

Social and PERSONAL

M. R. HENRY BELIN, Jr., has occupied for the past half dozen summers what is perhaps the finest country estate in this region. It is possibly the only one, with a single exception, that has a history. The beautiful old house was built more than sixty years ago and Mr. Belin found it necessary to make little change in its exterior, yet desirable after the lapse of more than half a century. The property, known as the old Nicholson home, is located about midway between Glenburn and Waverly, but properly belongs to Waverly borough. The house was erected by Horatio Nicholson, esq., then attorney for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, which was being laid through this region. "Lawyer Nicholson," as he was called, was brilliant and gifted to an unusual degree. His ideas were far in advance of his times, as the splendid mansion built by him is still in evidence, and had he lived, he would no doubt have long ago left a name known in national history. He died when but little past thirty, before having had an opportunity to enjoy his lovely home. There is a tradition that no one ever spent a happy year in the great house, until Mr. Belin broke the spell with the gaiety and life of his family, and the many friends entertained within the magnificent mansion. Mr. Belin's residence is exceptionally imposing, surrounded as it is by wide terraces, shaded by noble trees, while in the background rises a massive grove of murmuring pines.

The dance and golf tournament at Crystal lake constitute the society events of the week as far as Scranton is concerned. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. T. H. Watkins that these most pleasing affairs were planned, and it is expected that tonight will close a most delightful outing for those able to enjoy the trip. Among those who went over or who will be present tonight are Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Anderson, Miss Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Scranton, Mr. Henry Bellin, Jr., Mr. E. L. Fuller, Miss Weller, the Misses Hanley and Law, Messrs. Huntington, Welles, Belmont, Moffat, F. C. Fuller, H. Brooks, T. S. Fuller, A. G. Hunt. There will be many entries at the tournament, and it is expected that some of the contests will be rather exciting.

Mr. Huntington lowered his record this week to the interesting score of thirty-eight.

Many improvements are being made on the tennis courts at the Country club, in view of the approaching tournament. The landscape effect about the grounds has never been so enchanting as at present. The drives neither are in residence, nor are the grounds really the show place to which Scrantonians are proud to take visiting friends.

The visitor to Lake Pointelle these days is moved to wonder that the Ontario and Pennsylvania should expend the expenditure of some money on the grounds surrounding the lake and make a stronger bond than they have yet made for excursion business. In a number of respects this lake excels as a picnic resort all the other bodies of water within easy reach from Scranton. It is the highest of the nearby lakes and in mid-summer its mean temperature is the coolest. Its shore line and general situation are attractive, there are no mosquitoes, few insects and no mosquitos, and the waters of Pointelle, and of the dozen surrounding lakes, are well stocked with fish. But by far its chief claim to distinction remains to be mentioned. From a point near the summit of a declivity in the southern border of Pointelle, about five hundred yards from the water's edge, and just on the margin of a fine natural grove, is a piazza for a summer hotel, from the site of which it is possible to command a panoramic view of fields and forests into the Delaware valley, through which the Delaware river winds as a silver thread, and beyond this, stretching for miles upon miles over more than a quadrant of the horizon, lie first the foothills, and then, in the dim background, the peaks of the highest Catskills, themselves fully six miles away. This superb view, added to the numerous other attractions of the place, would, it is believed, constitute a drawing card for a hotel at this point and also tend to quicken the current of summer travel to Pointelle if the railway company itself would do its share in improving the approaches and facilities. Let us hope that ere another season closes the advantages of this charming spot will be made fully and generally known to the summertime pleasure-seekers of the community.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Henwood were in Towanda this week.

Mrs. Mary and Kate Johns went to Atlantic City yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bonnell have returned from Block Island.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Everhart returned from Ocean Grove today.

Mr. C. D. Simpson is spending Sunday with his family at Sheldrake.

Miss Sophie Schlegel has returned from her summer home at Embury.

Colonel H. M. Boles and family will return from Shelter Island today.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Wagstaff returned on Monday from the sea shore.

Miss Margaret Hanley will take a western trip for the next few weeks.

Miss Margaret Phillips is entertaining Miss Sophie Hank, of New York.

Miss Bertha Finn and Lena Clark, of Wood street, left Thursday for Waverly.

