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WORK OF THE ENDEAVORERS

Presbyterian Mission on the South Side. Review of the Work of the American Sunday School Union--Rev. A. L. Urban's Scheme.

During the coming week the Congregational churches of the state--including those worshipping in the Welsh language--will meet at Pittston for the annual session of the State Congregational association. The programme has been arranged, with great care, as follows:

Monday evening, 7.30--Devotional service, conducted by Rev. R. S. Jones, Ephraim; sermon by Rev. T. J. Watkins, of Bloomsburg; administration of Lord's Supper by Rev. A. W. S. Angle, of Bloomsburg; Rev. R. S. Jones, of Scranton.

Wednesday morning--9, Prayer meeting led by Rev. J. Alex. Jenkins, of Mount Carmel; 9.30, business meeting; 11, paper, "Christian Education," Rev. T. Bell, of Scranton; 11.30, paper, "The Faithful Witness," Rev. John Edwards, of Pottsville; 12, recess.

Wednesday afternoon--2, devotional and business meeting; 3, paper, "Present State of Christianity," Rev. R. R. Davies, of Bloomsburg; 3.30, Pennsylvania Home Missionary society.

Wednesday evening--7.30, devotional service, Rev. W. D. Ferguson, of West Spring Creek; 8, address, Rev. H. M. Bowden, of Bradock; 8.30, Congregational Education society, Rev. John A. Hamilton, Boston; American Missionary association, Rev. W. E. C. Wright, D. D., of Cleveland, O.

Thursday morning--9, devotional service, Rev. F. T. Evans, of Lansford; 9.15, business meeting; 10.15, paper, "Spirit of Giving," Rev. T. A. Humphrey, of Johnstown; 10.45, paper, Rev. A. H. Claffin, of Allegheny; 11.30, American board.

Thursday afternoon--2, devotional; 2.15, paper, "The Diaconate," Rev. David Jones, of Scranton; 2.45, paper, "Religious Giving, Old and New," Rev. J. S. Upton, of Ridgway; 3.15, Woman's Missionary union.

Thursday evening--7.30, devotional service, Rev. Charles A. Jones, of Kane; 8, Congregational Home Missionary society, Rev. William Kincaid, D. D., of New York; 8.45, Sunday School and Publishing society, Mr. W. A. Dunbar, Ph. D., Boston, Mass.

The churches represented will number 126 and each church is entitled to two lay delegates in addition to the pastor, so that a very large muster is anticipated. One feature of Tuesday's session will be the dismissal of Rev. Patrick Kain, of Pittston, and his recommendation to the church at Philadelphia from which he has accepted a call.

Review of a Year's Work.

During the past year the missionary work of the American Sunday School union has been followed by very gratifying results. The embarrassment of financial pressure has been felt, but in the midst of it there have appeared most cheering tokens of God's gracious favor.

There have been in the field 140 men commissioned, of whom 120 were at work during the whole year and 20 dur-

ing a portion of it. As one result of their labors 1,763 new Sunday schools were organized, having 65,977 teachers and scholars, 513 were reorganized, and aid as given to existing schools, 8,324 times. But in addition to this large number of 2,776 schools set in operation, most abundant showers of blessings have followed the evangelistic labors of the missionaries. In many reports they mention only "numerous conversions." In other cases only partial reports are given; and yet the very large number of 10,092 hopeful conversions has been reported as having occurred from the work of these faithful and earnest men. They also made 107,220 visits to families for religious instruction and prayer, and distributed 6,796 Bibles and 9,548 Testaments. The organization of churches has followed in 189 cases.

In addition to this, a most valuable work was done by the missionaries in Nebraska, Kansas, North and South Dakota and Arkansas in the careful distribution of many thousand dollars' worth of provisions and many tons of clothing to the people who suffered extreme destitution from the famine prevailing in those sections. Moreover, over one million and a quarter copies of the illustrated Sunday school papers were freely given to the hospitals, prisons, almshouses and reformatories all over the land. These have been most thankfully received, and generally read with eager interest. Copies of one million and a quarter copies of the illustrated Sunday school papers were freely given to the hospitals, prisons, almshouses and reformatories all over the land. These have been most thankfully received, and generally read with eager interest. Copies of one million and a quarter copies of the illustrated Sunday school papers were freely given to the hospitals, prisons, almshouses and reformatories all over the land. These have been most thankfully received, and generally read with eager interest.

Cedar Avenue Presbyterian Mission. A committee has been appointed by the trustees of the First Presbyterian church to prepare plans and select a site for a new chapel for the purpose of the Cedar Avenue mission. The mission was organized over twenty years ago by the Young Men's Christian association, and was afterward taken charge of by the First and Second Presbyterian churches. Subsequently the work was carried on by members of the First Presbyterian church. The present quarters, opposite the Neptune Engine house, are totally inadequate for the purposes, as there are over four hundred pupils and teachers who regularly attend on Sunday afternoon. A well attended prayer meeting is also held on Wednesday evening.

