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Insignificance of the Diaconate in the Congregational Churches.

TO WORK WITHOUT A SALARY

Frank O. Jones Will Labor as Lay Missionary--New Choir Arrangements at First Presbyterian Church--Lutheran Church Doings.

Various thoughts are suggested by the discussions which were held at the meetings of the State Congregational association at Pittston during the week. Foremost is the impeachment made by Rev. Daniel Jones of the present insignificance of the diaconate. The paper formed the incident of the convention, and the sentiments expressed are such that do not tend to reflect credit on the great Congregationalist body. Mr. Jones, it was generally admitted, was quite correct in his accusation that the denomination was indirectly guilty of unscriptural conduct. The guilt was, it is felt, intensified by the fact that it was due to neglect of the usages by means of which this great church has developed. No argument can possibly be made that present day policy justifies the discarding of the only lay office, authorized by Scripture, as interpreted by the denomination. The question is not only an extensive one, but it is of vital importance and includes the final extinction of this time-honored office. The query could well have been added to the paper, "How far have the ministers endeavored to maintain the usefulness of the office? Had this been a subject of discussion in all probability a solution of the difficulty would have been reached. Another feature of interest is the happy co-mingling of the English and Welsh churches in one great union. Bilateral difficulties are nowhere to be observed. One phase of the question however, affords ample food for reflection. The Welsh churches are in many instances the mother churches of the later English churches, and the chief support of the recent churches is derived from an influx of members from the Welsh churches. It is admittedly a wise course and more convenient for the younger members, particularly to worship in the language with which they are most familiar, but it is an open secret that a considerable section of Welsh people, not capable of intelligently understanding an English sermon, are attracted to the English services for no reason except that they are tired of their own church. They cannot, however, appreciate that their usefulness is materially lessened, and that thereby they reduce their attendance at a house of worship to a matter of form rather than a matter of duty. The practice is, unfortunately, on the increase, and is a source of danger to the development of the denomination.

Self Sacrifice in Church Work. The following excerpt from St. Luke's Churchman will be read with interest: "The fruits of the spiritual activity of parish life are constantly appearing. William Toole, of Minooka, a devout communicant of this parish, and for the past two years a student at the Stroudsburg Normal school, has consecrated himself to the work of the church. Under the advice of the rector he was presented to Bishop Taibott, of Wyoming, who has placed him at work in his diocese. Mr. Toole is looking forward to Holy Orders, and will continue his studies under the direction of the bishop. We wish our friend and brother God speed in his work, feeling proud that it is from our parish so thoroughly consecrated a man goes forth. "We have yet another illustration and perhaps a more positive one still, in the case of Frank Jones, an earnest and consistent communicant of St. David's parish, who has consecrated his life as a layman, exclusively to the saving of men. Mr. Jones has presented himself to the rector for work, the return to be a simple support. As he desires to take upon himself the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience he thinks a very small amount will be sufficient for his maintenance. The call was so urgent, the need so great and the opportunity for securing the service of so consecrated a life so rare, that the rector has accepted the responsibility for a month at a time, relying upon there being those in the parish who will feel drawn to support such consecrated work. Mr. Jones will visit day and night among the laboring classes, the afflicted and poor, counseling, advising, exhorting, teaching and assisting as opportunity presents. The amount of work done will be enormous and the financial outlay very small. A young active, intelligent man who calmly gives up all the world has to offer of love and gain and honor in order to devote himself, body and soul, to his Master's work, was the offer and the remuneration only what it would cost to support so abstemious and self-denying a life. Mr. Jones begins his work at once, and we believe that in a few months most positive results will be seen in the parish life, in the congregations and in attendance upon the sacraments, and last, but not least, in the offerings."

