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PERSONAL.

Thomas Aubry is expected home from Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Briggs spent Sunday in Binghamton. Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Forest City, was in town on business Saturday,

John Fitzsimmons, of the Sunday News, will spend today in Honesdale Dr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Hara are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home.

Miss Kitty Mitchell, of Penn avenue spent yesterday with friends in Pittston. Miss Kathryne Haggerty, of North Main avenue, was the guest of Pittston rela-tive yesterday.

Mrs. M. D. Isley, of Clark's Green, and daughter, Mrs. T. W. Pentcost, are visiting Scranton friends. J. B. Corser, the crack bicycle rider, has

accepted a position and will become a resident of Scranton June 1. Miss S. Louise Hardenbergh is visiting

seriously ill at his home in Port Jervis, N. Y. Postmaster F. M. Vandling and M. E. Sanders, of the Truth, started for Pitts-burg Saturday, where they will serve as jurors in the United States court.

Poor Director Thomas Shotten, of Providence, has secured leave of absence from his important position as auditor in the coal department of the Delaware and Hudson and will on Friday next start for a three weeks' visit to his parents and brothers, who live in Kansas.—Free Press.

T. Reeve Jones, the well-known planist, formerly of Scranton, who has been in Europe the past four or five years, ar-rived in the city on Saturday evening. Mr. Jones, who is now located in New York city, will spend the summer in Scranton and vicinity. T. Reeve Jones is one of the most brilliant performers upon the planaforte ever numbered among Scranton musicians. In addition to his talents as a musician Mr. Jones possesses an agreeable personality that has made for him many friends in this city who will home in Scranton during the summe months. be pleased to learn that he is to make his

falo Bill Wild West, a few lines regarding one of the advance representation may not be amiss. It was while over in Relgium during the past year that Burt I. Conn, of Van Wert, O., for several years a trusted employe of the Earnum & Bailey show, had an opportunity to prove himself the hero that he really is. It was during the evening performance while an ele-phant race was taking place in the arena that a small child, having strayed from careless nurse, was seen crossing the k. The scene was one of terror. Thousands of voices went up in warning, but all were too terror-stricken to go to the rescue. On came the ponderous animals!. People closed their eyes to shut out the rrible sight, when with a shout a lithelimbed young man sprang over the ropes and amid the deafening cheers of the now frantle audience, rushed fairly in front of the beasts and grasping the child by the arms jumped aside in time to avoid what had seemed sudden death. Returning the child to the thoroughly frightened nurse the young man walked away, seemingly unconscious of the fact that he had saved a precious life. The next day the parents of the rescued child called on the young man and offered him large rewards, which were refused. But the father, not to be were refused. But the father, not to be outdone and feeling that he owed a debt which he could never repay, had made the necessary arrangements and had given the young man the title of the Count of Gelder Walsen, together with an estate. Mr. Conn returned to this country last fall a count, but the same Burt Conn as of old. Se will be in the city Monday in the interse of the big Wild West show.

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Rev. Warren G. Partridge Celebrates an Interesting Event.

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ammary of Work He Has Accomplished During the Half a Decade He Has Been at the Hend of Penn



REV. WARREN G. PARTRIDGE, debrated His Fifth Anniversary as Pas

tor of Penn Avenue Baptist Church. church, Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1882, and

During the past five years 500 nev members have been received into the church, and of this number Mr. Part-ridge has baptized 331. This will show society has no sympathy for a backmembership of over 100

Two New Churches Organized. It is of interest to note, however, that out of this large increase of membership, the Penn Avenue church has not adopted a selfish policy in maintaining a large congregation, but has been busing two daughter churches, one at Dunmore, of which Rev. A. B. O'Neal is pastor, and the Green Ridge Baptist church, of which Rev. W. J. Ford is pastor. To assist in the work of these two churches 139 letters of dismission were granted to members who were transferred, and 141 letters have been granted to members who have left to out of this large increase of members who have left to out of this large increase of members who have left to out of this large increase of members in their sorrow. They saked the Jews and they idous, will relieve us from the necessity of intellectual effort, and that by the time desor, and that perfectly good we shall alous be all perfectly good we shall as be a left to make the chap-time we are all perfectly good we shall as be all perfectly good we shall as be all perfectly good we shall aso be all perfectly good we shall as be a left to make the chap-time was a stange land." Singl

at a cost of \$1,200. Condition of Sunday School.

is at present the largest and most Sabbath. flourishing in the history of the church, and last year raised the sum of \$1,200 for benevolent and mission work.

