RELIGIOUS.

Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce believes in extending the "helping hand" to Christians who have fallen by the way or become disheartened. The pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church says that "inconsistent Christians, "backsliders" and discouraged or disheartened church members are not to be ridiculed and held up to public scorn, but should be helped by the kind counsels and Christian encouragement of their less unfortunate friends." We may not know the great temptations, the peculiar conditions, the unfortunate and adverse circumstances with which many fallen ones have had to contend. Some of the most tender appeals on Scripture are for those who have known the love of God but who have wandered away from Him; and most precious promises are for those who will return. Rev. Mr. Pierce will preach a stirring sermon next Sunday morning on "Hope and Help for the Backslider." In the evening he will deliver the fifth sermon in the series on "The Prodigal Son of Today." The topic of the evening sermon will be "Memories of Home."

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Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, of the Penn avenue Baptist church, has a brother in Manila who enjoys the distinction of establishing the first English speaking church in the Philippines. He is Chaplain Charles C. Pierce, formerly of General Merritt's post, and is now engaged in active missionary work in Manila. He writes to his brother that he is much impressed with the eagerness of the natives to be taught, and as he passes along the streets is besieged with demands to know something about the new religion.

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On Sunday evening the Sabbath school of Grace Lutheran church will commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther by a suitable service. The following programme will be rendered:

Anthem .....Choir
Responsive Service.
Prayer.
Hymn ....."Our Welcome Song"
Responsive Service...The Great Reformer
Hymn ....."Dare to Be a Daniel"
Recitation .....Subject, Martin Luther
Luther's Battle Hymn"..Ein Festa Burg"
Responsive Service.
Recitation ...."The Banner of Missions"
Hymn ....."Soldiers of Jesus"
Voices from Our Missions.
By a Number of Children
Hymn,
"We Claim Our Land for Jesus"
Address .....By the Pastor
A Number of Recitations.
Closing.

Religious News Notes

The Free Methodists will hold a meeting in Swingle's hall, Dunmore, on Sunday at 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. Rev. John Cavanaugh will preach.

The regular gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian association will be held on Sunday at 3.45 p. m. The music is always in charge of competent leaders. All women are invited.

The offering at St. Luke's church tomorrow will be for the purpose of assisting worthy young men desiring to enter the ministry to a thorough education. A large offering is hoped for.

The Methodist Ministers' association will meet in Elm Park church Monday at 10.30 a. m. The Rev. John Humphreys, of Moosic, will read a paper on the "Art of Soul Winning." The semi-annual election of officers will take place.

The annual endeavor rally of the city union will probaly be held on the evening of the twenty-first in the Providence Presbyterian church. The North End Endeavor choir led by Reese Watkins will assist in the singing. Mr. Watkins expects to have seventy-five voices in the choir.

The members of the Young Men's society, of the Russian church, on South Filmore avenue, recently presented the congregation with a large bell. Last Sunday the bell was properly blessed and a force of men from Mulherin and Judge, contractors, raised it to its place in the tower.

The weekly services at St. David's Episcopal church for the coming week will be as follows: Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock evening service with instruction; Friday, 8. a. m., litany, St. Agnes chapter; Monday, 7.30 p. m. and Friday, 4 p. m., Sisters of Bethany; Monday, 7.30 p. m., Ladies Aid chapter; Thursday, 2.30 p. m., industrial school, Saturday, 2.30 p. m.

At a regular meeting of St. John's Evangelist chapter of St. David's parish, on Wednesday, considerable important business was transacted. The men have set to work vigorously to seek out non-church-goers, bring them to church and see that they have a hearty welcome. The men have also started a men's bible class in the Sunday school. The St. Agnes chapter of St. David's parish, composed of young girls, is now busy preparing fancy and useful articles for sale at their Mother Goose market to be held in the Sunday school rooms, Dec. 12 and 13. The industrial school of St. David's parish, meeting every Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to teach girls how to sew, is meeting with remarkable success. The interest is growing with the increased attendance. The eight teachers, under the wise direction of Mrs. J. W. Bunnell, are doing faithful and earnest work.

