

RELIGIOUS

The following programme will be given at the annual meeting of the Susquehanna Association of Universalists at Gibson, Susquehanna county, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 7 and 8:

WEDNESDAY.

11.00 a. m. Organization. 2.00 p. m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. 2.30 p. m. Occasional sermon, Rev. F. W. Whipplen. 3.30 p. m. Business meetings and reports from parishes. 7.00 p. m. Conference meeting. 8.00 p. m. Sermon, Rev. O. R. Beardley.

THURSDAY.

9.00 a. m. Conference meeting. 10.00 a. m. Business. 11.00 a. m. Discussion, "Practical Sunday School Work." Introduced by Mr. S. B. Eldridge. 1.30 p. m. Business. 2.30 p. m. Sermon, Rev. James Herrick. 2.50 p. m. Business and closing service.

The ninety-first anniversary of the Abington Baptist association will be held in the Clifford Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 14 and 15. Moderator Rev. W. J. Ford will preside at the opening session.

On Thursday Rev. M. J. Watkins will open the session. Reports will be given by Revs. T. E. Jepson, A. B. Brown, J. R. Ely, with addresses by Dr. Brown, Dr. Conrad, Dr. Leroy Stevens, Rev. Mr. Hottel and a sermon by Rev. A. B. O'Neal.

On Tuesday, the 13th, the Sunday school convention will meet in the same place, Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce, of this city, and others, will make addresses and an interesting programme will be given.

The following programme of music will be rendered at the evening service at the Second Presbyterian church: Organ Prelude—..... Du Bois Quartet—Hark! Hark! My Soul, Dudley Buck. Offertory—Hymn Tune, The Hour of Prayer,..... Tenney. Organ Prelude.....Gullmant. Miss Black, soprano; Miss Garagan, alto; Mr. Thomas Beynon, tenor; Mr. Moses Morgan, bass; Mr. J. M. Chance, organist and choir director.

Rev. Mortimer Giffin, son of Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, will occupy the pulpit at Elm Park church tomorrow, the young clergyman, recently graduated from Wesleyan Theological seminary at Middletown, Conn., and was admitted to the New York conference and received an appointment at Bayside.

The members of Elm Park church are looking forward with interest to hearing the son of their pastor who is expected home from Europe this week.

Secretary Pearsall will give an address tomorrow afternoon at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. on his war experience and the work of the Christian commission. This will be a most interesting occasion and will no doubt attract a large number of listeners. Mr. Pearsall has many incidents to tell which everybody will enjoy hearing.

Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson who has spent much of the summer at Rock Island and Danville, N. Y., has returned and will occupy his pulpit at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow morning and evening.

Religious News Notes.

Rev. Thomas DeGruchy has returned from a three weeks' outing and will preach at both services in the Jackson Street Baptist church tomorrow. All are welcome.

Rev. Thomas DeGruchy, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, will preach tomorrow morning at the service of the First Welsh Baptist church. Service at 8 o'clock.

The Free Methodist will have preaching in Swingle's hall, Third and Ash streets, Dumfries, tomorrow afternoon at 3 and 7.30 p. m. All are welcome. John Cavanaugh, preacher, in charge.

At 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church will hold a bush meeting in Nay Aug park. Rev. H. A. Grant will preach and a choir of good voices will sing.

The regular evening service tomorrow at the Cooperative church, North Main avenue, will be conducted by F. W. Pearsall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, assisted by the Yoke Fellows band. Dr. Levi Bird, the regular pastor, is absent.

Miss Quick will lead the gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian association Sunday at 3.45. All women and girls are cordially invited to be present. Strangers in the city will be made welcome. 205 Washington avenue.

The annual meeting of the Wyoming Baptist association will be held in the

First Baptist church, Pittston, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 20, 21 and 22. The first feature of the meeting will be the Bible school convention which will convene on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tomorrow's Services.

