

Church News of the Week.

An excellently prepared paper showing the work of the Epworth League in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church was read last Sunday evening by the president, Miss Rachel Jones, at the league anniversary service. The paper was as follows:

The plan of work for the Epworth league is to be worked, with each department as one of its spokes and the cabinet at the hub. If one spoke of a wheel is broken, the wheel is disarranged, so if one department refuses to work, the whole plan is marred. But I will attempt to show you that in our chapter at least, the wheel is always presentable and in good working order.

During the year spiritual meetings have been held every Sunday evening under the direction of the department of spiritual work. This committee select the leaders for the Sunday evening meetings and assign them their topics. The topics themselves are sent to the department office in Chicago. The committee report every one as ready and willing to do their part, so that no difficulty in the way of selecting leaders occurs.

Under the second department of our work, mercy and help, comes the charitable work, and while we do not let the whole responsibility of being good by doing good, rest on the members of this committee, still in order to have systematic giving, we stand at the head of all the benevolences connected with our society. One-tenth of all money which comes to us is given to this department to aid them in their work of caring for the poor and distressed. They have during the past six months made calls on eighteen sick persons, providing bouquets and potted plants for a number of them, have given away four quilts and made and given away a number of garments. Four families have been furnished with provisions, who would otherwise have gone hungry.

But while we are attending to the spiritual side of our work, we must also develop our God given mental powers, in order that we may more effectively perform our allotted task of being helpful. We have a literary department, under whose guidance literary meetings are held every two weeks. At these meetings we have an average attendance of twenty-five members, all of whom are interested workers. We are at present studying two books from the Epworth reading course, namely, "A Vision of Christ Through the Poets," "Torch-Bearers of Christendom," the study of which we find very profitable. Each one is expected to take some part, and here again we find that cheerfulness that characterizes every department of our work. Neither is the social instinct neglected, for in order to build up the true spirit, we must lead a friendly hand, we must cultivate friendliness or the social nature. Under the supervision of the department of social work, a number of home socials, at the homes of our members, have been successfully conducted; a reception was held in the old folks, which proved so great a success that we are tempted to repeat it in the near future; another reception was given to new converts and last month the antiques and tapestry exhibition, which netted us about \$50. Besides this department furnishes all flowers for the public and I'm sure you will agree with me in saying, "Well done" to this part of our chapter.

Our secretary and her special committee attend to all the correspondence, keeping us in touch at all times with the general work of the league outside of our own chapter. She also takes careful minutes of all the business and special meetings, and attends to the enrollment of new members, etc. Our department of finance always shows an encouraging report. At present the report shows us that during the year, dating from July, '96, we have paid over to the church treasurer for the liquidation of the mortgage the sum of \$7,250, and that we will have in our treasury \$52.65, with which we are going to send two delegates to the international convention, to be held at Toronto, Canada, on July 15, '97, fully confident that our money will be thus wisely spent.

Rev. Levi Bird, Ph. D., is one of the most ardent temperance men and prohibitionists of the state. He, like Rev. J. C. Hogan, withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal church because its attitude toward the liquor business did not coincide with his views. His last

church was at Auburn, N. Y., in the Central New York conference. Since he left the church Mr. Bird has been engaged in evangelical work. He is a pleasing and forceful speaker and an enthusiast in his ideas as Mr. Hogan. Mr. Bird's home for some time past has been in Freehold, this state, where his wife's parents live. Mrs. Bird's father is a Methodist minister. Mr. Bird is trying to establish a Prohibition church here and if successful will be its pastor. He is a graduate from Case Western Reserve college and in his class, '54, took the first prize in oratory. He also attended the Allegheny college and during his term as a student was poet laureate of the school.

The fortieth anniversary of the Lackawanna Bible society will be held in the Washburn Street Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, May 23, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. J. P. Moffatt, the pastor, will preach his sermon, and Rev. S. S. Kennedy, the agent, will

read a report of his work. In the absence of the president, Hon. Alfred Hand, who is abroad, J. L. Stelle, first vice president, will preside. Colonel H. M. Boles, secretary, being absent from the city, S. G. Kerr will act as secretary pro tem.

Wishard and Galley, the young Princeton graduates, who spoke last Sunday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association, will again address meetings this evening at 8 o'clock and tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 o'clock in the association parlors. The subject Sunday afternoon will be "The Evangelization of the world in this generation." Nothing so spiritually refreshing as the work of these young men has been heard in this city for many years. The audiences at the two forementioned meetings will probably crowd the rooms.