Waifings from the Choirs. D. W. Watkins has made arrangements for special music at the Providence Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow. The double chorus feature to be introduced at the "Twilight" service of First Presbyterian church one week from tomorrow will be another advance in the excellent musical services of that church. Tallie Morgan has certainly demonstrated the feasibility of the chorus choir. His present choir of twenty-four voices is in the foremost ranks, and the addition of a large chorus of one hundred and fifty voices on the gallery in the rear of the church will make the music a decided attraction. The effect of one choir responding to the other must be heard to be appreciated. The first rehearsal last Thursday evening was a thorough success. Another feature to be introduced into this service will be songs from other churches. Tomorrow week, Mrs. De B. Dimmock will sing. Mr. Heath, of Newark, a very fine tenor, has also been engaged for a few Sundays. Other fine vocalists will be introduced from time to time. One objection has, however, been heard against this proposal, viz: that the excellent musical programme provided will attract a large number of young people from other churches, who will, it is feared, neglect to attend the meetings of young people's societies which are generally held before the regular services. It is, however, to be hoped that the respective meetings will not clash. Tallie Morgan has been given the contract to furnish the music for the Washburn Street Presbyterian church

for the coming year. A chorus choir of twenty-four voices of West Side singers will be organized immediately, and will rehearse on Friday evenings. The choir on Sundays will be in charge of a trust-worthy assistant. This will in no way interfere with Mr. Morgan's duties at the First Presbyterian church.

Memorial Services. Memorial Day services will be held at Elm Park church and the Penn Avenue Baptist church. At the former, tomorrow evening, the members of the Colonel Monies post and Women's Relief corps will attend, and Rev. W. H. Pearce will deliver a memorial address on "The Sacrament of Flowers." A service of responsive reading and special songs has been arranged. The music, which has been arranged by Professor Carter, is most appropriate for the occasion. The Ezra S. Griffin post, Grand Army of the Republic, will attend in the evening at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, when about 250 veterans will be present. Rev. Warren G. Partridge will preach a special sermon on "Patriotism." All the arrangements of the service are prepared especially in view of the occasion. An excellent quartette, assisted by the large chorus, will render appropriate music, which will be rehearsed for some time. The edifice will be beautifully decorated by the ladies of the church.

Coming Events. The Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania holds its one hundred and forty-eighth annual convention in Philadelphia, June 6-12. This is one of the oldest and largest religious bodies in America. Organized in 1748, it now includes 300 ministers, 481 congregations and 118,464 communicant members. The fair committee of the Calvary church have been laying plans to hold a piano and bicycle contest in connection with the church fall, which is to be held in the fall. A contest for a \$500 piano is now on. Arrangements are also being made for a second contest between two railroad engineers, the prize being a \$500 Sohmer piano. John R. Troch, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, is one of the contestants.

The second annual convention of the Lutheran League of Pennsylvania will be held in Reading, June 25-27. This is an organization of young Lutherans, whose object is to quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith, and to promote among them practical Christian life. Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, of this city, is the president of the Pennsylvania league. There are already eighteen district leagues in the state, and over 12,000 members. The Reading convention will, in all probability, be the largest gathering of Lutherans ever held in this country.

The Wilkes-Barre conference of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania resolved to hold its fall meeting in Scranton. The concert for which a large chorus has been rehearsing for some time will be held at the Dunmore Presbyterian church on June 11. It is announced that some of the Scranton churches will follow the custom of the majority of New York churches by holding no services during the month of August.

The Ladies' Aid society, of the Dun-

more Presbyterian church have arranged to run their annual excursion to Lake Ariel on June 28. Great preparations are being made by the several churches for Children's Day. There will be special exercises in nearly all the Sunday schools.

The Wyoming district Memorial association will meet at Lackawanna Monday and Tuesday. Items of Personal Mention. Rev. W. S. Jones will preach an English sermon at the First Welsh Baptist church tomorrow morning. Rev. F. J. Collins will attend the anniversary of Baptist associations, to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., on May 28. Rev. Richard Hiorns will preach at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor of Calvary Reformed church, was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Wyoming classes in Conyngham, Pa. The reports of the work done and results accomplished in the various charges shows an encouraging growth and bright outlook, notwithstanding the pressure of hard times. The board of foreign and home missions report that their work is in a very encouraging condition. There is no deficit in the foreign board, but a small one in the home board. The place chosen for the next annual meeting of classes is the Calvary Reformed church of Scranton.

