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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES

Arrangements That Have Been Made at the Elm Park Church-Baptists Are Forging Ahead-Rev. George E. Guild Going to Europe.

With the coming of hot weather one would suppose that ministers and church workers would be inclined to lessen their labors, but a perusal of our letter this week will show them to be as bard at work as ever. As we went among them this week we found them very busy, indeed, getting ready for a celebration by the children tomorrow. which will be observed by nearly all the churches throughout the city as "Children's Day." or Floral Sunday.

This is a time looked forward to by The little ones with a great deal of pleasure. A few weeks beforehand small mite boxes are distributed among them, and then they begin to eagerly hoard their pennies for children's day. Then, as part of the services, the boxes and offerings are received. The money so collected is given to different agencles for establishing Sunday schools and extending Christian work among children. The floral decorations are one of the chief pleasures of the day. Specially prepared programmes of crisp, sparkling music and short practical talks on religion make a very joy

Among the Episcopalians. There was a very pleasant incident in connection with the securing of the Schlager farm at Lake Ariel as a summer home for convalescents by the Men's Guild of St. Luke's. The committee having the work in charge de sired a different location than the one at Dalton, and they decided to try and rent Mr. Charles Schlager's pleasant house and farm at Lake Ariel. Accordingly they waited upon Mr. Schlager with a proposition and were told him that he didn't care to rent his place. Of course the committee felt that it was useless to argue the matter, and were about to turn sorrowfully away when Mr. Schlager said: gentlemen, I do not wish to rent but I shall be more than pleased to give you the use of the house and farm for your work free." Mr. Schlager not only has the thanks of the committee, but of all who are interested in Christian work. The plan of the guild is to pro vide a place where invalids-not having contagious diseases-may go to recuperate without being compelled to pay summer boarding house prices physicians of the city are notified of the plan and any deserving cases coming under their notice will be cared forif the accommodations will permitirrespective of creed. The members of the guild having the executive work in hand are: F. P. Price, Theodore G. Wolfe, C. B. Derman, J. C. Highriter, R. J. Foster. The ladies who will su perintend are: Mrs. I. F. Everhart, Mrs George L. Dickson, Mrs. William M. Silkman, Mrs. John H. Phelps.

The delegates to the convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania at Reading, from the Church of the are what draw Good Shepherd, are: J. Atticus Robert- on Penn avenue.

NEWS OF CITY CHURCHES scn and Thomas E. Jones, from St. Lukes; J. M. Everhart, H. W. Kingsbury, Samuel Hines, A. D. Holland, Charles McMullen, James W. Oakford Charles Schlagers Generous Offer to and W. T. Smith. The convention opens on Tuesday.

The Dunmore mission has been given the name of St. Mark's. Proposals for building a parish house and rectory are being advertised for. The plans and specifications have been adopted. St. Luke's will run their free excursion some time in August.

Elm Park M. E. Church. Floral Sunday or children's day will

be observed in the Elm Park church tomorrow by a specially prepared pro gramme. Floral Sunday will be universally observed tomorrow by all Methodist Episcopal churches. Children and flowers will have pos

session of Elm Park church Sunday morning at 10.20, it being children's day Recitations and songs will mingle with sweet odors from roses and lillies. The decorations are in charge of Misses G A. Norton and Sophia Schlager, Mrs J. S. McAnulty, R. Ernest Comegys, J. C. Surdam, and B. B. Hicks. The children will meet in the church at 9.30 a. m.

Rev. W. H. Pearce will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at Cazenovia college Sunday, June 16, Dr. Pearce's brother, Rev. L. H. Pearce, of Cortland, N. Y. will preach at Elm Park on that

Says the Epworth Herald: Rev. W.

H. Pearce, D. D., pastor of the Elm

Park church, Scranton, Pa., gave utterance to some plain old-fashioned Methodist sentiments at the recent session of the Wyoming conference, which ought to be read and pondered by every nember of the Epworth league. The point under discussion was "The Church Building a Social Need." Where shall we go?" is the cry of millions. Some say to the club-room; but its delights are only temporary they only touch the surface of the great deep wanting of our social nature, and very many of them are only gilded ways leading down to perdition through easy stages. Others say go to the lodges of the various fraternities; but somehow they, at least, are only conventional, and an endless routine of paraphernalia; and, while we have nothing but words of commendation for many of them, yet there are experiences in our daily life, and realms of loneliness in our souls, that lie far pediencies."

beyond their temporary reliefs and ex-Then after a plea for a church that shall touch and help the man on every side of his nature he diagnoses the church ailment everywhere as follows: "The trouble with the church today in all of our communities is its formality, its exclusiveness, and its halfartedness." The magnificent church of which Dr. Pearce is pastor comes as near refuting his argument as any single church can. Alas, we fear it is one of the few exceptions. The Epworth league ought to see that churches of the class described by Dr. Pearce are the exception and not the rule ten years from now.