It is anticipated that a regular church will be organized in the early future, as there are at present one hundred and sixty members, with every prospect of a flourishing and growing cause. On Thursday afternoon many small, but enterprising children connected with the church and mission held a fair at the residence of J. H. Steel, when the sum of \$72 was netted, which the generous little ones turned over to the superintendent of the mission to be devoted to the new chapel building fund.

Christian Endeavorers should be up and doing, during the next few weeks, and work in a practical manner if Scranton is to be accorded the '96 convention. Discussion may be very profitable, but there are practical methods which should be adopted without further loss of time, and it is suggested to the '96 committee, which constitutes the best men of the union, that they should immediately set to work to ensure that one delegate be sent from each society in the city, and county, if possible, to the Erie convention. In the first place,

the voting power for this city would be considerably increased, but, what is still more important, the number of active canvassers at Erie would be so strong that it would ensure Allentown being placed in the rear.

It may be claimed that the expense could not be borne by all the societies, but this would not be necessary, as it is well known that each society has more than one member who could easily afford a week's vacation at Erie, without being a burden upon the society's funds. At least fifty delegates should represent Scranton and Dunmore at the convention. The Epworth league of the city and Dunmore, which comprises but eleven societies, will send thirty delegates to Chattanooga, Tenn., and should this be any criterion, the minimum of the Christian Endeavor union should be fifty. This work should be undertaken by the '96 committee immediately and earnestly.

Items of Personal Interest.

By the departure of Miss Dunbar the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church have lost a valued and faithful servant who, during her three years of service, has accomplished much toward extending the work of that important church. Miss Dunbar has been particularly successful in connection with the Junior Endeavor society and the mothers' meetings. She has also worked energetically in advancing the interests of the night school at the Volunteer mission on Lackawanna avenue, where the results of her work are clearly to be seen. Apart from her educational work Miss Dunbar, in her quiet manner, has been relieving the distressed and assisting the sick in innumerable cases. There are instances upon record where families have been too poverty-stricken to pay the funeral expenses, and where Miss Dunbar has undertaken the responsibility of the arrangements, relieving the afflicted ones in a serious dilemma. Regrets were universally expressed at her departure, and more particularly so, owing to ill-health being the cause of the resignation.

As an example of her industry it may be mentioned that Miss Dunbar has frequently made over 50 calls in the same month, and it is a difficult matter to form an estimate of the trouble involved in listening to the many sorrowful tales of poverty and distress, and the effort entailed to render the miserable homes a little brighter. In this manner Miss Dunbar has won the affection of many hearts, and her name will be cherished for a lifetime by many of those who looked upon her as those of a ministering angel.

Rev. John Davy, who leaves next week on a visit to England, is probably the best known minister in this section of the country, owing to his long and faithful service in the cause to which he consecrated his life. Mr. Davy has witnessed a remarkable growth of the church and at all times the reminiscences of his early ministry are acceptable to his hearers. Notwithstanding he is 84 years of age, Mr. Davy is determined to visit the home of his boyhood, the first time in the long term of forty years, and will carry over the great tidings of the marvelous multiplicity of John Wesley's followers in America. His two sisters in England have, for a considerable time, been anxiously awaiting the fulfillment of his promise to cross the Atlantic. Mr. Davy will be absent for three months, and upon his return will, no doubt, be able to impart valuable information as to the great changes in the old country during his long absence.

Rev. A. L. Urban, rector in charge of St. Luke's mission at Dunmore, has arranged a very feasible and practical plan for raising the necessary amount to erect a new chapel and rectory on the recently purchased plot of ground, on the corner of Blakely and Foster streets. Shares are sold at \$24 each, to mature in four years, and although but a few days have passed since the plan was made known, \$2,300 worth of stock has already been subscribed. The plans are being prepared by Architect F. L. Brown, of this city,

Rev. T. J. Collins, of Hyde Park avenue, will attend the national anniversary of Baptist societies to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., on May 28.

Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth Congregational church, will read a paper on "Christian Education" at the state association of the Congregational churches to be held at Pittston next week.

Rev. L. W. Peck, D.D., a much respected veteran of the Methodist pulpit, read an excellent article on "Preacher and Teacher" before the Methodist ministerium on Monday last. Mr. Peck's appearance in public, owing to his advanced age, is rare, but his presence in the pulpit always attracts large audiences.

Rev. A. C. Gabelin, of the Hope of Israel mission, New York city, is a gentleman not easily discouraged. Mr. Gabelin lives but for the conversion of the Jewish race to the Christian faith and his life is devoted entirely to this object. He is arranging to open a Hebrew mission in this city during the fall and is determined to do his utmost to insure the success of the mission.