Miscellaneous Mention. A Junior Epworth league has been organized in the Park Place Methodist Episcopal church with seventy members. Rev. G. T. Price, the superintendent, hopes to be able to report a membership of 100 at an early date. Members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Providence Welsh Congregational church are selling tickets for their annual excursion to Lake Ariel on July 13.

"Trinity" church congregation are making a vigorous and doubtless a final effort to pay off the entire indebtedness still resting on them. The first Sunday in June, Whit Sunday, is set for final monetary returns. Rev. D. C. Hughes is preaching a series of practical and useful sermons at the Jackson Street Baptist church. Tomorrow morning he will preach upon "The Conditions of Spiritual Power," and in the evening on "Woman, Her Sphere, Influence and Responsibility." Memorial windows as follows have been presented for the new Calvary church front windows: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin G. Berger, in memory of Jennie Oceilla Berger; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stubblebine, in memory of Bertha Stella Stubblebine, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith and Mrs. and Mrs. C. E. Welda.

The following excerpt is taken from Calvary Tidings: "A great revolution is about to take place in the near future in the manner of administering the wine at the Lord's supper. Heretofore it has been the custom for all to drink from a cup in the chalice. That such a custom may result in the importation of diseases to others will be granted and hence it has been decided to introduce the individual communion cup, thus avoiding any exposure to disease. We shall have more to say on this subject later and hope to adopt it in our church."

An excellent programme was provided by the Hampton Street Church Epworth league at their rooms last evening. A "Napoleon Tea" was held at the manse by the members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Dunmore Pres-

byterian church on Tuesday evening. The success both financially and socially exceeded the anticipations, and the young workers are to be congratulated upon their efforts. Tomorrow will be observed by the Young Men's Christian association as the day of prayer for their foreign work. The secretaries of the associations who are at work in India, Japan, Brazil, China and Ceylon will be the special subjects of prayer.

Owing to the meeting of the Wyoming District Ministerial association, there will be no meeting of the Methodist ministers at Elm Park church on Monday morning. CHURCH SERVICES. First Presbyterian Church--James McLeod, D.D., pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and "twilight service" from 5 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. McLeod will preach at both services. Strangers welcome. Jackson Street Baptist Church--The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Morning theme, "Conditions of Spiritual Power." Evening, "Woman; Her Sphere, Influence and Responsibility." Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. First Baptist Church--Pastor Collins will preach Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning theme, "Prayer and Fasting." Evening theme, "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." The ordinance of water baptism following sermon. Seats free. All welcome. Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church--Services at 10.30, to be followed by the Sunday school. Epworth league at 6.45. Preaching at 7.30. This service will be in keeping with memorial services, to which all are cordially invited. Be in time so that the ushers can provide you with a good seat. Rev. J. L. Race, pastor. Green Ridge Baptist Church--Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the evening, "The Duty of a Nation to the Memory of its Heroes." Puritan Congregational Church--Rev. A. P. Ferris, pastor. On Sabbath morning the pastor will preach his farewell sermon to the church. Subject, "The Work of the Church." In the evening there will be a final address to the young people. Grace English Lutheran Church--Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 11.30 a. m. Rev. Bonn, of Bell's Grove, Pa., will preach. At the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church--Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Floyd. Seats free. Washburn Street Presbyterian Church--Preaching at the usual hours by Rev. John Van Ness, of Princeton, N. J. St. Luke's Church--Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Sunday after Ascension. Holy communion, 7.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9.30 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m. St. Luke's Mission, Dunmore--Rev. A. L. Urban in charge. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 4 p. m. Dunmore Presbyterian Church--J. W. Williams, pastor. Morning service at 10.30, evening at 7.30. Sabbath school at 12 noon. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Danger of Neglect." All persons invited. Calvary Reformed Church--Corner Monroe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. In the morning the pastor will give an account of the work of Wyoming classes. Evening subject, "Elijah, the Messenger of Jehovah." Providence Methodist Episcopal Church--Rev. William Edgar, pastor. All the regular services will be held tomorrow. Preaching by the pastor at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Some Signs of the Times." Evening subject, "Un-

