THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

Ministers of Wyoming Conference to Meet in Binghamton Wednesday.

PROGRAMME FOR EACH DAY

Rev. John H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D., Will He the Presiding Bishop-The Presiding Elders-Committees on Examination.

On Wednesday the forty-fifth annual session of the Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in the Centenary church, Binghamton, N. Y. Rev. John H. Vincent, D. D., L.L. D., will be presiding bishop and the presiding elders who will at-tend are Rev. J. O. Woodruff, D. D. H. M. Crydenwise, Rev. Van Cleft, Rev. George Forsyth, A. M., Rev. W. L. Thorpe, Rev. J. G. Eck-man. The following is the programme of the conference:

TUESDAY, MARCH 31. 7 a. m.—Centenary parlors. Recep-tion of Bishop Vincent, the presiding and all members of the confer ence by the city union of the Epworth

8 p. m.—Auditorium anniversary of veterans. Rev. F. A. King presiding. Lecture, "Number Ninety-three," by Colonel Samuel A. Urquhart, West Pittston, Pa. The Grand Army of the Republic posts of the city will attend in a body.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.

9 a. m.—Auditorium. Holy commun-ion. Service will be conducted by Bishop Vincent, after which will be held the opening session of the confer-2 p. m.-Auditorium. Statistical ses-

4 p. m .- Sunday school room. Lecture, "Historical Preparation for Methodism," by Rev. John Alfred Faulkner, A. M., B. D.

6.30 to 8 p. m.-Dining room. Sup-per will be served by the Centenary chapter of the Epworth league. 8 p. m.—Auditoroum. Anniversary S p. m.—Auditoroum, Analversary Church Extension society, Rev. J. Al-fred Faulkner, A. M., B. D., presiding, Addresses: (1) "The Relation of Peace to Permanancy," Rev. Leonard C. Murdock; (2) "The Nation's Demand in Promoting Morals," Rev. Curtis E. Mogg, Ph. D.; (3) "Methods in Pro-jecting Influence," Rev. Manly, S. Hard, D. D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

8.30 a. m.—Auditorium. Devotional our. "Lessons from Paul's letters to hour. "Lessons from Paul's letters to Timothy," by Bishop Vincent. 9 a. m —Auditorium. Business session

of conference,

2 p. m.—Auditorium, Anniversary
Historical society, Rev. Manley S. Hard,
D. D., presiding, Papars: 1, "History
of Methodism in Binghamton," Rev.
Lowell Harding, 2, "Word Concerning
Some of Our Associates," Rev. L. C.
Floyd, Ph. D. Address, Rev. Henry L.
Wheeler, D. D. director, to Philadel.

Wheeler, D. D., director in Philadelphia Conference Historical society.

4 p. m.—Sunday school room, Lecture by Professor Robert W. Rogers, Ph. D., D. D., Drew Theological seminary.

7.30 p. m.—Auditorium, Educational anniversary, Rev. L. L. Sprague, D. D., presiding, Addresses, by Chancellor presiding. Addresses by Chancellor James R. Day, S. T. D., Syracuse university and President Bradford P. Raymond, D. D., LL. D., Wesleyan university. Concert by Syracuse university Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3. 8:30 a. m.—Auditorium. Devotional hour. Bishop Vincent. 9 a. m.—Auditorium. Business ses-

2 p. m.-Auditorium. Anniversary of Women's Home Missionary society— Mrs. W. H. Pearce, presiding. Address by Rev. Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D.

2 p. m.—Sunday school room, electoral conference. 4 p. m.-Auditorium. Joint session of conferences. Bishop Vincent presiding. Lecture, "The Creation and the Flood,"

Dr. Rogers.
7. 30-p. m.—Auditorium. Anniversary
Preachers' Aid society, Rev. Y. C.
Smith, D. D., presiding. Addresses by
Thomas H. Dale, of Scranton, and Rev.
J. Benson Hamilton, D. D., Syracuse

SATURDAY, APRIL 4. 8.20 a. m.—Auditorium. Devotional hour. Bishop Vincent. 9 a. m.—Auditorium. Business ses-

