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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Wilkes-Barre's 1897 assembly, an annual event similar to Scranton's, will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, December 18, 19, 20 and 21. The invitations have been issued. Following are the names of the patronesses: Mrs. John N. Conyngham, Mrs. Andrew P. Dorr, Mrs. Alexander Parrish, Mrs. H. H. Harvey, Mrs. Charles W. Lee, Mrs. F. A. Phelps, Mrs. E. C. Scott, Mrs. Anne Lee Wordon. The committee are: Chester B. Herr, Alexander Hodge, Lawrence B. Jones, Chas. N. Loveland, George R. McLean, John A. Turner.

A meeting of the Country club's board of governors was held Saturday afternoon at the lodge. By-laws and rules were adopted and action taken toward a charter and incorporation. There will be nearly 300 charter members; 280 are now enrolled.

The marriage of Miss Mattie W. Marshall and Theodore Surch, M. D., will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, Wednesday noon.

An organization of girls, the Five-Leaf Clover club, conducted a fair Saturday afternoon at the house of Mrs. John Simpson.

Tuesday evening a meeting of the New England society will be held to complete arrangements for the Fore-father's Day banquet.

Mrs. Fred S. Godfrey will give a dancing party at the Hotel Derrin on the night of December 21.

The Country club's first gorman will take place tomorrow night at the club lodge.

PERSONAL MENTION:
D. W. Powell returned from Harrisburg Saturday night and spent yesterday at his home in Linden street.

Mrs. Henry W. Priest, has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Con-niff, of Prospect avenue.

J. H. Deetom, ex-general manager of the Scranton Traction company, left for his home in Philadelphia, yesterday, after spending several days in this city.

Miss Lizzie Gabriel, a student at the Martin Conservatory of Music, in Ohio, is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, on Church avenue. She was accompanied by her home by Miss Anna Thomas, of Youngstown, who will be her guest.

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For Men, Boys, Youths; for Ladies, Misses and Children.

All Leathers. All Shades. All Sizes.

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410 Spruce Street.

ELM PARK CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY DAY

Present Handsome Edifice Was Dedicated Three Years Ago.

SERMON BY REV. DR. W. H. PEARCE

He Was a Recent Pastor and Was Pleasantly Introduced by Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin--Sermon an Argument That Man's Field for Miraculous Work is Limitless--An Address by Each Divine in the Evening.

Services commemorative of the third anniversary of the dedication of the present magnificent Elm Park Methodist church were held yesterday. It seemed appropriate that Rev. Dr. W. H. Pearce, the pastor who for five years preceded the coming of Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, the present pastor, should be present and deliver the anniversary sermon in the morning. He is now of the Franklin Street church, Wilkes-Barre. Both Dr. Pearce and Dr. Giffin addressed briefly the large congregation which in the evening filled every seat.

The morning audience by its numbers, which filled both the main and rear auditoriums, and by its plainly apparent deep interest in his utter-

ances evidenced a spirited welcome to the former pastor. Dr. Giffin conducted the service and introduced Dr. Pearce in a most happy way as one of the church needed for the occasion and who should feel obligated to respond to what the date and the event signified.

Dr. Pearce's sermon was a magnificent, beautifully intoned and blended, suggesting that while Christ's miracles had been infinite, man's power for miraculous works is also limitless. His text was "Greater works than I do, shall ye also do," St. John, XIV, 12. He said:

DR. PEARCE'S SERMON.
The works spoken of in this passage of Holy Scripture, as they stand connected with the greatest miracle, undoubtedly mean, in the broadest sense, miraculous manifestations.

