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FOUR POOR DISTRICTS.

Their Terms Will Expire and Their Su-

cessors Will Be Named Monday. The terms of John Gibbons, Thomas Shotten, Frederick Fuller and Daniel Williams, of the Scranton poor board, will expire today and their successors will be named by Judge Archbald Mon-day morning it is expected.

There is much conjecture regarding the appointments which the court will make. All of the above members are desirous of serving another three years It is conceded that Messrs. Shotten and Fuller will be re-appointed, but whether Messrs, Gibbons and Williams will fare similarly remains to be seen. The lat-

Among them are Michael Miller H. Ziegler, A. Weinschenk, and others. Ir. Gibbons has his petition on file also. He has served ten years on the board, three terms and one year of an unex-pired term, and his record has been one to which he can point with pride.

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Current Local Events in the Churches Briefly Chronicled.

GENERAL METHODIST SESSION

Important Matter to Come Before the Conference at Cleveland - Convention of Local Missionary Societies. Change in Simpson Pastorate.

The general Methodist Episcopal con-ference will be held at Cleveland in about two months, and if some of the proposed measures pass the session will he one of the most important in the history of the church. The woman's question will again come up. This is the issue whether or not women should be allowed to attend the conference as

ay delegates, Another important question is regard-Another important question is regard-ing the present system of bishops. These church dignitaries are new elect-ed for life. The salary of each bishop is \$5,000 a year and a bishop never resigns. Many thinkers in the church demand that bishops shall be elected only for a term of years, returning to the ministry when they have served their usefulness in the bishopric.

Still another measure that will be debated is the proposition to create a negro bishop. There are more than 250,000 negro members of the church without a single representative on the Episcopal board, and the voice of the colored membership is rising in protest. There are certain ministers in the church who want the time of pastorates raised or abolished altogether, and this question will be brought up at the

this question will be brought up at the Cleveland convention in May. Laymen have a demand. They insist that they should have a voice in selecting ministers in annual conference and appointing them to their charges. Wyoming conference has seven representatives at the conference.

HIS PASTORATE NEARLY OVER. The term of Rev. L. C. Floyd, D. D. as pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church expires on April 1st. Dr. Floyd has been in charge of the church for the past five years, and as this is the time limit of pastorate in and Methodist church, he will be appointed to another congregation when the Wyoming conference meets on April 1st at Binghamton. Mr. Floyd entered upon his duties at the Simpsor church when that body was bearing a great burden of misfortune. A few weeks before his advent the church building was visited and partially destroyed by fire. The congregation wor shipped in the basement. In a credit ably short time, by constant work of the paster and congregation, the ruins were cleared away and in their place the handsome church of today was erected. The debt was at first very large, but it has been decreased con-siderably until at the present time but \$5,000 remains. This is small in con-sideration of the 750 persons whose names appear on the church member-

ship role There has been a steady increase in interest and effectiveness in all departments of church work. Church discord is unknown and the members and pastor amicably move onward. Dr. Floyd, as a man, is noted chiefly for the breadth of his Christianity. He recognizes the right and claims of other denominations than the Methodist church and his pulpit has never been church and his pulpit has never been made the mouth piece of bigotry. He is a particular friend of the respected Rev. Father Whalen, of St. Patrick's Catholic church, and they are not unfrequently seen together. The doctor is nothing if not patriotic and his sermons are mon timely subjects. He bemens are upon timely subjects. He be lleves in common teaching for common people. The Simpson church will lose

a valuable shepherd when Dr. L. C. Floy I departs. MISSIONARY MEETING. cleties of the Wyoming district, which includes this city, will hold their semi-annual convention at Wyoming next Wednesday. The programme to be carried out is as follows: Morning session at 10 o'clock—Devotional exercises, Mrs. Aresers, Gibbons and Williams will fare similarly remains to be seen. The latter is not opposed to any extent, but there are several petitions from the Struggle." Mrs. J. B. Sumner; recitations to the Struggle." Mrs. J. B. Sumner; recitations the Missions of the Missions."

