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DEATH OF DR. EDWARD J. GRAY.

Was President of Dickinson Seminary For Thirty One Years.

The Rev. Edward James Gray, D. D., President of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary for the past thirty-one years and prominent in the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly half a century, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, at Baltimore, about 8 o'clock Friday morning.

Dr. Gray was over seventy years of age, though he had always appeared much younger. He was born and reared in Center county, and as a young man went to Williamsport Dickinson Seminary to complete his education. Here he met Eva Emery, then a student at the Seminary, and in later years they returned to its halls as man and wife, and for more than thirty years have presided over its destinies.

Dr. Gray was graduated from Dickinson Seminary with the class of 1858, and at once took up the work of the ministry. He entered the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference in 1859, his first charge being at Lock Haven. In 1860 he was located at Middletown, Md.; 1861 in Huntington Avenue M. E. church, Baltimore; 1862-3, Lewisburg; 1864-5, Mulberry Street church, Williamsport. In 1866-7 and a part of 1868 he was in ill-health and did not preach. He went to Lancaster in September, 1868, to become pastor of the First M. E. church; 1869 he was in charge of the Fourth Avenue church, Alleghany City; 1870-1, Frostburg, Md.; 1872-3, Grace church, Baltimore.

On January 8, 1874, the Rev. William Lee Spottswood, D. D., president of Dickinson Seminary, tendered his resignation to take effect at once. On February 13, 1874, the Rev. E. J. Gray, (he had not then received his title of Doctor of Divinity, which came in after years), was elected by the Board of Directors to succeed Dr. Spottswood. He gave the matter careful and prayerful consideration, and then accepted the presidency of his Alma Mater, which was thus offered to him, and had he lived three weeks longer he would have rounded out an active career of thirty-one years at its head.

He has left his impress upon Dickinson Seminary in a manner which will remain as long as the institution lasts. He had been its head for so many years that it had become a part of his very being. He lived only for it and, dying, died as he had wished, at the head of the school where he had been educated and to which he had devoted the best and greater portion of his active life.

Dr. Gray leaves a widow and two sons, William E. and Edward J.; a brother, J. G. Gray, residing at Stormstown, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. Sarah B. Wilson, of Williamsport.

NORMAL OUTCLASSED.

Was Nowhere in the Game Against Wyoming Monday Night.

The result of the basket ball game between Wyoming Seminary and Normal Monday evening was a genuine surprise to local enthusiasts. So completely did the upriver lads trounce the school boys, that there was no doubt as to their superiority. Only once did Normal lead and that was early in the game, when the score was 5 to 3. From that time on the visitors took the lead and were never headed. The Wyoming boys did excellent work throughout the entire contest, their passing, and basket throwing being of the sensational order. It was by far the best team that Wyoming has ever sent to Bloomsburg.

A large crowd witnessed the contest, many being present from Berwick.

There was a long and tedious wait in the first half, occasioned by the electric lights, and it was easily half an hour before play was resumed.

The score at the end of the first half was Wyoming 21-12 and the final score was 36-22.

Dr. Foley for Bishop.

It is intimated that Rev. Dr. George C. Foley, D. D., of Williamsport, who was a candidate at the last convention for the position of bishop of the new Harrisburg diocese, may be nominated again, and if so will probably have the undivided strength of his home city's delegations, which were divided at the previous gathering. His is about the only name of a minister in the diocese, which has as yet been much spoken of.—Harrisburg Patriot.

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Death Claims Mrs. Sarah Millard.

Mrs. Sarah Millard, relict of the late Associate Judge and Sheriff Millard, is no more. Gently as the snow flakes from heaven flitted down about the house in Willow Springs Sunday evening, so passed out her life. The end came at half past six o'clock. Death was directly due to apoplexy. A week before she was visited with a stroke of paralysis which rendered her unconscious and in which condition she remained for several days. She regained consciousness and showed some signs of improvement but her age, seventy years, was against her.

Mrs. Millard was born in Fowlerville, this county, in 1835. She leaves to survive two sons and two daughters, Ernest Millard, of Kingston, and William, of Willow Springs, and Anna living at home, and Mrs. John A. Creasy, of Fowlerville.

The funeral took place yesterday. Services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Armstrong, of Espy, and interment in Briar creek cemetery.

Nine Men Take Icy Bath.

That crossing the river is a hazardous undertaking just now was demonstrated at Danville Tuesday morning, when the naphtha launch plying between that city and Riverside, and operated by Daniel Ross, encountered a heavy floe of ice which capsized it, and precipitated nine men into the frigid waters. Fortunately, the water at the point where the accident occurred was only about three feet, and it being not far from shore, they were able to wade out. Those in the boat were Peter Baylor and W. R. Clark, of Riverside; Dr. E. A. Curry of Danville; Calvin Clark of Mayberry township, Montour County; George Woodruff, of Rush town-ship; William Oberdorf, of Sunbury; Geo. E. Williams of Rochester, New York; and Frank Ross and his son Daniel. The boat had been operated successfully against the ice for some time past, but it seems that it struck a stone and the ice simultaneously. The former tilted it and the pressure of the ice forced it completely over.