Presently the greatest miracle to the beholding of men and angels was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. All other miracles that made his life a luminous record of astonishing works and loving benefactions are only radiations from this one radiant miracle. The strange mingling of the lion and the lamb, in His character; His blended meekness and majesty; His perfect purity and matchless energy; His pitiless poverty and unsearchable riches; His patient suffering and God-like action; His weeping with and standing with God, moving on the lowest social plane, and rising infinitely above the highest; the scepter of omnipotence and the sword of justice, opening at once the gate of heaven and the mouth of hell; and subordinating even super-human wisdom and power to the ends of love and compassion both by its transcendent lustre--all of this is so unlike anything on earth or known among men, so unlike anything conceived by philosophy or celebrated in art or song, that it makes Him, by infinite degrees, a great miracle than His divine hand ever

But Christ Himself was not only a miracle, but He also wrought miracles. It is true that He never performed miracles; but He has always been in direct recognition of their dependence with acknowledgment that the miraculous power was delegated and derived. But this Galilean wrought miracles in the confidence of His own resources, and in His might that was inherent in Himself alone.

But Christ makes the startling announcement that believers shall do greater works than He did. By this He declares that the sphere of Christian achievement today is not in the material, but in the spiritual. Faith in the unseen Christ is the winning force. Hence it is that He said, "He that believeth in me shall do greater works than I do. Not he that believeth in any truth, though the redemption of the world be wrapped up in it; not he that believeth in any creed, or schedule of doctrines, though they represent the truth, and the wisest and best men through long centuries and not he that believeth in any church, though it be founded in the blood of the martyrs, enriched with the infinite wealth of religious teaching, and hate all heresy, as the very gate; but he that believeth in "Me."

FAITH THAT WINS.
There must be a personal Christ, as the great sun in the firmament of our faith. The faith that wins, that overmasters the obstinate forces that are potent in human hearts, makes the invisible Christ divinely near, puts our hand into His hand, our heart beating against His heart, our eyes looking up into His eyes, absorbing every passion, holding in perpetual ex-sultation every faculty and feeling and filling the whole soul with the exhilaration of the conscious presence of Christ. And when we have this real faith in Christ and the power of His life and the joy of His great salvation in our souls, we have the force that makes the humanly impossible, easily wrought, gives human victory over the mighty and the great, kindles pentecostal fires upon every church altar and enables the feeblest believer to say, with a Pauline spirit and daring, "I can do all things through Christ strengthening me."

The one stubborn, yet luminous fact that nothing can alter is that without faith in Christ, without blending the divine with the human, all appliances and means, however attractive, beautiful and symmetrical, however compassionate and humanitarian, however vast in their compass and aggressive in their movement, cannot do more than touch the hem of that garment that enfolds the great life from which flows the only redemption and spiritual healing for the diseased human soul. Oh, there is no song or anthem, however sweet in rhythm or lofty in sentiment, worth singing that does not sing to us of Christ! There is no sacrament, however richly paraphrased in the splendors of ritualism, worth observing that does not symbolize to us a personal, ever-present, forgiving Christ! And there is no sermon, however potent in argument, tender in appeal or aglow with persuasive eloquence, worth preaching that does not bring us first meridian through Calvary and adjust every thought and doctrine to that one sublime center, the crimson cross.

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But if we will look at some of the products of faith in Christ, we will readily see the reasonableness of this expression. We admit that no amount of faith in Christ, or personal consecration to His service, although it be well nigh scrupulous, can so empower men as that they can touch blind eyes into seeing and pour into them the enrapturing beauties of the outer world, as Christ did. But it can lay hold of stone and wood and iron, of the material universe, and build there into any form and infirmities and institutions of marvelous tenderness, into which can be gathered the sightless by the thousands, and so carefully teach them that each finger tip becomes a clear sighted eyeball and all the blind may see out of their blindness.

CHRIST'S LEGACY.
No measure of faith or intensity of concentration can stop deaf ears as Christ did, and thrill them with his song and insect hum and brook murmur, a gentle, juvenile mind and skillful hand can teach them in the language of signs so that they hear and speak with their fingers and the world around them is forever broken. We go a step further in the comparison and say that the material miracles wrought by Christ were limited and could reproduce themselves. The healed could heal no more; the lame could not walk, the blind could not see, the dumb could not speak. There is a physical miracle that Christ wrought, as far as we can judge, that has come down to this day, but a word spir-itually wrought, perpetuates itself in infinite circles of blessing, leaves behind it visible memorials of power and goes pulsing across the eternities of God.