James Hughes will occupy the pulpit of the Welsh Baptist church, South Main avenue, tomorrow in the absence of Rev. W. S. Jones, who is attending the north-eastern Pennsylvania Baptist association, Thomas Jones, of St. David's church choir, assisted in the musical services at the archdeaconry meeting at New Milford on Tuesday.

Rev. David Jones, of Lincoln avenue, will read a paper on "The Diaconate" at the Congregational association at Pittston. The paper is written by Mr. Jones from the standpoint of a Welsh Congregationalist, and it is probable that some of the sentiments expressed will throw a new light upon this important subject.

A. D. Holland, warden of St. Luke's church, read an excellent paper on "A Layman's Responsibility" at the Scranton archdeaconry on Tuesday last, which was very favorably commented upon. The fall meeting of the archdeaconry will be held at Honesdale in September.

The trustees of the Providence Presbyterian church have organized as follows: President, D. B. Atherton; treasurer, T. S. Morgan, and secretary, H. H. McKeehan. No meeting of the Baptist Pastors' union was held on Monday last owing to a lack of quorum. A few pastors attended and adjourned without transacting any business.

The following gentlemen have been elected by St. Luke's church vestry as delegates to the diocesan convention to be held at Reading June 11: William T. Smith, J. W. Oakford, H. W. Kingsbury, Samuel Hines, A. D. Holland, James M. Everhart, Charles McMullen.

Coming Events.

Among the special musical numbers that will be sung at the Providence Presbyterian church tomorrow, solos will be rendered by Misses Louise Parry, Phoebe Smith, Etta Phillips and Will Evans, the well-known West Side baritone.

On Thursday evening the ladies of the First Baptist church, Scranton street, whose surnames commence with the letters A, B and C, will serve a supper in aid of the fund for carpeting the church. The success of the supper is insured, as the ladies of the church have established a reputation for the excellence of their catering.

On May 29 a confirmation service will be held at the Temple Anshe Chesed, London street, being the Pentecostal 662-1853. The following will be confirmed: Leon Levy, Henry M. Gallen, Samuel Bernstein, Albert I. Moses, Emanuel E. Gooding, Philip Bernstein and Carrie Ross.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Baptist association will hold its meetings at Kingston tomorrow and Monday, when the convention of the Young People's societies will also be held.

The quarterly meeting of the United Evangelical church, will be held at Dunmore, Sullivan county, May 21-23, 1895. The Scranton pastors, with their delegates, will be in attendance.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

Saint Luke's Church--Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor. Fifth Sunday after Easter. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 4 p. m.

Saint Luke's Mission, Dunmore--Rev. A. L. Urban in charge. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 4 p. m.

At the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church--Preaching morning and evening by William Parsons. Seats free.

Green Ridge United Evangelical Church--G. L. Matce, pastor. Sunday school, 9.30 a. m.; K. L. C. E., 6.30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Strangers always welcome.

First Presbyterian Church--Rev. Dr. James McLeod, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and "night service" from 6 to 8 in the afternoon. The pastor will preach at both services. All are welcome.

Elm Park Church--W. H. Pearce, pastor. The Rev. S. L. Beller, vice-chancellor of the American university at Washington, D. C., will preach Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.45.

St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Park Place--Rev. George M. Scheidy, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Seats free.

First Baptist Church--Pastor Collins will preach Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Seats free; all welcome.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church--The Sunday services will be special revival services. Morning and evening special music will be rendered by the choir.

Grace English Lutheran Church--Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services on 8th Avenue--Morning service, 10 a. m.; evening service, 6 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Jones, James Hughes will preach.

Conservatory Hall, 492 Lackawanna Avenue--Usual services at 3.15 p. m. Rev. W. T. McArthur will preach. Ad on Tuesday, May 21, at 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m., occur addresses and Bible readings on Gospel and doctrinal subjects by ministers, evangelists and Christian workers from home and abroad. Rev. A. C. Gabelin, ex-rabbi of New York city, is expected and will speak along the line of God's dealing with the Jew--past, present and future. Everybody welcome.

Trinity English Lutheran Church, Adams Avenue--Morning service, 10 a. m.; Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pewes are free, and all are welcome.

First Welsh Baptist Church, South Main Avenue--Morning service, 10 a. m.; evening service, 6 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Jones, James Hughes will preach.

The Second Presbyterian Church--Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Five minutes in the evening to answering the question, "Are we to suppose that Christ's glorified body and spirit are identical?" Sermon in the evening on the "Empty Heart." Special music. All seats free in the evening. All welcome at all services.

Church--C. A. McGee pastor. Quarterly meeting, 10.30 a. m., love feast and breaking bread, 3 and 8 p. m. Preaching by Rev. T. B. Bynum.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church--Rev. Warren G. Partridge, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Strangers are especially invited.

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Washington Street Presbyterian Church--Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Macclua, N. Y., will preach at the morning service and evening service tomorrow.

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