IS HALF A CENTURY OLD

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wished to show how absolutely indispensable church life and influences are to those of less mature years, and in particular of these influences in this

In the first place the church should be to all a spiritual home, a source of inspiration and a guide into all that is pure and true and good. The speaker

But I do not wish so much to speak of the church as an administer of punish-ment, as a dispenser of spiritual good for the young under its care. Our Lord left a direct command that these young members should be fed. In his last command to Peter He twice told him to feed his sheep, but the third time it was to feed his lambs. For our Lord vell knew that they were most likely to go astray and needed the most assiduous and painstak-

Ing direction.

But while the church must give to its young people the right sort of spiritual food, it must set before them high ideals of Christian living and thinking, the mere gospel preaching from Sabbath to Sabbath, or the exhortations to purer and nobler lives given in the Sunday school will not produce their legitmate truits unless those so exhorted see in the lives about them monuments of grace and ex-emplifications of all that Christ does by

his word or spirit in renewing the whole man after the image of God. But while high ideals are to be gained they must at the same time be correct ideals. The revealed word of God is the highest ideal in life and if a church holds out such a life before its young people, always urging Jesus Christ as the model, then that church will be doing mankind the highest service. This is the relation a church may bear toward its young peo-

CARED FOR THE YOUNG. This church has from the beginning maintained a splendid tursery for the young. In the Sunday schools it has overseen the training of hundreds of children. The untiring efforts of devoted men and women in this department of our church deserve all praise. Some arready reap the reward of their carthly labors, others continue these duties and privileges with the one great desire in their hearts of saving souls. The amount of good thus done is incalculable.

Has this church put before the young the example of Christian living? Has it the example of Christian living; Has it been possible to see here what it means to obey our Lord's command. 'Follow me?' Indeed it has, I could name over very many in whose lives a daily observer could see the marks telling of a life hid with Christ in God.

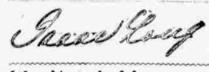
I remember that as a boy this element of our church was necially impressive to me as I looked at this or that one, either my Sunday school teacher or our paster.

my Sunday school teacher or our paster, or saw others on Sunday or at the Wed-nesday night service with the greatest regularity and promptness taking their accustomed places and lending to these services that calm dignity so impressive

In conclusion he said fervently, "God bless this branch of his planting and grant that in the future, as in the past she may fulfill her God-given mission in bringing in and training immortal souls to the praise and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

What the Young People Should Be to the Church" was the subject of an uddress by Thomas P. Archbald. He

Lord Beaconsfield has said: "The history of heroes is the history of youth," and long has been its hero roll since the day when the boy David killed the enemy of his country with his sling. Until these recent days of our own history when such young heroes as Ersign Bagley and Licutonan Holson freely gave themselves for their country. How much has been done their country. How much has been done by youth in every field of nobic thought and service! Raphael had finished the painting of the frescoes at 37, Mozart composed his operas before he was 56,



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beauty. Other waist creations up to bytery, the good seventeen organized what is now the First Presbyterian church of Scranton. \$19.98.

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Alexander Hamilton at 30 and James Madison at 36 placed themselves at the head of American statesmanship by their advocacy of the adoption of the federal constitution. Keats wrote Endymion before he was 22. Napoleon at 28 was recognized as a military leader in European affairs. Frederick W. Robertson, one of the prophet-preachers of the century had finished his message at 37.

YOUTH HAS POWER.

And why should not young people have their place in the great achievements of the world? Youth has all the powers of the world? Youth has all the powers of manhood. He is strong and feels the excess of physical power. He is full of energy, eager for any tack and intensely ambitious, ready. like an Alexander, to conquer the world. His imaginations are boundless, his ideals are not lower than the start. boundless, his ideals are not lower than the stars. His perceptions are quick although years alone can bring the mature judgment and experience. Time seems all before youth. His life is full of hope for the world. Youth can be no ressimist. His plans must succeed. Think, too, what opportunities our present life is giving to young people through education and travel. They can hear readily of what the world is doing each day. They are thrilled with the great movements of the nations and long to do their part in pushing forward the ulan readily of what the world is doing each day. They are thrilled with the great movements of the nations and long to do their part in pushing forward the plan of God. The young man of our time can occupy no narrow sphere. He touches the world at many points. He is a man of the world. Surely such a force wisely directed, can exert a tremendous influence around the church of today.