2 p. m.-Auditorium. Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary society— Miss Fannie J. Sparks, presiding. Ad-dress, Rev. Homer B. Stuntz, D. D., India. Exhortation, Rev. W. H. Pearce,

4 p. m.—Sunday school room, lecture, "Abraham and the Kings of the East," Dr. Rogers. 7 p. m.—Sunday school room. Meet

ing of probationers and candidates, conducted by Bishop Vincent.
7.45 p. m.—Auditorium. Anniversary of Temperance society. Address, Rev.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5. 9 a. m.-Auditorium. Love feast, led

by Rev. H. M. Crydenwise. 10.30 a. m.—Ordination of deacons and elders, followed by sermon by the Rev. Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D.

12 m.-Sunday school room. Session 2.30 p. m.-Auditorium. Memorial 4 p. m.-Prayer room. J unior league,

Mrs. R. M. Hayes, superintendent, 6.30 p. m.—Prayer room. Epworth league, conducted by Mrs. A. W. Alex-

7.30 p. m.-Auditorium. Anniversary of missionary society. Bishop Vincent presiding. Address by the Rev. A. B. presiding. Address by the Rev. A. L. Leonard, D. D., corresponding secre

tary, New York city.
7.30 p. m.—Tabernacle church. Anniversary Epworth league, Rev. A. I., Severson, Ph. D., presiding, Address by Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D. D., editor of the Epworth Herald, Chicago.

MONDAY, APRIL 6. 8.30 a. m.—Auditorium, Devotional hour, Bishop Vincent. 9 a. m.-Auditorium. Business ses

2 p. m .- Auditorium, Missionary sermon, Rev. John Bradshaw. Ph. D. 4 p. m.—Sunday school room. Lec-ture. "A Bundle of Letters Thirty Centuries Old," Dr. Rogers,
7.30 p. m.—Auditorium, Anniversary

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educa-tional society, Rev. G. H. Place, Ph. D., presiding. Address by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., assistant corresponding secretary, Cincinnati. TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

8.30 a. m.—Auditorium. Devotional hour, Bishop Vincent. 9 a. m/Auditorium. Business ses

EXAMINATIONS TUESDAY. The examinations will be held Tues day and will be in charge of the fol-

lowing committees: Chairman, G. A. Place. Adrdssion on trial-William Frisby, L. W. Karschner, H. A. Williams, George A. Cure, Will H. Hiller, T. F. Hall.

First year—J. C. Johnson, M. S. God-shal, Frances Gendall, C. H. Sackett, R. M. Pascoe, J. B. Sweet.

Second year-J. A. Faulkner, G. A. Prentice, I. N. Shipman, J. B. Cook, J. F. Warner, J. B. Little. Third year-W. T. Blair, M. D. Fuller, E. Kilpatrick, J. H. Boyce, E. P. Doty,

Austin Griffin.
Fourth year—A. D. Decker, I. J.
Smith, H. B. Benedict, E. R. D. Briggs,
A. C. Oliver, H. H. Wilbur.
Local Deacons' and Elders' orders— E. L. Santee, W. H. Stang, F. A. Chap-

man. S. C. Simpkins, G. T. Price, H. A.

The regular session will open at 9 The regular session will open at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning when the agrament of the holy communion will be administered under the direction of Bishop Vincent. Almost the first order of business will be the election of officers. The most important matter to come up is the election of delegates to the general conference.

On Sunday which will be Faster the

On Sunday, which will be Easter, the Binghamton pulpits will be filled by visiting clergy. In the morning of that day Hishop Vincent will preach at the Centenary church. The visiting divines will not only supply the Methodist pul-pits on that day, but those of other

denominations as well.

There are in the Wyoming conference six districts. Binghamton, Chenango, Honesdale, Oneonta, Oswego and Wyoming, with about 200 pastoral charges and preachers, a membership of very nearly 50,000, owning and occupying 582 churches and 178 parsonages, the former valued at \$1,995,280, and the latter at \$338,259 or \$2,334,530.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

St. Luke's Church—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Sunday (Palm) before Easter. Holy communion, 7,30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9,15 a. m.; service and holy com-musion, 10,30 a. m.; evening prayer, 4,30 p. m.; mission service, 7,30 p. m. St. Mark's, Dunmore-Rey, A. L. Urban, in charge, Holy communion, S. a., nt.; moraling prayer and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m.