In illustration of this thought, John Wesley's mother, when he was a mere boy, taught him the way of salvation, and infused in his young heart a burning desire to save others and having cultured himself to the greatest of universities and having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he went forth laden with tokens, scattering the rays of divine light through the spiritually dead hemispheres.

and by his words of fascination and power stirred the cold, pulseless heart of England, Ireland and America, a gentle, costly glow, existing in a great crusade of righteousness, thousands and tens of thousands of men and women, purified from heathen and idolaters, from slums and hovels, and set in motion a train of holy influences, that have not only benefited churches of today with light and power, and cheering them with the assurance that the world is theirs, but will some day end in the sonful march of redeemed empires. Mrs. Wesley, by her prayers and her own life, has left a beautiful living ideal--the spirit of her boy, and he in turn disembodied the spirit of his mother, and is still enlightening them, with all spiritual graces and sending them in mighty regiments to do likewise, until time shall be no more.

MORRISON'S EXAMPLE.
A Sunday school worker by tender appeals, brought a wayward boy into the church, taught him the way of purity, the way of salvation and simple trust in Christ. "Did it end there?" Was it only the one boy saved? Was that the limit and compass of it? Oh, no, that boy became the great, holy, consecrated Morrison who translated the Bible into the Chinese language and by which the rays of the Gospel of the Son of God were poured into the darkest empire that has ever been possible by which that great nation is turning its aching and weary face toward the east, and the people are now being created right along and whens the sweep of its transforming power until it envelops an innumerable company of redeemed souls and gladdens all the ages of eternity with its thrilling songs.

If you and I can overtake wandering souls and bring them back to God; if we can start them heavenward, through renewed in every faculty and feeling of mind and soul and herved to the highest purposes in life; if we can cast from any soul the demon of despair, inspire it with heroic fortitude and float over it the banners of the cross, that are forever more we will have wrought the grandest and most enduring work known to human hands and hearts.

When we work on mind and soul, we work on that which is immortal as God said. If we work on the material, we work on that which is mortal, colors that will brighten as the ages go by.

Over 300 scholars and teachers greeted Dr. Pearce at the Sabbath school session, beginning at 2 o'clock. He addressed them briefly. During the exercises Miss Van Dervoort, the contralto soloist of the church, sang "The Half Has Never Been Told."

In the evening Dr. Pearce reviewed the trials and struggles of Elm Park church, which, through the help of the members could graduate on credit into God's kingdom, nor in the same sense was any church so strong that it could stand on its own feet without the care of Providence and much due from the congregation in return. God's work was to be done. In its doing, personal consecration and Christian enthusiasm was necessary.

DR. GIFFIN'S SUGGESTION.
Dr. Giffin in his address urged his hearers to lay aside the big church idea and pledge themselves to individual work, the saving of souls. No church was so strong in this city as that which its members could graduate on credit into God's kingdom, nor in the same sense was any church so strong that it could stand on its own feet without the care of Providence and much due from the congregation in return. God's work was to be done. In its doing, personal consecration and Christian enthusiasm was necessary.

There was no lack of opportunity nor of power, he said, and it was expected from on high that man should exercise both.

Dr. Pearce came here Saturday evening and will return to Wilkes-Barre this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Pearce and their oldest daughter, Miss Luella. They were entertained while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hessler, of 221 Quincey avenue.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.
The Railroad Young Men's Christian association will hold its December rally this evening.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Kilgore preached the morning sermon in Trinity United Evangelical church.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan occupied the pulpit of Washburn Street Presbyterian church in the morning.

