

City Pastors and Their Hard Work

Religious Developments of One Week in All Our Churches.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES NOTED

Carefully Compiled Compendium of News and Personal Mention Relating to the Churches and the Benevolent and Charitable Religious Societies.

The roll call held last Wednesday evening in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church was one of the most enthusiastic sessions known in the history of the organization. Cards were prepared by the session, which comprises N. C. Carr, Colonel F. L. Hitchcock, E. B. Sturges, Esq., T. F. Wells and W. G. Parke. The lookout committee of the Endeavor society took the work of distribution and faithfully performed it. Over 500 of these cards were issued. The most interesting feature of the absentees sent a word to the senior member of the session. Brief addresses were made by the elders and pastor, and at the close the ladies served refreshments to the members in the church parlors.

A decade ago this church only numbered ninety-two, when it called Rev. N. F. Stahl to be its pastor. The past ten years have been years of prosperity, and the service of last Wednesday evening will entice the leaders of this active church to greater activity and usefulness. The immediate result is greater familiarity among the members and increased attendance at divine services. It was the best possible means of bringing into closer touch the 500 members.

Young Women's Work. The annual convention of the Young Women's Christian association of our state is now being held in our city. The delegates in town represent thirty organizations in various cities; encouraging reports are read, the work in all its branches is discussed and plans for future aggressive work are being laid. This branch of Christian activity has not been very widely advertised, but with the co-operation of the pastors of our city and the able addresses of women consecrated to this work, the public will be well informed as to the results achieved in many large cities by the Young Women's association. At the request of the executive committee of the state organization, our pastors will preach a sermon in tomorrow's morning or evening service on the work done by this association; and in many of the pulpits of the city women who have long been identified with the work will speak.

The rooms of our local organization are on Washington avenue, and a branch has been established at 109 Cedar avenue. In the central organization on Washington avenue very pleasant rooms have been engaged, which are on the second and third floors. The work is in charge of Miss McCurdy, and her success during the last month was very great. Eighty new members have joined the evening classes, where all the common branches are taught. One hundred and fifty members are enrolled in the gymnasium. At noon every day, young women employed in stores and factories are welcomed to the rooms, where refreshments are served at nominal prices, and during the hour divine service is conducted, to which the young women are invited. At 2:45 each Sunday afternoon about seventy young women assemble for worship in the prayer meeting room. Four Bible classes have been recently organized, and sixty members have joined. The work is in a very prosperous condition. The state convention, now in session, will undoubtedly give the work in our city greater prominence and enlarge its sphere of influence.

A Prosperous Pastor. Last Sunday evening the North Main Avenue Baptist church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. William Chappell's Sunday school class, with potted plants. They were aided by G. L. Clark and John Hill. It was the occasion of the anniversary of the church, and the pastor, Rev. W. G. Watkins, delivered a sermon. In the course of the evening's address, Mr. Watkins stated that the membership in 1891, when he first took charge, was 125. During his first year 130 were added. At the close of the year he resigned, and during 1892 many of the members were scattered and the church in an apathetic condition. He again took charge in 1893, and during the last year fifty have been added to the membership. The debt on the church, when he first took charge, was \$5,000. This indebtedness has been cancelled and the building is now free of all encumbrances. During the evening the choir, which was organized and conducted by the pastor, rendered excellent music. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition under the supervision of Charles Henwood. The outlook of this young church is very hopeful, and both pastor and people are doing excellent work.

First Polish Church. In the Electric City park, in the North End, directly fronting Main avenue, excavators are busily working, preparing the ground for the foundation of the First Polish church in the city. The church has been worshipping in a hired hall, and lately purchased three lots, fronting Main avenue and located in a very pleasant part of this growing section of our city. The persons who dig the foundation are members of the church and give their labor gratuitously. They are there every fine day and work with a will under the supervision of their priest, and soon the foundation will be laid. The proposed building will be of stone and will be one 116 feet long and 51 feet wide. When completed, it will be an imposing structure and rival anything in church architecture in our city. It will not be completed at present. The intention is to build a commodious basement as soon as possible and occupy it this winter. Then a church fund will be established, and when a sufficient sum is secured to guarantee the completion of the edifice, the superstructure will be erected. The expenditure of thousands of dollars on such a church building impels that this people have come here to stay.