Rev. G. L. Airlch, pastor of Grace Reformed Episcopal church, will address the meeting at the Railroad department of the Young Men's Christian association tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. The meeting will be for railroad men and their families and a cordial invitation to all such is extended. The Yokefellers' band will have charge of the meeting at the Rescue Mission Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Class 14 of the Providence Presbyterian Sunday school will run an excursion to Lake Ariel on June 22. The proceeds will be used toward buying a new organ for the church.

RELIGIOUS NEWS NOTES.  
Rev. Foster U. Gift will speak at the Rescue mission this evening at 8 o'clock.  
There will be no meeting at the Young Women's Christian association rooms on account of being repaired.  
The Young Men's Christian association will conduct the Sunday evening service at the Rescue mission.  
The Baptist Young People's union of the Scranton Street Baptist church will hold a "Bible school" in the church parlors on Sunday evening, May 25. Admission will be a dime.  
The pulpits of the different Welsh churches on the West Side will be filled on Sunday evening by pastors who are in attendance at the Welsh synod which is being held here.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church gave an "initial" supper on Thursday evening in the church parlors. An entertainment programme was rendered. At the consecration at Baltimore, on Sunday, of Rt. Rev. E. P. Allen, D. D., as bishop of Mobile, Ala., Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban, of this city, was present. Cardinal Gibbons conducted the ceremony.  
The sessions of the Welsh synod commenced this morning at 9 o'clock. They will be held in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church on South Main avenue.

The ladies of the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church held a birthday party in the church Thursday evening. A fine musical and literary entertainment was given, after which light refreshments were served.  
The Sunday school of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church have made arrangements to hold their annual basket picnic at Lake Ariel Tuesday, June 29. They wish their friends to make note of the date and arrange to go with them.  
The Young People's union of the Scranton Street Baptist church will hold an entertainment and peanut social Tuesday evening, May 25. A very fine programme has been arranged and the assembly convenes at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.  
The Sabbath school class in the Plymouth Congregational church Sunday school, taught by Miss Margaret Evans, gave a very fine entertainment and social Tuesday evening. The affair was given in the church parlors and was attended by a large number of persons.

There will be regular services in Fuller's hall on Lackawanna avenue tomorrow at 3 and 7:30 p. m. The afternoon subject will be "The Shadows of the Nineteenth Century," and the evening subject, "The Real Advance Agent of Prosperity." Rev. Dr. Bird will speak at both meetings.  
Rev. Dr. Logan, Rev. P. Steinmann and Charles G. W. Benedict, commercial missionaries from Lackawanna Presbytery to the 109th meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, left Tuesday for Winona, Indiana, where the assembly convenes May 29.  
The members of the Sherman Avenue Mission school will sing the chorus "As You Go" at the morning service in the Plymouth Congregational church tomorrow. This is the piece which carried off the chief prize in the competition at the recent Robert Morris contest. They will be costumed in white.

A large audience on Tuesday night enjoyed a fine entertainment given in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian church by the Sabbath school orchestra, assisted by the choir. It was conducted by Professor J. M. Chance, the church organist, who is also the efficient director of the orchestra. Charles Doersman, pianist, a pupil of Professor Chance, contributed largely to the excellence of the entertainment.

A large audience greeted Miss Scott of Philadelphia, at the Young Men's Christian association Tuesday afternoon to listen to her address on missionary work in Africa. Miss Scott comes from a consecrated family. Her two brothers, P. Cameron and John Scott, died while in the missionary work on the coast of the African inland mission, which is represented in this country by the Philadelphia missionary council.  
The regular work of the John Raymond institute has stopped, but there are still opportunities for work for all who desire it. Two classes have been started: one for the English students and the other for the mechanical and scientific departments. The former is intended to illustrate methods of reading and study and introduce the students to some interesting works in literature and history. The latter will include the reading of scientific articles with talks from the instructors and shop visits.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, St. Luke's, Rev. Edward Haughton, curate, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Luke's church—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 9:15 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 a. m., evening prayer and sermon; St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., holy communion; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sun-

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W. Welch, pastor, Services, 10:30 a. m., preaching, subject, "Judges;" Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 5:45 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; services, 7 p. m., subject, "Doctors." Seats free. All welcome.  
Grace Lutheran Church—Corner Madison and Mulberry streets, Rev. F. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 9:30. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.  
W. Whipple, pastor, Morning subject, "The Good Fight," a memorial sermon; evening subject, "The Faith School."  
Grace Lutheran Church—Corner Adams and Mulberry streets, Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The public are invited to all services.  
First Congregational Church—South Main avenue, Rev. David Jones, pastor. Regular morning and evening services at 10 and 6 o'clock respectively.  
2 p. m. Preaching in Welsh by the pastor.

