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## 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.

Extensive preparations are being made at Carbondale in view of the annual session of the Wyoming conference, which will be held in that city on April 10 and the following days. It is computed that almost 300 Methodist ministers will attend the conference, so that the work of providing entertainment for such a large number of visitors will entail considerable trouble to Rev. William Edgar, the local pastor, and the committee who are enthusiastically assisting him. Bishop Andrews will preside over the deliberations, which will be carried on by representatives from an immense territory in Pennsylvania and New York states, from Nanticoke, Glen Lyon and Wannamie on the south to Exeter and Schuylker's lake, near Cooperstown, N. Y., on the north; from Waverly, N. Y., and following the Susquehanna down to Mehoopany, there taking in the section from the river to Harvey's lake, and from Waverly, N. Y., up, taking in Ploga county and part of Tompkins county on the west; from East Worcester, N. Y., following down the Delaware and Hudson railroad to Sidney, taking in a portion of Delaware county to Hale's Eddy, N. Y.; following down the Delaware river to Lackawanna, Pa., on the east. The territory embraced by the conference includes six districts, viz.: Binghamton, Chenango, Honesdale, Oneonta, Owego and Wyoming.

Considerable interest will be centered upon the leading persons who will take part in the discussions. Bishop Andrews, who will preside, resides at New York city, and is secretary to the board of bishops, an important position, affecting all the conferences in the United States. He is 60 years of age, is an eloquent preacher and distinguished for his unique executive ability.

Chaplain McCabe, one of the secretaries of the National Board of Missions, has promised to be present, and will deliver an address on the absorbing topic of missions. The chaplain has earned the title of "Prince of Beggars," so great are his persuasive powers, and his eloquence has placed him in the front rank of America's eloquent sons. On April 11 Rev. O. C. Severance, of Plymouth, will speak upon "The Battle of Gettysburg" at a reunion of Grand Army men of the conference. Captain W. A. May, a prominent member of Elm Park church and Sunday school superintendent, will plead for the cause of superannuated ministers.

Mrs. Potter, of Illinois, a lady who is justly celebrated for her zeal in the work of the Women's Home Missionary society, has also promised to attend the meeting and deliver an address which it may well be anticipated will be a feature of the conference. Miss Mary A. Danford, from far off Japan, has also made arrangements to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign

Missionary society, which will be held on Friday afternoon.

The great love feast, an institution beloved by all good Methodists, will be held on Sunday morning, after which a sermon will be given by Bishop Andrews. On the same day the memorial service and ordination of elders will be held, and in the evening the Epworth league anniversary will be celebrated, when Rev. Dr. Schell, of Chicago, general secretary of the International Epworth league movement, will deliver the anniversary address.

Among other notable men of the denomination who will attend will be Professor Rogers, of the Drew Theological seminary; Rev. Manley S. Harl, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Spencer, D. D., of the Church Extension society.

**With the Workers.**  
At the annual business meeting of the Providence Welsh Baptist church, held on Monday last, very encouraging reports were presented by the treasurers of the various funds connected with the church. Each one showed a substantial balance in hand, proving the last year to be the banner year in the history of the church. A more gratifying feature, however, was the marked accession to the membership. Rev. W. F. Davies, pastor, is to be congratulated upon the success of his ministry.

The following article regarding the growth of the Episcopal church is reproduced from St. David's Guardian, Rev. M. H. Mill, rector, being the writer: In 1871 the church had thirty-nine dioceses and nine missionary jurisdictions, fifty-one bishops and 2,786 other clergy. The number of communicants reported was 170,000. In 1895 we find that the number of dioceses had increased from thirty-nine to fifty-three, the missionary jurisdictions from nine to eighteen, besides eight missionary jurisdictions in foreign lands, and the number of bishops had grown from fifty-one to eighty-two, while the number of other clergy was very nearly 5,000. Today the church has about 699,000 communicants and a membership of more than 2,000,000. The proportion of communicants to the population twenty-five years ago was one in every 225; in 1820 the proportion of communicants to the population was one in 416. Today there is a communicant for every 103 of the population. In 1850 the population of the United States was 23,847,854, and there were only 79,587 communicants in the church. Today the state of New York alone has only 5,997,853 population has 240,000 communicants. These are remarkable figures and it is not surprising that they attract attention.

The Roman Catholic News said recently: "The gain of the Episcopalians in this country, steady, undebatable, and that at the expense of the denominations called evangelists, is one of the remarkable characteristics of our times." The New York Evening Post as well as Public Opinion have devoted much space to the consideration of this growth, the latter remarking: "The growth of the Episcopal church far exceeds proportionately that of the population at large, or of any other religious section of it in particular. It looks like the church of the future."