See around the church of today.

Supplies: Rev. N. G. Parke, who ministered to the infant church for the list set worlds. Six provides the interest to the infant church for the list set worlds. Rev. Jacob D. Mitchell, D. D., installed April, 1858; Rev. Milo J. Hickok, D. D., installed August S. 1855, resigned April, 1868; Rev. Samuel C. Logan, D. D., installed September 3, 1855, resigned February 2, 1862, Rev. James

directed, can exert a tremendous influence upon the church of today.

What can the young people do for the church? This question is partially answered by another question. "What have the young people already done for the church? The two men who set in motion the forces which have not covered and the forces which have not ceased and probably never will cease to affect our part of the Protestant world-Martin Luther, was only 51 when he nailed his :5 theses on the church door at Wurtemherg; John Calvin, only 27 when he wrote "The Institution of the Christian Re-ligion," that system of theology with few subsequent changes from the authors pen which has been largely accepted dur-ing the last 250 years. What boldness, almost presumption for such a young man to their unusual views of life and death. Tracy, P2 years, Harry C. McKenzie, P2 We now do not call this confidence of the years. apostles presumption or faunticism. We call it faith

HAVE LED THE CHURCH. Young men, with the faith of their leader, with a boldness like his own, have led the church in a remarkable way in pushling her work on our frontier or in for-cign countries. Young people have berne the heat of the battle in her attack on heathendom. Older heads and hearts would not have had the courage and faith in ultimate success, nor the bubounded enthusiasm to overcome almost insuperable obstacles.

David Brainerd was not disturbed by expulsion from Yalo because of an indis-creet remark he had made that a certain tutor was as destitute of grace as the chair. After leaving New Haven he continued the study of divinity and soon after began his work among the Indians. It was too great a strain and he died in the forests of New Jersey at the age of only 29. His love for Christ and his de-sire to help men were intense. No oppo-sition could daunt, no difficulties over-come his resolution or exhaust his pa-

A half century later the prayers of A said section of the benevolence of Brainerd were singularly answered in the life of another young man. This second missionary gealot was William Carey, of England, the "coubler missionary." When making his plea for missions he was incomplete the church upon the records for the benevolence of the church upon the records for the benevolence of the church upon the records for the benevolence of the benevolence of the brain the provided the church upon the records for the benevolence of the brain the provided to the church upon the records for the benevolence of the brain the provided to the church upon the provided to the provided vited by his elders to take his seat and leave the heathen to God. Portunately this advice was not taken.

After he had gone to India Brainerd's prayers and enthusiasm aroused Adoniram Judson, who later went to Burman. His zeal was further kindled by meeting at Andover seminary four young fellows who had come from Williams college

Mr. Archbaid then spoke of the student volunteer movement and quoted impressively the cry of the young men and women: "We stand ready to go; 162, or a total of \$464,499, are you ready to send us?" He then referred to the important work of the young in Christian associations, the Endeavor and other societies, and emphasized the need of individual effort, the giving of all of self as Christ gave.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS. "The Church as Seen from the Re-

cords" was the subject of the Address by A. W. Dielson. He said:

Fifty years is a long time, the child cannot comprehend it. Six hundred long for exclusive wearables, for we are months, twenty-six hundred weeks, eighteen thousand, two hundred and fifty days. As one mentally looks ahead over a possible lifty years, what changes in na-tions and races—in church and state—in manners and methods, suggest themselves to the imagination.

Fifty years, It seems as it old age were surely at the end of it all, and yet as com-

pared with the eternal years of God, what an apparently unimportant speek of time. It is as if viewing the great occur a tiny drop of water should demand at-tention—as if in the weight of worlds a single grain of sand should claim recogni-

After a brief review of some of the mighty changes which have taken place in the universe in this half century, he continued:

Fifty years ago this valley was largely forest. Here and there a little village. Stage lines over miserable roads con-nected the modest town of Wilkes-Barre with Hyde Park, Providence and Carbon-dale. Churches and church privileges were almost as few as in the wilds of Pike county. But a new era has dawned. A new force had entered upon the scene. A new settlement had been made. The age of fron claimed the attention and demanded the skill of the enterprising and industries. industrious. It was fifty years ago that a little band of Christiaus, fcelang their need of the stated means of grace, organized the Frst Presbyterian church. Let Most anywhere a jacket similar to this in quality—not in style—can be had at \$15.00; but here only in all its perfection of tailoring at \$11.98. It's a rich black Kersey with satin linings throughout. It's a double-breasted cut-a-way exposing a wide lapel, and has a close-fitting coat back. The seams are tailored with a double stirched inson. Richard Hollenback and Simor

GONE TO THEIR REWARD. All have gone, let us hope and believe to the house not made with hands, etc.