Clerical Activity. Rev. D. M. Kinter, of the Providence Christian church, will preach tomorrow evening on "How Faith is Produced." On Monday evening he will preach at the Wilkes-Barre Rescue mission. The regular monthly meeting of the Congregational pastors will be held next Monday afternoon, at 7 o'clock, at Pittston. A paper will be read by Rev. B. G. Newton, of Plymouth, on "Evangelists and Evangelistic Methods." An exegesis

will be given by Rev. Ivor Thomas, of Taylor, and Rev. J. B. Thomas, of Nanoticoke, will give a sketch of a sermon. An able discourse was preached by Rev. R. S. Jones, D.D., last Sunday evening in the Providence Presbyterian church on "Christ a Victim of the Cross." Rev. W. G. Watkins will preach tomorrow morning to women, and in the evening to men. All are, however, invited to present at both services. Last Sunday evening, Rev. M. H. Mill, rector of St. David's, preached a sermon on the theme, "Does It Pay to Be a Christian?" The Sunday evening congregations of St. David's has been steadily growing of late, which is gratifying to both pastor and people. Rev. William Coney, rector of Tank-hannock, will give a sketch of a sermon. Last Tuesday afternoon the West Side pastors met in the home of Rev. T. J. Collins. A paper was read by Rev. J. J. Jones of the Westminster church, on the "Historical Proof of the Resurrection of Christ." The paper was discussed by the clergymen present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Rev. D. C. Hughes, D.D., when a paper will be read by Rev. Dr. L. C. Floyd on "Modern Evangelistic Methods."

Rev. E. L. Miller, of the West Side, left last evening for Onondaga, N. Y., where he expects to spend the following month. Rev. Lincoln Litch, of Bethlehem, will preach at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church tomorrow. Mr. Litch is a candidate for the pastorate of this church. Rev. P. F. Zielemann, of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church, celebrated his forty-first year in this country last Thursday. He landed in Galveston in the year 1851. Rev. E. L. Miller is continually on the move just now in the interest of the Lutheran church. Thursday he returned from Catawissa. Today he leaves for New York city, on Monday evening he speaks in Brooklyn and on Tuesday evening in Philadelphia.

Preparatory Work. The Providence Methodist Episcopal church has purchased a strip of land in the rear of its building from the N. P. Fitch estate, which gives them ample room to erect commodious parlors, should they resolve to do so at any future date. The young people of the Providence Welsh Baptist church are actively preparing for "Bible Day," which will be observed on the 18th inst. Rev. A. F. Ferris, of the Puritan Congregational church, has organized a "Workers' Band." The object of the organization is to work among the young people of the North End. Next week, from the 14th to the 17th, the ladies of the Puritan Congregational church will hold a fair and festival in Company H armory on North Main avenue. The monthly vestry meeting of the St. David's church was postponed last Monday evening to next Monday evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Frank Owen Jones, director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. David's church, has organized a choir of energetic and faithful workers of the church, has been granted a lay readers' license by the bishop of the diocese, to work in conjunction with the rector.

The following societies are preparing special exercises for Thanksgiving Day: The Epworth league, of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, will render a musical service in the morning. The young people of the Green Ridge Primitive Methodist church will serve a Thanksgiving supper. The Plymouth Congregational church Sunday school is preparing a play, which will be given at the Mission hall of the Green Ridge Evangelical church will render an interesting programme of recitations, singing and drama on that evening. The St. David's church choir and Sunday school are rehearsing special music, which will be rendered during Christmas-tide. Rev. G. Hauser has closed three weeks' successful revival meetings in Petersburg. Next week he will begin a series of meetings in the First German Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. J. Stater, of the German Methodist Episcopal church, has conducted a series of revival meetings that have resulted in many conversions.

Brief Mention. A representation of the Young Women's Christian union will occupy the pulpit of Rev. M. D. Fuller tomorrow evening. Rev. C. W. Harvey, of the Plymouth Christian church, assisted by Rev. Peter Schuler, will be doing a very good work in holding special meetings in his church. A Junior Endeavor society was organized in Dutch Gap mission last evening by Rev. J. Jones, D.D. A new orchestra has been organized in the Puritan Congregational church, which will perform for the first time tomorrow evening at the regular services. The entertainment given last Friday evening by Miss Sarah Jones in the school room of St. David's, under the auspices of the women's guild, was very successful and well patronized. Great credit is due the women for their good work. Communion service will be conducted tomorrow morning in the Tabernaec Congregational church, when five candidates will be admitted by profession of faith. A music class has been organized in conjunction with the Junior Endeavor society of the Green Ridge Evangelical church. The members of the church have given their membership. The Endeavor society has newly added the pastor in his work.