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. R. Nash, junior curate. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

St. Luke's Church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., Morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon, 9.15 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class.

St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., Holy communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End Mission, Prescott avenue—3 p. m., Sunday school Bible classes; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

South Side Mission—Fig street. 2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class.

St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Church of the Good Shepherd—Green Ridge street and Monsey avenue. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, litany and sermon, 10.30; Sunday school, 12 m.; Bible classes, 2.30; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30. All seats free; all welcome.

St. David's Parish—Edward James McHenry, rector. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Color, green. Celebration of holy communion, 7.30 a. m.; matins, litany and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; even song and sermon, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes, 2.30 p. m. Seats free. Music bright. Strangers welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

The Evangelical Lutheran—Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Matt. xxii, 15-22; Epistle, Phil. iii, 17-21. Vestment color, green.

St. Mark's—Washburn and Fourteenth streets. Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Luther League, 6. Sunday school, 12 m. Morning subject, "The Christian's Attitude to Church and State;" evening subject, "Christ's Word in Respect to the Last Judgment," German service at 2.30 p. m.

Holy Trinity—Adams avenue and Mulberry street. Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther League, 6.30; Sunday school, 12 m.

Zion's—Mifflin avenue. Rev. P. F. Zielinski, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. Paul's—Short avenue. Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

Christ—Cedar avenue and Beech street. Rev. H. F. Liese, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. Peter's—Prescott avenue. Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Emmanuel—Reese street. Rev. John Kowale, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Grace Lutheran Church—Corner Madison and Mulberry. Rev. Foster L. Fritz, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Morning theme, "The Response of Clean Lips." In the evening the Sabbath school will have services commemorating the birthday of Martin Luther.

Methodist.

Elm Park Church—Prayer and praise service at 9.30; preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m., by the pastor; C. M. Griffin, D. D.; Sunday school at 2, and Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; evening subject, continuation of series "That Boy." "Why I Believe in Him."

Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church—Main avenue, West Side. Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor. Morning prayer meeting led by J. B. Snyder at 9.30. Preaching service at 10.30. Service by the pastor. Text, John v, 38. Subject, "Why Not Have Life?" Sunday school at 12. Junior league at 2.30. Young men's meeting in First Baptist church at 4. Epworth league at 6. Evening preaching service at 7. Address by the pastor. Subject, "David the Shepherd, Fugitive and King." All seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

Providence Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. William Edgar, pastor. Usual services will be held. The pastor will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., morning subject, A "Study in Comparative Religion;" evening subject, "A Gracious Promise." Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

Asbury Methodist Church—Rev. H. D. Staith of Camden, Del., who is doing evangelistic work with this congregation will preach at the morning and evening services. The Sunday school work will be resumed at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. H. A. Grant, D. D., pastor. 10.30 a. m., exhortation and love feast; 3 p. m., commemoration of the Lord's supper; 7.30 p. m., preaching by the presiding elder, W. H. Brown, D. D., who will be present at all the services; 2 p. m., Sunday school.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Clark's Summit. Rev. Frank W. Young, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; class meeting, 12 m.; Epworth League, 6.45. Preaching by the pastor, 11 a. m. Subject, "Consecration." Will J. McConnell will speak in this church at 3 and 7.30 p. m.; subjects, "The Overthrow of the Liquor Traffic" and "Clean Grit." He will address meetings every evening next week until further notice. All are welcome.

Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church—S. Guy Snowden, D. D., pastor. 9.30 a. m., Sunday school. 10.45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, subject, "The Family Consecration." 12 m., class meeting. 2 p. m., Junior League. 7 p. m., preaching by the pastor, subject, "Is True Happiness in Pleasure?" 8 p. m., Epworth League; Thursday, 7.30 p. m., prayer meeting; Turnerville, Sunday, 2.30 p. m.; Spring Brook, Tuesday, 7.30 p. m.; Maple Lake, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian Church—Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. Melwood will preach morning and evening. Subject in the evening, "An Extraordinary Election, Its Cause and Effect." Special music. Sunday school, 12.15 noon. Midweek service Wednesday evening, 7.45 o'clock.

The Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. All are welcome.

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3.30 p. m.; Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 4.30 p. m.; Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. The annual offering for home missions. The pastor will preach morning and evening.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, pastor, will preach at morning service (10.30) and evening service (7.30). The Bible school will convene at 12 o'clock after having been closed for a few weeks. Prayer meeting of Endeavor society at 6.30. An invitation to the public is given.

Providence Presbyterian Church—Pastor, Rev. George E. Guild. Morning theme, "And Know That This Is Indeed the Christ." Sabbath school at 12 o'clock. Junior Endeavor, 3 o'clock. Senior Endeavor, 6.30. Evening theme, "Moses' Promise; God's Answer." The offerings of the day will be for home missions. Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick's service, 9.30 a. m.

Summer Avenue Presbyterian Church—Corner of Summer avenue and Price street. Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor. Morning service, prayer and praise, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; evening service at 6 p. m.; preaching by the pastor; topic, "Feeding on Ashes;" Sen Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m.

Taylor Presbyterian Church—Taylor, Pa. Rev. S. L. Foster, M. A., pastor. Regular morning service at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 11.30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor service at 7.30 p. m.

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church—Penn avenue, between spruce and Linden streets. Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30. Topic of morning sermon, "Hope and Help for the Backslider." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Young People's meeting at 6.30 p. m. Topic of evening sermon, "Memories of Home." the fifth in the series of sermons on "The Prodigal Son of Today." By special request Mrs. R. F. Y. Pierce will sing "My Mother's Prayer." Baptisms during the evening services. Following the sermon there will be a brief after-meeting in the lower temple at which the pastor will speak and use crayon sketches to illustrate Scripture truths. At the American Memorial Tabernacle Sunday school will be held at 3.30 p. m. and at 7.30 Rev. A. B. O'Neal will preach. Special evangelistic meeting will continue at the Penn Avenue church every evening next week except Saturday.

Jackson Street Baptist Church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30; Deacon Dawes, leader; preaching service at 10.30, by the pastor, the Rev. Thomas de Witt; topic, "Divine Power Harnessed;" Sunday school at 2 p. m.; George Nicholls, superintendent; evening service at 7 sharp; praise and song service, followed by a short sermon; topic, "Rizpah on the Rock." This is a popular service for everybody. You are welcome.

Shiloh Baptist Church—35 Center street. Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Young People's union, 6 p. m.; evening subject, "Is Denominations of the Church of Christ to the Well-being of the Church." All are welcome. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor.

Green Ridge Baptist Church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; subject in the morning, "A Sleeping Church," in the evening "A Model Life." Sunday school session will follow the morning church service as usual.

First Baptist Church—Scranton street. Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. Preaching service morning and evening by the pastor. Theme for Sabbath evening, "The Supreme Temptation." Sunday school, 2 p. m., Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; Union meeting of young men at 4 p. m., led by Rev. James Benninger, of the Methodist Episcopal church; Young People's prayer meeting, 6 p. m.; leader, Bessie Davies. Industrial school, 2.30 p. m., Saturday. All are cordially invited to these services.

First Welsh Baptist Church—South Main avenue. Regular morning and evening; preaching service at 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Rev. H. H. Harris, Ph. D., of Taylor, will occupy the pulpit.

Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street. Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m.; Divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor continued at the evening service, "The Lion's Den." Chapter 6, Sabbath school at 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, at 6.30 p. m. Seats all free at every service; strangers always welcome. On Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock the Urim Bible class for the study of the lesson. All welcome.

Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Monroe avenue and Gibson street. Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor. 10.30 a. m., morning service; subject, "Blessed are the Pure in Heart;" 11.45 a. m., Sunday school; subject, "The Assyrian Invasion," F. H. Smith, superintendent; 6.45 p. m., Christian Endeavor, subject, "The Catechetical System," Rev. G. W. Welsh; 7.30 p. m., evening service, subject, "Blessed Are the Peacemakers." Seats free. All welcome.