Pulpits were exchanged in the evening by Rev. William Edgar, of the Provisional Methodist church, and Rev. N. Matthews, of the Congregational.

A largely attended and very successful missionary meeting was conducted at the Young Women's Christian association rooms yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Field.

Evening temperance sermons were delivered by Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin at the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. J. Ford, of the Green Ridge Baptist church.

Choice cut flowers and lower designs at Palmer & McDonalds, 541 Spruce.

TO MAKE BRICKS FROM COAL DUST

Philadelphia Capitalists Have Formed a Company for That Purpose.

PLAN THEY PROPOSE TO FOLLOW

The Scheme in General is Not a New One but the Process to Be Used is Different from Any Heretofore Tried in This Country--Efforts in the Past to Make Satisfactory Coal Dust Bricks for Fuel.

The American Anthracite company is the name of a corporation recently organized by a syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists for the purpose of establishing a big coal briquette manufactory in that city. The company has purchased a ten-acre tract of land on the east bank of the Schuylkill river in the Twenty-sixth ward and work on the big buildings will be commenced in two weeks. Several hundred men will be employed and the factory will have a capacity of 1,000 tons a day.

The briquettes will be manufactured from coal dust. This is not a new scheme as our readers are well aware, but the process to be used is entirely different from that employed heretofore. It is a French process, which has been successfully employed in France and England and here a host of experiments have not been taken into consideration by the Philadelphia capitalists, owing no doubt to the fact that they have formed their plans 100 miles from the nearest culm bank and have not taken the trouble to visit the fountain head of their proposed supply of new material, says a Pottsville exchange.

The fact is that nearly every culm bank that is worth working is lanked with a washer or is being reserved for that purpose by the operators of the colliery from which the dust is taken. These washeries, as their name implies, wash the coal and the dust is carried away into our creeks and streams in the shape of liquid black sludge. It is not till the operators now being made for separating the coal from the culm without water, will leave the dust in a marketable state. It is a questionable whether the freight rates for carrying the dust to market and the cost of the dust itself will not be placed at such a figure as to make the manufacture of briquettes too costly to compete with the genuine black diamond. It is not till the operators will want to lend a hand in placing on the market what the syndicate claims will be a formidable rival to their own product. New coal washeries are being erected right along and these are proving a great source of profit to the owners of the banks.

EFFORTS OF THE PAST.
The history of the coal substitute in operation at Port Richmond, Philadelphia. The coal dirt was mixed with tar or rosin and compressed into lumps

about the size and shape of an egg. Then when Austin Corbin was president of the Reading companies he became interested in the problem of the utilization of culm.

A briquette factory was established at Mahanoy City. It did not prove any more of a success than the Port Richmond plant, but this was some years before the coal washery solved the problem of winning the smaller sizes of coal from the culm banks.

OPENED SATURDAY MORNING.
The Great Sale of the Manhattan Clothing Co., 222 Lackawanna Avenue.

It required the services of an army of salesmen to suit upon the large crowd that thronged the store room, 222 Lackawanna avenue on Saturday. It was the opening of the great Manhattan Clothing Company's sale of Morris J. Davidson's stock of high grade clothing for men, young men, boys, youths and children's wear, furnishing goods, hats, boots, shoes, etc.

The prices were marked way down and every purchaser left the store in the happiest mood as they were conscious of the fact that they secured a big bargain. The sale will continue until the entire stock is sold.

Safety Lamps for Christmas.
Mining, mechanical and electrical books, surveying and drawing instruments, rules, mechanical tools, fountain pens, etc., etc., Technical Supply Co., No. 222 Adams avenue, opposite Court House.

Bring your card plate to The Tribune for printing.

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For Infants and Children.

The family signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock* is on every wrapper.