The church was beautifully decorated of the Jews became had and property yesterday with palms and other flowers out in Rabylon. They loved Babylon and her idolatry. They never returned sent by Florist McClintock and members of the congregation. Mr. Part-ridge preached an appropriate sermon dather to the Holy Land. But there was a faithful remnant who never forgot God and their native land. They never on the theme, "Love Your Church." Excellent music was rendered by the large chorus choir under the directorship of Charles F. Whittemore. At the close of the service holy communion was celebrated, when the following deacons officiated: Nathaniel Hallstead, Charles Hall, David Atkinson, B. F. Filmore, Dr. L. M. Gates, Dr. D. A. Capwell, Charles Henwood, John Highfield, Henry Browning, D. W. Schoonover and J. Lawrence Stelle.

Sermon in the Evening.

At the evening sermon Mr. Partridge should not my countenance be sad preached a thoughtful sermon to a when the city, the place of my father's large congregation, taking for his text steptiles. "If I forget thee Psamls, cxxxvii: 5-6: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I perfer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." During his discourse he said:

Patriotism and religion were closely blended in the life of a godly Hebrew. This psaim was probably written by an exile in Babylon. It may have been composed by Jeremiah or some Lente who had often participated in the sweet music of the temple at Jerusalem. Under King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldeans. Paletine was conquered about 600 B. C., and the Jews were carried captives of war to Babylon. Jerusalem was razed to the ground, and the beautiful temple was destroyed. In a strange land the chosen people of God lived in servitude.

Their captivity and sorrow was a punishment for sin- In prosperity they had forgotten Jehovah, and relapsed into idolatry. They were influenced by their heathen neighbors, and worshipped Baal and Ashboreth. As a punishment, God permitted their en mies to conquer them, and carry them into captivity. They languished in exile for 70 years. In chastisement they repented and turned unto God for help. In true penitence the Psalmist expresses their sorrow for sin as they long to return to their native country "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down, yea we wept, when we remem-bered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof."

Where They Sought Solitude. On the banks of the Euphrates, the Tigus and the Chabaras, and along the banks of the artificial canals, intersect ing Chaldea, the Hebrew captives sought solitude to commune with the God of their fathers. As they thought of their homes destroyed, their vines and fig trees cut down, their wives and

lon they sat down and wept. Here is a sad picture of the backslider. Some of you have once enjoyed happy days in the service of Christ. Once your voice was heard in prayer and praise among God's people. Once you sang with young converts "Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away." You were once active in Christian work. You were a man of prayer. But you have been taken away as a captive.

man of unblemished character, and of distinguished parliamentary talents, the rising hope of the stern and unbending Tories and his book, "The Foundations of Belief," is of interest, chiefly, to metaphysicians and theologians. Its terminology is not within easy range of ordinary readers, but it contains no sentence more difficult to understand than a sentence uttered some years ago by one of Mr. Balfour's at

You were conquered by Satan, the world, or your sinful heart, and now you are an exile in a strange land. You live in servitude to evil propensities and bad habits. You are a slave to the "Person of Christ." Warming up the straightful to the service of Christ." Warming up the straightful to the service of Christ." Avenue Baptist Church.

Avenue Baptist Church.

Rev. Warren G. Partridge, one of the most successful pastors of this city, yes ferhage celebrated the fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, and preached special sermines at the morning and evening sermines at the morning and evening services to crowded congregations.

Avenue Baptist Church.