Music as a Compulsory Study.

It sounds a little odd for a professor in the Philadelphia High School to take a stand against the teaching of music as a compulsory study. He does not oppose it altogether, but would make it elective. This is a concession to the sentiment which prevails pretty generally in so many communities, that music is more of an accomplishment than anything else. There are many persons who seem unable to appreciate the fact that it is one of the most educating and refining forces in the world. Musical talent is not always spontaneous, as some people think. It can often be cultivated and called out where it is latent, and even unsuspected. Wherever enforced musical training in the public schools prevails for any length of time the result promptly makes itself seen and felt in social life, in the churches and, indeed, everywhere.

\$80,000 Blaze at Wilkes-Barre.

The business center of Wilkes-Barre was for a third time seriously threatened Saturday night. A general alarm was sent in and by effective work the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the large clothing house of Simon Long's Sons, where the fire originated. This building was gutted and the entire stock destroyed, or damaged by water entailing a loss of \$80,000, partially insured.

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THEATRICAL.

A CHURCH ROW.

Obadiah Strout, the church organist at Mason's Corner, met old Abner Stiles, who pumps the church organ for him, down at the Cross roads last evening and threatened Stiles with the loss of his pumping job if he did not cease his attentions to the buxom Widow Crowley who works at the Pettengill farm.

Strout said the congregation did not take kindly to the Irish, and the question whether Abner Stiles should continue pumping the organ was likely to cause a church row. Abner Stiles acknowledged that ten cents a Sunday and no pew rent to pay for pumping the church organ, was a job not to be sneezed at, and, besides, he knew many were underbidding him, but when it came to choosing between organ pumping and Mrs. Crowley, he chose Mrs. Crowley every time. This incident leads up to one of the funniest comedy situations on the stage, in that Great New England play, Quincy Adams Sawyer, which will appear at the Opera House Monday evening next, Jan. 30. Seats on sale at Bidleman's.

THE HOLY CITY.

The Holy City is correctly described in the theatre program as a powerful dramatic story of old Jerusalem in the time of our Saviour. It is a very strong play and Gordon & Bennett's presentation at the Academy last evening was a creditable one. The company is good and some members played their parts in splendidly convincing style. Charles M. Greene as Caiaphas, the high priest; Clyde B. Callicotte as Marius, a young Roman; Raymond Gilbert as John the Baptist and Pontius Pilate; Amelia Mayborn as Herodias; Fred N. Allen as John, the beloved disciple; Edwin Hoyt as Judas, and Leon Robertson as Peter, deserve especial mention. The settings are fine and costumes historically accurate and pleasing. The final scene, the grand transformation of the holy sepulchre, the resurrection and flight of angels and the gates of the new Jerusalem is a beautiful one. The atmosphere of the play is holy and impressive and made a good impression on the audience.—The Morning Star, Meadville, Pa., Oct. 20. Opera House, Monday Feb. 21.

LIVELY MEETING FAIR ASSOCIATION.

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sort in the future, William Mensch suggested that the by-laws of the Association be changed at the next meeting so that a majority of the vote would elect. The suggestion was favorably received and it will be incorporated in the next meeting call.

For members of the executive committee, three to be chosen, there were seven candidates: A. R. Henrie, A. V. Kressler, G. M. Hughes, Jerre Kostenbauder, Ellis Ringrose, Alfred Heacock, C. E. Adams. The vote was as follows: A. R. Henrie, 142; A. V. Kressler, 146; G. E. Adams, 92; G. M. Hughes, 79; Jerre Kostenbauder, 27; Ellis Ringrose, 27; C. E. Adams 76; Alfred Heacock, 78.

With three auditors to be elected the following was the vote: John S. Scott, 153; H. C. Hess, 150; J. B. DeLong, 153; J. Bowman, 88. The report of the treasurer Jas. C. Brown, which was accepted and ordered filed showed the receipts of the last fair to be \$12,937.71. There was paid out in premiums \$6271.65, in purses \$3800, music \$436.07 and attractions \$425. All expenses paid there is left in the treasury a balance of about \$700.00 which is generally considered with the unfavorable weather, taken into account, an excellent showing.

The auditors recommended that the librarian hereafter render a statement showing the amounts received and paid out by him, and that the same be made in itemized form.

In a Warm Place Now.

One of our exchanges thus bids farewell to a departed citizen: "He was a man of push. He played marbles for keeps when a boy, and cheated his playmates out of the alleys; he swapped a bladeless jack knife for a four bladed, sight unseen, sold that for fifty cents, bought a pound of sugar and made a barrel of lemonade which he sold one circus day for \$9. He started in business and sold bad meat for choice cuts and made a fortune. When he got one thousand dollars he organized a company with one million dollars capital, mostly water, and sold the stock at par. When the company busted it was found out he had sold out some time before. When he died he was a millionaire and he left it all here. It is warm where he is now."