St. David's Church-Corner Jackson street and Bromley avenue. Rev. M. H. Mill, rector. Palm Sunday, Morning prayer and sermon at 10.30 a, m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7.30 p, m.; Sunday, school at 2.30 p, m.; Friday from 12 m. to 3 p, m. Seats free.

Asbury Episcopal Church—Green Ridge.
Love feas; at 9,39 a. m., sacrament of the
Lord's supper; baptism and reception of
members at 10,39 a. m.; in the evening Rev.
J. G. Eckman will preach, followed by
Epworth league devotional services.

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Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—
Wyoming avenue, between Malberry
street. Divine worship 10:39 a. m. and
7.30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12 m.; Young
People's Society of Christian Endeavor,
6.30 p. m. Seats all free. You will be welcomed. Preaching by the pustor at both
services; morning theme, "Indwelt by the
Word," Colossians, iil, 16; evening theme,
"The Perilous Times," Il Timothy, iil,
1-6. You are cordially invited to the special service every evening next week at
7.15 o'clock, Monday, evening, subject,
"The Epistle to the Church at Philadelphia," Revelations, iii, 7-13.

Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church—

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W. H. Pearce, pastor. Morning service at 10.30; subject, "Overolus of Work." Evening service at 7.30, "The Sure Foundation." Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30.

CONFERENCE IN MAY.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Dr. L. C. Lloyd. At these services the pastor will give some general advices to the church with a review of the work of the last five years. Seats free. Hampton Street Methodis! Episcopal Church—F. P. Doty, pastor. Preaching at 10.39 a. m. and 7.39 p. m., by the pastor. Morning theme. "Christ Before Pilate;" evening theme. "The Crucifixion." Strang-ers cordially welcome. All seats free.

Providence Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. William Edgar, pastor. Quarterly meeting services will be held tomorrow morning. Love feast will be held at 9.39 a. m. Rev. J. G. Eckman, P. E., will preach at 10.30 and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper. The pastor will preach in the evening. Subject, "Scene on Calvary." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth league at 6.45 p. m. Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church 2 p. m. Epworth league at 6.45 p. m. Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—George T. Price, pastor. Preaching at 16.39 a. m.; subject, "Gratitude in the Heart Gives Inspiration to the Life." Mark. xvi. 1-6. In the evening, at 7.30, our missionary anniversary will be held and general addresses will be made. Good music will be readered by our excellent choir.

Howard Place African Methodist Episco Howard Place African Methodist Episco-pal Church—Rev. C. A. Medee, pastor. First grand rally for new church fund, Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sab-bather school at 2.30 p. m. All are invited to attend these services.

Holy Trinity Church (Evangelical Lutheran)—Adams avenue, corner Mulberry street, Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, pastor, Services at 10:30. Services at 10:30 a, m, and 7:39 p, m. No pews are rented, and all will be cordially welcomed.

St. Peter's German Lutheran Church—Persont avenue, corner Ach street. Rev.

Prescott avenue, corner Ash street. Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Confirmation will be administered at the morning service.

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church-Fourteenth and Washburn street. Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10,30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Confirmation of the catechumens at the morning service. Services every evening during passion week, except Saturday.

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Grace Lutheran Church-Rev. Foster U.
Giff; pastor. Services on Sumiay at the
Young Men's Christian association at 10.39
a. m. and at 7.39 p. m.; Sunday school at
9,30 a. m.; Young People's Society of
Christian Endeavor at 6.39 p. m. Song
service instead of evening sermon.

Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson D. D., pastor. Services, 19,30 a. m. and 7,30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the evening on "Palm Brandico, or Behold the King." All seats free at night. All welcomed at all services.