People's Prohibition Church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular preaching service on Sabbath evening in Co-operative hall, North Main avenue, Hyde Park, at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "Election Echoes and the Lessons They Teach." Everybody welcome.

First Church of Christ (Scientist)—519 Adams avenue. Services 10.30 a. m.; subject, "Soul and Body," and 7.30 p. m., subject, "Hezekiah's Prayer Answered." Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

All Souls' Universalist Church—Rev. P. W. Whippen, pastor. Morning subject, "Lessons From the Chrysanthemums;" evening subject, "Now Is the Day of Salvation."

Plymouth Congregational Church—Jackson street. Morning service at 10.30 o'clock. Sabbath school at 12 o'clock. Sherman avenue mission at 2.15 o'clock. Evening services at 7 o'clock. Rev. Chas. Arthur Weekle, of Zion Congregational church, of Toronto, Canada, will preach at both services.

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The rafter low;
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As fingers might
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Millie and Mollie

"I've come to ask you for the hand of your daughter," said young Bromley, stumbling to the seat offered him by the girl's father.

"Which one?" asked old Dimmock, the coal merchant, laying down the newspaper which he had been reading, and eyeing the young man curiously.

"Sometimes I think it is Mollie, and again I am sure it is Millie," replied young Bromley, genuinely perplexed.

The old coal merchant looked sympathetic.

"You can have both," said he, after an awkward pause.

"They're splendid girls, good enough for anybody!" exclaimed the young man.

"Well, I rather think!" said the old man, proudly.

"I could be happy with either of them," went on young Bromley.

"I'm disposed to think," answered old Dimmock, "that you have been happy with both of them."

"So they've told me more than once," said Bromley, with the phantom light of recollection in his eyes.

"Well, can't you make up your mind which girl you want to marry?"

The old coal merchant looked at the young man with the fresh color and the loyal blue eyes as if he would like to have him for a son-in-law.

Young Bromley did not answer for a moment, and then he said slowly: "Which do you think sounds the better—Millie Bromley, or Mollie Bromley? Sometimes I've looked at it in that way."

"I don't think there's much to choose," returned the old coal merchant, warming the question with every desire to be fair.

"You know," continued the young man, "there have been times when I've gone to bed perfectly charmed with the name 'Millie Bromley,' and in the morning 'Mollie Bromley' has caught my fancy. Millie, Mollie. Mille—it's an awful puzzle."

"Of course, you've proposed to one of the girls?" in quired their father.

"Oh, yes, indeed," said young Bromley. "Then that is the girl you want to marry," exclaimed the old man, triumphantly. "Why it's simple enough after all. You've taken quite a load off my mind. Which one was it?"

"It was Millie—I think," answered young Bromley, hesitatingly.

"Think, Good Lord, don't you know?"

The young man flushed and looked reproachfully at the coal merchant.

"Mr. Dimmock," said he, "I'll put it to you as man to man: Which is Millie and which is Mollie?"

"Don't cross-examine me, sir," rejoined the old man. "If you want to marry one of the girls, it's your business to find out."

"Heaven knows," cried young Bromley in anguish, "I want to marry either Millie or Mollie, and have her all to myself. It's trying enough for a fellow to be over head and ears in love with one girl, but when there are two of them it's more than flesh and blood can stand."

"There, there, my boy, said the old coal merchant, soothingly, "don't take on so. Either girl is yours with my blessing, but I want to keep one for myself. Let me see if I can help you out." And going to the open French window, he called:

"Millie, Mollie! Mollie Millie!"

"Yes, papa, we're coming," rounded two sweet, well-bred voices from the shrubbery.

There was a tripping of light feet along the stone walk under the grape vine, and Millie and Mollie loomed into the room.

"How do you do, Mr. Bromley they said together with the same intonation and the same merry glint in their eyes.