Among them are Michael Miller H. Best Help the Cauce of the Missions." Mrs. L. C. Murdock; recitation, Miss Clara Helwig; "Mexico," Mrs. J. E. Patterson, appointment of committees. The afternoon session will be held at 2 o'clock with the following programme Devotional exercises, Mrs. W. Treible;
"Practical Suggestions for Missionary
Auxiliaries," Mrs. C. D. Simpson;
"Bird's Eye View of India," Mrs. S. A.
Barton; recitation, Miss H. Carhart;

"Latest Messages from the Field," Mrs. E. A. Chapin; solo, Miss Mary Wil-liams; "Armenia," Mrs. C. E. Mogg. DR. GRIFFIN'S FIRST SERMON. Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Mt. Vernon, who recently accepted the call of Elm Park church, will preach his first sermon here on Sunday, April 19, the second

Sunday following the Wyoming conference in Binghamton. For the two intervening Sabbaths following Dr. Pearce's retirement, March 29, the church board will supply the pulpit with preachers whose identity will be with preachers whose identity will be an acounced later.

Dr. Pearce will leave there Wednesday, April 1, for the conference and will return the following Monday and Wednesday, Before entering upon his new pastorate of the Franklin Street church in Willey Bayre he will so to

church in Wilkes-Barre he will go to Clifton Springs for a brief rest. Mrs. Pearce and the children will go to Cortland, N. Y., for a short visit with relatives. Dr. Pearce will not preach a "fare-well sermon" or make any pulpit ref-

erence to his departure. NEW BAPTIST PASTOR. The congregation of the Penn Avenue Baptist church has extended a call to Rev. M. H. Negus, of Owego, N. Y., to

the pastorate of the church. Rev. Neg-us preached here last Sunday at the Penn Avenue church and the impression he made was so great that there was no opposition to him whatever. It is known, however, that his congregation in Owego are opposed to his leav-ing them, and as he is so popular with them there is some doubt as to whether or not he will accept the call to this

CHURCH NOTES.

A fair and festival will be held on Easter Monday at the First Welsh Philosophical church. Services have been held at the Simp-son Methodist Episcopal church each

evening this week.

Special evangelistic services have been held at Asbury Methodist Episco-

pal church this week.

Thirty-two candidates for membership in the First Welsh Baptist church re under consideration. Rev. Mr. Gibbons, of Forty Fort, has

accepted the call to the pulpit of the Dunmore Presbyterian church. Company B, of the Boys' brigade, connected with the Penn Avenue Baptist church, drilled on Tuesday evening. S. G. Kerr delivered his lecture on Ireland in the Sunday school room of the Providence Presbyterian church on

Providence Presbyterian church on Thursday evening.

Rev. Dr. Clark, the father of the Christian Endeavor, will lecture in this city April 30 on the coming state contion to be held here.

The Turner quartette from Philadelphia will conduct special meetings in the Salvation army barracks, on the West Side, this week.

The Plymouth Congregational church will celebrate the Fourteenth anniverary of its founding on Sunday evening.

March 29. On Monday evening fol-

lowing the annual roll call will be made. Addresses will be given by the paster, Rev. T. Rell, and by the deacons of the church.

cons of the church.

Rev. A. L. Urhan, of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Dunmore, has been called to the rectorship of Christ Episcopal church at Woodbury, N. J.

An oyster supper was served at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association Tuesday evening by the Ladies' auxiliary of the association.

Mrs. J. F. Hangi has been appointed by the executive committee of the City

by the executive committee of the City Christian Endeavor union the superintendent of the union's junior work. Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce, of Elm Park church, preached the dedicatory sermon at Tuesday's dedication of a Methodist church at Hallstead, Susquehanna

county. A very pleasant social was conducted by a committee of which Miss Cora Decker was chairman, at the Young Women's Christian association room Tuesday evening.
The Scranton Women's Christian

Temperance union and other city chari-table organizations will urge the city authorities to erect a house of detention near the city hall, and to appoint a police matron.
The liantist Young People's union of

Providence Baptist church, visited the society connected with the Weish Baptist church on Friday evening of last week. An interesting programme was carried out. Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara went to Philadelphia Tuesday, where he annually celebrates mass at St. Patrick's church, of which he was pastor before he was raised to the bishopric. Father Feeley accompanied him.