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Washburn Street Presbyterian Church
-Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services
at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school
at 13 m.; Christian Endeavor services at
6.30 p. m. At the morning service there
will be a public reception of new members,
the administration of the sacraments of
baptism and the Lord's supper. In the
evening the pastor will preach on "Who
Is on the Lord's Side?" All welcome at
all services.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev. J. W. Lyell, of Camden, N. J., will preach at 19.39 and 7.39 o'clock. Bible school at 2; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meeting, 6.39. A cordial wel-come to all.

First Baptist Church-Scranton street. First Baptist Church—Scranton street, Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor, Subject, Sabbath morning, "Solomon's Prayer;" subject, Sabbath evening, "Lost!" "Saved!" Sabbath school, 2 p. m., Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; Young People's prayer meeting, 6 p. m., Frank Belden, leader, All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Jackson Street Baptist Church—Sunday morning at 10:20 Gospel service, lead by W. O. Jenkins; at 2 o'clock Sunday school and classes to suit all ages, Professor D. W. Phillips, superintendent; at 7 o'clock Professor James Highes will preach. All cordially invited.

Green Ridge Baptist Church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 n. m. and 7.30 p. m.; subject in the morning, "Growth a Christian's Duty;" in the evening, "The Christian's Weapon in His Conflict with Evil."

Waverly Baptist Church—Rev. A. Bergen Browe, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; morning subject, "Armenia, the People and their Condition;" evening, "Christ's Power to Forgive." evening, "Christ's Power to Forgive."

First Welsh Baptist Church—South Main avenue. The pastor, Rev. W. 8.

Jones, will preach an English sermon in the morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon at 2.30 Sunday school will be observed by the main church and the Garfield Avenue and Bellevue missious in joint assemblage at the central church. A quarterly review of lessons will take place. Services in the evening at 5 o'clock.

Calcary Reformed Church, Carnes Mon. Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Mon-roe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. W. 11, Stubblebine, pastor. Preaching at 10.20 a. m.; subject, "Dedication of Solomon's Temple;" and at 7.20 p. m., illustrated ser-mon on Pilgrim's Progress, entitled, "Vanity Fair." Strangers always wel-

All Souis' Universalist Church-Pine street. Pastor, Rev. F. W. Whippen, Services at 10.20 and 7.39; morning subject, "Jeaus, the Light of the World," evening, subject, "Working with Might." Tabernacle Congregational Church-Pastor, Rev. D. P. Jones. Services at 10.30 and at 6.30 o'clock. In the evening the sermon will be in English.

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Salvation Army Barracks—Price street, just off Main avenue. Free and Easy Saturday evening at 8 o'clock; knee-drill, Sunday, 7 a. m.; holiness meeting, Sunday, 11 a. m.; Caristian's praise service, 8 o'clock. All welcome. Hannah Masservick. land, captain.

Green Ridge United Evangelical Church
Preaching, 19,30 a. m. by Rev. Sanburn,
of the Rescue mission; Sunday school,
9,30 a.m. and K. L. C. E. song service at
6,30 p. m.; preaching at 7,30 p. m.

Railroad Department Young Men's Christian Association—The Bunday meet-ing will be for men only, addressed by Mr. S. M. Fairfield, of New York city. Ser-vices begin at 2.45 p. m. Special music ar-ranged by the male chorus under the lead-ership of Professor W. W. Jones.

NEWS

Preparations That Are Being Made for the Observance of Easter.

ILLNESS OF REV. N. P. STAHL

from the Pulpit for at Least a Year - Plymouth Church's Fourteenth Auniversary.

Arrangements have for some time been in progress by the churches of the city for the observance of Easter Sunday. At the Elm Park church as usual a fine musical programme will be rendered. Rev. Dr. Pearce will be at Binghamton attending the conference and it is not known who will fill

his pulpit.
From the very successful Christmas service at Elm Park, when hundreds were unable to gain admittance, the public will naturally expect much from the Easter services and this expecta-tion is to be fully realized. On Easter morning the regular quartette, under Mr. Pennington's direction will render appropriate selections, but the Easter musical festival proper will be held in the evening, when Mr. Pennington and the quartette will be assisted by a male quartette, a chorus of fifty girls, Miss Julia C. Allen, violinist; Mrs. J. Alfred Pennington, organist and planist, and A. K. Lawrence, cornetist and trump-