Millie had auburn hair and brown eyes; so had Mollie. Millie had a Cupid's bow of a mouth, little teeth like pearls and a dimpled chin, so had Mollie. Millie's arms, seen through her muslin sleeves, were round and white; so were Mollie's. From waist to tips of their little feet the figures of Millie and Mollie were the same, line for line, and both were dressed in white muslin, with blue bows behind their white necks and blue sashes at their waists, blue stockings without a wrinkle, and each wore white satin shoes. Their hair was loose over their fair brows and was braided down the backs, of just the same length, and tied at the end with blue ribbons. Millie tied Mollie's bows and Mollie tied Millie's.

"Well, papa?"

"Young Bromley tells me," began old Mr. Dimmock, after he had taken a draught of their fresh young beauty by looking first at one and then the other, and then dwelling upon the features of both with one eye screwed, "that he proposed to you last night."

"Oh, not to both, you know, Mr. Dimmock," interjected young Bromley.

"He asked me to be his wife," said Millie, demurely.

"He told me that he couldn't live without me," said Mollie, mischeviously.

"How is this?" said the old man, turning to young Bromley with a severe look.

The young man blushed hotly and lifted his hands in protest.

"I am sure," he stammered, "none of you is mistaken. I asked you, Millie, to be my wife in the summer house, and—and—I kissed you. That was before supper, and later in the evening, when we sat on the front steps, I said that we must get married."

"Before we go any further," interrupted the old coal merchant, "which is Millie and which is Mollie? When your dear mother was alive she could tell the difference sometimes, but I don't know to this day."

"Oh, how dull you are, papa!" said the girls in duet.

"I think that is Millie on the right," spoke up young Bromley.

"Why, Mr. Bromley!" said she. "I am Mollie!"

"Very good. Now, let's go on," said the father. "Where were we—oh, yes, young Bromley said that he wished you to be his wife, Millie, and declared he couldn't live without you."

"I beg your pardon, papa!" said Mollie. "He told me that he couldn't live without me."

"Well, let's get our bearings," continued the old coal merchant. "Bromley, you asked Millie to marry you down in the summer house and you kissed her. That's correct, isn't it?"

"There's no doubt about that, sir," said Bromley.

"And after supper, when you sat together on the stoop, you told Mollie that you couldn't live without her."

"What I deny, sir. Oh, I beg your pardon, Mollie, you needn't look so angry. I meant no offense."

"Did you kiss Mollie?" went on the old man, relentlessly.

"No, sir. —"

"Yes, you did, Mr. Bromley," flared up Mollie.

"I admit," said the young man, struggling with his emotions, "that I kissed her when I said I could not live without her, but it wasn't Mollie."

"Oh, Mollie!" said Millie, "how could you?"

"Now, Millie, do be reasonable," said Mollie.

Old Mr. Dimmock looked mystified.

"It seems to me," he said, with a show of impatience, "that if I were in love with one of these girls I could tell the difference between. So far as I can make out, young man, you have tried to make Mollie believe that you could not live without her. Now, to anyone who does not know Millie and Mollie your conduct would appear to be perfidious. Of course, as between you and Millie, I must believe Mollie, for the girl certainly knows whether you kissed her."

The old man eyed both his daughters hard. Millie was biting her nether lip and so was Mollie; but Mollie was trying to keep from laughing.

Old Mr. Dimmock had an idea.

"I would like to clear up this thing to your satisfaction and my own, Bromley," said he. "Let me ask you whether Mollie kissed you when you told her you couldn't live without her?"

The young man got very red in the face.

"You mean Millie, of course," he replied with embarrassment. "Perhaps she would not mind me saying that she did kiss me in the summer house. But she didn't kiss me on the stoop. I kissed her."

"How is that, Millie? Mollie?" asked their father.

"Papa," said Mollie decidedly, "I could not keep Mr. Bromley from kissing me, but I assure you I didn't kiss him."

Mollie looked her father straight in the eye and then she shot an indignant shaft at Bromley.

Millie hung her head and her face was as red as a peony.

"I think," said the old man, dryly, "that it's plain I'll keep Mollie, and we'll have that marriage before you make another mistake, young man.—New York Evening Sun.

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