The Luther league of the Holy Trinity church will conduct tomorrow evening's service and celebrate Luther's birthday. The following papers will be read: "Childhood and Youth of Luther," by Miss Anna Von Konecny; "Luther's Domestic and Personal Life," by Miss Bessie Croft; "The Diet of Worms," by Miss Emma Schuler; "Luther's Love for Music," by R. W. Neubauer.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. First Baptist Church—Pastor Collins will preach Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the theme, "Christian Joy." Communion following sermon. Evening theme, "The Magnetic Power of Christ." Seats free. All welcome. Elm Park Methodist Church—The pastor, W. H. Pearce, will preach in the morning. Prominent young women from the Young Women's Christian association will speak in the evening. Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Epworth league at 6:30 o'clock. Grace English Lutheran Church—Rev. Foster H. Gift, pastor, Services on Sunday at the Young Men's Christian association at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. D. R. Becker, of Mount Carmel, will preach. Everybody welcome. All Souls' Chapel—Pine street, near Adams avenue. Rev. G. W. Powell, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. Theme, "The Dawning of the Morning Upon the Darkness of Night." Fifth lecture at 7:30 p.m. Subject, "Mental and Moral Insanity—How He Came to Himself, or the Mystery and Ministry of Suffering."

The Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D.D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The pastor will give a five-minute sermon to the children in the morning and will also preach on the "Special Emphasis Which the Young Women's Christian Association Lays Upon the Great Needs of the Times." In the evening there will be special music. The pastor will give five minutes to answering the question, "What is the Great Lesson in Tomorrow's Overthrow?" Miss Hill, a delegate to the Young Women's Christian association convention, and who goes to Madras as missionary, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Wilmington avenue, below Mulberry street. Morning worship at 10:30, evening worship at 7:30. Sabbath school at the close of morning worship. Preaching by the pastor, H. S. Jones, on the theme, "The Bible." Proverbs, xxxi, 10. Evening subject, "The Day of the Lord." Obadiah xv. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

Union Bible class Thursday at 7:45 p.m. Dunmore Presbyterian Church—J. W. Williams, pastor. Usual services in the morning at 10:30. Sabbath school at noon. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. A lady delegate from the Young Women's Christian association will speak at the evening service at 7:30. All are welcome. Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Floyd. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth league at 6:30 p.m. Seats free. All welcome. Trinity English Lutheran Church—Adams avenue, corner Mulberry street. Rev. E. L. Miller, pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special services in commemoration of the four hundredth and eleventh anniversary of the birth of Luther will be conducted by the Lutheran League tomorrow evening. First Presbyterian Church—Preaching morning and evening by Rev. Joseph T. Smith, D.D., of Baltimore, Md. Sabbath school at 12:15 p.m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. The pastor's sermon being held in the Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Monroe and Gibson street. Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school at 11:45 a.m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m. Church at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. J. Jones, pastor. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Members of the Young Women's Christian association will present the association work at the evening service. Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. C. A. Motley, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning subject, "Prayer." Evening subject, "Where?" Saint Luke's Church—Rev. Rogers Inracl, rector. Services on Sunday after Trinity, 8 a.m., holy communion; 10:30 a.m., service and sermon; 2:30 p.m., Sunday school; 7:30 p.m., evening prayer and sermon. Penn Avenue Baptist Church—The pastor, Rev. Warren G. Partridge, will preach at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. In the evening Miss M. H. Taylor, of New York, a delegate to the Young Women's Christian association, will give an address on the subject of "Prayer." Holy Trinity church, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry street, where Rev. Mr. Scheidty will officiate.

LABOR NOTES. Umbrellas are made of varnished paper. The South contains over 200,000,000 acres of forest land, or over half of the woodland area of the United States. There has almost everywhere, so far as quality is concerned, there are nearly 6,000 sawmills in operation. The output of the planing-mills in 1890 was over \$22,000,000. Experiments are being conducted at the armory in Springfield, Mass., in the use of aluminum for the bayonet scabbards for the new rifle. While the metal works well in bending and is about 50 per cent. lighter than the steel scabbard, no satisfactory method has been devised for soldering the edges. Supporters of the telephonic system in Birmingham can now be placed in communication with Christ church in that city and practically take part in the services. The telephonic system, either on the pulpit, and the listeners at the other end of the system can hear the tolling of the bell, the prayers, the responses, the singing and the sermon. Even casual eavesdropping among the congregation can be distinguished.—Philadelphia Record.