pastor, Rev. James McLeod, will preach pastor, Rev. James McLeod, will preach a special sermon. The choir will sing appropriate music. The choir of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, under the direction of Professor William Jones, are preparing special music. As also is the choir of the Plymouth Congregational church, under the leadership of E. E. Evans. At the Sec-ond Presbyterian church arrangements have not yet been completed for the services. The coming week will witness the perfection of the details for the

day's observance.
At St. David's Episcopal church services will be held at 6 and 10,20 a.m. and at 7,30 p.m. A children's festival will be celebrated in the evening. The choir will sing special music. The First Weish Baptist church choir, under the leadership of W. W. Evans, is prepar-

CONFERENCE IN MAY. Preparation has already begun by the members and pastor of the First Welsh Baptist church for the reception of the Welsh Baptist association of Northeast-ern Pennsylvania, which will held their next annual conference on May 15 and 16 at the Weish Baptist church on Main avenue. West Side. The conference last met at Nanticoke, where it was decided to hold this year's event in the Hyde Park church. The conference will betist Young People's union will convene and transact regular business for this year. The Union always meets in connection with the conference. Rev. Ebenezer Edwards, of Minersville, who is president of the union, will also pre-side over the convention. John R. Ed-wards, of the West Side, is vice presi-

day, the 16th, in the morning, afternoon and night. On the following Sunday there will be public meetings of
Sabbath observance. Dr. Dobbins, of
Philadelphia, will be one of the visitors.
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Foreign Mission society. The delegates
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Ladies' Aid society.
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On Tuesday evening an audience of tertained by the six hundred members in the Young Womens' Christian of the Hyde Park church. The auditorium wherein the conference will be held is being repainted and other improvements made for the reception of illustrated by stereopticon views. the delegates. Rev. W. S. Jones is pas-tor of the church.

REV. STAHL'S RETIREMENT.

There is universal regret expressed by the people of the city that ill health has compelled the Rev. N. F. Stahl to retire for a time at least from the position of paster of the Green Ridge Pres-byterian church. For over twelve years Mr. Stahl has watched over the during that time has seen his congregation grow from a membership of ninety members to nearly 500. During his pastorate the handsome church now occupied by the congregation at Wyoming avenue and Green Ridge street, has been completed.

More than a year ago Mr. Stahl's health began to fail and he went to Europe for a rest and change. This travel did not work a permanent im-provement in his health and recently is physicians advised him that it was imperative that he should give up his labors in the ministry for at least a year. He decided to resign rather than have his church pastorless for that perlod, but his congregation Wednesday night refused to accept his resignation and instead gave him a year's leave

of absence with salary Monday Mr. Stahl will go to Philadelphia for treatment, and will be followed in a week or so by the members of his family. A. V. Bower and others will supply the pulpit during Mr.

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Tomorrow will be the fourteenth anniversary of the Plymouth Congrega-tional church situated on Jackson street. Services becoming to the event will be observed during the sessions, beginning at 10, at 2 and at 7 o'clock. Rev. T. Bell will preach morning and evening. The choir has been prepar-ing several special anthems which will be given during the day. In the even-ing a "thanks offering" will be taken

This meeting will be less formal than the Sabbath day observance. The deacons of the church will make addresses and a social will be enjoyed. The Plymouth, while unostentations, is one of the most progressive churches on the West Side. Its present pastor, Rev. Thomas Bell, came here in 1894 increased the church membership and, furthermore, has greatly diminished

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the church debt. Services will be held during the week on every night.

NOTES FOR CHURCH WORKERS. The ladies of the Second Presbyter-ian church served a supper last night. The local Salvation army has taken

no action in regard to the Booth-Booth rupture.

The Baptist Young People's Union of the First Welsh Baptist church met last evening.

Rev. L. C. Floyd, D. D., will preach

his farewell sermon in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow. A literary burlesque which had the virtue of novelty was given on Tuesday evening at the Welsh Congregational church.

