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Editorials.

Our Easter Greetings: "He is Risen! He is risen!"

Annually during the past quarter of a century the Missionary has had the great pleasure and privilege of extending his Easter Greetings to his friends,-- friends of Church Work among the Deaf,--through the medium of the simple Easter Card. This year he extends his Greetings, none the less sincerely and gladly, through the columns of the SILENT NEWS-LETTER.

Is it not possible to maintain a daily Easter throughout the coming year by going just a little farther in many things,--a little farther in our communion with God, the Father; a little farther in our patience with each other, a little farther in our efforts to understand each other, a little farther in our willingness to forgive each other, a little farther in our kindness and generosity of speech towards and concerning each other, a little farther in our faith in each other? How very beautiful this fair earth of ours would become if we would only go a little farther and bestow our Easter Flowers of love more than just once a year.

We congratulate the people of Grace & St. Peter's Church upon their magnificent gift of \$25,000 to the Japan Rebuilding Fund. Many other Churches throughout the Diocese of Maryland are also deserving of congratulations. The Mission to the Deaf is proud to have had even a very small part in the successful campaign for the Fund which ended on March 29th.

In line with a previously announced intention to grow in size, and, if possible, in attractiveness also, the SILENT NEWS-LETTER appears in a new dress three inches longer. The color of the dress may be merely seasonal but not so the length. We hope our readers will welcome the opportunity this change gives them to read a few more items and to conjure up a few more thoughts.

A Little More History.

(Continued from the March Issue.)

Thus far we have related the history of Grace Mission to the Deaf of Grace & St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, as revealed in the biographies of her leading characters. It remains to answer the important question, so often asked, as to what has been done to keep fresh and green the memories of these leaders. Do the Deaf of America, and of Europe for that matter, who have received much in the way of education and spiritual nurture during the past hundred years quickly forget? We do not think so.

The Deaf of America and of Europe have dedicated many gifts and memorials to those whom they rightly regarded as their benefactors. In England, France, Italy, Spain, the United States and other countries there are schools, churches, halls, homes, sculptures, paintings, tablets, medals, etc., which have been so dedicated. At the present time the deaf of the United States are contributing many thousands of dollars to erect a statue to the Frenchman, the Abbe De L'Epee, inventor of the sign language of the deaf; a statue to the Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of the first school for the Deaf in America, and a great Administration Building on the campus of

Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, D.C., to Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, their first College President.

The above does not tell the whole story. In many cities and towns in these countries there are community gifts and memorials, which, while perhaps not so large, less conspicuous, less expensive, less awe-inspiring, are nevertheless none the less expressive of the divine attribute of gratitude which dwells in the hearts of the Deaf.

But, tempting as it is to write more minutely of them, we must return to Grace Mission: In 1861, less than two years after the Mission had been established by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., the eldest son of the founder of the first school for the Deaf in America, the communicants and other worshippers, under the leadership of Samuel Adams, their first Layreader, began to cast about for some token wherewith they might express their appreciation to the people of Grace (now Grace & St. Peter's) Church. This took the form of a large and beautiful Book of Common Prayer which the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., accepted at a solemn service of dedication.

In 1863, upon the accession of the Rev. John Henry Hobart, D.D., to the Rectorship a large Lectern Bible was given and duly consecrated.

In 1895 a large brass Lectern was given under the leadership of Mr. George M. Leitner, Mr. George W. Boss, Mr. Louis Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. William Smithson and others, and consecrated by the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Chilton Powell, D.D.

In 1898 a large Altar Cross and a set of Altar Vases were dedicated to the memory of Samuel Adams.

In 1898 also were dedicated a complete set of sterling silver Communion Vessels to the memory of James Sullivan Wells.

In 1899 several sets of fine Altar Linens, silk Hangings, Surplices and Stoles were dedicated to the loyal women of the Mission.

In 1906 the Missionary was presented with an expensive gold watch at a Special Anniversary Service which Bishop Murray, then Rector of St. Michael's & All Angels Church, attended and made the presentation address.

In 1908 another large Lectern Bible was dedicated to the memory of Mr. William Henry Gill, a faithful communicant and for some years the efficient Treasurer of the Mission. This gift was presented by Mr. Gill's widow and children.

In 1908 also the Rev. George Frederick Flick, for five years Assistant Missionary, was presented with a beautifully inscribed Prayer Book to mark the departure of himself and Mrs. Flick for Chicago to take up Church Work among the Deaf there.

In intervening and subsequent years there were other gifts and memorials of various kinds. These we would like to mention in detail but cannot on account of the limit to our space. However, all of them speak eloquently of gratitude and of a desire to keep in remembrance the memories of those who labored that others might have happiness.

News and Comment.

On Easter our Annual Communion Service and Presentation of Lenten Offerings for missions and charities will be held. Every communicant of the Mission should make it a supreme duty to be present.

On Easter, at 3 p.m., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coffey will receive the holy rite of baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Metty of Cumberland, Md., are happy in the possession of a son born March 23d.

Miss Edith M. Nelson, Librarian and Instructor in Latin in Gallaudet College, will deliver an address under the auspices of the Helping Hand Society of the Mission on Friday, 8 p.m., May 1st.

The Bible Class of the Mission which meets immediately after the Evening Service in the Lady Chapel is growing quite popular. The Bible truly furnishes many and wonderful topics for discussion.