Penn Avenue Baptist. Large audiences attend the summer popular Sunday evening services at Baptist church. The service lasts but one hour-from 7.30 purpose in them, and special music by a large chorus choir and solo quartette are what draw large meetings down

nual excursion to Lake Ariel June 27. The Baptist church organization is

still forging ahead, as shown by the Partridge gave last Sunday morning of the national Baptist convention at Saratoga. Here are some of the statistics: 27,000 ministers, 28,000 churches, 205,000 baptisms; total United States membership, 3,637,000; 22,000 Sunday schools; 152,000 teachers and officers; 1,500,000 pupils; \$12,000,000 raised for all The church property has increased in value over \$80,000,000.

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church. The first children's services to be held in the new church auditorium will occur tomorrow, when Children's Day will be observed by a programme es-

The music of the church choir is so satisfactory as to enthuse its members and the church session for something greater. In the near future, as a result, there will probably be a large made such a success of the First Presbyterian church music. Mr. Morgan will not, however, give up his work with the First church choir.

Rev. William G. Finney, of Orbisonia, Pa., will occupy the pulpit Sunday, June 16.

The report of the delegates who at Endeavor, at Wilkes-Barre, will be People's meeting.

The Bible school of the church will ranged of music recitations, and addresses. The parents and friends of invited. Exercises commence at 10.30. Rev. William Parsons will preach tomorrow evening in the church.

Providence Presbyterian Church. Rev. George E. Guild is being con gratulated on every hand on his contemplated trip to Europe. Mr. Guild hardly knows whether to be pleased most with his trip or with the kindness of two or three of his appreciative church members, who decided to have him go and who furnished the means to do it with. He will sail on June 26, to be gone six or eight weeks, and will tour from Queenstown to the north of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the principal cities of England. In Germany he will visit Heldelberg and other university towns. He will spend a week in "Paris, the Magnificent," and expects to look upon Luther's old pulpit in Geneva. Among those who will sup ply Mr. Guild's pulpit during his absence are Rev. W. H. Stites, of Wyom

In connection with Children's Day to morrow morning the sacrament of bap of infants. In the evening a special programme of music will be rendered by Mrs. Edith Richards-Heckel, Miss Louise Parry and Professor T. J. Da-

ing, moderator of the presbytery; Rev

W. H. Swift, of Honesdale; Rev. Will-

iam Dunning, of Gilbertsville, N. Y.

and Rev. Raphael Kessler, of Brant.

Calvary Reformed Church. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine and wife are living at Lake Ariel for the sumpreaching and Sunday school service

ings Mr. Stubblebine will preach a number of illustrated sermons. The illustrating will be done by means of year's report which Rev. Warren G. large paintings made expressly for the purpose. The first course will be on "Scenes in the Life of Daniel."

Peckville Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Vernon Clyde Byers, a graduate of this year's class at Princeton Theological seminary, has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Peckville. Mr. Byers has already been on the field three weeks. He will in the near future be examined for ordination by the presbytery and formally installed has pastor of the Peckville field.

The outlook for the Peckville church with its new building and energetic pecially prepared for the morning ser- pastor and the large population surrounding the town, places that church among the most promising within the bounds of the presbytery.

Tomorrow will be observed as chil-dren's day in the Presbyterian church. The exercises will be held in the evenchorus choir organized, which will be ing and will be very interesting. The instructed by Tallie Morgan, who has programme will include violin solos, recitations, sacred pantomimes, solos, etc. Willard Benjamin, of Scranton will render several violin selections. Nova Scotia's Blue Nose Club.

The Nova Scotla young men engaged in the work of the Young Men's Christian association met one afternoon during the recent secretaries' conference tended the tri-county convention of the at Hartford and organized themselves Young People's Society of Christian into a club to be known as the "Blue Nose Club," (Nova Scotians are called given tomorrow evening at the Young blue noses). The object as stated in the constitution that was drawn up and adopted is "to promote the work of the observe children's day tomorrow. An Young Men's Christian association in interesting programme has been arfraternal spirit among the young men in the work and the encouragement of the members of the school are cordially the Nova Scotia young men who shall

hereafter enter the work." George Mahy, the general secretary of Scranton, Pa., who is a genuine Novie, was elected president. There are at present twenty-one Nova Scotians in the work of the association as secre taries and physical directors, only four of whom are at present in Nova Scotia, the remaining seventeen being scat tered throughout Canada and th United States.