They are gathering homeward from every

As their weary feet touch the shining

We know all about the quality Their brows are bound with a golden Their travel stained garments are all laid as the best silk waist that \$7.00 And clothed in white raiment they rest

One by ore. It was on October 14, 1848, when under the guidance of our honored friend, Rev. N. G. Parke, D.D., and the late Rev. John money and you'll marvel at its byterlan church of Wilkes-Barre, these onstituting a committee of Luzerne Pres

Charles Puller, whose years of loving and patient service entitle him to be called "beloved elder," and Nathaniel B. Hutchinson were the first elders. George W. Scranton was elected an elder at the

same meeting of the congregation of the new church, but declined the office. Elder Hutchinson held office until 1855 when, with his good wife, Rebecca, he was dismissed to unite with the Providence church. Elder Fuller continued in active and devoted service until Nov. 24, 1881, when God called him home.

Who can estimate the value of his ex-ample of service and prayers in the church of his love and the community where his Godly walk and conversation were a constant living argument in favor of the religion he professed and the Saviour he loved. How true of him. "He visited the fatheriess and widow in their afflictions and kept himself unspotted from the world. He held the office of clerk of session from the beginning until January 6, 1879, when by reason of age and infirmity he laid down the office.

NO EXCEPTION TAKEN. This is testified to by the fact that to exception was ever taken in the Presbytery to the minutes of the First church and thus a precedent was established which has not been broken and which the present elerk and his successor may well heed. The church has had the following pastors and supplies: Rev. N. G. Parke, who min-1869, resigned February 2, 1892; Rev. James McLeod, the present pastor, who was installed November 9, 1892.

During the absence of Rev. Dr. Hicko's In Europe, Rev. W. W. Atterbury, of New York, supplied the pulpit, and during a similar vacation of Rev. Dr. Logan, Rev. Samuel A. Wilson, D. D., of Louis-ville, Ky., acted as supply to the great deasure and edification of the congrega-

tion.
The church has had the service of twenty-two elders, Charles Fuller, 23 years; N. B. Hutchinson, 12 years; James Harrington, 12 years; Samuel Sherred, 10 years; Charles F. Mattes, 3s years; Geo. Fuller, 16 years; E. A. Lawrence, 3 years; R. M. Arnold, 7 years; Alfred Hand, 31 most presumption for such a young man to sean the works of God! But that beidness has always characterized our faith. Jesus Christ himself when men are just entering upon their life work, was counted more than bold and over ambitious. They attacked him as a blasphemer. What presumption, too, of the young friends of the cross who hoped to convert the worm to their unusual views of life and death.

ears.

Owing to the destruction by fire of the ecords of the congregation it is impos-tible to get at the names of all those who have served the church in temporal affairs, but among all the efficient servants of the congregation who have by wise counsel and careful business methods kept the church fair towards the world and owing no man anything two men may e mentioned who without invidious comparison or fear of criticism stand to-gether and are memorable as model trustees, these were the late Charles F. Mattes and William W. Manness, who by patient labor and diligent and painsaking care served their church as they erved their God with a whole heart and willing mind-with them and after them the church has been ably served in the capacity of trustee by many of the wises and best men in the church, who with great unselfishness have done their part in keeping the church free from debt while they have also cheerfully done all that was required of them in the direc-tion of true progress and vigorous administration

BENEVOLENCE OF CHURCH. A short sketch of the benevolence of

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Anniversary reserve fund	
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and for the past twenty-five years	

In the miscellaneous column are placed uch items as are not directly under the harge of the boards or committees of he church, for instance, the tract soiety, the American Sanday School union, he Young Men's and Young Women's 'hristian associations, hospitals, or the Friendless and other charitable auses which appeal to the members of ar churches

No record is here made of the large amount contributed each year for the hurch's housekeeping expeases and re-orted under the head of congregationals but "if he who provides not for his own household is worse than an infidel," our church is surely not heretical.