The congregation of the Elm Park church will tender a reception to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearce on Tuesday evening. The singing quartette from the Rail-road Young Men's Christian associa-

tion entertained at New York city last evening. A regular meeting of the Green Ridge Womans' Temperance union was held on Tuesday afternoon at 1610 Dickson avenue.

Last Sunday Professor D. A. Stone and L. A. Stevens were ordained as elders of the Washburn Street Presby-On the third Friday of April the Bap-

on the third Friday of April the Rap-tist Young People's union of Lacka-wanna county will hold its next con-vention in Taylor.

An Easter sale was conducted last evening and on Thursday evening by the Ladies' Social circle of the Simpson Methodist, church Methodist church. The semi-annual meeting of the Wo-men's Foreign Missionary society of

the Wyoming conference was held in Plymouth Thursday. Miss Mina Moraes Cohen, of Minneand a Mina Moraes Cohen, of Minne-apolis, addressed a meeting of the Womans' Jewish union on Monday evening at the Linden street temple. A meeting of the presidents of the Young People's societies of the West Side was held last evening at the resi-dence of James R. Hughes, president of the union.

Miss Perry gave a short talk on "Heavenly Arithmetic" on Thursday noon before a gathering of young ladies in the Young Womans' Christian Asso-

ciation rooms.

Professor G. W. Phillips spoke on "Child Nature" at the Primary Sunday School Teachers' union at the First Presbyterian church yesterday after noon at 4 o'clock.

Special services were held during the cresent week at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Moffatt, was in charge. They wer very well attended. Passover services will be held at the

Passover services will be held at the Linden Street temple at 6 o'clock this evening and tomorrow at 10 a. m. The subject of the sermon by Rev. Feuer-licht will be "Light in the Home."

Rev. E. L. Schmidt, of Sand Lake, N. Y., who has accepted the call extended by the Evangelical church of Peace of the South Side, will preach his first sermon here on Easter Sunday. first sermon here on Easter Sunday The fourth anniversary of Brother Frank Bates will be celebrated at the Rescue mission tonight. All converts and their families will be served with refreshments at the close of the ser-

The Baptist ministers' weekly meeting was held in the Penn Avenue Haping was held in the Penn Avenue Baptist church Monday. Rev. H. H. Harris, of Taylor, read an article on "Science as an Aid to the Demonstration of a God."

Thursday evening's literary programme at the Elm Park church consisted of a discussion of the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy. Miss Edith Norton recited several selections from the Bard of Ayon.

The Young People's Society of Chris-The Young People's Society of Chris-tian Endeavor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church held their third social in the six-month series on Tuesday evening. A ribbon of red, white and blue was worn by every one that at-tended.

The Rev. James S. Riggs, D. D., professor at Auburn Theological seminary, has been engaged to give a lecture on "Athens and the Acropolis." illustrated with stereopticon, in the Second Presbyterian church on Friday evening, pril 17. The Junior Christian Endeavor soci-

ety of the Plymouth Congregational church was organized Tuesday after-noon with Miss Jennie Daniels as superintendent and Miss Sarah Hughes and Jennie Price as assistants. Seventy-four names were enrolled.

Those who heard the elecutionist Molly Tracey Weston, in the North Main Avenue Batist church on Tues-

young lady's exceptional ability. By many she is considered the best that has appeared in this city for many Miss Pierson, of Brooklyn, who was called several weeks ago to the secre-taryship of the local Young Women's Christian association, has sent word to the secretary, Mrs. L. M. Gates, to the effect that circumstances forbid her to accept the call. Another young wo-

man has been decided upon for secre-tary, but her name has not been an-Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal church, Pittston, has tendered his resignation. He has been in ill health for some time and his condition has become so serious as to necessitate tirement from the ministry. It is his intention to be absent from the coming conference, leaving Pittston next Mon evening for Iowa, where he will

stay for a year. Rev. John Griffiths, who is a recent rev. John Grimths, who is a recent arrival in this city, is attracting consid-erable attention by his popular lectures which were begun last Sunday after-noon in St. David's hall on the West Side. Rev. Griffiths is the paster of the Summer Avenue Presbyterian church. The body is not in a very flourishing condition financially, but Rev. Mr. Griffiths is making a telling endeavor to clear away the debt. The lectures are free, but a collection is taken up during the meeting. Last Surdey afternoon's topic was "The Welsh Pilgrim Fathers of 1682." The rest of the series will be as follows: March 29. "The Welsh Bar-April 5, "The Civic Church—A New Fangled Notion, or a Lost Ideal;" April 12, "Christian Union on Civic Lines the Most Practical and the Most Needed."

