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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.

One of the most interesting topics to Methodists is the question of abolishing the "time limit" of the ministry. The history of the denomination shows that the question has continually been discussed and that the demands of the progressive Methodists have been met from time to time. At one period ministers were permitted to stay but two years in the same charge, and in response to the powerful demand to remedy the grievance another year was added, but the limit of three years was so productive of obstacles in the way of a successful and progressive ministry that the term was extended to five years.

Gradually the general conference has realized that the wide-awake and leading ministers have been laboring under difficulties and that the progressive laymen have not been slow to perceive the difficulties. At the last general conference, three years ago, so strong was the sentiment for the removal of the time limit that when the matter was presented, only a few votes were lacking to carry the measure. Hence they are now more prepared to receive a proposal to abolish the time limit entirely. Five years may be regarded at some times as a lengthy period in a man's lifetime, but when fully two years are consumed by a minister in becoming known to the members of a large congregation, and the district in which he works, as well as organizing the many auxiliary societies of his church, it certainly appears a hardship that just as he is attaining the zenith of his hopes, and is, after four years' hard work, bringing out great results, that he should be compelled to abandon his charge against his own wishes and that of his people.

Many Opinions Received. It will be interesting, therefore, to note the opinions of local Methodist Episcopal pastors upon the subject, who have been invited to express their views, which are subjoined. The question will not come within the jurisdiction of the approaching Wyoming conference at Carbondale, although there is no doubt that the matter will be informally discussed by the large number of Methodist pastors and laymen who will be present, with a view to immediate action in the general conference.

The opinions received are as follows: Rev. W. H. Pearce--From my earliest ministry I have been strongly in favor of removing the time limit. I have never been able to discover any reason for its existence. I verily believe it has been a positive hindrance to the growth of the Methodist Episcopal church, especially in the larger towns and cities, and sincerely hope that the next general conference will remove it.

should be removed and ministers should be appointed annually by a bishop--not called by the churches--but re-appointed as long as their services promote the prosperity of the church. The bishop, with his cabinet, should move our ministers, and not the clock or the almanac.

Rev. F. H. Parsons, Waverly--I can see how the removal of the time limit might benefit a few of our churches in the larger cities, but for our general work I think the removal of the time limit would not be beneficial, and should vote against it.

The Time Has Come. Rev. S. C. Simpkins, Moscow--My convictions are that the time has come to remove the time limit, but continue the itinerancy.

Rev. F. A. King, Taylor--I am most assuredly in favor of the removal of the "time limit" in the Methodist discipline. I see no good reason why we should have it, any more in the Methodist church at the present time, than in any other church. There was a time when it was needed, but I think the time is past.

Rev. A. F. Chaffee--I am not in favor of the removal of the time limit now. Let us test our present plan more thoroughly. The matter is so grave it behooves us to move more slowly.

legitimate traffic, branded him as a shakedown, as a Fagin. No other nation of the earth has been subjected to such repeated and multiplied disasters; no other has so triumphed over every catastrophe and survived every defeat; and even now, in our times of liberty and equality, our Christian neighbors are striving to convert their own, make all efforts to convert the Jews. Mr. Gabelin was sent by a missionary society of New York to convert the Jews of Scranton, and the Grace Reformed church, without inquiring into the character and sincerity of the man, graciously offered him its pulpit to disgrace the Jews. I would like to see the amount of mental, moral and physical energy devoted to converting the Jews into Christians carefully estimated; and I feel confident that the results obtained from this expenditure would show an absolute loss. It is really pitiful to think of the time, trouble and money thrown away in the effort to exhibit a few casually Jews in the face of a world of suffering humanity. The Christians who supply the money are, no doubt, actuated by the best of motives, and delude themselves into the belief that they are assisting in the salvation of their own souls, by inducing a few half-starved Polish Jews to be baptized, not once, but over and over again. But with few exceptions, the active agents in this hopeless business are a set of lazy vagabonds, who will not earn their living by honest work, and who have discovered a means of enticing money from the pockets of the would-be philanthropists, which is more successful than most other forms of swindling, and which does not yet bring them within the clutches of the law for obtaining money under false pretenses. Without making any arrogant professions, I claim that Judaism, at least, as much to make Jews moral, as Christianity does for Christians; and that in all the relationship of life, the Jews are certainly no worse than the Christian. What is the use of trying to convert the Jews, as long as there are hundreds of thousands of fallen, utterly depraved women in all the large cities throughout Christendom, as long as there are numberless desertions, adulteries, divorces and debaucheries in Christian Europe and America, as long as our houses of correction, our jails, penitentiaries and poor houses are crowded? On the other hand, it is an undeniable fact, that the Jews with very few exceptions are peaceable, law-abiding, industrious, temperate, loyal and patriotic citizens. The prison scarcely knows him. The scaffold speaks of him as a stranger. The divorce court seldom hears of him. The inflexible asylum scarcely knows that he exists. The almshouse has no need to provide for him. The public schools rank him among the most capable, the artists among the most skilled, the scientists among the most advanced. Is it a wonder, then, that the Jews do not lay aside the old distinctions and become Christians? A few Jews may yield to the temptations and become Christians "for revenue only," but Jews and Judaism will not cease to be until all religions of mankind are annihilated.

Rev. N. F. Stahl, pastor of Green Ridge Presbyterian church, is expected to return from his Asiatic tour. In time to preach at his church on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Joseph T. Smith, D. D., of Baltimore, who has frequently lectured on the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, will preach at the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, tomorrow.