An interesting meeting was held by the Daniel Payne Epworth league of the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church on Tuesday evening, when the question of "Resolved, That labor is more powerful than capital" was discussed. Excellent speeches were made and the happy-handed sons of toil won a great victory.

Mrs. Ebonizer Williams, one of the energetic ladies of the Simpson Mem-

orial church, entertained the scholars of her Sunday school class at her residence, 298 Chestnut street, on Thursday evening. Mrs. Williams has labored for a considerable time in connection with this important church and her efforts have been attended with great success.

A confirmation class has been organized by Rev. A. L. Africh, at the Grace Reformed church, and meets on Wednesday evenings. Arrangements will be made to present the candidates for confirmation to Bishop Nicholson at an early date.

A committee has been appointed by the members of the Grace Reformed church to make arrangements for organizing an annual Young People's conference, W. W. McCullough is chairman.

St. Luke's Register, Brooklyn, is to hand and is brimful of the good things which always flow from the pen of Rev. Henry S. Swensol. To attempt a digest of all the articles would be a great task, but it might be observed that the rector is extremely busy with a large number of Lenten sermons, at which he delivers an address daily. Each day there are two, three or four sermons.

Last Tuesday evening a meeting of the trustees and stewards of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church was held in the parlors of the church. Nearly every member of the board was present. The presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Eckman, presided. After the report of the pastor for the year, which showed that the church was never in a more flourishing condition in all its branches than at present, by a unanimous vote, the pastor, Rev. L. C. Floyd, D. D., to whom the church in a large measure is indebted for its great prosperity, was asked to return next year, he having already served four years.

An invitation has been extended by the Washburn Street Church Christian Endeavor society have assisted in various ways to furnish the new church building, which will be dedicated during the coming month.

An invitation has been extended by the Simpson Church Christian Endeavor society to all the West Side societies to attend a sunrise prayer meeting on Easter morning.

Presiding Elder Thorpe conducted the last quarterly meeting of the year of the Forest City Methodist Episcopal church on Thursday evening and delivered an able sermon.

The numerous friends of Rev. George E. Guild, of the Providence Presbyterian church, will regret to hear that owing to illness he has for the past two weeks been unable to attend to his ministerial duties.

Rev. A. F. Ferris, pastor of the Puritan church, is engaged on a lecturing tour in western New York, and in his absence tomorrow Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., will occupy the pulpit of his church.

Rev. M. D. Fuller captured a burglar a few days ago. The reverend gentleman was reading in his study, when he heard the front door opened and closed in a cautious manner. In ascertaining the cause, he found that an umbrella had been abstracted, so with the agility of youth he ran down the avenue, chasing the thief. A close race ensued, but Mr. Fuller won and secured the umbrella. He let the thief go, however, after administering a rebuke.

Rev. Francis Gendall, of Jermy, accompanied by the members of the Epworth league, paid a visit to the Peckville church on Tuesday. The compliment will be returned at an early date.

Professor Haydn Evans, at St. Patrick's church, and J. Willis Conant, at St. Luke's church, deserve to be commended on the meritorious taste displayed in the selection of the numbers

at their Lenten organ recitals. There is no doubt that the careful discrimination shown by them will tend to the ultimate elevation of standard music in the minds of those who attend the recitals, and this is a very desirable end to attain.

Evangelist James Scovill has been very successful in the services which he has conducted in the Conservatory hall during the past few Sundays. Mr. Scovill is no stranger in the valley, having conducted evangelistic services in some of the city churches as well as other churches in the vicinity. In which work he is now engaged. He expects, during the summer, to have associated with him in the work other evangelists and will use one or more tents pitched in one city, so that the non-church-going people can be reached.

**Waftings from the Choirs.**  
Among the recent additions to the choir of the First Presbyterian church are Mrs. J. M. Atherton, Miss Emma Fuller, Miss Lily Joseph, Miss Nellie De Graw, Miss Louise Linder and Hector James.

W. C. Weedon was in the city yesterday making arrangements for the Easter music to be presented at the Second Presbyterian church. Mr. Weedon will take charge on April 7.

Thomas Lyman, the tenor soloist, will remain with the choir of the Second Presbyterian church to assist Director Weedon.

Miss Jean Slee, contralto of the Second Presbyterian church choir, has accepted an appointment to organize a choir at Rev. Dr. Erdman's church, Presbyterian, Norristown, N. J. Miss Slee has won a large circle of friends in the city who will sincerely regret her departure, and will miss her charming voice, which has earned for the popular singer such a prominent position in the musical world.