Methodist. Elm Park church—Prayer and Praise service at 8:30; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the Rev. Mortimer Giffin. Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Hampton Street M. E. church—Services on the Gospel, 8 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 and 7:30, subjects of sermons, "Raising of the Widow's Son at Nain," "Trouble and Its Cure," "Class Meetings at the School," "The Mustard Seed," leader, William Cadawan. Cedar Avenue M. E. church—P. P. Doty, pastor. The Rev. James Jones will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at noon; Junior league at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Free society, all welcome.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor, 10:30 a. m. subject, "The Power of the Gospel," 8 o'clock. Preaching at Nay Aug Park, "The King of Zion," 7:30 p. m. subject, "A Devoted Character." All are cordially invited to the morning and evening services at the church and at 3 o'clock p. m. to Nay Aug park.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. C. Lyman, pastor. Class meeting, 10 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 by the pastor, Sunday school at 11:30. Junior league, 2:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Song service at 7:30 p. m., followed by a social hour. Free society, all welcome. Dumfries Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. A. Van Cleft, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Class meeting at 11:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "Christ and John the Baptist." Subject for evening, "Christian Heroism." Free seats and gentlemanly users.

Presbyterian. First Presbyterian church—Washington avenue, Rev. Dr. McLeod will occupy his pulpit morning and evening tomorrow. The Second Presbyterian church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, B. D., pastor. Sermon, 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning on "Life laid down or love that gives most and now asks least." In the evening on "The Two Paths." All seats free at night. All welcome at all services.

Summer Avenue Presbyterian church, corner of Summer avenue and Price street, Rev. J. M. Foster, M. A., pastor. Morning service, communion, baptism of infants and reception of new members at 10:30 o'clock. Sabbath school at 11:30 o'clock. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Preaching by pastor, theme, "On the Growth of the Kingdom." Senior Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m. Band of Hope, 7:30 p. m. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 8:20 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Washington Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Bible school at 12:15; Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:30 p. m.; Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 8:20 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. All cordially invited.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, pastor. Morning service, with sermon, by Mr. A. V. Bower, 10:30 a. m. Bible school at 12 o'clock. There will be no service in the evening. Providence Presbyterian Church—Rev. George E. Gaid, the pastor, having returned from his vacation, will occupy the pulpit at both services. Special music by the choir. Sunday school at noon. Camp Meeting at 3 o'clock. Senior Endeavor at 7:30 p. m.

Taylor Presbyterian church—Taylor Pk., Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor; regular preaching service at 10:30 o'clock.

Episcopal. St. David's Church—Corner Jackson street and Bromley avenue. Rev. E. J. McHenry, rector. Thirtieth Sunday after Trinity. 10:30 a. m. Holy communion; 11:45 a. m. matins; 6:30 p. m. Evening service. The church of the Good Shepherd—Green Ridge street and Money avenue. Thirtieth Sunday after Trinity. Morning service, with sermon, by Mr. J. M. Morgan, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy communion and communion at 12:15. Bible classes at 2:30. Evening, prayer and sermon, 7:30. All seats free. All welcome.

Lutheran. The Evangelical Lutheran—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Luke 4, 23-27; Epistle, Gal. III, 10-22; Lecture, 10:30 a. m. matins; 6:30 p. m. Evening service. St. Mark's, Washington and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. L. Kamek, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Morning service, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m. Luther League, 6:30; Sunday school, 12 m. Zion's, Millin avenue—Rev. P. F. Ziehl, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. Paul's, Short avenue—Rev. W. C. Lauer, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Christ, Cedar avenue and Beach street—Rev. H. F. Lisse, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. St. Peter's, Prescott avenue—Rev. J. W. Randall, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Emmanuel, Reese street—Rev. John Kawala, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Grace Lutheran church, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. Foster C. Giff, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "The Attracting Power of the World." Evening theme, "Home—The Measure of Paul's Devotion and Zeal."

Sunday School Lesson for September 4.

The Death of Elisha.

2 Kings XIII: 14-25.

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CONTEXT.—The warning of the prophet delivered to the King of Israel against the Syrians is put down by leading chroniclers at 838 B. C. It is believed that his death occurred at 838 B. C. The half century intervening was filled with stirring events. War was a daily perpetual, involving Edom, Judah, Israel, Syria and Israel, in which Elisha rendered valuable service as a counsellor, aided always by the Holy Spirit. During that long period kings arose and disappeared. In Israel Jehoahaz was succeeded by Jehoahaz and he Joash; in Judah Athaliah was followed by Jehoahaz and he by Amaziah; while in Syria, Hazael whom Elisha appointed (1 Kings xix, 15), died and Ben-hadad succeeded the throne. There was thus presented the interesting spectacle of a man, a most conspicuous figure of the troublous times, around whom revolved the kings of three great nations; upon whom depended the welfare of the chosen people, the very center of both sacred and profane history. We are now to consider how this man passed away and what influence his departure had upon his contemporaries.

