendance last Sunday, 120.
- GRACE CHURCH, on State St. near Third St.**  
Service at 6:45 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Rev. J. D. Fox, D.D.  
Attendance last Sunday, 128.
- RIDGE AVENUE, Corner Sixth and Herr Sts.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Miss Allarata Horning.  
Attendance last Sunday, 57.
- STEVENS MEMORIAL, 13th and Vernon Sts.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Miss Sara Powell.  
Attendance last Sunday, 92.
- ST. PAUL'S, on Vine St., near Front St.**  
Service at 6:30 p. m., Sunday.  
Leader: Miss Bertha Rohrer.  
Attendance last Sunday, 65.
- IF YOU'RE YOUNG—OR FEEL YOUNG—GO TO EPWORTH LEAGUE TOMORROW!**

### Will Hold Morning Baptismal Service

On Sunday morning at 7:30 the Rev. F. L. M. Mastor of the Maclay Street Church of God, will officiate with Marks, will be given service will be the commencement of the most interesting Easter service that follows at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The sermons for these two services will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Thomas. Morning, "The Gain of the Resurrection," evening, "The Walk to Emmaus." The music will be rendered by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Frank Fager, with Miss J. Blanche Gierlich, accompanying.

The musical program to be rendered is as follows: Morning—Prelude, "Mediation," Lefevre; anthem, "Christian, the Morn Breaks Sweetly O'er Thee," with a soprano solo by Miss Ethyl Dissinger; offertory, "Prayer," C. Balm; selection by male quartet, composed of H. Bowman, M. Gordon, tenor; M. Cover, L. Merkle, basso; postlude, "Festival March," Stark. Evening—Prelude, "Ave Maria," R. Franz; anthem, "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord"; offertory, "Prayer," L. Maes; anthem, "The Strife is O'er," De Rode; postlude, "Frans Chorus."

### REFORMED SALEM CHORUS TO SING SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter morning the choir Reformed Salem Church will sing Gloria in Excelsis, Easter Canticle, Seraphic Hymn and "Rejoice This Holy Easter Morn" by Dressler. Soloists, Mrs. C. W. Myers and H. M. Troup.

A quartet "On the First Day of the Week" by Edwin M. Loitt, with chorus by choir: Mrs. C. W. Myers, soprano; William White, tenor; H. M. Troup, baritone. Soprano solo, "I know That My Redeemer Liveth," from Handel's Messiah, Mrs. C. W. Myers.

Evening—Anthem, "Easter Day," C. A. Evans; quartet, "Easter Tide," Edvard Manno; Mrs. C. W. Myers, William White, Mrs. William Withrow, H. M. Troup.



### MISSION WORKERS TO HOLD BIG MEETING

Will Discuss Social Aspect of the Field; Alaskan Woman to Speak

Missionary workers in the Protestant Episcopal church will celebrate Monday in Easter week by holding the second "central meeting" of the Woman's Auxiliary of this neighborhood in St. Stephen's parish house at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The principal address will be by Mrs. Burke, of Port Yukon, Alaska, wife of a missionary physician in that district.

Like all of these central meetings, Monday's gathering will be of an undenominational character. The central meeting plan is unique in the diocese of Harrisburg, which was divided into eight districts for the purpose by Mrs. James F. Bullitt, of this city, soon after her election as diocesan president last Fall. It is the first diocese to be organized thoroughly for such work. The plan is to hold monthly meetings for a territory so small in compass that women from every parish in the district can attend.

Monday's meeting will be opened by singing the missionary hymn, "Ye Christian Heralds, Go, Proclaim," followed by prayer by the Rev. James F. Bullitt, rector of St. Andrew's Church. Miss Julia Coates, secretary of the central meeting, will give her report of the district work. What Impressed Emery's Four Points from the Handbook." Brief suggestions will then be submitted as follows, the main theme being "The Social Aspect of Foreign Missions," the undenominational handbook which was widely used during Lent.