Feeley accompanied him. Several ministers were successful in the literary contests of Robert Morris the literary contests of Robert Morris lodge cisteddfod. Among them was the Rev. Depew Griffiths, of Turin, N. Y., who wrote the superior epitaph for the totabstene of W. George Powell.

Miss Molly Tracey Weston, the well-known elocutionist of Keystone Academy, has been secured to give a recital in the North Main Avenue Baptist church part Tracelow Security Sec

church next Tuesday evening. Miss Weston is known by a large number in this city. She will be assisted by some of the best local talent. Jackson Street Baptist church—Gospel services in the morning lead by Mr Prothroe, and followed by instructive talks from some of the members. All are cordially invited to be present. In the evening at 6 o'clock the Rev. La Roy Stevens, D. D., of Philadelphia, will speak from an interesting subject. The public is cordially invited to be present. Notice the hour is changed from 7 to 6. In order to hear this great

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street. Divine worship morning and evening; preaching by the pastor, 10.20 a. m., "A Personal Query by the Holy Spirit," Acts, xix, 2; 7.30 p. m., "The Enemy's Work," Matt, xiii, 25; Sabbath school, 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 6,30 p. m. Seats all free, Strangers welcome. Special service Moniny, 7,45 p. m., subject, "The Epistle to Sardis," Revelation, ill, 1-6.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., will preach at 10.30 and 7.30 o'clock; Bible school at 2 o'clock, Luther Keller, superintendent; Young People's meeting at 6.30. A cordial invitation to all the services.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church-Love feast at 9 a. m.; the reception of members and communion at 10.30. In the evening preaching by Rev. J. G. Eckman. St. Mark's Lutheran Church-Four-teenth and Washburn streets. Rev. A. L. Ramer. Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; morning subject. "Christ Obtained Redemption For Us;" evening, "God's Wisdom, Man's Foolishness." First Congregational Church-South Main avenue. Rev. P. Jones, pastor, Preaching service at 10 and 6 o'clock; morning topic, "The Act Judged by the Spirit That Moved It;" evening, "The Healing of the Sick at the Pool of Bethes-

Plymouth Congregational Church—Jackson street, Rey T. Bell, pastor, Services at 10.39 and a o'clock; Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

Tabernacle Congregational Church-Rev. D. P. Jones, pastor. Morning service at 10 o'clock, text, "Salt of the Earth." John, v. 13; subject, Christian Influence; evening at 6, text, Matthew, xx, 6, subject "Idleness." First Welsh Raptist, Church-Rev. W

S. Jones, pastor, Services at 10 and 6 o'clock, in the church basement. Salvation Army-Knee-drill, Sunday, 7 a. m.; holiness meeting, 11 a. m.; Christian's praise service, 3 p. m.; Salvation rally, 8 p. m.

Y. W. C. A.—Miss Lucla Pearce will lead the Gospel meeting at the Young Wa-men's Christian association at 3.45 tomor-row afternoon, using as her subject, Deut. xxxii, 12, "Lo. the Lord Alone Did Lead Him." All young women are cordially invited.

invited.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. A. McGee. Green Ridge United Evangelical Church—Preaching service at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by Rev. H. C. Hinman; Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.; K. L. C. E. song and praise service at 6.30 p. m. Miss Elsie Acc, leader. Strangers welcome to all these services.

Green Ridge Baptist Church-Services at 1939 a. m. and 7.39 p. m. Rev. Leroy Stevens, D. D., of Lewisburg, Pa., will preach in the morning. Sermon in the evening by the pastor, subject, "After Death-What?"

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—George T. Price, pastor. Preach-ing at 10.20 a. m. and 7.20 p. m. The mora-ing subject, "The Testimony of Our Con-science;" evening subject, "Self-Right-eousness Unmasked."

Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Mon-roe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, pastor. Preaching at 16,20 a. m. and 7,30 p. m.; Young People's Sa-ciety of Christian Endeavor at 6,30 p. m. In the evening the pastor will preach the sixth Hiustrated sermon on Pilgrim's Progress. Strangers always welcome. Progress. Strangers always welcome.
Washburn Street Presbyterian ChurchRev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at
10.39 a. m. and 7.39 p. m.; Bible school, at
12 m.; Christian Endeavor services at
6.20 p. m. The pastor will preach in the
morning on "Imitators of God," and in
the evening on "Right Hearing." After
the morning sermon the additional elderselect will be ordained and installed. All
welcome at all services.

e at all services, First Presbyterian Church—Services, 19.39 a. m. and 7.39 p. m. Rev. James Mc-Leod, D. D. pastor. Dr. McLeod will preach both morning and evening. Second Presbyterian Church-Rev. Charles Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:39 p. m. The pastor will preach in the evening on the "Sharpest Thing in the World." All seats free at night. All welcome at all zervices. St. Luke's Church—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Fifth Sunday (Passion) in Leat. Holy communion, 7.30 a. m.: Sunday school, 8.15 a. m.: service and scanon, 10.30 a. m.: evening prayer, 7.30 p. m.: mission service, 7.30 p. m.

St. Mark's, Dunmore—Rev. A. L. Urban, in charge. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m.

sermon, 7.39 p. m.

First Baptist Church—Scranton street.

Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. Subject in
the morning by the pastor. "What the
Lord Wants in His Church;" in the evening, Rev. Leroy Stephens, of Lewisburg,
Pa., will speak on the interest of the
Baptist Education society; Sunday school,
2 p. m., Dr. Beddoe, superintendent;
Young People's prayer meeting 6 p. m.,
George Thompson, leader, All cordially
invited.

incited.

Grace Lutheran Church-Rev. Foster U.
Glft, pastor. Services at the Young Men's
Christian association at 10.30 a. m. and
7,30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9,30 a. m.;
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6,30 p. m. Rev. A. N. Warner,
of Northumberland, will preach. Holy Trinity Church (Evangelical Lutheran)—Adams avenue, corner Mulberry street. Services at 10.20 a. m. and 7.20 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller. No pews rented. All wel-

St. Peter's German Lutheran Church-Prescott avenue, corner Ash street. Ser-vices will be conducted by the pastor Rev. J. W. Randolph, at 16.30 a, m. and 7.40 p. m. 7.20 p. m.

All Souls' Universalist Church-Pine street. Rev. F. W. Whippen, pastor. Services for worship at 10.20 n. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Enasticity of Soul;" evening subject, "God and Reason," Sunday school at 12; Young Prople's meeting at 6.39. Pastor's residence, 1207 Marion street.

Need of a Larger Building for the R. R. Y. M. C. A.

THE GREAT WORK IT IS DOING

From a Small Beginning the Association Has Grown to Be an Institution of Great Usefulness-Description of Building to Bo Erested.

One of the organizations which has contributed at least its share toward the development of Scranton is the Rail-road department of the Young Men's Christian association. Organized in October, 1880, it has had from the first the hearty support both moral and financial of the Delaware, Lackawanna

men of the city that they frequent the rooms of the little red building on Lackawanna avenue.

It is sometimes asked whether the railroad men use the privileges of the association to any considerable extent. It will probably cause some surprise when the statement is made that the attendance at the Railroad department in this city is about as large as that of the Railroad Men's building in New York which was built by Cornelius Vanderbilt at a cost of \$225,000 on a site valued at about \$125,000.

These two associations stand at the head of the list of one hundred and five similar organizations in point of attendance. Over six hundred men visit the rooms daily in this city. When the size of the building which was formerly used by the Nay Aug Hose company is considered, and it is remembered that the railroad men occupy only a part of it some conception of the crowded condition of their rooms may be had.

During the past two years the need for better accommodations has been so urgent that several months ago the for better accommodations has been so urgent that several months ago the



Proposed R. R. Y. M. C. A. Building.

and Western Railroad company, while the railroad men themselves have by their loyal support made the association from the first a factor of no small importance in the lives of the railroad men of the city. Although the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad is the only company contributing toward the support of the work, employes of all the roads entering the city are privileged to share in the benefit of the organization.

When the association was first organized it occupied rooms over John T. Porter's store on lower Lackawanna men in this matter.

When the association was first organized it occupied rooms over John T. Porter's store on lower Lackawanna avenue. J. W. Hadden, now pastor of the Congregational church in Big Spring, Wisconsin, was the first secretary. Although the work of the association is essentially religious, its work does not consist entirely or even largely of holding religious meetings. These are held with good results but its work is very largely one of prevention. It is estimated that there are about three thousand railroad men in the city.

deal most generously with the railroad men in this matter.