MOURNING.—When it became known that Elisha was sick, and that he must die, Joash, the reigning king of Israel hastened to visit him. (Verse 14.) This fact in itself was a high tribute. Royalty honors a man of faith. The journey from Samaria, the capital, to Dothan, Elisha's place of seclusion, would, about fifteen miles, (Chapter vi, 13) on entering the chamber of the dying prophet the king wept aloud in true prophetic fashion. (Gen. xlv, 15.) And well he might for no other one had rendered such a noble service to the public. "My father my father," he exclaimed, terms of reverence and endearment, highly appropriate when the holiness of the age of the sick man are remembered. Joash felt himself personally bereaved, and he did not know that thou art dying? Thou art the only friend of Israel? This was what he intended to say. Continuing he made a free and honest confession. "The chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof," he cried, the very expression used by Elisha at the translation of Elijah, (2 Kings ii, 12,) an acknowledgment that the protection of the years had been through divine interposition.

DISPLEASED.—Having delivered in this impressive manner his instructions concerning the war the prophet proceeded to test the king. He desired to know how far Joash entered with spirit into this plan to subdue Syria. For this purpose the symbolic method was continued. Elisha was ordered to stand upon the ground with the arrows, signifying the chastisement which ought to be administered to an enemy (verse 18). He smote three times and ceased. That was taken by Elisha as evidence that the king was not fully engaged to the duty before him, but in a sense of the difficulty involved. It indicated that he expected an easy victory, or else that he lacked resolution. In either case he did not manifest the high purpose of one who by directness of the way could have been pointed to defeat the foes of his country. And Elisha was displeased. The aged prophet, just ready to close his earthly career, felt that the head of the nation lacked nerve for the emergency of the hour. Imbecility and hesitation were offensive. And Joash was made to know that his victory would be limited, measured precisely by his disposition (Matt. vii, 7-6).

INFLUENCE.—The worth of a man never fully appears until his lifetime. Besides, there are consequences of his departure that tend to put him in the best estimate of others. Elisha died and was buried. Then came two events of special significance. At the opening of the new year, when the pasture was favorable for the cattle, marauding bands of the Moabites invaded the land (verse 20). The great prophet who had been the defender, being no more, the enemies came with impunity, unrestrained by an irascible king. This invasion, while chiefly important in its political aspirations, was a cause of much personal anxiety and domestic discomfort. In proof of this a company bearing a dead man out of the city to burial was panic stricken when they saw a Moabite band, and cast the dead body into the sepulchre of Elisha for safety (verse 21). Then came a marvelous exhibition of post mortem power. As soon as the dead man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived. This miracle was not by any power in the prophet. It was rather by the power of God operating through the prophet. God chose thus to honor His servant.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Wymonting avenue, below Mulberry street. Prayer and praise service at 9:45 a. m. Divine worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Communion at the evening service. Every believer in Jesus Christ welcome. Preaching by the pastor at both services. Morning, "Studies in Thessalonians," 1 Thess. 1, 1-12. Evening, "The Way to Blessing," Job 1:13. Sabbath school at 12 m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Seats all free. Strangers always welcome. The Union Bible class for the study of the Sabbath school lesson will be reorganized on Thursday next at 7:45 o'clock. Bring your Bibles. Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Monroe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor. 10:30 a. m. catechism; 10:30 a. m. morning service. Subject, "The Earth Is Ours." Subject for evening, "Studies in the Lord's." 11:45. Sunday school. 7:30 evening service. Subject, "Self Denial." The collections for the day are for benevolence. Seats free. All welcome. All Souls Universalist church—Rev. F. W. Whipplen, pastor. Morning and evening services, All welcome. First Wesleyan Congregational church, South Main avenue—Rev. David Jones, pastor. Services 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. The pastor will occupy the pulpit at both services. Text, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengtheneth Me." English. Morning theme, "Utilize What We Have," evening theme, "The Failure of Success." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Seats free. All welcome. Zion United Evangelical Church—Green Ridge. Sunday school at 8:45. Preaching

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