### WAS ORDAINED HERE JUST 20 YEARS AGO

Rev. William M. Hartman, New Pastor of Ridge Avenue M. E., Will Preach Tomorrow

The Rev. William M. Hartman, who will preach his first sermon as pastor of Ridge Avenue Methodist Church Easter morning, is a minister of twenty years' experience, having been admitted to the Central Pennsylvania Conference at the session held in this city in 1894.

He is a native of Bloomsburg and had his common school education in that town. He finished his training at the Drew Theological Seminary, taking the degree of bachelor of divinity. He has held pastorates of the Methodist churches of Gettysburg, Hollidaysburg and Tyrone.

At the First Methodist Church of Tyrone, from which he has just been transferred, he preached four years and advanced the standing of the church in both finances and membership. Of the present congregation of 963 fully one-third joined during his pastorate; the church building was completely renovated and refurbished and the parsonage transformed.

The Rev. Mr. Hartman has three children. Caroline, the eldest, is a senior in the Tyrone high school and will join the family here upon her graduation in May. Emory is a sophomore in the high school and Ruth Louise is the baby daughter. Mrs. Hartman has always been active in church work, taking a leading part in women's societies especially.

The Rev. Mr. Hartman and his family were given a big farewell reception just before their departure from Tyrone. Mrs. Hartman was given a large diamond and pearl pin and the Rev. Mr. Hartman an engraved handled umbrella by the Bible class of which he was leader.

The sermon to-morrow morning will be appropriate to Easter, on the subject, "The Resurrection." The evening service will be largely a musical Easter program by the church choir, under the leadership of Mr. Evans.



REV. WILLIAM M. HARTMAN

### NEW ITALIAN BAND TO PLAY AT STEELTON

Banda Verdi Will Make Its Initial Appearance in City Streets Tomorrow

Banda Verdi, Harrisburg's crack Italian musical organization, will make its initial appearance to-morrow. The band, made up of thirty pieces, will go to Steelton and at 10 o'clock attend mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Prior to the services and also at the conclusion the band will play in front of the church. During the services a number of sacred selections will be rendered.

The members of the band will march from their hall at Chery and Court streets to Market street at 9 o'clock and thence to Cameron and Market streets to board a special car for Steelton. The members will wear their new uniforms, received during the past week. The uniforms are of the latest model of the outfit worn by the organization's leader. His work has been excellent and gives promise of rounding out one of the best bands in Central Pennsylvania.

Eighteen months ago the band was organized through the efforts of P. Magnalli, who interested C. Gaeta, of 212 Locust street, in the movement. Musicians among the Italian residents of this city and Steelton were gathered together and the band was organized. Mr. Gaeta was elected president and manager of the organization. Since the time of its inception, the band has been rehearsing and to-morrow it will make its first appearance in public.

Arrangements are now being made to have the band give a concert for the members of Branch 168, Knights of St. George, in their hall at St. Francis Church two or three weeks after Easter.

### Anthems and Solos to Comprise Greater Part of Fourth Street Program

Many anthems and solos combine to make up the musical program at the Fourth Street Church of God. The Easter program follows: Organ prelude, "Jerusalem the Golden"; Scripture reading, prayer, announcements, the Rev. W. N. Yates, D. D.; hymn; accession of new members; collection; offertory, "Scene: Oratorio—Kroeger; anthem from "The Throne of His Cross," Stainer; anthem, "On the Sepulchre," Stevenson; quartet, "Oh, Had I, My Saviour, the Wings of a Dove," Misses Miller and Schaner, Messrs. Shelley and Baptist; contralto solo and chorus, "Yes, Thou I Walk," Miss Hoover and choir; soprano solo and chorus, "Forsake Me Not," Miss Myers and choir; solo, "Easter Dawn," Andrews, Mr. Nelson; anthem, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," Field; solo, "The Resurrection," Shelley; Miss Schaner; solo, "Christ Is Risen," Parker, Mr. Sigler (violin and cello obbligato); anthem, "Christ Is Risen," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Handel, Miss Myers; solo, "Hosanna," Granier, Mr. Baptist; solo and quartet, "O Christ Day," Bartlett, Miss Myers, Misses Miller and Schaner, Messrs. Nelson and Sigler; baritone solo and female quartet, "List the Cherubic Host," Gaul, Mr. Baptist, Misses Myers, Miller, Schaner, Hoover; chorus, "Thine Is the Kingdom," Gael; benediction; organ postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel.