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Will dispose of, at auction sale, their superb collection of Kirman, Sumergand, Puzan, Serabani, Gullston, Xorles, Serband and Sultanabad carpets of every color and size; also many, both antique and new, Bokara, Kiva, Bolinge, Iron and Silk rugs, also hundreds of Genl. Mossul, Shirvan, Kazan and Carabag rugs, and Anatolia mats, Bagdad portiers, also both Japanese rugs and brica-brac.

Whoever wants to get some of these gems of the Orient is cordially invited to this important holiday sale. The auction will commence next Tuesday at 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. It will continue during the week.

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You can save money by buying spectacles of Silverstone, the eye specialist, at 309 Lackawanna avenue, only one flight over the Lehigh Valley ticket office. The following prices will satisfy you that they are the cheapest in the city: Solid gold rimmed spectacles at \$2.50 per pair, filled bows at \$2; nickel bows from 50c. to \$1.50; aluminum bows from 75c. to \$2.00; colored glasses from 25c. to \$1.25. We have a large line of reading glasses, the best in the market, at 25c. per pair. Opera and magnifying glasses at reduced prices. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1 to 6 p. m. Remember that your eyes will be examined free and satisfaction is guaranteed.

WM. T. SMITH.

COAL
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Coal of the best quality for domestic use and of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Birdseye, delivered in any part of the city at the lowest price.

Orders received at the Office, first floor, Commonwealth building, telephone No. 264, or at the mine, telephone No. 278, will be promptly attended to. Dealers supplied at the mine.

Christmas Shopping

The buying itself is a pleasure--if properly done. It's the wait-till-the-last-minute shopper who complains of the crowding. Nearly fifty clerks to attend to your wants here, yet often all are busy. Those who come in the mornings get the best attention. Best bargains, too, since it takes time to select well. With a store so filled with goods, the few we talk about but serve to show the saving. Your "Christmas money" will go farthest here.

Dinner Sets. Haviland china dinner sets. Three specials for this week's buying. 101 piece sets of the world's best china maker. Sets worth \$35.00 to \$40.00. Price for this week \$27.00, \$28.00 and \$29.00 no higher.

Ladies' Watches. This store was first of all a jewelry store. Today it is Scranton's FIRST jewelry store. First in some other lines too, but we've

the store of sweets: Ladies' silver watch. Swiss movement. Solid silver case, worth \$5.00. Price for one week, \$3.00. Solid gold case, Elgin movement, \$15.00. Gold filled case, Elgin movement, \$10.00.

Umbrellas. Rose, of Philadelphia, makes the best. And the best is none too good for those who trade with us. The more so since the best costs about the same as the "just as good" sort.

Nice ones, suitable for Christmas giving to be had for \$1.00. Others up to \$5.00. No higher.

Men's Watches. To tell of all the styles we show would take from now till Christmas. To get you in to see the line we mention four:

Gold filled case, warranted 15 years. Elgin movement, \$10.00. Solid gold case. Warranted plump 17 karat fine, with full jeweled Elgin movement, \$45.00. Solid gold case, with good Elgin movement, (not full jeweled), \$30.00. Silver case with Elgin movement. Warranted for time. Only \$4.50.

Banquet Lamps. All that's beautiful in banquet lamps at right prices. Descriptions cannot properly describe,

never forsaken the old love. It has grown and prospered until what on our books is only Department F means Scranton's foremost watch sellers. The growth brings better buying, which we are prompt to share with you. Three tastes of

REXFORD'S, 303 Lackawanna Avenue

Christmas Presents

The best way of finding out what you want for Holiday Gifts or need in the china closet, is to visit our well stocked store. A look at the fine display of

CHINA, CUT GLASS, SILVERWARE, CARVING SETS, ETC

will be convincing as to its beauty and quality. The answer to a question or two about the price will be equally convincing as to its cheapness. The stock is the largest in the city.

New Lines of Rockwood and Libbey's Cut Glass

CHINA HALL,
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134 Wyoming Avenue.
Walk in and look around.
Open Evenings.

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