Avenue Baptist Ch Mr. Partridge graduated from Colegate university, Hamilton, N. V., in the Christ. He has injured the church and understand "The Foundations of Rev. A. Curticollege class of 1878, and afterward spent three years in the Hamilton Theological seminary. In 1881 he took a post-gradule left their Father's house, the church, Mr. B: ate course, and in 1882 accepted a call and have become spiritual paupers in to become pastor of the First Baptist a strange land. In their captivity they

down, yes, we wept, when we remem-bered Zion."

Language of the Unsaved.

You saw him die. You stood at the bedside and promised to meet him in heaven. But you are still "in iniquity." Some of you had Christian Sunday school teachers, pasters and friends unbelief, procrastination, cowardice, a hard heart. When you think of your

Not a Congenial Place. Worldly society is no congenial place for a soul thirsting for God. The sin-ful joys of the world cannot satisfy the an annual accession to the church slider or prodigal. The world ridicules a man under conviction for sin. This was true in Babylon. The Chaldeans mocked the Jews in their sorrow. They granted to members who have left to join other churches during the past five melody of Zion by singing it at a years. Thirty-eight deaths have also heathen feast. They hung their sweet the willows in their grief

Loyalty Will Be Rewarded.

Loyalty to God will be rewarded. In these seventy years of captivity many The church was beautifully decorated of the Jews became rich and prosperwould swear allegiance to the heathen ing all these dark years of exile and slavery they were true to their God. When Cyrus the Great issued his decree lem. Nehemiah was such a loyal ser-

vant of Jehovah. He said to the king of Babylon, "Why thereof are consumed with fire?" Such loyal souls said in true patriotism and religious zeal, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning; If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Such fidelity to God is always rewarded. (The sacred city must ever be first in their thoughts. faithful ones could not be liattered or ridiculed or frightened out of their religion. They persevered in trials and persecutions in wicked and pagan Babylon until they were permitted to clean and rebuild the temple and Jerusalem. What gratitude and praise there were among these eviles when there were among these exiles when they feasted their eyes upon a beautiful

In this sinful world there are many In this sinful world there are many captives who forget God in the pleasures of Babylon. They are ridiculed until they give up Jesus Christ. Many are driven into sin and unbelief by the trials and temptations of the world. But the faithful Christians shall leave Babylon at last and shall return to the heavenly Canaan. They shall reach at the last the heavenly Jerusalem. at the last the heavenly Jerusalem. You may hang your harp on the wil-lows in this vale of tears, but if faith-ful to God you shall at last hear the heavenly harpers as they sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

MR. BALFOUR'S BOOK.

It Was Reviewed at Length by Rev. Dr. Rev. James McLeod, D. D., preached powerful sermon last evening at the First Presbyterian church, from Matthew vil. 24 and 25. The sermon was, in a large part, a review of the recent volume of the Right Honorable A. J. Balfour, M. P., on "The Foundachildren sold into slavery, and their temple destroyed, their cup of grief was filled to overflowing. The captives may have been compelled to dig many of these canals and to repair their waterworks. But beside the rivers of Baby-

The vestry meeting of St. Luke's

Attack on Naturalism

Mr. Balfour's attack an naturalism is both vigorous and effective. His arrows are sharp, and they do not miss the mark. He does not mince matters often have regrets for the past. It is true of many backsliders of today. "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat His plan of attack does not please Professor Huxley, and the old agnostic-warrior lost no time in putting on his opinion armor and rushing to the de-This sad refrain is also the language of those who had Christian homes, but still they are unsaved. Many who are not Christians today had wonderful mothers. John Quincy Adams said: "All that I am my mother made me."
Some of you remember kneeling, as a child at your mother's knee, to pray. You were tought to pray in youth, although you do not pray now. Your mother's influence was like an angel's smile. Her daily life was full of little sacrifices for your happiness. And

istence of the supernatural he conceded, then the citadel of agnoticism has

been captured. Criticisms of Herbert Spencer'