Llewellyn Jones, who acts as accompanist to the Railroad quartette, has successfully discharged the duties of assistant organist at St. Luke's church during the Lenten season.

Rees Watkins, chorister at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, has been compelled to resign his position owing to throat trouble, which interferes with the discharge of his duties. His resignation was received with deep regret and efforts are being made to arrange matters so that he may retain the position.

**Items of Personal Interest.**  
Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of the Dunmore Presbyterian church, is recovering from a severe attack of grip.

Mrs. Richard Horns was complimented upon the successful manner in which she conducted the evangelistic services at the regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance union, and hopes are entertained that her assistance may be given on future occasions.

A meeting of the '96 committee will be held at the Young Men's Christian association rooms on Tuesday evening.

**Endeavorers attention!** The music committee for the convention of '96 invite members of the various Christian Endeavor societies of Scranton to submit original contributions of hymns to be used with tune No. 116 in Gospel Hymns No. 5 and 6. "Banner of the Cross," the one selected by the committee, will be used as the rallying song until the convention. Kindly direct all communications to A. E. Sloan, 913 Mulberry street.

**Welsh Bible Society.**  
The annual report of the Welsh Bible society for the year ended March 29 indicates that the society, which was established at Hyde Park on Sept. 8, 1855, is still in a flourishing condition. At the beginning of the year the treasurer had a balance in hand of \$92.16, to which were added Hype Park donations, \$28.75; Bellevue donations, \$19.93, and books sold by the librarians, \$19.25, making a total of \$160.09, which was distributed as follows: New York society, for books, \$36.18; New York society, donation, \$30; for express insurance, \$10.79; balance in treasurer's hands, \$83.22. The value of books in hand at end of year was \$106.70. The newly-elected officers are: President, Benjamin Bruce, 542 Decker court; secretary, William T. Williams, Sixth avenue; Bellevue; treasurer, William G. Will-

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**Tomorrow's Services.**  
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St. Luke's Church—Rev. Homer Israel, rector. Fifth Sunday (Passion) in Lent. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; service and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer, 7:30 p. m.; mission service, 7:30 p. m.

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Conservatory hall, 402 Lackawanna avenue. Every Sunday afternoon Gospel song service at 3:15. Preaching at 5:30 o'clock by Evangelist James Scovill. All welcome.

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Grace Church (Reformed Episcopal)—Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Rev. A. C. Gabelstein, of New York, missionary among the Jews, will preach. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. The pastor will preach. Subject, "Walking in the Light." John 8:12. Sunday school immediately at the close of the morning service. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday evening at 6:30. Strangers welcomed at all services. Seats free.

Grace English Lutheran Church—Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services on Sunday at the Young Men's Christian association at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. H. C. Hinman will speak in the morning and F. W. Peasall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association will speak in the evening. Everybody welcome.

Green Ridge Baptist Church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "How to Overcome Evil?" in the evening, "A Work of Faith."

Calvary Reformed Church—Monroe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. W. H. Stuebbling, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Growing and Prevailing." Evening subject, "Jehovah's Denial." Everybody welcome.

Jackson Street Baptist Church—The pastor will preach tomorrow both mornings in an evening. Services, preaching 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—The pastor, P. R. Hawthurst, will preach in the morning on "The Power and Promise of Patience," and in the evening on "The Contest on Carmel."

**Doesn't Think It Feasible.**  
Professor E. E. Barnard, of the Lick Observatory, does not think much of the scheme of a Chicago man for building an enormous telescope near San Diego, Cal., which is to have the largest glass in the world, made up of a numberless small lenses. "He is working on a wrong hypothesis," he says. "What he wants is not a great glass of the kind proposed, but to do what has not been done—and a means of quieting the atmosphere. In other words, his proposition is an absurdity."

**German Naval Artifice.**  
Search lights are such good targets for the enemy's guns that the Germans are arranging to throw the light first on a mirror and thence on the enemy, thereby concealing its real source.

## Dangerous Use of Strong Purgatives.

Most pills and purgatives which act quickly upon the bowels, irritate and often destroy the mucous coats of the stomach and bowels. Instead of their cathartic action is directly caused by the irritation of the bowels, which they produce. Their action should be soothing and stimulating instead of irritating. A continued use of such remedies produces chronic inflammation of the stomach and bowels. This often ends in dangerous diseases. The use of the genuine imported Carlsbad Sprudel Salt is highly recommended as an aperient, laxative and diuretic, because its action is due solely to its solvent and stimulating properties. It soothes and allays inflammation, and is therefore much preferable to all strong purgatives.

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