C. E. Convention at Boston. There will probably be a larger delegation leaving Scranton for the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor national convention at Boston, July 16 than has ever been known before in the history of the organization. The fare for the round trip is only \$10, and the tickets are good for return within thirty days. The programme contains a most brilliant array of speakers.

Gospel Meetings at Priceburg. There will be two special Gospel meet-ings held at the island or Smith's grove Priceburg, on Sunday under the auspice of the Christians that meet in Co-Sunday, to which all are welcome, CHURCH SERVICES.

Grace Lutheran Church-Rev. Foster U Gift, pastor. Services at the Young Men's Christian association at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church-Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Floyd. Seats free. Elm Park Methodist Episcopal vhurch— W. H. Pearce, pastor. The morning ser-vice will be observed as the children's floral day, at which time children will be Sunday school will be omitted. Epworth

league at 6.45 p. m. The Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev Warren G. Partridge, pastor. Services at 10,30 a. m. and 7,30 p. m. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. For the summer, the evening service will las one hour. Strangers are especially invited.

The Second Presbyterian Church-Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D.D., pastor. Services at 16:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will pleach in the evening the sermor which was postponed last Sabbath on the "Finer's Cup." All are invited. St. Luke's Church-Rev. Rogers Israel.

rector. Trinity Sunday, Holy commun-ion, 7.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9.30 a. m. morning prayer and sermon, 10.20 a. m.; vening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m. St. Mark's, Dunmore-Rev. A. L. Urban in charge, Sunday school, 3 p. m.; even-

ng prayer and sermon, 4 p. m. First Presbyterian Church-James Mc Leod, D.D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 5 p m. "Children's Day" will be ob-served in the morning and "twilight service" in the afternoon. The pastor will preach at both services.

First Baptist Church-Pastor Collin will preach Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning theme, "The Vicarious Sufferings of Christ." Communion following sermon. Evening theme, "Christ at Church." Seats free. All welcome.

Green Ridge Baptist Church-Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and m. In the morning the pastor will give impressions of the national anniversary at Saratogo. The subect in the evenin Christian Character."

Jackson Street Baptist Church-The pas-10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning theme, "The Obedience of Christ," Evening, "Social Condition of the Antediluvian Period—a Lesson for the Nineteenth Cen-Communion after the evening sernon. First service one hour.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church-Rev. C. A. McGee, pastor. Preaching 10.30 a. m. by the pastor; 2.30 and 8 p. m. the Sabbath school will render good programmes, assisted by the choir. The church will be artistically decorated with flowers, evergreens, etc.

JERMYN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Badger, of Conklin, N. Y., spent unday with the family of Train Dispatcher W. S. Badger, of J

Mrs. J. D. Wall and children are visiting friends in Como, Wayne county. The public schools will close tomorrow for the summer vacation. The Ladies' Ald society of the Primitive Methodist church will hold a strawberry festival June 15.

Miss Edith Maynard, of South Main

street, and Preston Badger, of Cemetery street, are ill with chicken pox. The district convention of the Women's Home Missionary society will begin at 9.45 a. m. today. The following s the programme: Devotional exer cises, Mrs. Pearce; address of welcome Mrs. Shepherd; response, Mrs. Edgar; paper, Mrs. Thorpe; recitation, Miss Coon; "Young People's Work," Mrs. Leacock; solo, Miss Gardner; reports of auxiliaries; 2 p. m., devotional exercises; "How to Cultivate the Missionary Spirit," Mrs. Cooper; "Home Missionary Reading Circle," Mrs. Pethick; Deaconesses' Work," Miss Rymer ecitation Miss Stewart: paper, Mrs. Megargee; reading, Miss Butler; question box, Mrs. Pearce. Entertainment will be furnished all attending, and places will be assigned at the close of the morning session. Mrs. Pearce will deliver an address in the evening.

Matters of Interest to People Who Are Musically Inclined.

A NEW OPERA BY DR. J. J. MASON

Will Be Produced by Wilkes Barre Ami teurs Next Week-Mr. Carter's Coming Recitals-Miscellaneous Musical Topics of the Day.