OLD FORGE.

Mrs. William Tinklepaugh attended the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. William Waiter's little daughter in Avoca on Thursday.

A surprise party-was tendered Miss Margaret A. Carey at her home on Wednesday evening. Music and games were kept up till a late hour, when re-freshments were served. Those pres-ent were Bessie Webber, Jennie Taylor, Lillie Coons, George Miller, Herrica. ent were Bessie Webber, Jennie Taylor, Lillie Coons, George Miller, Harry Tay-lor, George Coons, of Pittston; Nettle Powell, James Williams, Plymouth; Charles Robinson, Sadie Campbell, Blanche Hodge, William Morgan, Avoca; Annie Miller, Eliza and Sarah Brown, W. E. Ruth and Martha Carey. BLOOD AND NERVES are very closely

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BLAUVELT'S DATE CANCELLED Unable to Sing at Coming Presentation of the Messiah-Solos by Madame Hilke-Camillo d'Arville's Ap-

pearance-Various Notes.

Christian Association hall on Thursday

evening, April 16, a singer whom the

discriminative music-lovers of Scran-

ton will want to hear. Arrangements have been completed by Mrs. George du B. Dimmick, to whom Scrantonians are indebted for a number of the best opportunities which they have had to hear many of the foremost artists, for the appearance on that occasion, in company with Victor Herbert, who needs no introduction to our people of one of the very finest baritmoes on the concert stage today, William H. Keith. Mr. Keith is a Californian who has achieved something like phenomehas achieved something like phenomenal success in European capitals, and the present is his first American season. The press of Dresden, London and San Francisco are unanimous in praising his singing and in predicting for him a remarkable future. We append but one of many excerpts that confirm his claim to favorable rengnition. It is from the Dresden Guide, and says: "Mr. Keith's voice is a barttone of remarkable range with a tendency towards the tenor rather than the bass. The timbre is of exquisite sweetness, and he quite surprised the audience with his facility in taking a the bass. The timbre is of exquisite sweetness, and he quite surprised the audience with his facility in taking a high A flat. His technique, breathing, phrasing and intonation denote ing, phrasing and intonation denote the trished artist. Mr. Keith's first selection was 'Vision Fugitive,' from Massenet's Herodiade. With such a beautiful and cultured voice and a presence that would fit him for an operatic career. Mr. Keith has certainly a brilliant future before him." Mrs. Dimmick has undertaken the Dimmick has undertaken the present hazard, as with former ones, solely for the benefit of those people in this community who care for good music, and it is to be hoped that the public will not withhold its substantial apprecia

One of the greatest events of the thea trical season will be the visit of the famous prima donna, Camille D'Arville, and her own company of seventy peo-ple, in Stange & Edwards' comic opera. "Madeleine, or the Magic Kiss." Miss D'Arville was first seen in this country as the prima donna of the famous Bos-

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Merit as to make its ultimate success and popularity long standing. Julien Edwards has composed some beautiful solos, duetts, quartettes and choruses that have been hummed in every city after "Madeleine's" visit, and Stanislaus Stange has written a book entirely unconventional, and filled with amusing incidents. It has the most ingening incidents. ing incidents. It has the most ingent-ous plot that of late years has been given to comic opera. The opera will be presented here at the Frothingham tonight, and will be mounted with the same magnificent scenery and beautiful costumes that distinguished the engagements in New York, Boston and Chicago. A great deal of the success of "Madeleine" is due to the excellence of the company interpreting it, and the way the music is rendered. Miss D'Ar-ville's voice and musical methods are artistic, and in addition to excellent There will come to Young Men's

> does not try to carry the whole opera alone, and has gathered for her assistance some of the most noted players in Madame Blauvelt, who had been en gaged to sing the solo parts in "The Messiah" to be given at the Froth-ingham on Easter Monday, has been obliged to cancel her engagement for reasons which are explained in the fol-lowing letter from Madame Blauvelt's

vecalization, she is said to enact the

like a great many prima donnas she

husband and manager:

hours ago) so that you may get some on in her place.