First Welsh Baptist Church—South Main avenue, Services at 10 o'clock; Sabbath school at 2 p. m.; preaching in Welsh by a visiting minister.  
Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, Bellevue—Rev. John T. Morris, pastor. Preaching in Welsh by the pastor. Morning service at 10 o'clock; evening service at 6 p. m.  
Free Methodist—Co-operative hall, 123 North Main avenue, Hyde Park, Sabbath, 2 p. m. All welcome. John Cavanaugh, pastor.

At the Country club's lodge an open air concert will be given by Bauer's band tonight. Following is the programme to be rendered:  
1. March—"The Little Napoleon".....Farfar  
2. Overture—"Nacht Slavischen Melodien"  
3. Selection from "El Capitan".....Souza  
4. Invitation to La Valca.....Weber  
5. S. Crusier, Columbus.....Eweman  
6. Selection—"Wizard of the Nile".....Herbert  
7. March—"The Old Club".....Schremsner

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A party of Scranton young people will spend Sunday, the 30th, at Delaware Water Gap and will on Monday go ahead to Stroudsburg with a party from Orange, N. J., who will also spend Sunday at the gap.  
The last of the series of charity dances given by the Spinners in the Bicycle club house during the season was held Thursday evening. The guests were received by Mrs. Fred Godfrey and Miss Grace Rose in the club parlors, between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock and the dance programme, numbering twenty selections was started at 9:00 o'clock. The music was furnished by five pieces of Lawrence's orchestra. The attendance was somewhat smaller than at the previous dances, only about fifteen couples being present. Refreshments were served at midnight and the dancing terminated shortly after 1 o'clock. The entire series has been highly successful socially and financially.

At the exercises connected with the annual commencement of Hahnemann Medical college in Philadelphia last week, the alumni of the college gave a banquet at the Walton, Dr. C. W. Roberts, of this city, was in attendance, and was honored by being elected first vice president for the ensuing year. The Hahnemann college is the oldest and largest homeopathic institution in the world.  
Among those who will compose the graduating class at Wyoming seminary this year are Richard Gendall, of Jermy; Elizabeth France, of Clark's Green, and Miss Flora Dony, of this city. Miss France is among the honor students of the class.  
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Payne, of Williams street, Dunmore, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary Tuesday evening. They entertained at their home a large party of friends and were presented with many remembrances in token of the "wooden wedding."  
A surprise party was on Monday evening tendered Miss Cora Harvey at her home on Sanderson avenue. Those present were: Misses Bessie and Viola Goss, Leslie Moore, Lena Stout, Myrtle Fischer, Jennie Morgan, Belle Coventry, Carrie Naher, Rhoda Broadhurst, Gertrude Wilson, Ada and Mary Harvey, Mary Morris, Mrs. R. Sewell, Mrs. M. Harvey and Mrs. E. Morris; Messrs. Joseph Reynolds, Edgar Hartshorn, Gladstone Harvey, Harry Jeffries, William Lorry, Matthew Connolly and William Littlejohn.  
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Henry W. Crocker, of Sanderson avenue, and Miss Anna Wilcox, of Nineveh, N. Y., were married Tuesday at the bride's home. Mr. Crocker is the Green Ridge ticket agent for the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. The Scranton people at the wedding were: Miss Fannie Crocker, Miss Anna Wardell, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Clark,

MAJOR OAKFORD IS CHAIRMAN.  
At the Head of the Medal of Honor Executive Committee.  
A meeting was held in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon of the executive committee which is arranging for the convention of the Medal of Honor. The members of the committee are: Colonel H. M. Boles resigned the chairmanship for the reason that he will be absent from the city a great deal between now and the time of the convention and Major James Oakford was appointed. The finance committee has received some contributions to defray the expenses of the convention but enough of money has not yet been subscribed and a canvass is to be made.  
A letter was read from C. R. Manville, superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, setting forth that he had corresponded with Mr. Wilbur, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, who agreed to take the members of the legion from Wilkes-Barre to Glen Summit and return. From this city to Wilkes-Barre and return the soldiers will be the guests of the Delaware and Hudson company.  
The wearers of the medal of honor all arrive in this city on June 8 and on June 9 the convention will be held in the morning in Young Men's Christian Association hall. In the afternoon the trip to Glen Summit will be made and at night there will be a banquet. June 10 will be taken up with drives about the city and its vicinity.