known Graves." Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are welcome. Penn Avenue Baptist Church--Rev. Warren G. Partridge, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "The Office of the Word of God." In the evening the pastor will preach a sermon on "Patriotism," before the Ezra S. Griffin post, of the Grand Army of the Republic, appropriate for Memorial Day. Special music for the occasion. Strangers are cordially invited. North Main Avenue Baptist Church--In the morning Rev. W. G. Watkins will deliver a sermon on a topic which at present is all absorbing, namely, "The Bible in the public schools." The agitation and recent litigation on this question in relation to the public school of Waverly makes the discussion of this question pertinent and timely. Evening subject will be, "The Elder Brother of the Prodigal Son." Appropriate music will be rendered. Miss Nellie DeGraw will sing.

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 preach the evening on "How to Make the Most of the Soldiers' Sacrifice." All are invited. There will be special music by Mr. Weeden and the chorus. Conservatory hall, 42 Lackawanna avenue. Gospel service as usual at 3.15 p. m. Evangelist Scovill and Rev. McArthur will both be present. Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church--Owing to the indisposition of the pastor, the services tomorrow will be conducted by Rev. Richard Hiorns.

TUNKHANNOCK.

W. A. Sturdevant, of Scranton, who is interested in the oil prospecting movement up near Lovelton, was in town yesterday having some leases recorded. He says that he and his associates have 8,500 acres under lease in North Branch and Windham townships and that they will begin building a derrick about June 5. The man who will run the derrick, when started, has been in the business for eighteen years and his helper nearly twice as long. Inasmuch as both of them are financially interested in the venture, Mr. Sturdevant is confident that there will be no shamming. The first well will be put down in close proximity to well No. 1, but the old hole will not be made deeper, as was reported, on account of water. He has no faith in the Forkston territory, where parties drilled last season. Attorneys E. J. Jordan, James W. Platt and Charles W. Terry returned from Laporte Thursday night, where they had been to attend the May sitting of the court carrying on the judicial contest. The matter is very uncertain at this stage, as it is said that 250 votes will probably be thrown out in Sullivan county. The effect, if such a thing occurs, cannot be foretold, but one of the attorneys confidently predicts that a result would seat him on the bench, for it is in nowise probable that enough illegal votes will be found in this county to overbalance it. The adjournment was made to meet in Tunkhannock June 17, when the vote of this county will be vented.

Miss Effie P. Reynolds has returned from Scranton. C. A. Little, esq., is spending the week at New Haven, Conn., where he is attending the supreme lodge of Heptasophus as representative of Tunkhannock conclaves. The members of Temple Commandery, Knights Templar, who went to Pittston Thursday night to attend Ascension Day services as guests of Wyoming Valley commandery, express themselves as highly pleased with their entertainment. Among the members

who went were B. W. Lewis, H. F. Moteself, D. Billings, F. H. Platt, C. S. Knapp, T. B. Vosburg, E. A. Adams, C. M. Barlow, L. T. Burns, G. S. Baldwin, John B. Fasset, N. A. McKown, R. E. Billings, R. W. Bannatyne. Captain E. S. Handrick has returned from Philadelphia.

The funeral of Thomas Manley yesterday was largely attended, many friends coming from a distance to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. Rev. Father Driscoll preached a fine discourse and Mrs. Kate Sullivan, leader of the Hyde Park Catholic choir, sang the mass beautifully, receiving many compliments therefor. Among those who were present from out of town were T. F. Cody and Tracey Roberts, of Pittston; Peter Carvey, Mrs. a fine discourse and Mrs. Kate Sullivan, Mrs. John Heath, of Scranton; Thomas Gibbons, James Maloy, of Vosburg; John Mahanna and mother, of Russell Hill; John S. Tanney, S. J. Regan; Miss Mary Lynch, Mrs. William Reilly and Mrs. George Reilly, of Wilkes-Barre. A handsome soldiers' monument on the court house lawn is just what is needed now to lend grace and dignity to the county property. If surrounded with a few neatly kept flower beds it would transform what has always been an ugly blotch into a charming little spot, especially if a fountain be added.

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