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laid down His life and then took it again. That Easter meant something to them that it can never mean to any one again. It was a discovery to them and to us it is an heritage.

"It is not wonderful that we pay so much attention to Easter; that outside the city the flowers are filling the valleys with their beauty and perfume and the annual lesson of the Resurrection is being taught all over. It has a meaning to little children, a sort of mid-season Christmas when gifts are received and when egg hunts are engaged in and when dress makers and milliners are over-worked and when the deliverymen are not allowed time for their labor.

"Easter Parade."

"Christ would rather that no notice should be taken of the day, than that it should be an occasion to cater to personal vanity. We should not forget that Easter morning was preceded by the night in the Garden, the trial before Pilate, Calvary and the cross, the so-called 'Easter parade' of fashions is a perversion.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

With chancel laden with Easter lilies, callas, palms a chancel filled in pews an aisles a strong and beautiful sermon on "The Message of Easter to Modern Life." In the afternoon the annual Easter carol service with address and presentation of lantern mite boxes took place.

Easter Sunday at St. Peter's was a notable one. Rev. John S. Moody, rector in charge, held communion service at 8:30 a. m. and at 11 a. m. at the latter service preaching. The services were largely attended. Of especial beauty was the afternoon service of the children's procession and the forming of the floral cross.

St. Peter's Catholic.

Easter was celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church with all the splendor and beauty of the high ceremonial belonging to that church. The altar was a mass of lights and Easter lilies and elaborate effect in every detail. Rev. Father Joseph, the rector, whose last Easter this is as pastor of St. Peter's, celebrated the early morning and 11 o'clock masses, and at the latter service preached a beautiful sermon on the "Resurrection." The church was thronged and the music, under the direction of Miss Agnes Manning, organist, splendid.

First Baptist Church.

The Baptist services at the First Baptist church were largely attended—great congregations filling the auditorium and overflowing into the gallery, were present at both hours. The music was superb and the congregation has never had a finer musical program. Mrs. Alex Stephens being organist. The decorations were appropriate and artistic and the entire program was in perfect accord with the occasion.

"The Glorious Easter Message" was the theme of Dr. Vines' sermon at the morning hour. His text was John 11: 25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on me though he die yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Four propositions deduced from these words were discussed and amplified to the edification and appreciation of his hearers. "No greater words," said Dr. Vines, "were ever spoken on this earth than the message of the text. We have here the declara-

tion of eternal life and of the final death of death. This great and blessed truth was confirmed by our Lord's greatest miracle—the resurrection of Lazarus and by his own resurrection from the dead." The first proposition mentioned was the sad and solemn fact of physical death, the shadow of which is still over the race. "It is appointed unto man once to die." The comfort of Christian consolation was next discussed by the minister. Said he, "Our Lord changes the emphasis from the physical resurrection to the spiritual resurrection. He also brings the consummation of the present tense rather than the future tense of the Christian hope. Death is transition and not suspension. There was a time when we did not live but there will never be a time when we shall not live. We are immortal." Continuing, Dr. Vines said: "The stupendous and sublime claim of Jesus Christ is that the resurrection and the life is the dynamic of the race. Fellowship with him brings everlasting life. Because he lives we shall live also." The glorious goal of the Christian was the climax of the Easter message. The Christian has potentially triumphed over death but his victory will be complete when Jesus comes again. "He shall reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet and the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Christ is risen and become the first fruits of them that slept.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Yesterday was a day of joy and spiritual feasting in St. Mark's Lutheran church. After the solemn services of Lent and Holy Week the Hallelujah was again sung and the triumphant strains of Easter hymns and anthems voiced the praises of the multitude. From the 6:00 o'clock Matins to the Easter Cantata by the church choir at 5 p. m. the church was filled with happy worshippers. At the Matins the children's chorus led the voices, singing touchingly four Easter carols. The solo by little Virginia Lee Patterson, the pastor's daughter, was very impressive. At the 11 o'clock communion service three catechumens were confirmed and four new members received by letter. These, with ten received on Palm Sunday make the total accession to communicant membership, seventeen.

At 2:00 the Sacrament of the baptism was administered to three infants, children of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Hummel, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shank.

At 5 p. m. the choir rendered the Easter Cantata, "The Resurrection Hope" by Adams. The soprano solo by Mrs. W. H. Overcarsh, the tenor solo by Mr. Harvey Overcarsh and the baritone solo by Mr. V. S. Woodford were especially appreciated. Organist and director, Mr. W. H. Overcarsh received hearty congratulations on the music of all the Holy Week and Easter program.