In the chapter on "Naturalism and Reason," Mr. Balfour pays his respects who sought your salvation. But you grieved the Holy Spirit, and you are still unsaved. You often regret these wasted years. You are in captivity to unbellef, procrastination, cowardice, a hard heart. When you think of your childhood in a Christian home and the looks confidently forward to the time looks confidently forward to the time Rev. C. C. Luther, of Derby, Conn., church, Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1882, and after a very successful four years' work received a pressing invitation from the Norwich, N. Y., church, where he labored from 1886 until 1890, in which year he became pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church. Since that time his ministerial career has been brighter ministerial career has been brighter ministerial career has been brighter a very successful four years' work received a pressing invitation from the childhood in a Christian home and the childhood in a Christian home and the cold church, you long to become as true a Christian as your mother was. The psalmist expresses the language of your heart: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zlon." May your godily sorrow work true repentance. the 'narrow way,' will 'lead to destruc-tion." "These excellent consequences," continues Mr. Balfour, "seems to me to flow smoothly and satisfactorily from Mr. Spencer's particular doctrine of evolution, combined with his particu-lar doctrine of morals. But I confess that my own personal gratification at the present is somewhat dimmed by the reflection that the same kind of causes which makes conscience super-

years. Thirty-eight deaths have also occurred during the same period in the roll of membership. Notwithstanding these considerable deductions the membership today stands at 836.

heathen feast. They hung their sweet harps upon the willows in their grief. They who could sing as freemen on the banks of the Jordan could not sing at pagan feasts on the banks of the banks walls should never reverberate with the songs of Zion from their lips. If you had a Christian home, reverence your mother's God and her religion even in brought home to them the fact that, in a sinful world, although you are not a Christian. Many who had praying Heavens is of less importance than the mothers and goldly fathers, yet profane moral growth of a human spirit. To The membership of the Sunday school God's name and the sacred day of the all such he says, "I know not how this church yesterday. Miss Sullivan, who

Mr. Balfour has been called a sceptical philosopher and an "amateur theo-logian." But he is neither the one nor the other. He meets the sceptic on his own grounds, and he lays the founda-tion for a sound theology. Delsts, Materialists and Agnostics will try to belittle "The Foundations of Belief," welcome to such a stalwart ally. The book is by no means faultless, but it is a book of real merit." Dr. McLeod concluded by reading the opinion of Dr. Bruce on "The Foundation of Bellef."

SUBJECT WAS CONFESSION.

Dissertation by Secretary Mahy at Y. M C. A. Gospel Meeting. Very interesting Sabbath services

were conducted in the parlor of Young Men's Christian association building yesterday afternoon by Secretary Mahy, Conrad's orchestra played hymn, which was followed by the usual song service. In Tallie Morgan's absence Mr. Mahy led the singing. The secretary announced that he had selected "Confession" as a theme, and would read the thirty-second psalm. which tells of David confessing his sins, and he hoped that the brethren would

city must ever be first in their thoughts, the queen of their souls. There are in music two unisons; if you strike one, you shall perceive the other to stir, as if it were affected. So one faithful soul can stir another to fidelity.) These faithful ones could not be flattered or distincted or firstened out of their remanner: "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores."

Confession is the necessary step to forgiveness. No man can be at peace with himself who goes about with an unconfessed sin on his soul. Mr. Mahy said it is one of the most necessary for a man's salvation to ac steps owledge his sins before God. There is another kind of confession

the speaker said; not only is it absolutely necessary we confess sins, but it is as imperative that we confess Christ. He expects us to make a confession of him as Lord, because if He were not the Lord He could not bless us. And there is yet another confession, which is a confession of Christ to the world. A man who is sincere cannot keep Christ in his heart without revealing that fact to the world. We must be His witnesses before man. It is a necessary step in our lives, for the reason that the man who confesses Christ to his fellowmen will be careful about his actions and will watch not to crucify Christ afresh by committing sin. By confessing our sins to Christ we will be forgiven. Earnest testimonials were heard from all the members assembled and the services concluded with benedletion

by Mr. Mahy. RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

been postponed until next Monday even

Annual pew renting will take place in Elm Park church this evening at 8 o'clock. Chancellor Raymond, of the Wesleyan university, will preach at Elm Park church on Sunday.