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 29, 1905

Prepared by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

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LESSON TEXT.—John 3:1-15. Memory verses 14 and 15. Read John 2:12-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

TIME.—Some time during the feast of the passover, which Jesus left Galilee to attend. John 2:13. Perhaps two months after events of last lesson.

PLACE.—Jerusalem. Probably in the upper room, reached by outside stairway, in the house where Jesus was guest.

A REMINDER.—Repeat John 20:31. As we begin the study of this lesson let us ask ourselves the question: How will it help us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? and how will it help us to convince others of this all important truth?

The Lesson Outline.

THEME.—The New Birth.

I.—The Fact of the New Birth, vs. 1-4.

(1) Nicodemus' Quest, vs. 1, 2.

(2) Jesus' Solemn Declaration, v. 3.

II.—The Nature of the New Birth, vs. 4-14.

(1) Misunderstood by Nicodemus, v. 4.

(2) Explained by Jesus, vs. 5-14.

(a) New Birth through the Spirit, v. 5.

(b) New Birth Spiritual not fleshly, v. 6.

(c) New Birth not unreasonable, v. 7.

(d) New Birth invisible, v. 8.

(e) New Birth known absolutely by Jesus, v. 11.

(f) New Birth an earthly experience, v. 12.

(g) New Birth made possible by Jesus Christ, vs. 13, 14.

III.—The Recipient of New Birth, v. 15.

(1) Believers in Christ.

(a) Escape Death.

(b) Obtain Eternal Life.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture.

I. The Fact of the New Birth. (1) Nicodemus' Quest, vs. 1, 2.—Nicodemus came seeking he knew not what, and was brought face to face with one of the most profound truths of Scripture. He recognized Jesus as a teacher sent from God, yet doubted His personal message to him. He admitted the miracles of Jesus, yet was a stranger to the greater miracle of the new birth. Whatever may have been the attitude of Nicodemus towards Jesus that night, certain it is that he became later a secret believer in Him. See John 7:50-51 and 19:39.

(2) Jesus' Solemn Declaration, v. 3.—This passage is especially significant in that it is the first recorded discourse of Jesus and was delivered to Nicodemus who was a ruler of the Jews and a member of the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus' high position as a religious teacher among the Jews and his zeal and devotion to God's law and the Jews' religion, did not assure him of a place in the Kingdom of God. He must be born "again" or from above (marginal reading), as must every one who enters the Kingdom of God. The fact of the new birth as essential to salvation needs emphasis in this day of liberalism and apostasy. The new birth is necessary because of corrupt human nature, vs. 6 and Rom. 8:7, 8.

II. The Nature of the New Birth. (1) Misunderstood by Nicodemus, v. 4.—The natural mind cannot understand the things of God. 1 Cor. 2:14. Jesus was amazed at Nicodemus' blindness of heart, v. 10; Mark 8:18; Eph. 4:18.

(2) Explained by Jesus. (a) New Birth Through the Spirit, v. 5.—"Born of water and of the Spirit," implying a thorough spiritual purification by the operation of the Holy Spirit, water being symbolic of cleansing in all the Jewish ceremonies. Comp. Titus 3:5.

(b) New Birth is Spiritual, v. 6.—Just as flesh begets flesh, so the Spirit begets spiritual. It is spiritual resurrection. Eph. 2:1, 5. A new creation, 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 2:10.

(c) New Birth Not Unreasonable, v. 7.—If physical birth is necessary to share in physical life, then why should it be thought strange that there must be spiritual birth to experience spiritual life? The birth of the babe marks its advent into the world. The birth of a soul under the power of the Spirit marks the advent of a soul into the Kingdom of God. "Marvel not," therefore, "ye must be born again."

(d) New Birth Invisible and Unobservable, v. 8.—The Spirit and the individual soul are the only ones that know of the sacred process. Curious eyes may not lift the curtain which God has drawn over this natal spot of the soul.

(e) New Birth Known Absolutely by Jesus, v. 11.—Luke 2:40, 52. A personal testimony of actual experience is stronger evidence than the most learned and weighty theory or opinion.

(f) New Birth an Earthly Experience, v. 12.—It marks the beginning of spiritual sight. If the initial truth of the Christian life seems so incomprehensible, how could the deeper mysteries of the Kingdom of God be received?

(g) New Birth Made Possible by Jesus Christ, vs. 13, 14.—Here is a sublime picture. Read the story in Num. 21:4-9. A type of which Christ was the fulfillment. Jesus' sacrifice for sin was to give life. It made the New Birth possible. Those who are born from above are begotten of God. 1 John 5:1.

III. The Recipient of the New Birth, v. 15.—Jesus declared the fact of the New Birth. He then showed its nature, and its necessity, and now because He was the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, He makes the New Birth dependent upon faith in Him.

The Golden Text.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—This verse is immeasurable, inexhaustible, all-satisfying. It reaches from "God in the highest" to the depths where sin has cast the world. The vast ocean of God's love rolls there, bearing on its bosom the fair gift, His only begotten Son. Everlasting life is there to deliver from Death's power. Faith, like a jewel, flashes forth revealing Christ on the cross for sin. And in its midst is set the gateway of "whosoever will."

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