Helping Hastings Out. From the Philadelphia Times. The cabinet-maker is now openly rebelling against the past three months they have been silent. It was stated yesterday that Governor Hastings would construct his cabinet with General Frank Reeder as secretary of state, and Lewis B. Orady or Lyman D. Gilbert as attorney general, Colonel Thomas J. Stewart, the retiring secretary of internal affairs, as adjutant general, and Lewis E. Bell as secretary of war. The cabinet-makers also consider Colonel James H. Lambert and ex-collector Cooper as timbers for secretary of state, but General Reeder appears to have possession of the call. The Difference. From the Syracuse Post. The Rothschilds smoke Henry Clay Sobranos, which cost four shillings each and are wrapped in gold leaf and packed in inland cedar cabinets. Certain Syracuse citizens smoke short clay pipes made by the Rothschilds, because they reflect, as they fill their pipes, that they were a part of last Tuesday's avalanche.

Cannot Wait at Home. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Hill is the only man who is running for president this year, and he is going to be beaten in his own state. THEM FLOWERS. Take a fellow 'at's sick and laid up on the shelf. All shabby and 'gated and pore. And when he's knocked out can't handle himself. With a stiff upper lip any more. Shet him up all alone in the gloom of a room. As dark as the tomb and as grim. And when he talks and send him some roses in bloom. And you kin have fun out o' him. You've ketcht him 'fore now—when his liver was sound. And his appetite noughted like a saw—A-moakin' you, mobby, for romancin' round. With a big posy bunch in yer paw; But you ketch him, say, when his health is away. And he's flat on his back in distress. And then you kin trot out yer little booky. And not be insulted, I guess! You see, it's like this, what his weakness is—Then flowers made him think of the days. Of his innocent youth and that mother o' his. An' she rises that she us't to raise; So here, all alone with the roses you send. Bein' sick, and all trembly and faint—My eyes is—my eyes is—my eyes is—old friend—'I'm blamed if yer ain't!—James Whitcomb Riley.

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Interesting Notes Concerning Musicians at Home and Abroad.

THE ENDURANCE OF A PIANIST

R. T. Black Attends a Thirty-Hour Recital The Ladies White Orchestra to Leave Scranton—Works of Scranton Composers to Be Published in Future.

Robert T. Black, who is sojourning in Paris, writes there is no music in the sweetest theaters in Paris and tremendous waits between acts, never out before midnight. It was the first time perfect that there is nothing left to be desired. Last Sunday he went to the Russian church. The service was interesting and beautiful and the church very beautifully and gorgeously decorated. The building is small, but as there are no seats it accommodates a large number of people. He had never heard Russian. The music there is particularly fine and is more prominent than even in the Catholic church. The following is an extract from an English journal showing the wonderful powers of endurance of a recitalist. He has a great reputation. Mr. Black had the pleasure of listening to a recital given by Herr Berg. Considerable interest has been caused during the past week by the thirty-hour pianoforte recital, which Herr Berg undertook to give on Friday and Saturday at the Aquarium. Punctually at 4 p.m. on Friday, "iron pianist" took his seat at the Brinsmead piano, upon which, for thirty consecutive hours, he has to perform a series of compositions, ranging from Bach's fugues and Beethoven's sonatas to a popular air. Throughout the night the performer was watched by a committee of journalists and musicians, and their signed reports to never cease. He did not leave his seat until the early morning of the performer felt considerable pain in his left arm, but after awhile the trouble passed away. Towards the conclusion of the recital, the concert hall filled up, and during the last hour considerable enthusiasm was shown. At 10 o'clock Berg broke into a gallop, and on concluding with "God Save the Queen," received quite an ovation. Herr Berg proposes to repeat his feat on Friday and Saturday next, increasing the time by one hour, and should he be successful, will, during the following week, work his time up to thirty-six hours.