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Mrs. S. M. Nash, Mrs. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Warner and Herbert Warner.  
"There was an interesting social event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes, 407 Montgomery street, last evening, when Miss Ella, their eldest daughter, was united in marriage to William J. Richards, a highly respected resident of Peckville." The ceremony was performed at 6:30 o'clock by Rev. William G. Simpson in the presence of only the bride and groom. The affair, though quiet, was none the less interesting. The couple were unattended. After congratulations had been showered on the newly wedded couple and an elaborate wedding supper discussed, Mr. and Mrs. Richards left on the 8:30 Delaware Lackawanna and Western train for their future home in Peckville. Mrs. Richards has a large circle of friends in the Garden Village, who will wish her unlimited happiness in her married life.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Watkins were given a surprise party at their home on North Main avenue by the ladies of the North Main Avenue Baptist church of which Mr. Watkins is the pastor.  
The birthday of Miss Dora Martin-Adams of Pottsville, was celebrated at her home on Monday evening by a large party of friends.  
The Scranton club members were last night entertained by Lew Shaw, the world's champion fancy billiard shot. Jerome Keogh, this city's pool expert, assisted Shaw in giving the exhibition.  
The banquet committee of the High School alumni has decided to hold the annual banquet on the Tuesday following commencement day and in the High school building if permission is granted by the board of control. The date has not been fixed.  
On Wednesday evening a surprise party was tendered Miss Eva C. Davies at her home on Elyon street.  
Mrs. M. H. Reinhardt, of Wright court, was on Thursday evening tendered a surprise party by a large number of her friends.  
Miss Mame Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gallagher, of 1065 Jackson street, will be married to Austin P. Duffy of Binghamton in St. Patrick's church, West Side, at 8 o'clock on the morning of June 1.  
Daniel Capwell and Mrs. Jennie Holzschuber, both of Pottsville, were married by the Rev. W. G. Watkins, of the North Main Avenue Baptist church, at the home of Mrs. R. H. Rozelle, in Forest court, Thursday night. Only the intimate friends and relatives of the couple witnessed the ceremony.

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guest of Miss Mae Jones, of Washburn street.  
Miss Ray Williams, of North Sumner avenue, has returned from a visit to Syracuse.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baitenberg, of the West side, have returned from their wedding trip.  
Miss Alice Deppon, of Price street, has returned from a brief visit with friends in Philadelphia.  
Miss Stella Stubbins, of Hampton street, has returned from a visit to friends at Plymouth.  
Miss Abbie Ashley, of South Main avenue, has returned from a visit at Mauch Chunk.  
M. A. Duffy, of Price street, is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.  
Talbott Phillips, of Academy street, is home for the summer from the University of Pennsylvania.  
Miss Jennie Reed, of Valley, Conn., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ellen Hoore, of Hampton street.  
Mrs. Burt Gardner, of North Main avenue, has returned from a visit with friends at Wilkes-Barre.  
Miss Margaret Mervin, of Stroudsburg, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Reinhardt, of Sixth street.  
Miss Frances Hunt and Miss Welles will be the guests of the Misses Stanton in Honesdale next week.  
Mrs. Fred Post and daughter, Miss Belle, of Jackson street, visited friends at Moscow yesterday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gable, of South Garden avenue, are entertaining Buret Vliet, of Thornhurst.  
Mrs. Mabel Wright, of Kingston, spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Edith Softley, of Mulberry street.  
Mrs. R. Kimble, of Clark's Summit, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Kimble, of Hampton street.  
Mrs. B. D. Martin, of Sanderson avenue, is entertaining her sister, Miss Bessie Whitehead, of Pottsville.  
Mrs. James R. Hughes, of Washburn street, is enjoying a trip through the White Mountain summer resorts.  
Lewis Morse, of Jackson street, has returned from a trip to Philadelphia.  
Miss Wardell, of Binghamton, N. Y., is visiting friends in Dickinson avenue.  
Mrs. Herman Langford will sail on May 27 for a four months' tour of Europe.  
Miss Alice Evans, of Elm street, is entertaining Miss Martin, of Monroe.  
Fred G. Peters, of South Lincoln avenue, has returned from a visit at Philadelphia.  
Mrs. B. H. Berry, of South Hyde Park avenue, is visiting friends at Mt. Pocono.  
Mrs. Coe Durand, of Honesdale, spent Monday with Scranton friends.  
Dr. James Walton, of Buffalo, is visiting his mother on Elyon street.  
Mrs. George E. Hamill, of North Honesdale, is visiting in East Stroudsburg.  
Miss Mary Evans, of Kingston, is the

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