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Religious News.

THE syllabus of the course of study in the school at the Y. W. C. A. has just been issued by the international committee and it is now in the hands of the secretary. All girls interested are asked to come to the rooms and investigate the uniform standard courses which will be given this year. The movement includes (1) the establishment and maintenance of uniform standard courses; (2) the holding of examinations; (3) the granting of certificates. The aim is to encourage the individual student. This method has been tried in the Young Men's Christian association and has been a success, thus we are not venturing on untried ground. It is a good opportunity for every girl to have a fair education. All the popular branches of studies will be taught by competent teachers. Call at the rooms and talk the matter over.

The following is from St. Luke's Churchman for August: "We have this month to add another large item to the list of things well of the good works of the Woman's Guild of St. Luke's. The ladies are having the church tiled by Mr. W. A. Gray, of this city. All the aisles, the back of the church and the front up to the chancel steps will be tiled with beautiful and durable tiles. The only point against tiling is the light clicking noise made in walking over it, but to that one soon grows accustomed. In its favor we get durability and cleanliness, added to greater facility in hearing the services, for carpets absorb and deaden sound. Hereafter we shall not be so much troubled with worn, ragged carpets and accumulating dust. Tiles will outwear dozens of carpets, and thus save both expense and labor."

The Salvation Army of this city has been holding a series of meetings at Nicholson.

Rev. Dr. G. Murray Colville, of Jamestown, N. Y., visited the family of R. G. Brooks this week.

The Susquehanna Association of Universalists will meet in the Brooklyn church September 8 and 9.

Miss Anna Van Nort returned from Factoryville and Clark's Green yesterday. She will begin her work at the South Side association Sept. 1.

Charles N. Crittenden has been making addresses at a camp meeting at Sing Sing which have had wonderful effect in the conversion of souls.

The Free Methodists will have preaching in Co-operative hall, 125 North Main avenue, Hyde Park, this Sabbath at 3 p. m. All welcome. John Cavanaugh, pastor.

Miss Lucile McLaughlin, the city missionary of the Second Presbyterian church, will spend a month's vacation in visiting friends in Illinois and enjoying a lake trip to Duluth.

Tomorrow at the Simpson Methodist church solos will be rendered by both Messrs. Jones and Jenkins, at both services. The male quartette will also sing a number of beautiful selections.

The announcement that Rev. Dr. Nichols, will speak in the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow, will attract a large congregation.

Rev. P. S. Ballentine will speak at the Rescue Mission tomorrow evening. This will be the last opportunity the mission friends will have of hearing Mr. Luce before he leaves Scranton for his foreign mission field.

Rev. P. S. Ballentine and son, Frank, will take a wheeling trip to Stroudsburg today where Mr. Ballentine will assist in opening a new Episcopal chapel. Afterward they will proceed leisurely through a portion of New Jersey.

The Y. M. C. A. will have a very attractive service Sunday afternoon at 2:45. Professor J. M. Chance has returned from his vacation and will have a strong musical programme, a short, stirring talk and an enthusiastic song service will make the meeting a rare treat to all who come.

Evangelist L. Shelhorn preached his last sermon in our city last night. He leaves today for Uniondale, Pa., where he will conduct a two weeks' meeting. Mr. Shelhorn's forcible sermons from the Gospel wagon were received by large and appreciative audiences each evening. Many conversions have been reported and much good has been done through Mr. Shelhorn.

Seventh Day Adventists—Services in the large parson on Blair avenue, near Mason & Snowden's lumber yard, continue with a growing interest. Large congregations gather at the tent from night to night to hear the word of God expounded. Subject, Sunday, 2:30 p. m., "The Ceremonial and Moral Laws since the Sabbath." Sunday evening, 7:30, "Second Coming of Christ." All are invited.



SUMMER HOME OF MR. HENRY BELIN, JR., NEAR WAVERLY.

Saucy Bess' Comments

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Jackson Street Baptist Church—Rev. Thomas DeGruchy, pastor. At 10:30 the services will be conducted by D. H. Williams, at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school; at 7 p. m. Mr. Edward Howell will preach. Good seats. Good singing. We invite the public to be present at all our services. Our pastor is spending a few weeks in Rhode Island.