Rev. Michael Miller, who was ordained in the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church, at Erie, on March 24, celebrated his first mass at St. Thomas church, Archbald, on Sunday. Father Miller will leave for his new charge in Clearfield county today.

The members of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church are preparing a petition to present to the Carbondale conference to allow Rev. L. C. Floyd to complete the full term of five years as pastor. Mr. Floyd is now in his fourth year in charge of the Simpson church.

Rev. Father Schmidt closed the 10-day mission at St. John the Baptist church, on the West Side, during the week. He was assisted by Rev. H. Files, and large audiences attended all the services. The reverend gentleman has left for his monastery, at Saratoga Springs.

Personal. Rev. M. D. Fuller, of the Providence Methodist Episcopal church, attended at Laceyville, Bradford county, during the week, where he assisted by special request, at the funeral services of the late Mrs. Dr. James.

Rev. Father Dunn, of Great Bend, has been conducting special services at Archbald during the week, and preached to crowded congregations.

The Northern Christian Advocate of this week contains in full the paper on "The Status of Our Missions," written for the Wyoming District Ministerial association by Rev. A. W. Cooper, pastor of the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church. The article was published by request of the association.

Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of the Dunmore Presbyterian church, has recovered from a severe attack of grip, and will preach at both services tomorrow. He has been congratulated upon his recovery by a large number of friends.

Rev. F. H. Parsons, of Waverly, writes "that churches of every creed are in sympathy with Professor F. C. Haysen in the Waverly school fight."

Rev. D. P. Jones, of Hyde Park avenue, will accept an invitation to preach at Auderlet tomorrow.

The Welsh Congregational Ministers' association will meet at the residence of Rev. David Jones, on North Lincoln avenue, on Tuesday, when essays will be read by Rev. Lloyd Roberts, of Wilkes-Barre, and Rev. J. P. Thomas, of Providence.

Rev. F. H. Parsons, of Waverly, has received an unanimous call to remain another year in his present charge.

Rev. A. P. Bower, of New Canaan, Conn., has severed his connection with his ministry, and will take up his residence in this city to practice law. Mr. Bower is a son of J. W. Garney, of Washington avenue, and he is reported by the United Press to have frankly stated that he was led to resign because the financial rewards in the ministry were insufficient for the proper support of his family, and that he will demonstrate his religion by contributing the stipend of a missionary in Japan. His salary at New Canaan was \$1,000 a year.

Rev. T. J. Collins will tomorrow celebrate the seventh anniversary of his pastorate of the First Baptist church, Scranton street. During his pastorate over \$15,000 have been raised for church work, and the membership has increased from about 170 to 300. He also baptized about 275 persons and has instituted great activity into the Ladies' A. I. society, the Young People's society, both the senior and junior divisions, the Women's Missionary society and other auxiliaries. His many friends congratulate him upon the successful work of the past seven years.

As forecasted in Thursday's Tribune the festival music which will be rendered in the various city churches on Easter Sunday will eclipse all previous efforts. The choristers have experienced a friendly rivalry in selecting new and appropriate pieces, the result being that some exquisite gems of church work will be given. One feature that is worthy of commendation is the fact that upon this occasion the selections have been made largely from the works of modern masters, so that many of the congregations will be treated to music heard for the first time in the city. The decided popularity of chorus choirs has resulted in some important changes since last Easter, but it would be manifestly unfair to subject the newly organized choirs to severe criticism on their first attempt. Caustic critics may vent their spleen, but there is no doubt that increased interest will be displayed in the approaching Easter festival owing to the increase of chorus choirs.

J. Willis Conant will hold his sixth organ recital at St. Luke's church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when a programme of the usual merit will be performed. Mrs. D. Amick will render two solos. It is a compliment to Mr. Conant that his audiences are drawn from every part of the city.

Professor Southworth, director of the Dunmore Presbyterian church choir, is preparing a large chorus choir with the view of holding a grand concert for the benefit of the church at an early date. A special programme of music has, in addition, been prepared for Easter Sunday.

The choir of the Calvary Baptist church, Taylor, assisted by some of the best singers of the borough, are preparing to give the cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy," during this month.

W. C. Weeden will commence duties at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow.

At the Penn Avenue Baptist church on Easter Sunday the following excellent quartette will be included in the choir: Mrs. Frank Brundage, soprano; Miss Maggie Jones, contralto; David Bynham, tenor, and Moses Morgan, bass.

C. F. Whittemore is one of the busiest musical men in the city. He is at present conducting rehearsals for Easter music at the Penn Avenue church and Green Ridge Presbyterian church, in addition to being responsible for the regular musical services.

Bishop Rullison will visit the city on April 21. In the morning he will attend the 10:30 service at St. Luke's church, and at Dumfries mission church at 4 p. m., and at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Candidates for confirmation will be received throughout the day.

On Easter evening, Saturday, April 13, holy baptismal services will be held at St. Luke's church at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Special meetings for prayer will be held each evening next week, except Saturday, at the Green Ridge Presbyterian church.

The second annual convention of the Luther League at Pennsylvania will be held at Reading June 25 to 27. Orders for special rate railroad tickets may be had on application to W. C. Stoever, 727 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

During the coming week holy communion will be celebrated at St. Luke's church every morning at 6 o'clock, except Good Friday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the customary spring festival will be held at the Jackson Street Baptist church.

On Tuesday evening the Ladies Aid society, of the First Baptist church, will hold an "egg social," when a delightful evening's entertainment is promised.

St. Luke's Church--Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Sunday (Palm) before Easter. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; service at holy communion, 10:30; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer, 7:30 p. m.; mission service, 7:30.