The illustration given here of the proposed new building is from plans drawn by Architect L. C. Holden and approved by General Manager W. F. Hallstead. In the basement will be the bath rooms and gymnasium; on the first floor will be the library, social room, committee room and office. The auditorium, lunch room and kitchen will be on the second floor while the third floor will contain class rooms and rest rooms. The building is to be of brick with blue stone three thousand railroad men in the city, class rooms and rest rooms. The build including the men who work in the ing is to be of brick with blue stone



Building That Is Now Used.

shops. The Railroad department is practically a club house with the undesirable features of the club eliminated, where these men may spend their hours of leisure. As many of them live in coarding houses where the surroundings are not always attractive it is evident that they will seek some resort where the odd hours of their "lay over"

nay be pleasantly spent.

It is right here that the association

enters into competition with the saloon and it is to the credit of the railroad

trimmings and is to be seventy-five feet front by seventy feet deep.

The pressing need of better accommodations makes the early erection of the building highly desirable. This would give Scranton fourth place in the matter of accommodations for railroad men. New York stands first; Philadelphia second with a \$50 000 building and phia second with a \$90,000 building, and St. Louis third with a building to cost \$75,000 exclusive of site. The St. Louis building is to be erected probably during the coming year.

TELLING ALL ABOUT IT.

inswer of Olyphant Borough Explains Why Highest Bidders Got Contracts. An answer to the injunction proceed-ings brought by J. M. Schenck, Domin-ick Howard, and R. J. Gallagher against the borough of Olyphant was filed yes-terday in court by Warren & Knapp and a rule was granted to show cause why the injunction granted should not be dissolved. It will be argued Monday

morning. Seven months ago the complainants brought an equity suit against the bor-ough for an injunction to restrain the

ough for an injunction to restrain the council from letting the contract for the erection of a new electric light works, on the ground that the lowest bidders did not get the work. The injunction was granted and on a hearing it was made perpetual.

The answer of the defendant says that the bids for the electric plant were: B. W. Paine & Son, \$6,850; Scranton Supply and Machinery company, \$7,800; and at the time the bids were opened the representatives of Paine & Son was present at the meeting, but he Son was present at the meeting, but he did not claim that the engine they would furnis' would be of a capacity of 200 hors; bower, the council was, therefore, c pelied to award it to the next lowest oldder; there being only two bidders, the contract was let to the

next lowest blader, there being only two bidders, the contract was let to the Scranton Supply and Machinery Co. The bids for the dynamo were: The General Electric company, \$3.175, and the Onandago Dynamo company, \$2.030. The bid of the latter was not in accord-ance with the plans and specifications and the contract had to be given to the and the contract had to be given to the other bidder. The answer concludes by saying that the old apparatus was entirely inadequate for electric lighting and the people voted an increase of debt to procure the necessary machinery. The old apparatus was not given away but was taken in part payment for the new. The arc light dynamo was not parted with and is still the property of the borough. A fair market value was allowed for all machinery taken in exchange for new.

WILL FINISH TODAY.

Grand Jury to Visit the County Jail This Morning. This morning the grand jury will finish its work and visit the county jail to make an inspection of Lackawanna county's penal institution, and after that it through with they will come back and prepare the final report for court

The cases passed upon by the pres-ent jury will come before the court in April, when the two weeks' term of criminal court will begin. This has been a light term, there being less than 200 transcripts returned.

CIVIL COURT NEXT WEEK.

Will Be in Session Three Weeks and Three Judges Will Hold Court. Monday morning the March term Monday morning the March term of common pleas court will begin and it will continue three weeks. The first week Judge Purdy, of Honesdale, will assist the local judges.

There are no special important cases marked down on the list for trial. Cases of trespass, ejectment, and assumpait,

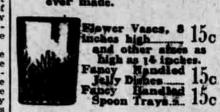
are the principal ones down for the first week. There are a few trespass suits against the city of Scranton the second week for grading streets and such

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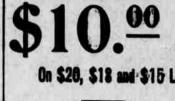
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