Members of the choir are: J. R. Swartz, organist and choirmaster; soprano, Misses Alice Myers and Anna Miller; altos, Misses Beulah Hoover and Miriam Schaner; tenors, Robert Nelson and Chester A. Shelley; basses, Eugene Baptist and C. M. Sigler; violin, T. M. Myers; cello, O. H. Steger.

### WILL SING MODERN AND ANCIENT CAROLS

#### Market Square Presbyterian Choir Will Be Assisted by Harpist and Violinist

The program of Easter music to be given at Market Square Presbyterian Church next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris, will consist of Easter carols, ancient and modern.

The choir will be assisted by Miss Catherine B. Drawbaugh, harpist and Dr. John C. Reed, violinist who will play the offertory, "Andantino," by Godard. They will accompany Bizet's "Lamb of God" and Dr. Reed will play as prelude Elgar's "Andantino Dolce."

Mrs. Harris will sing "The Legend" by Tchaikowsky and Miss Middaugh's solo, "In the Early Morning" by Shelley will have the violin obbligato.

Especially beautiful are the old carols, "Jesus in the Garden," 17th century, and "At Dawn When They Sought Him Weeping," 16th century. Mrs. Henry will give a fifteen-minute organ recital before the service, playing the following numbers: "Loccatta" (Dubois); "In Springtime" (Klinger); "Resurrection Morn" (Johnston). The following is the program in full:

"Resurrection Morn" (Johnston); "Andantino Dolce" (Elgar); hymn, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (Bach); Old Testament Scripture, Isaiah LIII.; "Jesus in the Garden" XVIIIth Century; "Lamb of God" (Bizet); New Testament Scripture, I Cor. XV. 1-23; "The Legend" (Tchaikowsky); Mrs. Harris; prayer; hymn, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (Liza Davidson); offering; offertory, "Andantino" (Godard); violin, harp and organ; "In the Early Morning" (Shelley); Miss Middaugh; address; "Rejoice, Rejoice Ye Sons of Men," XVIIIth Century; "Hark the Easter Bells Are Ringing" (Boech); hymn, "In the Cross of Christ of Glory" (Conkey); prayer; "Praise to Our Father" (Gubins); benediction; "At Dawn When They Sought," XVIIth Century (benediction carol); silent prayer; postlude, "Hallelujah" (Handel).

### CHURCH TAKES STRONG STAND AGAINST RUM

#### First United Brethren Adopts and Sends Resolutions to Governor Brumbaugh

The Rev. Dr. J. T. Spangler, pastor of the First United Brethren Church calls attention to the stand of his church on the liquor question. The following is the temperance clause included in the church book of discipline, and the resolutions adopted by the congregations.

The distilling, selling and using of intoxicating drink as a beverage, the renting and leasing of property to be used for the manufacture or sale of such drinks, also the signing of petitions for granting license, or the entering as bondsmen, they shall be engaged in the traffic in intoxicating drinks, are strictly prohibited; and should any of the members be found guilty in this respect they shall be dealt with as in the case of other immoralities. This rule, however, shall not be so construed as to prevent druggists and others from selling and using alcohol for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Whereas, We, the members of the First United Brethren Church of Harrisburg, desiring to express our appreciation of the principles of the above item, adopt the following resolutions:

First—That we heartily approve the high stand of our Church on the Liquor Question.