The Peace-maker, W. S. Weeden's new book of gospel hymns, is out, and it is a book that is bound to sell. The music is nearly all new and of that bright, sparkling kind that will compel everybody to sing. The book contains some among the excellent things several songs by Tallie Morgan, George Noyes Rockwell and Professor T. J. Davies, of this city. Tallie Morgan's compositions are "Dare to Say No," written for W. C. Weeden, and sang so successfully by him at the shops and the lot meetings. Another is "The Prodigal Daughter," written for the Florence mission, of this city. The others are, "Our Country's Voice," "Soldiers of the Cross," "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," written for Miss Annette Reynolds, and "Sometime," for male voices. Mr. Rockwell has two fine songs in the book and Mr. Davies a fine hymn tune named "Gwendolyn." A great many of the books will undoubtedly be sold in this city. The Wilkes-Barre Record contains the following complimentary reference to well known Scranton musicians: "A fair sized audience assembled in Nelson Memorial Hall, Kingston, last night to listen to a recital under the auspices of Etta Chapter, Alpha Phi Fraternity, given by Professor Carter, of Scranton, assisted by Miss Breakstone and Miss Draeger. Professor Carter is the organist of Elm Park M. E. church, and is one of our most prominent musicians. His playing last night was well rested and he showed a skill that is rarely seen here. His selections were especially heard, and enthusiastically applauded. Special mention should also be made of the solos rendered by Miss Draeger. The Conrad chapter is one of the meritorious amateur organizations of the city that is performing creditable service in church work. The orchestra renders music each Sunday at the sessions of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Sunday School; at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in Scranton and at the Scranton Baptist church on the evening. The orchestra is composed of the following: Miss Clara Long and Fred Widmayer, violins; Louis Zorzi, clarinet; Charles Conrad and William Stanton, cornets; Otto Conrad, trombone; Mr. Adams, bass; and Mrs. Charles Conrad, pianist. Miss Mary M. Fritze, teacher of elocution and oratory, from Philadelphia, will form a dramatic and elocution class in this city. The lady comes highly recommended, and will be pleased to meet all interested parties at Conservatory hall next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She will give an interesting talk to those present. The members of the celebrated Ladies' White orchestra will conclude their engagement at the Frothingham this evening, and will return to Boston next morning. Many admirers of the artistic work of the young musicians, and the work of their department with genuine regret.

Tallie Morgan is busy at work on the Musical Director, which will appear this month. The book will be finely gotten up, with colored cover and trimmed edges, and will have from twenty to thirty-four pages each issue. "The Princess Bonnie" at the Academy of Music next week will no doubt attract large audiences. "The Princess Bonnie" is the latest production in the operatic line. The opera already achieved success almost equal to that of the "Little Tycoon."

Miss Florence Richmond, the new organist at the First Presbyterian church, has been well known in Scranton for several years as a pianist, and is one of the best accompanists in the city. "Told at Twilight" and "Darling Helena" two new songs by George Noyes Rockwell and Edward Miven, are in the hands of the music printer and will be out in a few days. Miss Grace Wittick, soprano, of Washington, D. C., will sing with the Elm Park church choir tomorrow. A curious instance of the littleness of state censorship was shown toward Verdi's "Il ballo in Maschera," one of his best works. It was written in 1859 for the San Carlo theater at Naples;

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It is reported on good authority that she will receive for the incoming opera season in New York from Abbey & Gray, \$50,000, as much as Melba received last year, and at the rate of \$400 per performance were the Emma Eames will be paid this season. Since her Bayreuth successes she has organized an operatic company abroad which has been appearing in many of the German cities and everywhere to immense houses and success. She has been widely delighted with the perfect rendition of Elsa in "Lohengrin." It is anticipated that the rivalries this season will be, not between Melba and Eames, but between Melba and Nordica. Souda, in a recent interview, defined popular music as that which at its first hearing attracts through its rhythm, oddity or intervals, or all three, and creates a desire for successive hearings. "A regard," says he, "Annie Laurie" as much of a classic as the grandest symphonic airs that become popular, and if they stand the test of time and retain their hold on the public they should be regarded as classic. Souda won't say how the public of bygone days first received the melodies that are today the most familiar and best beloved, and whether after the first year's lease of life of "Comin' Thro' the Rye," a singer who wished to give it as an encore took his life in his hands as does the man who now attempts to sing "After the Ball."

Formerly all the mandolins used in this country were imported from Germany and Italy; now nearly all that are used here, and a great many are used, are made in this country. In the past year and a half of two years the mandolin has become very popular, and its popularity shows no signs of diminishing. The demand for mandolins comes from all over the country, and it is so great that wholesale dealers in musical instruments are not always able to keep up with it promptly. It is said that we make in this country mandolins better than the imported, and the same is said of American guitars. Guitars made in this land, and they are also exported to all Spanish-American countries. An examination has been made by Dr. Edinger, of Frankfort-on-the-Main of Von Butow's brain. The great conductor and pianist had often requested that this be done so as to explain the severe pain which he suffered so frequently, and without apparent cause. It was found that his sufferings were caused by two nerves, whose origin lay in a scar in the brain-covering which led to the inflammation of the brain in childhood. The brain was of unusual size and the furrows strongly marked and deep. Much that was erratic in Von Butow's nature and belied the inward kindness of the man has thus been explained.

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