Howard Place A. M. E. Church—Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor. 10:30 a. m., subject, "The Saviour's Estimate of the Word of God"; 2:30, Sunday school; 7:40 p. m., subject, "Christ's Constraining Love." People's Proliferation church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular preaching service on Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in the Carter block, No. 82 Linden street. Morning subject, "The Only Thing That Can Satisfy." Evening subject, "From Bull's Run to Buffalo, the Greatest March in History." Everybody welcome.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge street and Monsey avenue—Services for children on Sunday after Trinity. The usual celebration of the Eucharist will be omitted. The regular 10:30 service as usual. Sunday schools and Bible classes at 2:30. There will be no evening service. F. S. Ballentine.

Penn Avenue Baptist church—Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Hare, of Burlington, N. J., will preach morning and evening. Theme for the morning, "Source versus Model," and in the evening, "The Saviour's Estimate of the Word of God." Bay Aug Falls mission school, 130 Mulberry street, at 3:30. Young people's meeting at 6:30 sharp. We will cordially welcome all at the services.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran church—Catholics and Mulberry. Rev. Foster U. Gift pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening theme "A Father's Love for a Wayward Son." Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. William Edgar, pastor. The usual services will be held. The pastor will preach at 10:30 a. m. In the evening Rev. W. B. Ballentine will preach. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth league at 6:45 p. m. All are invited.

Rescue mission—111 Franklin avenue. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. H. W. Luce will speak. All are welcome.

Green Ridge Baptist church—Rev. N. J. Porter, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "The Christian of the Creeds and of the Sermon on the Mount Compared." In the evening, "Trinity by Prospects." Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor. Prayer meeting at 6:30 a. m.; preaching service at 10:30 a. m. sermon by the pastor, to be followed by a general class service; Sunday school at 12 o'clock; Junior league at 3 o'clock; Epworth league at 6:30 o'clock; leader, Miss Elvira Harris, evening preaching at 7:30, sermon by the pastor. All seats free. A welcome to all.

First Baptist church—Scranton street. Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. Prayer meeting at 10 a. m., led by Frank Bellin, subject, "The Saviour's Estimate of the Word of God." Let Your Light So Shine Before Men. That They May See Your Good Works and Glorify Your Father, Which Is in Heaven." Rev. S. F. Mathews will be a song service in the evening before preaching. Sunday school 2 p. m., Dr. Beaudou superintendent. Young People's prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m., Rev. Rose Phillips. All are cordially invited.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Service at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, Bible school at 12 m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. D. K. Freeman, of Huntington, Pa., a former pastor, will preach at the morning service. Evening Christian Endeavor service same as usual, 6:30 p. m.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. Fred M. Davenport, of Yonkers, N. Y., will preach at 10:30 and 7:45 p. m. Bible school at 12 o'clock. Meeting of the Endeavor society, Friday, 7:45 p. m.

St. Mark's Lutheran church—Rev. A. L. Raker, Ph. D., pastor. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Services at 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Three Pillars of Faith;" evening subject, "With the Mouth Confession is Made, but by the Deeds is Proved." Zion's Lutheran church—Rev. P. F. Zischmann, pastor. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Morning subject, "The Three Pillars of Faith;" evening subject, "With the Mouth Confession is Made, but by the Deeds is Proved."

St. Peter's Lutheran church—Rev. J. W. Rankin, pastor. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, at 9 a. m.

Christ Lutheran church—Rev. H. Lisse, pastor. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

CIVIL DEATH.

A Question Which May Come to Both Courts and Enrich Lawyers. From the Buffalo Courier.

The fact that in this city a woman who was married a few years ago recently contracted a second legal marriage, though the first husband was alive, and the ties of marriage had not been severed by a judicial decree of divorce, has called public attention to a not generally known peculiarity of the law.

The statutes of New York provide that the penalty of life imprisonment shall involve civil death for the felon sentenced to it. This means that he shall be deprived of his civil rights, and particularly property rights and the rights resulting from family relations, as if he were actually dead. Civil death takes from the person upon whom this punishment has been inflicted all that he owned and transfers it to those who would have received it if he had died before his conviction. It affects his contract rights in the same manner as physical death. He can