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THE JAPANESE SALOON.

Japanese saloons have the American habit of always providing refreshments other than drinks for their customers. They are not partial to sandwiches; usually it is a dish of herrings or octopus, and the price is 2 sen, it is seldom that a man can get away from a saloon without spending at least 20 sen, which is a large part of a poor man's daily wage.

It is remarkable the world over that men will patronize any establishment that can show a pretty face, even though it be no more than a picture on a cigar box. To place the picture of a pretty girl on anything is the very best advertisement. So the Japanese think too; and what is more, they prove it. At their saloons, in the East End, there is always a pretty girl assisting the matron of the place, and she is permitted to wait on customers. The Japanese barmaid has all the influence that her counterpart has in the West. Her face is sufficient to make every passer-by imagine he is thirsty, and when she proposes to serve him, he never refuses; and in the end he foots the bill. The pretty maid can make even the roughest customer feel for the moment that he is a gentleman and she a lady, come to do him honor. Who could refuse to accept so delicate a favor from such dainty hands, and under the light of such winning smiles? But once the wine is finished and the money is paid, the relationship is at an end. Another customer by this time is waiting, and the last having had his turn of conversing with beauty, must be content until thirsty again. Back he will likely come, next day, and drink another glass to the health of a fair face, and then be off again, satisfied for another day. And so it goes on from day to day, the pretty face winning most, or much of the shop's custom.

VETERAN ACTOR CRITICALLY ILL.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, April 12.—Arthur McKeen Rankin, the veteran actor, is critically ill at a hotel here of a complication of diseases incident to old age.

A BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL EASTER DAY—LOCAL SERVICES

A beautiful Easter morn, with earth, air and sky giving its measure of beauty and fragrance as testimonial of gladness that "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"; with churches beautifully decorated in Easter lilies, palms and ferns and overflowing with a glad and happy throng of worshippers with beautiful messages of life, of resurrection, from each and every pulpit, Easter day, passed in Charlotte as one of the most glorious in the calendar. Overcast skies in the very early morn gave way to sunshine and Floridian warmth that lasted until after the Sabbath school hour in the afternoon, when an April shower came lasting but a few minutes, and making the evening hours of a beautiful day perfect.

The most elaborately decorated churches were the Second Presby-

terian church, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and First Baptist. Other pulpits expressed the Easter sentiment floral in lesser effort, Easter lilies alone adorning the pulpits, but all emphasizing the sentiment of the day.

The decorations at the Second Presbyterian church were surpassingly beautiful. The entire pulpit was a mass of greenery—palms and ferns—and Easter and calla lilies, the latter towering high on either side of the choir loft. The arrangement was the perfection of taste and beauty, and to the congregation of the church was especially dear being from Mrs. R. M. Oates in memory of her daughter, the late Mrs. William A. Graham, whose wonderfully beautiful voice was the pride of the church, and who was beloved by the church. The arrangement was the work of Miss Lucy Oates, sister of Mrs. Graham. So beautiful was it that a photograph was made after service.

Mrs. David S. Yates, Mrs. E. A. McCausland assisted Miss Oates.

Dr. McGeachy's subject was "The Meaning of Easter," and it was heard by a congregation which overflowed into the Sunday school annex. He traced the history of Easter, from its pagan origin to the present form of celebration, the elaboration of each point making up a very beautiful whole.

In elaborating the point of the empty tomb and the women's arrival there, Dr. McGeachy said: "The women who came found an angel guarding an empty tomb—Christ's body is gone. In three short days there is nothing left. This, then is the final destruction of the dreams of those who had been not closely associated with Him. One frost has cost an empire, one frost has dashed the hopes of an abundant harvest and one death had wrecked the hopes of those on that first Easter day. Christ's death changed all for those people. All those who had followed Him had nothing further to even hope for.

"He Lives."

"But then the wonderful thing occurred. There an Angel guarded an empty tomb. Even though the body of Christ was not there, they knew where He had lain was so sacred that the Angel tarried and worshipped.

"And then they saw Him a little later in all the beauty of His immortality. Can we fancy how they felt when they realized that victory had been snatched from defeat? And how anxious they were to see the others? They had something to tell. Here was the most wonderful miracle of Christ's life. Here was a man who

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