Second—That we respectfully request our representatives in our Legislature to use their influence for, and vote in favor of local option.

Third—That a copy of this action be sent to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, to our representatives in our Legislature and to our city papers.

### Cantata Will Feature Musical Program in Ridge Avenue Methodist

Two large programs, including an Easter cantata, will be given at the morning and evening services in Ridge Avenue Methodist Church, by the choir and assisted by several soloists to-morrow. The morning program: Prelude, "Easter Morning," Mallin; anthem, "This is the Day," Cooke; offertory, "Easter Cantata," Cross and Crown; E. L. Ashford; chorus, "Thou Wilt Arise," choir; soprano, "The Temptation," William C. C. Byler; baritone, "Thou the Tempter," Henry Stewart; chorus, "All These Things," choir; soprano, "Now When Jesps Was Come," William C. C. Byler; chorus, "Hosanna in the Highest," choir; soprano, "Ride On, O King," Miss Katherine Hoover; baritone, soprano, and chorus, "Getsemane," William Byler, Henry Stewart and choir; soprano, "The Strife is O'er," Miss Sara Mae Harr; chorus, "Christ Our Passover," choir; soprano, "And It Came to Pass," choir; finale, "Lift Up Your Heads," choir; organ postlude, "Marche Triumphant," J. T. Stone.

**MUSIC AT GRACE M. E.**

Morning—Prelude, Grand offertory, Grison; anthem, "Christ Our Passover," Buck, solos, Miss Heicher, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Hoover; solo, "Alleluia," Humphries, Miss Catherine Heicher; postlude, "Toccata," Grison.

Evening—Prelude, Concerto, Rink; anthem, "Angels Roll the Rock Away," Holden, solos, Mrs. Bowman, Dr. Behney; violin solo, Legende, Wieniawski; soprano, "Christ Our Passover," Gaibraith, solos, Miss Heicher, Miss Worley, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Hoover; quartet, "Christ Our Passover," Gaibraith, Mrs. Frank Fager, Dr. Byron S. Behney, Howard Frain, Miss Sara Lerner, violinist; Mrs. Samuel D. Sanson, organist and director.

### Curtin Heights Will Have Elaborate Service

At Curtin Heights Methodist Church, the Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor. There will be an elaborate musical program Sunday. It follows: Morning, "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen"; contralto solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Miss Butler; anthem, "And When the Sabbath Was Passed" (solo by Mrs. John Haas), R. M. Stultz; sermon by pastor, "Looking Into the Empty Tomb."

Evening—A sacred cantata, "Victory Devins," by Marks, will be given by the choir under the direction of Miss Butler, chorister, and Mrs. Clara B. Lackey, organist.

The cantata is taken from the scriptures and is written for baritone, soprano solos, and chorus with organ accompaniment.

The choir will be assisted by Robert Millard, Straton and Harry M. Dritz, tenors; Mrs. Clara B. Lackey, soprano solo; other soloists are Miss Helen Broomal, soprano; J. Howard Poore, C. A. Eley, bass.

Now let the Heavens be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our Joy that hath no end.

### Grace Methodist Episcopal Church

State Street, near Third Street  
JOHN D. FOX, D.D., Minister

Easter Morning Service at 10:30 o'clock. Reception of members, with baptism. Sermon by the pastor—"The Resurrection of Christ."

Sunday School and Bible Classes at 1:45 P. M. Special Easter exercises.

Epworth League Meeting at 6:30 P. M.

Easter Evening Service of music at 7:30 o'clock. "Alleluia! Hall with Gladness," by J. Lamont Galbraith, will be sung by the quartet, Miss Heicher, soprano; Miss Worley, contralto; Mr. Rhoads, tenor; Mr. Hoover, bass; assisted by Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Fager, Dr. Behney, Mr. Frain and Miss Sara Lerner, violinist.

You will be sure of a cordial Christian welcome at all of the services in Grace Church, not only on this Easter-day, but every Sunday in the year.