The Wilkes-Barre Record gives the following in reference to Dr. Mason's new opera, which will be rendered at Wilkes-Barre next Week: The operaof Dr. J. J. Mason, entitled, "Catrin, the Maid of Cavenydva," will be sung at the festival of the Oratorio society on Wednesday evening of next week. Naturally a work of its dignity and character will be heard with great interest and pleasure, and particularly so since it has been composed by one of our townsmen, and one who has done so much throughout his life for the cause of noble music. The libretto deals with a bit of pathetic Welsh history, the heroine, Catrin, being compelled to give up her lover, the poet, Will Hopkins, who is poor, for a young lawyer who is very rich. The parents insist upon obedience to their will, and the hapless maid being confined room without writing material indites few words to her lover on a sycamore leaf with a pen dipped in her own blood and then casts it to the wind with the hope that it will somehow reach him. After marrying the young lawyer she loses her reason and "to stop her eries" her poet lover was sent for, she

lowed to see her. The author of the poetry is Professor Apmadoc. The music is naturally of a dramatic and sombre character, but it s ever a faithful reflex of the words It is conceived after the Wagner cult to SHARPS AND FLATS a great extent, the story being developed logically from start to finish. The opening chorus, sung by the harvesters on their way to the fields, is a most spirited and clever bit of composition. The other choruses are also very melodious and full of vitality and ele quence. A number of very charming duets occur at proper intervals and the numbers for Catrin and Will Hopkins are very melodious. At various stages of the work three popular Welsh airs are introduced very dramatically—"Y Gwenith Gwyn," "Rugail Morganny" and "Nos Golan." Will Hopkins sings "Y Gwenith Gwyn" (The Blooming Wheat) most opportunely and if sung well by Mr. McKinley will certainly

prove very effective. The Oratorio society is now rehears ing the opera with unremitting zeal and the members are all delighted with the various choruses. How well the work will go in concert form remains to be seen, but we feel sure in hazarding the opinion that it would prove a great success if sung in the regular operation style with the characters all attired in the old Welsh costumes of a hundred years ago.

Jones, a young Scrantonian, and dedicated to Elm Park Sunday school. The title is "Where Are the Angles, Mother?" and a familiar air accompanied by the voice, ingeniously arranged, constitutes the second subject. Solos by Miss Draeger and Mr. Wooler will also be rendered.

George B. Carter will give organ recitals in Jamestown and Olean, N. Y., and Bradford and Coudersport, Pa., June 17 to 21, assisted by Miss Winifred Sullivan and Alfred Wooler.

The Symphony society, composed of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre musicians. under leadership of Mr. Hemberger, will be reorganized next fall. It probable that a few rehearsals will be held during the summer months, but no concerts will be given until winter. Scranton music lovers are exhibiting more interest in the efforts of this excellent organization and promise better support during the coming season.

Miss Katharine Bloodgood, the contraite, who charmed Scrantonians at a concert at Elm Park church several weeks ago, was one of the soloists at the Binghamton music festival this week. Miss Bloodgood made a hasty call upon Mr. and Mrs. Carter on Wednesday last, while on her way from New York to the Parlor City.

The Schumann club, composed of pupils of the Hardenbergh planoforte school, will give a musicale and reception at the Bicycle club house on June The club members will be assisted by Miss Draeger and other soloists in the rendition of the musical programme. The patronesses are Mrs. J. P. Dickson, Mrs. James Archbald, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Mrs. Joseph A. Scranton, dying during the "one hour" he was al- | Mrs. George L. Dickson, Mrs. Ezra H. Ripple, Mrs. A. L. Urban, Mrs. Mathew H. Holgate, Miss Augusta Merril, Mrs. Harry Connell, Mrs. Frank P. Christlan, Mrs. L. G. LaBar, Mrs. Frederick D. Price, Mrs. Edwin E. Clark.

Mme. Albani is to sing for Queen Victoria. "The Lay of a Lobster" is the title of a new opera by Percy Gaunt.

Harry MacDonough is a member of Camille D'Arville's company. Maurel, the singer, is said never to loze

his temper and to possess a repose that is adamantine. Dessau, Germany, with 35,000 inhabitants, boasts a season of eighty-one operation performances,

Last Thursday G. W. Chadwick, the American composer, produced his new overture, "Melpomene," at the Philarmon-The great violinist, Ysaye, has completed

his tour in this country and will sail for Europe next Saturday. He has made a small fortune for himself and his mana-Joachim, who has never been in Rome,

is awaited there with great expectations. He will be accompanied by the young 'cellist Hensel, who is a nephew of Men-M. Henri Marteau, the young and famous violinist, is touring in Norway, to-

gether with Mile, A. Dalma, the soprano

Mme. Laborde. The service at Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow evening will consist of special music. A new quartette by C. Case, a coming composer of great merit; a solo sung by "To get the greatest enjoyment from