1 remain.

Yours very truly. Yours very truly, Royal S. Smith. March 25, 1896.

Mr. Pearsall upon receiving the above went to New York immediately, and yesterday telegraphed to The Tribune that he had secured the services of Madame Hilke, an accomplished so-prano, who will render the solo parts in "The Messiah." Madame Hilke, it is said, possesses a magnificent voice that is especially adapted to oratorio

The cantata "The Fairles' Isle" will be presented on April 9 by the Ladies Morning club, under direction of Professor J. Willis Conant, assisted by Mrs. Dimmick, soprano, and Miss Elsie A. C. Vandervoort, solo contralto, at Elm Park church. The entertain-ment will be given for the benefit of St. Luke's church.

as the prima donna of the famous Bostonians, when she made one of the strongest impressions on lovers of nusic of any of the singers for a decade. There are a great many things in Miss D'Arville's favor which have made for her her present popularity. She is a beautiful woman, of rare talents, an admirable singer and an excellent actress. The opera "Madeleine" is one of the biggest successes in the comic opera world, and has been presented in New York city for twenty weeks, where it enjoyed very liberal patronage; in Boston for twenty-two weeks, where the musical critics of this musical city conceded it to be an opera of such

to the wall at Wilkes-Barre. Ma La." however, is liable to live for some time hence and should prove very

profitable to the author.

Miss Vandervoort, contratto, has been re-engaged as soloist at Elm Park church for the year ending May 1, 1897. Miss Vandervoort, has also been engaged to sing at the Central Methodist church at Seventh avenue and Fourteenth street, New York, dur-ing the month of July and will also ing the month of July, and will also sing in evangelistic services in New York and Brooklyn during April. A grand concert will be given April

14 at College hall under the direction of J. A. Bennington by the Elm Park quartette, assisted by Theodore Hem-burger, violinist, Miss Edith Norton and others. The entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Wo-man's Keeley league. The Railroad Young Men's Christian Association Glee club gave a pleasing concert at Hoboken last evening. The

club is at present composed of W. W. Jones, director, and J. W. Jones, Thos. Jones, Edward Bowen, Frank Glover, James Hartman, Will Whitman and

composer, who is at present connected with the Leonard Music Publishing house, of Albany, will spend Sunday in Miss Vandervoort, and Mr. Wooler will sing at the Palm Sunday Subbath

school exercises. In the evening Miss Vandervoort will sing "The Palms." Miss Daisy Poole, who is one of the most accomplished young planists of the West Side, is meeting with success

as an instructor. Miss Annette Reynolds has returned to the city and has resumed her regu-lar classes in the Raub building.

UNIONDALE.

A large number of people attended Luke Bradley's sale on the Widow Burritt place Wednesday, Easter services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday, owing to conference being in session Easter Sunday

Isaac Phillips is moving to the William Thomas farm on Gar street. Grant Stephens, of Elisdale, spent the Sabbath with his aunt, Mrs. Edwin

Corey.
The Rev . D. D. Jenkins preached in the first Presbyterian church, Carbon-

Wallace Tingley has again moved to the Gilbright farm, from which he moved last summer.

Mr. Utt has taken another lumber job. Mrs. Utt has gone to her home in Jermyn and the daughter is keep-

ing house for her father.

Edson Carpenter is at home again.

People are longing for a break in the winter. In the highways the snow drifts are to the tops of the fences, Those who contemplate making maple sugar are preparing their utensils ready for the first thaw.

Public school opened this week after one week's vacation. The boys of the first grade have organized a geological society and have collected a fine variety of specimens. Professor Green is a good geologist and he inspires the

boys with a desire to dig deep for knowledge.