The records show that there were dis-missed eighty-eight persons to join in the organization of the Second Presbyte rian church on June 29, 1874, and that the sum of \$3,166.82, a portion of the memorial fund of 1871, was paid over to H. M. Boles, treasurer of the Second church, and that on September 39, 1874, the chapel fund collected by Elder William H. Platt, about \$400. was paid over to the trustees of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. to which church on June 1s, 1875, we dismissed six members who took part in its organization on June 24 of the same year. There was also dismissed on February 11, 1891, eight persons to unite in the or-ganization of the First Presbyterian church of Elmburst.

MEMORIAL FUND.

The records show that this so-called memorial fund of 1871 was raised to com-memorate the reunion of the old and new school branches of the church and that a part of it was used to build the lecture room and furnish the church with an organ, the balance unexpended being peid

ver to the Second church. The Sabbath school work of the church has from the beginning claimed and re-ceived the hearty support of the pas-tors and members of the church-for the early history of the home school and the mission connected with and supported by the church I cannot do better than to re fer you to the excellent and comprehen-sive paper read by the late Mr. J. Cur-tis Platt at the twenty-afth anniversary. where he tells in a most interesting way of the organization of the Union Sunday chool-of the Juvenile Missionary association of the Pire Brook school, the Hickory street school, the Briggs shaft

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school, the Cedar street school and the In the records are found the names of the following active workers: Charies Fuller, Samuel Sherrerd, Mrs. James Har-Fuller, Samuel Sberrerd, Mrs. James Harrington. George Swift, Mrs. J. C. Platt, Theodore Roe. David Harrington, George B. Chase, E. C. Snyder, John Brisbin, E. P. Kingsbury, M. D. Fuller, Alfred Hand, John F. Snyder, George Blake, N. H. Shafer, F. L. Hitchcock, C. W. Kirkpattick, Egra H. Ripple, F. E. Nettleton, Edward B. Sturges, Mrs. Jessie B. Torry, R. Woodrow Archbald, Mrs. Dwight Baker, John McWilliam, William H. Platt and others new or formerly connected with the church who with true missionary spirit gave freely of their missionary spirit gave freely of their time, influence and means in the mission schools of the church, walking miles ev ery Sabbath with little thought of self, but with great love for the children who seeded instruction. The home school has had for its superintendent Joseph H. Scranton, Joseph Curtis Platt, Thomas T. Horney, William F. Matter and A. W. Dickson, who holds the office at this time for many years beginning with 1871 it has fully supported a missionary in the foreign field in Syria but for the past bree years in Chira, where at Chining Chow it is represented by Miss Jenais Hill, a medical missionary.

THE OLDER MEMBERS. Of the older members of the school, those engaged in the work in the early days of its history, few survive in active work. Richard W. Olmstead still goes

in and out among us quietly and efficient-ly performang his duties as of old. Elder Hand is always present when at home, while the venerable Dr. Logan keeps up both interest and attendance, doing that which comforts the heart of the superior tendent, viz., supplying teacherles

A branch of the Sabbath school work A branch of the Sabbath school work prosecuted with great devotion for years by Miss Stella Seymour and Miss Marion Dyer with other Godly women was the Chinese class taught in the church on Sabbath afternoon. This work so quict and unoffensive as to be almost unknown, was a most interesting feature of our Sabbath afternoon. our Sunday school mission work.

The church's councetten with the work from foreign speaking peoples in the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys was of especial interest masmuch as the Italian branch of that work has been under the watchful care of the Young Ladles' so-ciety which with unflagging zeal and de-votion to duty has fully supported a missionary for the Italian people besides other valuable assistance in the work, All honor to the Young Ladies' society, an instrument in the hands of God in bring-ing into the membership of this church and we trust within the kingdom of God's dear Son one hundred and twelve of these sons and daughters of Italy. Rev. Leonardo d'Anna, the present missionary, has proved himself a workman who needs not to be ashamed—his quiet, gentlemanly and Christian work among us added to his faithful and fruitful service commends the gospel he preaches

Mr. d'Anna was preceded in his work by Mr. Raymond de Leon, who left us to study at Bloomfield Theological seminary, afterwards working among his people in Boston, Mass. This work of the Young Ladles' society has born fruit in mission operations of like character in Carbon-dale, West Pittston and Wilkes-Barre and Duryea one of the converts of Mr. Anna's mission, the Rev. Mr. Costanz Mannes, is now a missionary to the Itallans in Egypt, and another, the Rey, A. Montitone, is in charge of the work under the case of the Presbytery's executive committee at Duryen and Old Forge.