derstand than a sentence uttered some A. V. Bowen conducted the services years ago by one of Mr. Balfour's at Washburn Street Presbyterian church yesterday and preached two excellent sermons Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth Congregational church, will read a pa-

per at the City Pastors' union this

Rev. A. Curtiss, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., preached an able sermon at the

Puritan Congregational church yester-

church will be held this evening, when reports of each department will be read

and two new trustees elected. Mrs. L. M. Gates delivered an interesting address at the Young Women's Christian association afternoon meeting yesterday, when, despite the warm weather, a large number of young ladies were present.

Rev. S. C. Logan, will read his paper on "The Historic Relation of the Presbyterian Church to the Evangelization and Education of the Black Race in America" before the Historical society which meets at Philadelphia on May 30. smile. Her daily life was full of little in Professor Huxley's mental gallery sacrifices for your happiness. And still her prayers are unanswered. You do not love and serve your mother's do. Some of you had a godly father. You remember a family altar, and his prayers and counsels. He is in heaven tonight.

You saw him die. You stood at the ing. The proceeds will be presented to Mrs. Hannah H. Morgans, who is now

in her eighty-seventh year. Miss Nellie DeGraw, one of the leading vocalists of the North End, has been selected to succeed Miss Phoebe Smith as leading soprano at the North

Rev. C. C. Luther, of Derby, Conn. gave a very interesting blackboard talk to a crowded congregation in the North Main Avenue Baptist church yesterday ness will prevail; conscience, grown un-necessary, will be dispensed with; the path of virtue, and not the 'broad,' but course of his address he explained the circumstances under which he wrote his famous hymn, "Must I Go, and Empty Handed.'

Yesterday morning a very practical sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Ford, at the Green Ridges Baptist church on the interesting question, "Why Attend Church?" The reverend gentleman dwelt upon the excuses given for neglecting to attend divine

tian. He is loyal both to revelation and be present: President A. W. Dickson, to inspiration, and he makes it plain H. H. Coxe, H. W. Rowley, A. F. Tapthat, of all creeds, materialism is the one which looked at from the inside-from the point of view of knowledge.

Trainmaster G. M. Hallstead and F. W. Pearsall will represent the raifroad de-Arrangements have now been com-

During the pastorate of Mr. Partridge over \$80,000 have been raised for all purposes, and during the past two years the last indebtedness on the church building in the shape of a mortgage for ing, in the shape of a mortgage for towering over 600 feet high, and yet its \$5,000, has been discharged. The in- walls should never reverberate with the State union, will address the conven-

Miss Sullivan, of New York city, a pupil of James Savage, began duties as soprano soloist at Elm Park end could be more completey obtained is a dramatic soprano, has a voice oof than by the Christian doctrine of the large range and power, which, however, is well under control. The emotional passages, as well as those requiring more vigorous expression, are equally well rendered.

Rev. C. B. Curtis, of Beloit, Ala., delivered four interesting addresses in this city yesterday. In the morning in the Puritan and in the afternoon in the but Christian teachers may well bid Welsh Congregational churches, of the The North End; and in the evening in the First Welsh and Plymouth Congregational churches of the West Side. He has been a missionary in the black belt of Alabama for over seventeen years and in his addresses told of his work and the crying need for the gospel among this immense population of over 1,500,000 negroes against only 100,000 whites, the large majority of whom are not able to read or write, and are very superstitious, making missionary work among them very difficult.

The First Presbyterian church has made a new departure which will undoubtedly be greeted with pleasure by those who attend, and those who wish to attend, the services at this church. Beginning with next Sunday the evening service will be discontinued for the mer months, and in place of which a twilight service, from 5 to 6 o'clock, will be held. As this will be in the cool part of the day, it will give an opportunity for the congregation to spend the evening at home or attend services in other churches. Next Sunday after

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