THE PRAYER MEETING.

It goes without saying that all church a maye their origin in the prayer meetingand it is equally the fact that out of the prayer meeting springs the revival, these things have been and are true of this church as they have been of all others.

There have been a number of notable revival periods in the history of the church when large numbers have united with the church by examination and by letter in 1858, 123; 1863, 58; 1867, 74; 1872, 45; 1873, 44: 1884, 51: 1887, 73; these were grand times for pastor and people when the church increased in number and many were added to the church of such as should be saved—whom the whole church felt the quick ning power of God's Holy Spirit and God was glorified in His people, but we cannot always be in a state of revival. the spirit moveth when and how He wills -there is a time of sowing and a time of reaping and both are necessary to the

The music of the church has always been above the ordinary from the time when Samuel G. Baker, with his large colunteer chairmet in the old Odd Fellows hall in 1848 to the present time, the music of the church as been in the hands of those who loved it and enjoyed the priv-liege of singing. Mr. Kingsbury's paper on "The Music of the Sanctuary," print-ed in the proceedings of the Twenty-fifth anniversary, is so complete that nothing can be added of value as to the early times of choir and singers. We have still with us of the first choir R. W. and Mrs. Olmstead and Mrs. George B. Chase-orobably no one has done more for the music of this church than Mr. Edward P. Kingsbury, who for long years wielded the baton with grace, ably seconded as he was by Miss Stella Seymour as organ-ist and a goodly number of men and wemen singers. "The old choir in the gal-lery" is a delightful memory to many of the older members of the church—the study of harmony was not always con-fined to music and chords were struck which have vibrated through the years and "blest be the tie that binds" was a sentiment which had many an application and yet with all the pleasure incident to singing in the church there are pains also for I suspect that nothing short of the heavenly choir and the angels song could escape criticism, let us hope all will be satisfied with angelic harmonies, for it is hard to please with any human rep

OLD FIRST CHURCH.

The "Old First Church." as it is loving called by those who have known it longest has had associated with it a long roll of what may be called without much fear of criticism, strong men. I do not expect to speak of the living in this con-nection and cannot be expected to men-tion all who have by their strong personality made their mark upon church and society so deep and lasting that we are society so deep and lasting that we are today enjoying a reputation for which we are indebted largely to them. When I speak of Colonel George H. Scranton, Selden T. Scranton, Joseph H. Scranton, Charles Fuller, Thomas Dickson, J. Curtis Platt, Charles F Mattes, William W. Manness, W. M. Stowers, James Blair, George B. Chase, Dr. Ralph A. Squire and a long list of others. In speaking of these I only mention them as representatives only mention them as representatives of a type of men of whom this church has just cause for pride-they did not stop at obstacles in any line of duty, but pushed through them or over them until

the cause was won.

This pulpit has been filled by many who may be called great preachers. Dr. Memay be called great preachers. Dr. Mc-Cosh, Dr. Nevins, Dr. Cyrus Dickson, Dr. John Hall, Dr. Jeseph T. Smith, Dr. Mattee Brochet, Dr. Blackin, Drs. Samuel R. and Sampel J. Wilson, Dr. Henry F. Hickok, Dr. Mutchmore, Dr. Henry M. Storrs, D. L. Moody, Ballington Booth and his lovely wife, Henry H. Jessup and his excellent brother, Samuel, and many others—it certainly can never be said that our pastor feared to invite talented that our pastor feared to invite talented preachers to this pulpit.

Brethren, we have a goodly heritage, as this city was blessed in its establishmen by God-fearing men and women who re membered the Sabbath day and kept i holy—so this church was organized by those who loved God and felt their need of Him—do we love this church as they loved it? Would we sacrifice our means and ourselves for it as they did? What a grand church it has been through at the years. What a grand old church it is now. Are we worthy of it? Are we living every day, praying every day, denyin ourselves every day for Christ and His church so that those coming after us may gay of us well done? God bless the obsay of us well done? God bless the old church. God keep her through all the years He may permit her to live and worship for Him. The fathers have gone. What of us and our children? Are we, will they be faithful to their trust? God grant it. He nas kept us in the past. He has given us faithful men of God to







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The service closed with a benediction by Dr. C. E. Pobinson, of the Second Presbyterian church.

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